

County budget tops \$7 million

By DORIS CHERRY

The next fiscal year is tentatively set for Lincoln County. Commissioners Stirling Spencer, Monroy Montes and Bill Elliott gave their stamp of approval to the preliminary budget for the next fiscal year. With projected revenues of \$6,658,286 and a beginning cash balance of \$3,893,893, the county plans to provide the same level of services as last year and give employees a six

percent raise. The projected total cost to conduct business next fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends June 30, 1993, is \$7,026,028. That will leave a projected \$3,526,151 in the ending cash balance. Before commissioners approved the preliminary budget, they questioned the \$15,200,000 the sheriff's office budgeted for training jailers. Sheriff McSwane had said the state was going to mandate special training for jailers. County

manager Andy Wynham told commissioners his research uncovered no state mandate for such training. Commissioners followed Wynham's recommendation to release those funds only after a request and documentation from the sheriff, adding that provision to their motion to accept the preliminary budget. Commissioners also approved a six percent raise to part time employees. The preliminary budget

provides for salaries for all elected officials, including the two additional commissioners for the five-member board, their chief deputies and administrative assistants and classified employees. Revenues are derived from property taxes (\$1,874,881), the special mill levies, fees, interest on investments, reimbursements, grants, rental of county property, governments assistances and co-ops. In last week's report of the county's budget

workshop, it incorrectly stated that the mill levy would drop to just one mill—for roads. The roads department will receive revenue from the one mill levy. In addition, one-fourth mill will be for improvement of Lincoln County facilities and one-half mill for capital outlay for equipment, for a total of one and three-quarters mills. Commissioners authorized the one and three-quarter mills by separate resolution, which defines the use for each. The

mill levy rate remains as it has for the last three years. By state law, commissioners are allowed a three mill discretionary rate. Properties will be levied a charge of \$1.75 on each \$1,000 of net taxable values of both residential and non-residential property within the county. The preliminary budget will be submitted to the Dept. of Finance and Administration in

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Waste disposal will cost more

By DORIS CHERRY

Reduction of the solid waste stream to comply with state mandates will cost the consumer more money than expected. Members of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) heard outgoing president Victor Alonso encourage the group to continue its fledgling recycling and composting programs in order to meet the state-mandated 25 percent reduction of solid waste by 1995.

Alonso resigned last month and officially turned over the chairman's gavel to Frank Warth (also Mayor of Capitan) at the end of the LCSWA meeting Monday at the recycling center in Ruidoso Downs. Alonso, who is also mayor of Ruidoso, resigned because of business and official duties. He leaves the authority with a higher than anticipated cash balance in its budget. LCSWA also is collecting solid waste in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs and soon to begin in Capitan.

The recycling program also received another grant from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept. (ENMR) to enlarge its recycling staff.

Alonso said he was proud to have been part of the process of pulling all the county governmental entities together to work out a "pretty heavy wide-range problem"—solid waste. To him the people who came together were the right ones—who worked together, trusted

each other and overcame big obstacles such as deciding on the value of each solid waste business.

He thanked all the municipal and county members who were willing to compromise and see the other's point of view. He recognized those persons who were no longer with the group, but who were instrumental in organizing the authority—Nick Pappas, Al Junge and the former county commission.

The board faces unfinished business with the recycling and composting projects—which have become a part of the national movement.

Recycling and composting will be "dead weight," he said, not profit making as hoped. The environmental laws passed by the state on recycling and composting in order to reduce the amount of garbage in landfills are to maintain water costs in balance. By reducing the garbage, the costs of coming back and cleaning up the water in the future will be offset.

"As I leave I am concerned we are dedicated much more to acquiring a landfill than continuing with recycling and composting. I think that is short sighted."

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Capitan hires Ron Becker

Capitan Board of Education voted unanimously to hire Ron Becker to be instructor for the Kindergarten through 12th grade gifted program and to be boys high school basketball coach. Becker, who coached at Carrizozo High School, played collegiate basketball.

The board began the meeting by accepting the resignation as board president from Preston Stone. Vice-president Tom Trost presided for the remainder of the meeting, which was predominately held behind closed doors for personnel.

When the board returned to open meeting, about three hours later, members unanimously accepted superintendent

David Lock's recommendation to hire Becker. The board also unanimously accepted the recommendation to not renew Joel Edwards' contract to teach VoAg in 1992-93.

Edwards was terminated after a lengthy session, which was extended over a week's time, on May 6. Edwards filed an appeal, received by Lock May 11. Edwards has said he was unjustly terminated, claiming the motive for firing him was an incident which involved a board member's son. As of Wednesday, May 20, no arbitrator had been selected. If no mutually agreeable arbitrator had been selected by today

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KING AND QUEEN of Hondo's La Fiesta Del Nuevo Mundo, Dominic Prudencio and Celena Copeland, dance to El Jarabe Tapatio (Mexican Hat Dance) as the finale of this year's 40th annual Hondo Fiesta. This was the second year in a row for Dominico to be named king of the fiesta. The two were selected by a panel of judges, based on their dancing abilities. Runners up for King were Cesar Hernandez and Marcelino Valenzuela; for the Queen were Patricia Salas and Victoria Baca. Best costumes were worn by Alejandro Lambert, made by his mother, and Vanessa Salcido, made by Eva Sanchez. This year's 40th anniversary performance was dedicated to Fermin and Cerenia Montes. Mr. Montes was principal and superintendent and Mrs. Montes was the first dance instructor for the Fiesta and choreographed many of the dances. The new dance for this year was El Chotis Vaquero, performed by the junior high students. Kindergarten through third grade students also danced for the crowds Friday and Saturday night.

Domenici staff hears complaints

Two staff members from Sen. Pete V. Domenici's office held an open house in Carrizozo Wednesday, and heard an array of complaints from widening of Highway 380 across the MalPais to who watchdogs the Protection and Advocacy group for developmentally disabled persons.

Nancy Smith and Poe Corn took notes and heard concerns from citizens who wanted some accountability on the costs of the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund site in the town and about the Bureau of Land Management.

One person asked for consideration on allowing a right of way to be expanded across the MalPais to widen and upgrade the 3.6 mile stretch of Highway 380. Numerous injuries have resulted from auto accidents on the narrow stretch of road that has no shoulders. Yet if BLM succeeds with its proposed Wilderness designation of the MalPais, the right of way will not be extended, which will not allow enough room for detours of traffic.

Highway 380 has been designated as an alternate route to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site near Carlsbad and Domenici was asked to encourage BLM to grant the wider easement across the MalPais before the

wilderness study assessment period next year.

The EPA Superfund site, grazing fees and the economic detriment that the Endangered Species Act and other environmental laws have created for the "working people" were discussed.

Corn was asked to research and provide information concerning the New Mexico Protection and Advocacy for developmentally disabled persons. The P&A group, funded by the federal government, has had an

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Federal ruling is overturned

Fort Stanton's future as a hospital for the developmentally disabled may be somewhat brighter after a Federal Appeals Court ruling in Denver Monday.

US District Judge James Parker of Albuquerque ruled in December 1990 that the state could not consider the cost of community programs when recommending community placement for individuals who now live at Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School and at Los Lunas Hospital and Training School.

Parents and guardians of family members who are happy with the services provided at Fort Stanton and Los Lunas appealed the ruling. These parents and guardians believe their family members are safer and happier at Fort Stanton

than in a group home or other community setting.

The Federal Appeals Court handed down the decision to overturn Judge Parker's ruling and said cost could be taken into account. When cost and availability of community program are taken into consideration, the original concept of mass moving of clients out of Fort Stanton and Los Lunas will probably be changed.

The full impact of the Appeals Court ruling is not known at this time and opinions differ as to the effect it will have on the state's programs.

The high quality of care provided at Fort Stanton has been noted by consultants from different states who have visited the facility to evaluate the programs.



CARRIZOZO KINDERGARTEN class of 1992 graduation was held May 14. From left, front row: Meghan Booty, Monique Morales, Ariel Vallejos, Sarah Barela; 2nd row: Corey Lopez, Michael McWilliams, Adriane Zamora, Katie Ventura, Christopher Vallejos, Bud Clay Hammond; 3rd row: April Marlin, Kristi Aguilar, Justine Beltran; back row: Ike Morrison, Keith Shafer, Monique Jiron, Torrey Wetzels, Miley Greene, Steven Rowin.

County budget

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Santa Fe for review and approval. Next fiscal year's finalized budget will be returned to the county sometime in July.

Three federal laws were incorporated into county ordinances when commissioners approved the Public Rangelands Improvement Act, the Civil Rights Act and adoption of

the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The ordinances were recommended by the commission-appointed Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. The ordinances allow for penalties to accrue daily, unlike most county ordinances with a maximum penalty of \$300 and

90 days in jail.

By making each violation a separate offense, penalties can be stacked to make fairly serious sanctions, said county attorney Robert Beauvais.

There was no discussion of the ordinance, which had been reviewed and modified in previous public hearings.

Several older homes belonging to low-income county residents will undergo rehabilitation this summer, thanks to a Community Development Block Grant. Commissioners finally approved an agreement with the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District to administer the grant. Requests for proposals for a firm to monitor and contract the work has been advertised with proposals due June 1.

Work will begin after residents' applications are reviewed and qualified.

Carrizozo Schools grounds will be greener this summer, thanks to an agreement signed between the schools and commissioners for use of a water well on county property. Carrizozo Schools wanted to utilize an unused water well on the old county hospital property in Carrizozo, which is adjacent to the school property. Currently the hospital is leased by New Horizons Developmental Center.

When first requested, the county understood the lease for New Horizons included the

well. Carrizozo Schools superintendent Jimmie Banks was instructed to work out an agreement with New Horizons for the well, then return to the commissioners. A meeting of the New Horizons board determined the well and property on which it is, were not part of its lease and the board had no interest in it.

As a result the county entered into two agreements with the school for lease of the well and parcel of land (for \$1 a year) and the water well only. The agreements are for five years, with annual renewals.

In other business, commissioners:

—Proclaimed May as Older New Mexicans Month.

—Signed certificates of appreciation to emergency medical services personnel Ernie Gonzales, Theresa Luna, Kathy Williams, Nancy Guek, Gwen Jones, Yvonne Lanelli and Kelly Gregory for their special volunteer time to the EMS program.

—Approved an agreement with Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District to continue the county's \$2,500 membership for the upcoming fiscal year.

—Opened 800-foot of road for county maintenance in the Hondo area, east of County Road B-019, as requested by Elmo Brady. The road review committee recommended the opening, because the road

serves several families, has been in use since 1932 and is in very good condition.

—Authorized the road review committee to formally go through procedures needed to open a road located next to Little Creek Subdivision requested by David Jones, property owner. Road review committee chairman Bill Rawlins said his group already looked at the road and he recommended it be opened. However, Jones must submit a petition with signatures of 10 property owners within his area, surveys and deeds to create a 40-foot right of way.

—Continued the liquor license fees of \$400 for dispenser's, \$25 for club, \$250 for retailer's, \$250 for canopy and \$10 per day for special permits.

—Approved the replats of lots three into one in West Cedar Subdivision requested by James Russell and recommended unanimously by the county planning and zoning commission.

—Okayed the replat of four tracts into six in Pine Point Subdivision as requested by Jim and Audean Franklin, also recommended by P&Z.

—Approved the replat of Units 5 and 7, Deer Park Woods Townhomes, to create two single family residence lots in Alto Village, as requested by United New Mexico Bank at Albuquerque.

—Heard a presentation on property and casualty insurance coverages from The Hartford Group by Al Berryman, president of the Berryman

Insurance Center in Roswell.

—Scheduled a public hearing on the county's excavation ordinance at the next regular commission meeting June 9.

—Confirmed a special meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, where commissioners will meet with the Bureau of Land Management to discuss the proposed Rio Bonito exchange. Also on the agenda will be a liquor license hearing, opening of bids for lease of belly dumps for the road department and possible discussion on the subdivision road front footage assessment program.

—Heard Montes commend county deputy Hal Dew and the sheriff's office for the handling of the recent Eagle Lakes incident. Sheriff James McSwane attributed Dew's performance on training and Dew's years of experience.

—Authorized county clerk Martha Proctor, who is the county's representative on the New Mexico Association of Counties, to vote as she sees fit on association bylaws and resolutions. Discussion included a proposed study to be commissioned by the association to find extra money for medical indigent funds, which Wynham opined would ultimately take indigent money away. Proposed rates for the study ranged from \$125 to \$275 an hour.

—Okayed a request from Proctor to purchase 10 voting machines for \$75 each from Otero County.

—Met in closed session to discuss threatened litigation and personnel.

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RC&D to meet in Tularosa

The South Central Mountain RC&D will meet in Tularosa, N.M. on Tuesday, May 26 at the Tularosa Community Center at 10 a.m. Topics on the agenda will include a presentation by Miller Hudson on the Mesalero Apache Tribe MRS Study and John Connor of the Lincoln National Forest will discuss the new rural development program of the Forest Service.

The council will also hear progress reports on the Tularosa pipeline, Alamogordo Lake, Otero County Economic Study and the Smokey Bear Celebration. The council will discuss a new proposal to assist the city of Alamogordo in reducing erosion at Bonito Lake.

The RC&D is a USDA rural development program whose goals are to improve the economy of rural areas, conserve natural resources and improve community services and facilities. The Soil Conservation Service is the lead agency and provides a full-time coordinator to assist the council. The council is comprised of 26 sponsors in Lincoln and Otero Counties, and is represented by municipalities,

counties, soil and water conservation districts and state agencies. Other USDA agencies serve in an advisory capacity.

All programs and assistance of the RC&D program are available without regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status or disability. For more information about the RC&D program, contact the office in Carrizozo, 648-2941 and ask for Howard Shanks, Coordinator.

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Waste will cost

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He encouraged the authority to keep focused on the recycling and composting and accept the costs involved. He asked the group to dedicate itself to the reduction goal, which at 1-2 percent now is way short of the 25 percent.

"I believe the people are willing to pay the higher costs," he said. Estimates are recycling will cost the consumer \$2 a month per person. While it may be cheaper to just landfill those potential recyclables, that will

not address the state laws. In closing Alonso said he was concerned LCSWA believes it can do recycling and composting with the current garbage rates. "I can't see how we can."

He expressed hope that current studies commissioned by LCSWA will tell the group how to minimize the costs of recycling.

After Alonso was presented with a plaque and recycling T-shirt and container for his service to LCSWA he said 80 per-

cent of the people will recycle if given the means. "Figure out how to encourage recycling, rather than what comes easy," he concluded.

New officers were elected with Warth president, Ron Wicker (Ruidoso) vice-president, Ron Andrews (Ruidoso) treasurer and Bill Elliott (county) secretary.

LCSWA received a \$45,008 grant from ENMR to hire a full time staff person and a part time person to assist with the recycling program. Currently only recycling coordinator Kerry Krumseik operates the program. Members agreed Krumseik will be better utilized as supervisor of the recycling program rather than just "squashing cans." The extra staff will also help implement the program in the county communities.

LCSWA must provide \$10,000 in order to receive the grant. The match, which will be taken from the LCSWA budget over the next year, will finance the part time staff in the recycling warehouse. That will free Krumseik to pursue broader duties such as resource/recovery, compost/recycling and salvage of materials at the landfill.

Currently, Krumseik's salary is covered by a grant to the village of Ruidoso. In response to county member Stirling Spencer's question, Alonso assured Krumseik's salary would be covered through 1993.

A request from Alto Country Club Water Users Association to form a committee of one of its members, a LCSWA member and the private solid waste contractor Southwest Disposal was approved. Currently about half of the 850 residents utilize the house to house private trash collection at a rate of \$8 a month. Others utilize county dumpsters.

A county ordinance which mandates payment of \$5.25 a month per household in the county will be considered for approval by commissioners soon. The committee will consider how to maintain the current house-to-house collection in Alto Village within the per-

imeters of the county sanitation ordinance.

LCSWA members Frank Warth and Stirling Spencer were appointed to the committee which will work with Alto Village.

Clarification of the personnel policy concerning vacation and sick leave was approved. All employees will sustain benefits for sick and vacation leave, but manager Gene Green will be an exempt employee, working "at will" for the LCSWA board.

The board also authorized Green advertise for proposals for legal services.

Eighteen dumpsters were ordered at a cost of about \$4,850, the lowest of three price quotes. The dumpsters will go to the village of Capitan, where LCSWA will soon begin collections.

The board also authorized Green present a recommendation at the next meeting concerning large items to be disposed by Ruidoso residents. Before Ruidoso residents had only to call the village to have things like discarded water heaters picked up. LCSWA wants to discourage such activity, rather encourage residents to utilize the Capitan landfill for such items. A policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

A report on the recent cleanups in Carrizozo, Capitan and Ruidoso, in which LCSWA participated, cost LCSWA about \$3,400.

Members heard a report about the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District grant which will provide funds for the actual engineering studies of two or three landfill sites—with one on the east and another on the west side of the Sierra Blancas. The grant is for five southeastern New Mexico counties—Lincoln, Chaves, Eddy, Otero and Lea.

Otero County also is working toward a joint powers agreement between all its municipalities and the county to create a group similar to LCSWA. Ala-

mogordo city manager Dan Malone, in attendance at the LCSWA meeting, said Alamo-gordo is pushing for it, but the county is holding back. "Alamo-gordo represents the 800-pound gorilla in Otero County," Alonso joked.

A special budget meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday,

May 26. The next regular meeting will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 15. Meeting time was changed to 10 a.m. to accommodate Carrizozo representative mayor Cecilia Kuhnel.

LCSWA members met in closed session to discuss litigation, personnel and property acquisition.

Around the state

Cattle Growers Meeting

New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association summer meeting will be held in Clayton June 18, 19 and 20. Pre-registration deadline is June 12. Team roping and barrel race will be held June 21.

Space Center Schedule

The Space Center in Alamogordo begins its daily summer schedule May 25.

Pecan Management

Pecan growers can learn all aspects of management during a short course June 1-5 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Logo Contest

The newly-created New Mexico Children's Foundation is accepting entries for its statewide logo contest. For more information call 989-9595.

Happy Birthday KOB-AM

Happy Birthday greetings go to 770 KOB-AM Radio, now celebrating its 70th birthday.

Sikes Act Meeting

A public meeting seeking comment on proposed 1994 habitat stamp (Sikes Act) projects will be held June 4 in Alamogordo. The 1974 federal Sikes Act allows each state to enter into cooperative agreements with BLM and US Forest Service to charge a fee for hunting, fishing, and trapping on those agency lands. The law requires that monies collected be used for habitat improvements on the areas on which they were collected.

Indian Dance Program

The 6th annual summer Indian Dance Program will be held in Gallup's Red Rock State Park from May 25 through September 7.

NM Board of Education

The State Board of Education will meet June 4 in Mabry Hall in Santa Fe.

Christian Writers Seminar

A day-long Christian writers seminar will be held in Las Cruces June 6 at the Central Assembly of God Church. Contact Jewel Johnson at 521-0316 for more information and to pre-register.

Free Fishing Day

New Mexico anglers can fish without a license on June 6, National Fishing Day. Anglers must abide by all other regulations governing fishing, including bag limits and bait or lure requirements.

Wilderness Experience

Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso annual Billy the Kid Trailride will be held June 27 to July 3 or July 11 to July 16. Call 1-800-688-ENMU for more information.

Gracias!

My art program's Art Fiesta this month was a success because of the creative contributions of Frank Herrera and Roswell Polklorico; Alamogordo's Cathy Busby Dancers; Wint Wilmore and Carrizozo 5th graders; Christetta Butts and the Hot Rods; Rebecca Graham and MC James Smith. Also because of the helpers in the visual arts portion of the Fiesta project: Carol Cluff, Tuyla Wetzel and Ruth Wilson.

—Polly E. Chavez, art facilitator at Carrizozo Municipal Schools

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Al's Musings

By AL STUBBS

We haven't heard much about it lately, but we imagine criminals still are retrieving Indian artifacts from public lands illegally.

A few years ago, the Forest Service arranged a field trip for news people to a site in Lincoln County not far from the crest of Nogal Hill. Evidence of illegal pot hunting was visible at the site.

A pit where diggers had excavated a mound was shown, and the Forest Service information officer explained to what lengths pot hunters will go to retrieve such valuable items as pots, stone weapons, tools, etc.

To hide their activities, such people will erect a tent over a site and appear to be just campers enjoying Mother Nature.

Inside the tent, they are digging feverishly to retrieve articles which can bring as high as \$10,000 from collectors who cherish unique pots and such.

Most everyone has picked up pottery shards in this Indian country, but even that, we understand, is illegal. Arrowheads come into that category, too.

We once found a perfect black quartz arrowhead in the area where Sertoma Bingo is currently staged in what was then known as Hollywood. You're likely to find Indian artifacts almost anywhere in Lincoln County. Leave them be.

And, if you hear pick and shovel noises inside a tent located on public lands, call the gendarmes or Forest Service people. You'll be doing a public service. Such artifacts belong to everyone and should be in museums.

We have embarked on a walking regimen. The doc said walk on level ground starting at ten minutes at a time, increasing a minute a day until you reach 30 minutes and maintain that each day.

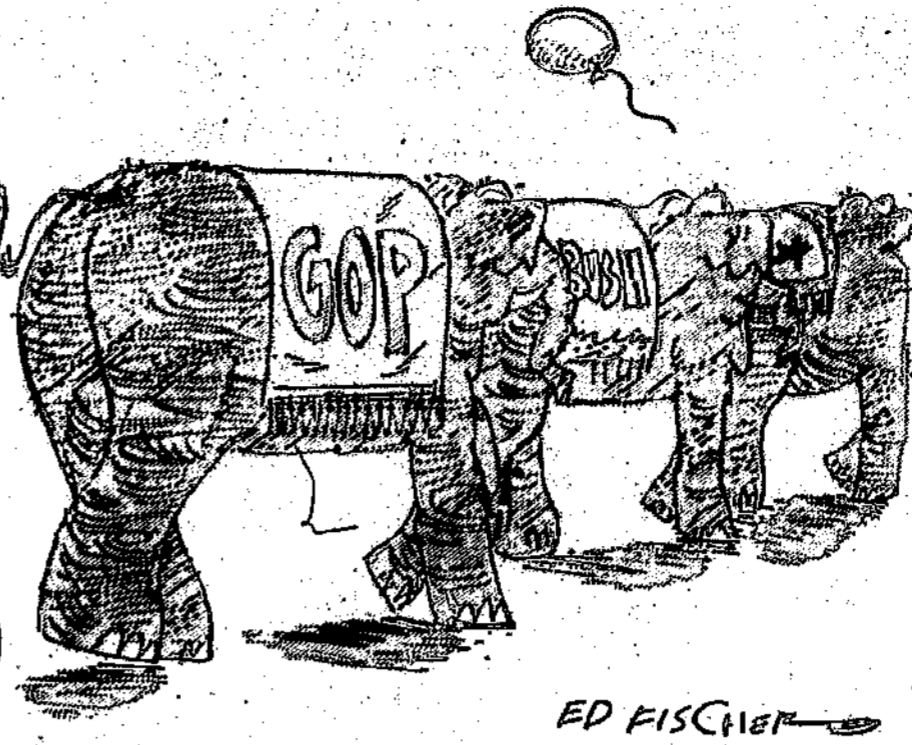
Well, flat land is at a premium in mountain country. Mall walking is popular in many cities, but the malls in those cities are much larger than Sierra Mall. Nine times around the inside perimeter of Sierra Mall is a quarter mile, someone figured. Now at Sierra Mall outside, if you start at the Ruidoso State Bank branch and walk north to the front of Furr's and up by Revco, then north to the theater, then diagonally to the laundry, then behind Furr's west to east as far as you can go, then south back to the bank, do that three times and you've walked 30 minutes on relative flat land.

Or over at Village Hall, walk the access road to the sheriff's substation and past it to the walking trail around The Links Golf Course. For well over a hundred yards the land is fairly level. That's good walking.

Or, the road into Cedar Creek picnic area is fairly level. Now we've graduated to where we're allowed to tackle some inclines. Thank goodness. There is no problem with finding hilly country.

One of the minuses on walking expeditions to the realization of just how careless we are about trash. Wrappers, bottles, cans, fast food containers, even dirty diapers (how disgusting) debris is everywhere in our fair community.

We'll need big trucks to haul it all away. We wonder if Captain and Carrizozo and Lincoln have the same problems with trash? Probably so, since people are people anywhere you find them.



ED FISCHER

Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—New Mexico officials have good reason to worry about the Mescalero Apache's study of a federal offer to build a high-level nuclear waste temporary storage site.

Gov. Bruce King, Attorney General Tom Udall and New Mexico's congressional delegation have received repeated assurances from the Department of Energy that the waste site will not be located in New Mexico without the state's approval.

But we've all heard that one before. It ranks right up there with "I'm from the federal government and I'm here to help you" in the all-time list of greatest lies.

Those who have followed the controversy surrounding the opening of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad will remember that back in the late '70s, when New Mexico was first being romanced to go along with a pilot project for a low-level waste storage site, we were told New Mexico would have "veto power" over the final decision.

That promise was made during the Jimmy Carter administration. There is no one in Washington who remembers the commitment any longer.

In 1979 Congress passed legislation authorizing construction of the WIPP site, but it reserved for itself the right to decide if and when radioactive waste would be deposited at the facility.

The U.S. Interior Department agreed, and as late as 1983 stated in a report that the department would not allow waste on the site unless Congress specifically approved.

But eight years later, the Interior Department transferred the project to the Energy Department—and all bets were off.

When Department of Energy Secretary James Watkins moved to open WIPP without Congressional authorization last year, New Mexico Attorney General Tom Udall filed suit in federal court to block it. Udall won. DOE appealed.

Oral arguments were heard last week in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Judge Ruth Bad-

er Ginsburg asked some pointed questions about inconsistencies in federal administrative actions.

Although no decision is expected from the appellate court for two to three months, Energy Secretary Watkins has announced he will make a decision before the end of May about whether to start laying off WIPP employees in July.

It is with this backdrop of experience with the federal government concerning WIPP that New Mexico officials worry. It appears federal commitments are kept only as long as they are convenient.

Last year after a frustrating decade of unsuccessful efforts to convince any state to accept a high-level nuclear waste depository, the Bush administration created an office of nuclear waste negotiation to seek any governmental body that might be willing to accept a temporary high-level waste facility.

This time it wasn't just agreeable states that were being sought. The feds are talking with counties and Indian tribes. That's how Wendell Chino and the Mescalero Apaches got into the act. Last fall the tribe received a \$100,000 grant to study possible sites and to look at impacts on tourism.

State elected officials were disturbed at the thought New Mexico could end up as the nation's only dump site for all levels of radioactive waste. But

they were polite, acknowledging the sovereign right of the Mescaleros to conduct the study—as long as they went no further.

But after being the first governmental body to request and receive an initial planning grant, the tribe became the first to receive an additional grant for more study. This time the amount was \$200,000.

The third step is \$2.8 million more to examine the merits and drawbacks of a particular site. That grant could come by

the end of July because the feds have this process on a fast track, hoping to find a "live one" quickly.

If that day comes New Mexico officials may decide they moved too slowly with their objections to the Mescalero proposal, even though Chino claims it is premature for anyone to object until the decision has been made. That means after the \$2.8 million is expended.

If it goes that far, watch the feds spring into action.

Letters To The Editor

EDITOR—Might as well start blowing our horn early and tell you all about the Fly-In on July 25, it will be a barbecue rib dinner with all of the trimmings and a few other surprises.

Now is the time to get in touch with me about setting up arts and crafts booths at the airport for this function. Sorry no flea market type stuff, just arts and crafts, things that people will buy for the beauty and collectibility.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Glenn Ellison for his gracious donation of the five flag poles for the military flags we are flying daily at the airport. He not only donated them, he placed them and painted them as well, many thanks to Glen.

Also many thanks to the anonymous lady who has spent much time out here planting flowers and generally helping to dress up the airport terminal. Our most grateful thanks to her.

Finally, the scholarship fund is now over \$400 and all of the revenue, except gas sales and expenses, from the Fly-In will go into the fund. Thank you for your help and your cooperation. I'll be looking forward to seeing you at the Fly-In.

HAL MARK,
Carrizozo Airport
Manager.

One More . . . by peter agullar

High school graduation will soon be upon some of Lincoln County's best. And memories will abound for many more. An exciting time either way you look at it. The best of luck to all of you seniors.

Actually it's an exciting time all around. What with the primary elections coming up next month . . . the general presidential election in November. Lincoln County getting a lot of rain — early, racing season at the Downs — and only three more months before the next football game.

Election time is always interesting to say the least; ran across a newspaper article a few months back and read where several people were mentioned as David Duke political campaign donors in Mr. Duke's unsuccessful bid for Louisiana governor. This is a 'free' country, but I wonder how long this country would remain truly free if people like Mr. Duke and his supporters ever get their way. Hopefully Duke and his group are a dying breed.

Ruth Hammond and I have really been enjoying our new roles at the Lincoln County News; good wishes and warm response from a lot of different people has made the venture even more enjoyable. Thanks to all of you!

A special thank you to Al

Stubbs, Owen Russell, Margaret Rench, Betty Lou Joiner, Geraldine Perkins and all the other people who submit their articles to the NEWS. All of you are great!

Have gotten into the habit of going through the dictionary in my private moments of solitude lately—very relaxing and informative to say the least. The simplest of words have all sorts of different meanings.

Of course some people have more time than others for whatever reasons and therefore can spend days on end scanning through the dictionary, political gossip sheets and books. An easy way to make oneself look and sound good actually. Especially if you use those words in forming and expressing your own opinion.

The only thing wrong with that is that some tend to forget that other people see the old dictionary, and different opinionated reading material, therefore coming to their own conclusions on any given subject. Whether they are written opinions has nothing to do with one's ability to think for oneself.

Ran across the word 'last'. Funk & Wagnalls defines the word thusly: — 1. last(adj.) Coming after all others; final in order, sequence, or time; such as, His last column. — 2. Being the only one

remaining of several or many.

— 3. In conclusion. — n. 1. The end; 2. The final appearance, experience, or mention; — to breathe one's last.

— 4. last (v.i.) 1. To remain in existence; continue to be; endure. 2. To continue unimpaired or unaltered; to suffer no diminution; 3. To be as much as or more than needed; hold out.

A bit of advice to the graduating seniors—'Last' doesn't always mean what it implies at first glance. Sometimes being last is alot better than 'first'; don't over underestimate your own abilities and expect a free ride. And remember; when you are young, the advantage belongs to you. Time is a precious ally. Learn how to use it. Good luck!

Found out that J.C. Richmond has been somewhat under the weather. Also that he is doing much better. Mr. Richmond will be going through some therapy and rehab in Roswell. Anyone wanting to send get well wishes can send cards to J.C. Richmond, c/o R.I.A.C., Roswell, NM 88201.

Congratulations to the Grizzly track team for bringing the state championship back with them last weekend. A great way to end the year for the Carrizozo athletes, who gave us all a great year of excitement—football, volleyball, basketball, and track.

The Other Side

By Owen Russell

There comes a time in the life of every columnist when he has nothing to say and fills the space with something from the depths of his mind that makes little sense to him or to others, but accomplishes the immediate goal of meeting a deadline. The following discussion of morality is one of my versions of such a filler.

One consistent concept underlying all discussions of morality is that the reason for a moral code is to control and contribute to the welfare of society and others. In other words, it is an externally imposed system.

The why of any moral concept I can think of is that it makes the world a nicer place to live. It assists the individual in his survival by imposing standards on others and protects others from the individual with the same standards, which make it all external. What is morally correct is a societal standard.

This has bothered me for many years. Why would I want to behave in a certain way just so it would please others? There really ought to be more to it than just a system of control of relationships. Maybe, though, what I am thinking about may be something other than morality, more of an insight into the structure of existence, but it at least starts from that basis.

If we take a two pronged approach to morality, there is the idea that morality is a social and relational order to existence which has developed out of human experience and has consolidated certain standards which are assumed to be desirable. These include such ideas as truthfulness, fair dealing, avoidance of violent behavior and property rights.

Constitutional concepts are ideas that we feel cannot be encroached upon. The idea that there are natural laws such as are contained in the Bill of Rights are merely desirable limitations on governmental powers. There is nothing inherently magic about any of these concepts. They are limitations on the power of government, not an inherent right. These are all standards which are external.

The other prong of my approach is to consider the existence of an internal moral code. This is the ultimate of right and wrong, and is a much more reliable method of behavior control than externally enforced codes. But does such a code exist? I believe so, but to explain this concept, I have had to develop an alternative view of nature.

There are certain assumptions which I have developed to lead to explaining my concept, each of which would justify extensive discussion, but for this essay, I will just mention the concepts. There are also some concepts which I am assuming that I am not fully satisfied exist, but are implied by the system I have developed.

The first of these is the concept of existence of personality beyond the physical, both before and after. The primary reason for this assumption is to give some substance to the idea that there is some purpose for existence. Anyhow, assuming that some sort of entity exists independent of the physical world and may periodically manifest itself physically, that such existence is continuous, and that its purpose is to gain experiences serves as a basis for my approach.

Since at least a part of gaining experience is involved in communication, I am in essence suggesting that physical existence may be a compact between individuals for the mutual purpose of communication. It is structured by agreement to serve as an arena for gaining experience.

To sum up, the purpose (or goal) of existence is the integration of personality through amazing experiences, and the physical existence is for the purpose of communication with other entities which enhances experiences, which is in itself a category of experience.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Zia Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo. The group meets every Thursday.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

—Carrizozo High School graduation at 7 p.m. in the old gym. The commencement address will be presented by Gabe Chavez.

—Last day of SCHOOL for Carrizozo and Capitan Schools.

—Merchant Marine Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m. at Ft. Stanton Cemetery. Seating will be available at the only Merchant Marine cemetery in the U.S.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

—A Horseshoe pitching exhibition will be held at 5 p.m. at Fred Chavez Park in Carrizozo. Finishing touches are being put on the park, culmination of a year's work to revitalize the public playground.

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 25

—A Memorial Day program will be held at 2 p.m. at Fred Chavez Park in Carrizozo. Plaques will be unveiled and refreshments served.

—Municipal Halls in Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will be closed. County offices will be closed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

—Lincoln County Commissioners will conduct a special meeting at 9 a.m. in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Items on the agenda include discussion of the proposed Rio Bonito exchange with the Bureau of Land Management and opening of proposals.

—AARP Lincoln County Chapter will have its regular meeting at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center to depart for the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs. There will be a charge for the tour. A covered dish luncheon will be served at the senior center after the tour.

—Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association board of directors meets at 7 p.m. Meeting locations alternate between the association office in Capitan and at United New Mexico Bank in Carrizozo.

—Capitan Village Hall will have an open house from 6-8 p.m. to honor outgoing clerk Jan Starnes.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

—Republican Party of Lincoln County will have its monthly "First Monday" at 6 p.m. at the Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo. Republican candidates running in the June 2 primary will be the program. The public is invited. For information call Jack Page at 336-4050.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

—Primary Election Day for presidential, U.S. representative, state and county candidates. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Redistricting has changed some county precincts and polling places. Contact the county clerk's office at 648-2394 if unsure of where to vote.

JUNE 11

—Lincoln County Fair Board is searching for a new queen. A queen clinic will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Rodeo Arena. Any Lincoln County girl interested may call Mary Dale Jones at 354-4253. Applications will be handed out at the clinic.

JUNE 27

—Lincoln County Historical Society meets in San Patricio. A Catfish fry precedes the program at 7:30 p.m.



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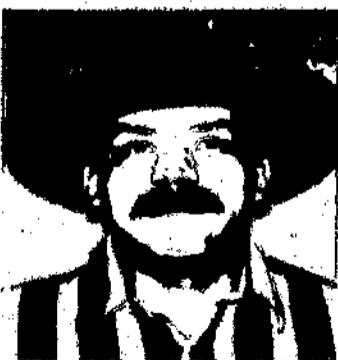
Two area students are among 538 Eastern New Mexico University students named to the 1992 spring semester Dean's Honor Roll.

Wanda Wynett Henson of Carrizozo, a senior music

major, and Clint Hill Henson, Capitan, sophomore social studies major, both attained "honors." To receive honors, students must maintain a 3.25 to 3.59 grade point average.

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Capitan News

by Margaret Rench

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Reeves and girls of Clayton, N.M. were here last week visiting Rhonda's parents, Terry and Kay Strickland, and attended her

sister's graduation. Fort Stanton baseball team (The Bombers) have played two games and won both. The other

two teams played a real good game.

Women's softball had a tournament over the last weekend. Renegades from Roswell took first, Flamingo's from Ruidoso took second, Lady Bomber's from Capitan took third. Everybody had a great day.

Debbie Cummins and Maureen Sullivan are reported both are doing well since their surgeries.

Joe and Bonnie Arnett of Grandview Road celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on May 14. The occasion was highlighted by a surprise enchilada dinner hosted by her two sisters, Jaunita Magnone and Dorothy Spies. Congratulations to you both and sorry your two daughters could not be here

for this special day, but Washington and Ohio are a long way from New Mexico.

Doesn't our little village look nice? Thanks to the help of many volunteers, the 1992 Clean-up sponsored by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce was very successful. We especially thank Village employee Terry Cox and his crew who worked several days picking up the trash. Also, a special thank you to Diane Kiska and her Life-guard youngsters who worked very hard to make Capitan look better. A few more days of effort between now and August 1994 and Capitan will be ready to welcome the world to Smokey Bear's Golden Anniversary.

Until next week, happy thoughts and if you have any news, please call 354-2591.



ANGELA SCHRYER and JULIAN ROMERO

Schryer - Romero wedding planned

Angela Schryer of Alto and Julian Romero of Capitan will be married June 13 at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Mission in Mesalero. Pastor Lester Stone will officiate. A reception will follow at 6:30 p.m. at Ell's Lodge in Ruidoso.

Angela is a 1991 Capitan High School graduate. She is pursuing an English degree at

UNM. Her parents are George and Laura Schryer of Alto.

Julian is a 1987 graduate of Capitan High School. He is continuing his education at UNM. His parents are Willie Romero of Capitan and Geno Romero of Rio Rancho.

After a seven-day Mexican cruise for their honeymoon, the couple will live in Albuquerque.

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"Big Dreams in a Small Town" was the theme for the 2nd annual Smokey Bear Dinner attended by approximately 140 people last Saturday evening in Capitan.

Stacy Sidwell, a student in Bill McVeigh's Lincoln County history class, gave a slide presentation which won top honors in a contest sponsored by the New Mexico Economic Development Department last fall. The theme of the slide show was "Big Dreams in a Small Town" which is exactly what the Smokey Bear celebration in 1994 is all about.

Food and entertainment was provided by Capitan students. Joni Autry and Klay Jones entertained the crowd and Jan LaRue and her FHA students prepared and served an excellent barbecue beef dinner. Profits from the dinner will help her class attend a national convention this summer.

Several businesses in Capitan contributed door prizes and two items were auctioned off. One was a lawn chair made by Sherri Rouleau with a Smokey Bear design. Norm Renfro was the high bidder on this item. The other item was a chocolate Smokey Bear cake donated by Merle Glenn of the US Forest Service in Alamogordo. Rick Riddle of Noisy Water Artwear in Ruidoso purchased the cake.

Also, two quilts made by Nina Ross and her sewing group, were raffled off.

Newly elected officers of the Friends of Smokey were introduced. They are: Larry Bandy, chairman; Rick Riddle, vice-chairman; Lynn Hutchinson, secretary and Gordon Ross, treasurer.

Howard Shanks, coordinator for the South Central Mountain RC&D, spoke briefly about the progress being made toward the 1994 celebration. He mentioned the improvements at the park, a beautification grant for the village, a \$5000 grant from the county, and a special painting which represents Capitan's role in the fire prevention campaign, as highlights for the year. The painting will be done by Rudy Wendelin, who is now retired but is responsible for many of the Smokey Bear posters and calendars.

A special charter membership program was announced for \$75.00. This will help Friends of Smokey raise funds and entitles the member to various items with Friends of Smokey logo including caps, jackets, posters, license plates and T-shirts. Noisy Water Artwear in Ruidoso has these items on display. Friends of Smokey address is P.O. Box 545, Capitan, N.M. 88316 and your contribution is tax deductible.

Hefty fines for turkey hunters

SANTA FE—Two turkeys killed illegally the day before opening of spring turkey season on April 18 have cost three Roswell hunters \$1,390.

Donald Gregor, 23, and David Zogg, 34, were each charged with illegally killing a turkey. Zogg was also charged with illegal possession of turkey, as was Thomas Gregor, older brother of Donald Gregor.

Zogg pleaded guilty on April 21 before Magistrate Gerald Dean, Carrizozo, and was fined \$500 and paid \$30 in court costs. Donald Gregor, who was not licensed to hunt, and Thomas Gregor, whose hunting tag was put on one of the turkeys, were each fined \$400 and paid \$30 court costs. They also appeared on April 21 before Magistrate Dean.

Investigating game officer Terry Scarafioti said the three hunters went to scout for turkey in the Tuccoon Mountains, between Capitan and Carrizozo in the Lincoln National Forest, on April 16, two days prior to opening of spring turkey season. On April 17, while the men were sitting in camp, two gobblers strutted by. The men shot both birds.

On routine patrol for hunters at 8:30 a.m. opening morning, Scarafioti checked the two birds in the ice chest at the men's camp. The men confessed to illegally killing the birds; Scarafioti said the birds were too well-chilled to have been

taken in legal hunting hours since sunrise that morning.

Unfortunately for the hunters, if the birds had been taken a day later they would have been legal game.

Parker earns award

LAS CRUCES—John Parker, a 1987 graduate of Capitan High School, received the Dean's Award of Excellence for Graduate Students from New Mexico State University's College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The award was presented during ceremonies April 30 on campus.

Parker was president of the Block and Bridle club, a student adviser to the Collegiate Future Farmers of America, and a teaching assistant for three classes in the department of agricultural and Extension education.

Parker organized the Little Aggies livestock show this year, and was a student teacher at Hobbs High School and Hobbs Junior College. The son of Gene and Lu Parker of NMSU's Corona Ranch, Parker plans to teach in secondary schools before pursuing a Ph.D. in agricultural and Extension education.

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Around Corona

Five women who have been friends through the years will meet June 11-16 in Albuquerque for what Mrs. Otis Davis calls, "The Reunion of the Century". To join Lula Collins Daudet will be three from Arizona, Dale Belden, Chandler, Marion Stouffer Litzky, Holbrook and Beulah Carpenter Lavine, Tucson. France Davis will come from Douglasville, Ga. They plan a day in Corona Saturday, June 18.

Rain and hail fell over a wide area Sunday evening and the Gallo ran.

State Police Officer Chris Rutten assumed his duties here Sunday. He came from Los Alamos to this assignment.

Wanda Pate and Lanita Rasak attended a meeting Thursday of the Sierra Blanca Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution at the ranch home of Mrs. Marion Spencer. Mrs. Rasak and Mrs. Duke are prospective members and with others of the group are interested in getting others started on the paper trail toward membership.

Third and fourth graders with their mothers gave their teacher a surprise baby shower Friday. They served sandwiches, mints, punch and a beautifully decorated cake made by Mrs. Martha Garza.

Mrs. Kennan Fuller attended a seminar at Camp Summer Life near Taos. This was in connection with her work as agriculture statistician.

Mrs. Rumalda Alirez died Sunday. She had been in an Albuquerque hospital and rehab center following a stroke several weeks ago. Rosary is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday with funeral services at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Teresa Catholic Church.

Mrs. Delia Green died Monday evening in a T or C hospital after a long illness. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23 in the Corona Baptist Church. Her son, Alton, is hospitalized

with cancer in Las Cruces and will probably be unable to make the trip to Corona.

Tammy McDougall on June 1 will begin a three month internship with the Johnson Co. in Red River. Mr. and Mrs. Clint Sultemeier accompanied their daughter on an inspection trip to Red River last weekend, while Mr. McDougall was busy at Fort Bliss. Tammy will gra-

Routine flights for twin-engine aircraft

A U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) twin-engine aircraft will fly a routine radiological background survey over the White Sands Missile Range from Trinity Site to Cedarvale, New Mexico, for about three weeks beginning May 14.

The red, white and blue twin-engine Beechcraft King Air will fly in a north-south grid pattern of parallel lines at about 300 feet above ground, depending on weather and ground structures. DOE will coordinate the daylight flights with the Federal Aviation Administration and other appropriate government offices.

The purpose of the survey is to determine the levels of naturally-occurring background and manmade radiation, if any. The survey is part of an ongoing DOE research and environmental monitoring program. During the past 30 years, DOE has conducted hundreds of similar aerial surveys to determine the radiological status of areas.

An EG&G Energy Measurements, Inc. (EG&G/EM), flight crew from Las Vegas, NV, will operate the DOE-owned aircraft and its radiological monitoring equipment. EG&G/EM is a prime contractor for the DOE's Nevada Field Office, which manages the aerial mea-

surements program.

An EG&G/EM ground team employee will collect soil samples and record ground-based measurements to supplement data collected from the air. A report on data is expected to be completed in about six months. The data will then be available to the public.

The world's first nuclear weapons test was conducted at Trinity Site. The 21-kiloton nuclear test was conducted on July 16, 1945, and paved the way for a quick end to World War II. The U.S. Government has conducted about 820 tests since Trinity. The U.S. now conducts all nuclear tests underground at the Nevada Test Site, about 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Academic-Athletic banquet Saturday evening. Decorations were in the Olympic theme "Go for the Gold" with the Olympic rings used on the head table and the cakes made by Martha Garza. Twisted streamers in gold and silver were used the length of each table. There were US, N.M. and Olympic flags and at each place for an honored guest there was an Olympic medal bearing his or her name. In accordance with tradition the seniors received dolls.

The Booster Club provided a delicious meal of rib-eye steak, salad, baked potato, roll and cake. Sherry Lueras, outgoing Booster Club president, welcomed guests and introduced the speaker, Bobby Dan Crenshaw of White Oaks. She conducted an election for officers for the 1992-93 school year. President Sarah Gnatkowski, vice-president Janice Bonds, secretary Brenda Marshall and treasurer Ellen Parker. Drafting of husbands is predicted.

A high point in an evening of high points was the naming of Babe and Elmo Tracey as the "Corona Booster Club Member of the Year 1991-92."

The evening ended with a dance.

Travis C. Lightfoot of Corona graduated from New Mexico State University on May 9. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Extension Education.



Cindy Ray - Scott Williams

Ray-Williams wedding planned

Ms. Fran Bryan, formerly of Corona, is pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Cindy Lynne Ray to Mr. Scott Patrick Williams on June 6, 1992, 2 p.m. at the home of the bride's mother, Bluewater Lake, the Honorable Judge Carey of Thoreau officiating. Reception will follow.

Cindy is the granddaughter of Billy and Doris Bryan, and Ronnie and Edna Ray, all formerly of Corona. Scott is the son of Robert and Kathleen Williams of Corona and Nogal.

The bride's brother, Sp. B.W. Bryan will give her away;

maid of honor is Heather Wilson, formerly of Thoreau; bridesmaids are Becky Kauffman, Daphne Kauffman, and Kathie Kauffman, cousins of the bride, all of Albuquerque.

The bestman is Mr. Walter Ginsler of Corona; groomsmen are Larry Pawlowski of Gallup, Scott Daughtery of Thoreau, and Chuck Matkovich of Gallup.

Ringbearer is Patrick Williams, son of the groom; flower-girl is Tiffany Williams, daughter of the groom. Ushers are Jeremy and Jacob Pacheco, nephews of the groom.

The couple will make their home in Gallup where Scott is employed by El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Horseshoe tournament is success

Carrizozo Buzzards were among the horseshoe pitching winners during the Carrizozo Buzzard Days Tournament held May 16 and 17.

Dorothy and Bud Payne of Carrizozo won the Class A doubles match Saturday. A total of 50 pitchers entered the three doubles events.

Verna Rodman of Carrizozo won the Class B singles tournament on Sunday. There were 52 pitchers in the six single events.

Horseshoe pitchers came from Socorro, Deming, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces to participate in the annual event.

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Museum of Horse opens Saturday

Horse aficionados will thrill to the excitement of the public grand opening of the Anne C. Stradling Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs.

Set to begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 23, the opening will feature music, dancing, food and a parade of horse breeds. "We will have 11 different breeds from a miniature horse to Belgium draft horse," said marketing director Laura Doth in a release. Visitors will be able to view some of the many horses found within the state of New Mexico.

Membership for the museum will be available, tickets to the opening are \$20 for

members and \$35 for non-members.

The museum is a multi-million dollar collection of more than 10,000 horse-related pieces which illustrate the interactions between the horse and people through time. The museum is housed in the renovated 40,000 square-foot building (the old Chaparral Convention Center) near the Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

Anne Stradling began collecting things related to the horse when she was six years old. The thousands of pieces she has collected over her life are featured in the museum. There are English horse brasses,

paintings, drawings and bronzes from master artists, carved horse figures from China, wagons decorations from Germany, saddles from Mexico and China and a Pony Express saddle with the original tree. There are horse drawn wagons, carriages, sleighs, a fire engine and 400-year-old Mexican ox cart. The museum also has a collection of Indian artifacts.

A life-size bronze by Ruidoso artist Dave McGary entitled "Rain in the Face" will be in place for the grand opening. Two other McGary bronzes will be delivered to the museum by summer 1993.

The \$20 million project will be an ongoing process. Since not all exhibits will be permanently in place by opening day, visitors will be motivated to come back and see new additions in the future, Doth said.

The Hubbard Foundation provides financial support for the museum.

After the opening the museum will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Call 378-4142 for more information on the opening or museum membership.

Admission to the museum after May 23 is \$4 for adults (18 and over), \$2.50 for children (five to 18 years) and free for under five years.

Domenici . . .

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unlimited pocketbook for law suits. Most recently was a suit against the state's two institutions in Los Lunas and Ft. Stanton. The suit ended with a ruling to move certain patients to community settings, which ultimately would have reduced the Ft. Stanton population to the point of closure.

Corn is Domenici's southeast regional director. He and Smith are located in Domenici's Roswell office in the Federal Building. Persons can contact the office at 623-8170.



CARRIZOZO CHAPTER of the National Honor Society recently inducted several new members. They are from left on back, Raphael Chavez, Chad Patterson, Rachel Archuleta and Renee Roper, on front from left are Davin Epperson and Lori Gibson.

Foster parents honored

Foster parents, who provide a temporary home for children in need, are being honored during May in recognition of National and State Foster Care Month. The New Mexico State Human Services Department, the agency responsible for placing the children, has sponsored activities throughout the state to honor foster parents ranging from certificates of appreciation to a reception in their honor with New Mexico's First Lady, Mrs. Alice King.

There are more than 7 children in Lincoln County and more than 2500 children from throughout New Mexico who live with foster parents each year. These children are removed from their birth homes usually because of abuse or neglect and need temporary foster families to care for them until they can be properly cared for in their birth home or become legally free for adoption. The average length of stay for these children with their fos-

ter families is several months.

To become licensed as a New Mexico foster parent, applicants have attended 21 hours of training, had fingerprint, health and reference checks and had a homestudy completed. The homestudy is a written picture of the foster parent, their home and their community which helps social workers to match the children with the family who can best meet each child's needs.

Many foster parents are single or have both parents working out of the home so fos-

ter families receive a small monthly reimbursement to help with the additional cost of child care, food, clothing and other necessities of the children. Also, any medical care, counseling services or other professional needs the children may have are usually paid for by the state.

Persons who are interested in finding out more about how to become a foster parent in New Mexico can receive a free information packet by contacting The Rocky Mountain Adoption Exchange in Albuquerque at 1-800-888-6966.

Zamora named

ROSWELL, N.M.—Quirino A. Zamora, who recently completed his high school sophomore at New Mexico Military Institute, was named to the Superintendent's List for academic achievement during the second semester of the 1991-92 school year. Zamora is the son of Christobal B. Zamora of Lincoln.

To be eligible for the Superintendent's List at NMMI, a

student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and an A in department.

Nearly 200 cadets received high school diplomas and associate of arts degrees May 9 from the 100-year-old institution, which is a state-supported, coeducational, four-year college preparatory high school and two-year junior college with an enrollment of about 900.

Capitan hires Ron Becker . . .

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(Thursday) May 21, the district court judge has five days to do so. A hearing must be held within 30 days of the selection of the arbitrator.

Also at the board meeting, members hired non-certified personnel (janitors, cooks and so on), with the same staff as this year. Two contracts were not acted upon as the board is awaiting the Region 9 final budget.

Increments for coaching and sponsors and their assignments were approved.

The Open Meetings Resolution for 1992-93 was approved as was the contract with De'Aun Willoughby for the audit of this past school year.

The board vacancy, created by outgoing Ken Cox, also was discussed with members agreeing to publish a legal notice to solicit applicants to the board. A plaque was presented to Cox for his service to the board.

Other items discussed were the long range plan for the use of the proposed bond issue by Architecture Plus of Roswell and concurrent enrollment program with Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell.

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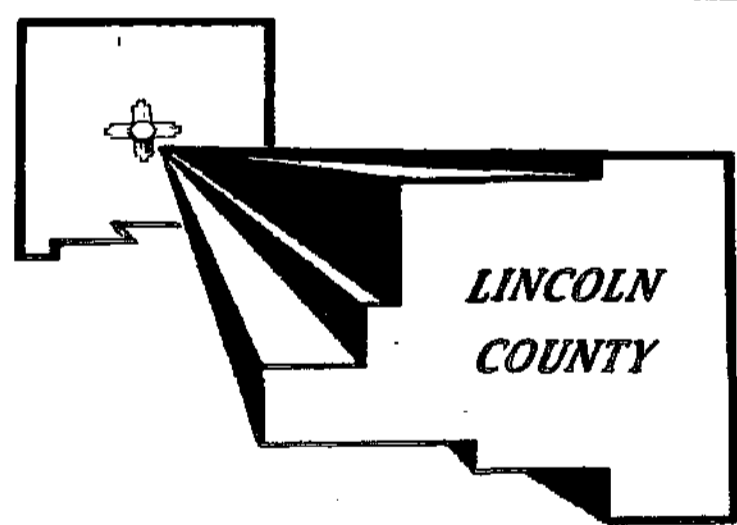
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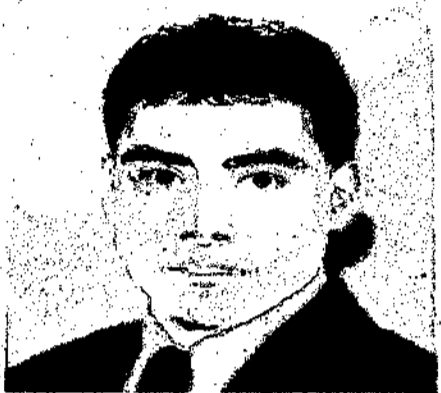
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- Introduction of Commencement
Speaker.....Jimmie Banks, Supt.
- Commencement Address.....Gabriel Chavez
- Introduction of Valedictorian
& Salutatorian.....Raphael J. Chavez
- Salutatory Address.....James E. Silva
- Valedictory Address.....Cheryl E. Hightower
- Introduction of Honor Graduates.....Gabriel Papponi
- Presentation of Awards.....Earlene Price, Counselor
- Presentation of Class.....Joe Price, Principal
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GRADUATING CAPITAN seniors listen to salutatorian Jennifer Newsom (not in picture) speak at the podium. The graduates received diplomas and scholarships before the standing-room-only crowd last Saturday afternoon.

Graduates encouraged to "Achieve your best"

The room was crowded, filled with family and friends to wish farewell and good luck to 30 Capitan High School 1992 Graduates Saturday night.

Salutatorian Jennifer Newsom encouraged students to achieve their best in the future with dreams that fuel desire and Valedictorian Lori Longbotham reminisced from kindergarten to high school. All strings woven into each one's personal tapestry, she said.

Speaker Eloy Mondragon, cabinet secretary to Gov. Bruce King, was pleased God's name and prayer were part of the school. He encouraged the graduates to never give up, deal with fear and have a dream.

Seniors Tammi P. Peralta and Brandi Peralta both received \$4,000 a year for four years scholarships from Scholarship Services. Both are daughters of Isidro and Patsy Peralta. Brandi also received a \$250 scholarship from the Communications Workman's Association. She plans to attend New Mexico State University and major in child psychology. Tammi also plans to attend NMSU in pre-school education.

Other special awards were: \$250 from Capitan Band Boosters to Lori Longbotham, \$300 each to Jennifer Eldridge and Kerie Runnels from the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers, \$500 to Jessica Newcomb from the Capitan Alumni Association, \$200 from Capitan Counseling Service to Melinda Strickland.

Newcomb received the Capitan Chamber of Commerce \$500 scholarship, \$400 each to Tammi and Brandi Peralta from Corriente CowBelles, \$100 each to Newcomb and Stormy Trost from Carrizozo Rotary Club.

Jennifer Eldridge received a \$1,000 scholarship from Otero Electric Coop, Melinda Strickland and Jennifer Newsom received \$200 each from Ruidoso State Bank, Karrie Wright received \$150 from United New Mexico Bank, Tammi and Bran-

di Peralta and Mickie Griego received \$100 each from Sacred Heart Parish and Eldridge received \$500 and \$100 from Alpha Delta Kappa Eta Chapter.

Seniors were introduced and their future plans announced. Wayne Otero Flanagan, son of Brandy and Esther Flanagan, plans to attend Palmer Chiropractic School in Los Angeles after attending massage therapy school.

Roxanne Coons, daughter of Lois Coons, plans to attend Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)-Roswell in game and fish wildlife management. She received the Jim Goodloe Memorial Scholarship to be used at NMSU later.

Paul Whipple, son of Ken and Jeanie Whipple, will enter the Navy June 2 in Orlando, Fla.

Helen Luna, daughter of Jimmie and Mary Luna, plans to attend Western New Mexico University (WNMU) in Silver City.

Christy Zamora, daughter of Rolland and Lupe Zamora, plans to attend college and major in child care.

Mickie Griego, daughter of Henry Griego and Alize Salazar, plans to go to ENMU-Portales in P.E. She received the \$620 Jessie Fay Memorial.

Ernie Gallegos, son of Faustino Gallegos and Gloria Wheeler, plans to attend WNMU in business management.

Macie Britt, daughter of George and Laura Schryer plans to attend ENMU and major in P.E.

Jeff Chavez, son of Arturo Chavez and Mrs. Linda Sanchez, plans to major in political science at ENMU.

Jessica Newcomb, daughter of Patricia Newcomb, plans to attend ENMU. She received a \$1,000 academic scholarship

and three grants totalling \$1,500. She plans to study broadcast journalism and journalism education.

Daniel Parker, son of Jean and Johnny Parker, plans to attend ENMU electrical engineering.

Stephanie Wheeler, daughter of Stan and Kathy Wheeler, plans on a June wedding to Tug Bowden and live in Lubbock, Texas, where she will attend Lubbock Christian College in accounting.

Charley Tracey, son of Kay and Tom Tracey, plans to attend NMSU in physical therapy.

Aaron Koreny, son of James and Rebecca Koreny, plans to further his career in music.

James Ray Smith, son of James and Darlene Bobb, has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and will enter boot camp in San Diego on Nov. 17 where he will specialize in aviation maintenance and mechanics.



CAPITAN 1992 Valedictorian Lori Longbotham, reminisces about her school years at Capitan—from kindergarten until now, evoking memories that brought tears to many graduates eyes.

Mary Folkner, daughter of Nickie Folkner and granddaughter of Dorothy Epps, plans to attend ENMU-Roswell in physical therapy.

Kimberly Robinson, daughter of John and Laura Robinson, plans to attend NMSU-Alamogordo in nursing. Karrie Wright, daughter of Richard and Rose Ann Wright plans to move to Nebraska and attend McCook Community College.

Anthony McEuen, son of Corky and Mona McEuen, plans to attend trade school.

Lisa Hoffer, daughter of Randy and Debbie Stufflebeam plans to work.

Dan Seay, son of Roy and Shiela Seay, has been accepted to West Texas State University and play on the collegiate soccer team. He plans to major in physical therapy. He received a resident's scholarship and has out of state tuition waived.

Melinda Strickland, daughter of Terry and Kay Strickland, plans to attend New Mexico Junior College in nursing. She received a \$1000 from the Howard and Maxine Wright (Con't. on P. 11)

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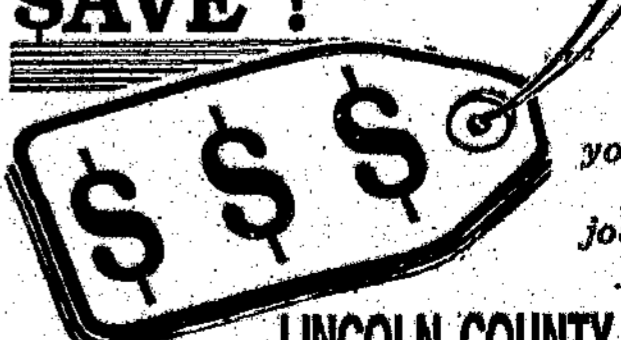
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Fort Stanton: facts & fiction

By BETTY JOINER

Fort Stanton has been buzzing with lots of activities. Lorenza Holquin had 16 participants in the Bike-A-Thon held on May 9. Three year-olds to 60 year olds made many miles around the Fort. The money collected goes for St. Jude's Hospital. Final winners will be announced at a later date.

LaVern Bowersox was very happy to report her grandson, Jeff Chavez, graduated in Capitán on the 16th. Congratulations to all our graduates. Another grandson, Carlos Preciado, placed second in the track meet in Albuquerque. Good job.

Cecelia Ortega was happy to announce the marriage of her daughter Patricia to David Martin. The couple were married at St. Jude's Church in Alamogordo on April 25. A reception was held at the La Luz fire hall where the couple had met four years ago. The couple are now in Ohio helping his folks move there from La Luz. David and Patty will make their home in La Luz.

Fort Stanton will never be the same after last Sunday. Fourteen of Cindy Foglesong's violin and guitar students entertained each other with different melodies. The Bonito Club was the site where Mark Westbrook cooked hamburgers for the group before they played their music. Kathy Westbrook was responsible for getting a plaque for the group to give Cindy for her many hours of dedication in teaching everyone how to play many different instruments. The plaque read: To Cindy Foglesong "Music Teacher of the Year" 1991-92. Thanks Cindy, you deserve more than the plaque for your patience. From 1 to 3 o'clock the air was filled with "Bile them Cabbage Down", "West Phalia Waltz", and "Old Joe Clark", tunes and many others being played by Josh and Jake Jones, Coye Robbins, Tommi Tejada, Cheryl and Sherry Palko, Kendra and Kelli Leslie, Agatha Long, Randall Robbins, T.J. Maroon, Pat Turner, and Betty Joiner. Agatha Long entertained the bunch

with her singing and yodeling, accompanied by John Foglesong, Pat Joiner, and Mark Westbrook on the guitar and Randall Robbins on the banjo. Others at the musical funfest were Becky Tejada, Bob Palko, Ron Joiner and Bob Turner.

Mother's Day was very special for Louise Joiner, Bessie Jones, Edie Lawrence, Donna and Jerry Cazares, Della Joiner, Shane Holder, Pat and Betty Joiner and Dave and Della Bonnell. Audrey and Eddie Davis fixed lunch for the group at their home. Will Griggs and Ron Joiner visited with the group before leaving for a feed lot tour of northern New Mexico and eastern Texas. Fourteen students and professors of NMSU toured the feedlots for a week.

The NAPUS postmasters ended a very successful week of state convention which was held at the Swiss Chalet in Ruidoso. Mary Gourley, host postmaster, was kept on the run working at her post office and attending to details of the 50 postmasters, and 60 guests and VIPs that attended. On Monday registration was held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The bowling and golf tournaments held that afternoon at the Links and bowling alley was won by President and Pat Roark and Jo Ann Tapp of White City. The golf winner was John Flahtery of Taos.

Tuesday the convention opened with several special guests. The Boy Scouts posted the colors and Smokey the Bear was one of the official greeters. That evening 100 attended the Flying J dinner where seven first timers were presented "pet rocks" and pins for attending their first convention.

Wednesday morning early started with the retiree and memorial breakfast that was held at the Cree Meadows Country Club. Ninety names of postmasters who had retired since 1987 were read. Twenty or more of the retirees were on hand to receive a special engraved pen from Shirlene Fitzner, our postmaster of the year. Crosses made by Della

Bonnell were very unique. They were made from lids, yucca sticks and colored stones.

After the breakfast the group went back to the Swiss Chalet where more training and VIP's speakers spoke to the postmasters. At three o'clock the auction was held with a total of \$1346.00 being made. Two hundred dollars was designated for the scholarship in memory of Horace Hubert which is given each year to a son or daughter of a postmaster. Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated for our auction.

Texas Furrs owner gave a good presentation on "How to start your own business?" The denim outfits and sweatsuits were very impressive.

On Thursday, John Flahtery gave us a seminar on "How to deal with the irate customer?" Mr. Arnold Elias, district manager from Tucson, spoke on the many changes we will be experiencing from automation, expenses and cutbacks. He commented how much our support of the USA Olympics had benefited our organization.

Reports of each committee were given by chairmen. The time and place for next year will be Albuquerque in June. New officers were elected, resolutions were written and postmasters were off to the second annual duck race. Fifty seven ducks raced down the Rio Ruidoso for a quarter of a mile. John Roark was the winner with Michelle Wilson placing third. This fun event netted another \$200 for the NAPUS chapter. On to the races at Ruidoso Downs went many of the visitors.

More beautiful decorations made from dried yucca pods and colored baskets decorated the final banquet held at Cree Meadows. The entertainment was a style show by the friend's of the Attie. A turkey dinner was

served to 86 postmasters and guests. Jim Miller, our National President was our guest speaker. He installed the new officers.

The Lone Star Express Band played for the dance. Happy postmasters winning raffles were Beth Perry from Kansas, Patsy Trujillo, Salem, Christine Jones, Des Moines, and Shirlene Fitzner, Ruidoso Downs. Ruidoso was a great host town to our entire state of mail deliverers. Thanks to one and all.

Dorothy Forsythe sold goodies for Lincoln County Pony Express bake sale held at the United New Mexico Bank on Friday. Many loaves of bread, cakes and pies were sold to help defray expenses for the annual race. Ruth Birdsong had to make a business trip to El Paso.

Remember the Merchant Marine celebration on May 22, south of Fort Stanton at the cemetery and the dedication of the Fred Chavez plaque at the Carrizozo park in Carrizozo on May 25.

The green house has some nice tomato and pepper plants for sale. Stop in between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. and pick up some of these.

Liz Montes is pmr at Lincoln for this week while Ellen Faye is helping out with being a grandma again.

Local girls are scholarship winners

Carrizozo High School senior Cheryl Hightower and Capitan High School senior Lori Longbotham were selected as a 1992-93 Robert C. Byrd Scholars.

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Graduates . . .

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College Fund and the \$250 scholarship from Dr. LaMothe.

William Weldon Smith, son of Bruce and Cheryl Mark will join the Navy.

Crystal Dalton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dalton is undecided.

Stormy Trost, son of Thomas and Ruby Trost, plans to attend NMSU in animal science. He received the \$500 FFA Beoster Scholarship and the \$100 Jim Goodloe Memorial.

Jennifer Eldridge, daughter of Idaleen Schweitzer and Jack Eldridge, plans to attend ENMU in elementary education and minor in drama. She received a \$200 drama scholarship from ENMU.

Tammi Peralta, daughter of Isidro and Patsy Peralta, will attend NMSU in preschool education. She received the \$4,000

a year from Scholarship Services of America.

Brandi Peralta, daughter of Isidro and Patsy Peralta, will attend NMSU in child psychology. She received \$250 from the Communication Workman's Association and \$4,000 a year from Scholarship Services.

Jennifer Newsom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Newsom, will attend Oklahoma Baptist University on a \$750 scholarship and the Capitan National Honor Society Scholarship.

Lori Longbotham, daughter of Jerry and Lee Ann Longbotham, plans to attend Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. She received a \$1,500 Robert C. Byrd Band Grant/academic scholarship and the National Honor Society Scholarship.

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- EDUCATION OF DEPUTIES.** Has sent his deputies to numerous law enforcement schools to keep them updated and refreshed on new procedures in law enforcement to better serve the citizens of Lincoln County. The Deputies have attained a total of over 2,000 hours of advanced training in the past three and a half years.
- WHITE MOUNTAIN TASK FORCE.** Instituted this successful drug task force in the County by securing Federal Grant Funds to support its operations; and has again received Grant Funds for operation expenses in the next fiscal year.
- AUTOMATION AND MODERNIZATION OF RECORDS DEPARTMENT.** Implemented computer systems for record retention, thereby cutting out unnecessary paperwork and making files more easily accessible to department personnel to serve the public.
- INSTITUTED SECURITY** for the Jail and Dispatch with equipment upgrades and remodeling.
- ESTABLISHED THE LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE.** This organization provides additional law enforcement benefits through personnel and recognition of Lincoln County at no added expense to the tax payers.
- COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT** with federal, state, and municipal law enforcement agencies.
- NO LAWSUITS PAID OUT** for this administration.
- INCREASED SOLVABILITY** on all crimes with **NO UNSOLVED HOMICIDES** under this administration.

SHERIFF McSWANE is currently in the process of:

Striving to bring a **DARE Officer** (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) into the Sheriff's Department, through state funding, to educate the school children on drug awareness. This officer will be available to all county schools.

Continually working to expedite the installation of the **ENHANCED 911** program that will be implemented into the **LCSO Dispatch Center**, to provide faster and more efficient service and response to the citizens of the county.

Providing the residents of Lincoln County the **BEST POSSIBLE LAW ENFORCEMENT** their tax dollars will provide.

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT JAMES C. MCSWANE



DAR meets in Carrizozo

The Sierra Blanca chapter of the D.A.R. met May 14 in the home of Mrs. Truman Spencer

on the Bar W Ranch.

Members present from Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and Carrizozo were: Mesdames Dorothy Bailey, Gerald Dean, Cleo Dodds, Eugene Durand, Lucy English, Aileen Lindamood, Fred Phingsten, Majel Powell, Walter Raleigh, Hal Yoder, Herbert Traylor, Kathy Travis, Loyd Gregory, and guest Mrs. Bob Boebinger.

A luncheon was served and meeting followed.

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OBITUARIES

OWEN EL SIMPSON

Graveside services were held May 18 at White Oaks Cemetery in White Oaks, N.M. for Owen E. Simpson, 81, of 1600 S. Main, Roswell, N.M., who died May 15 at a local nursing home.

Rev. Ray Wells of the First Assembly of God Church in Ruidoso, N.M. officiated the service.

Owen was born Sept. 23, 1910, in Commerce, Texas to James O. and Laura Hudspeth Simpson. Both parents preceded him in death. Two sisters also preceded him in death.

On July 31, 1937, in Greenville, Texas, he married Joyce M. Bell, who survives him of the home.

Mr. Simpson was a retired Clerk from the Southern Pacific Railroad and was of the Methodist faith. He was a resident of Roswell for seven years, formerly of White Oaks.

In addition to his wife, Joyce Simpson, of Roswell, he is also

survived by a son, Robert Simpson, of Hagerman; a daughter, Linda Stephani, of Hamilton, Montana; a sister, Gean Trimble, of Austin, Texas; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Heart Assn., P.O. Box 926, Roswell, N.M. 88201.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Ballard Funeral Home.

MARTHA CHANDLER

Private services for Martha Chandler, 68, of Nogal will be held at a later date. Ms. Chandler died May 7 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

She was born Aug. 25, 1923 at Clovis, New Mexico to Goldie and Arlist Chandler who both preceded her in death. She moved to Nogal five years ago from Clovis. She was a member of the Nogal Volunteer Fire Dept. She was a retired boot & saddle maker.

Survivors include four sis-

ters: Sarah Arnold of Jacksonville, Fla.; Naoma Crosswhite of Las Cruces; Sandra Chavez of Albuquerque; and Lena Johnson of Clovis; two brothers, Sammy Chandler of Clovis and Gary Chandler of Chicago, Ill.; five foster children, Jerry Autrey of Lubbock, Texas; Gina Sanders of Lubbock, Texas; George Tidwell of Clovis; Randy Tidwell of Ruidoso; Herman Tidwell of Ruidoso; and Ruth Mouldin of Clovis; two foster grandchildren and a close friend La Doris Sours of Nogal.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

MRS. MAXINE GOTT

Mrs. Maxine Gott of Clovis died May 11 at Clovis High Plains Hospital. She was born March 9, 1921 in Curry County.

Mrs. Gott worked in a doctor's office in Carrizozo for 14 years, at Citizen's Bank in Fort Sumner for several years, and Stan's Grease Company in Clovis for nine years.

She was a member of W. 21st Street Church of Christ in Clovis.

Survivors are one son, Ronald Gott of Fort Worth, Texas; one daughter, Jean Voldseth of Columbus, Montana; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Stanley Parrish of Clovis; one sister Mary Katherine Spurlin of Mills, Wyoming, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Douglas Gott in April 1972.

Services were held May 14 at W. 21st Street Church of Christ in Clovis with Cecil Bunch and Charles Billingsley officiating. Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis. Arrangements were by Steed-Todd Funeral Home in Clovis.

SARA JANE CROSSLAND

Services for Sara Jane Crossland, 79, of Ruidoso were May 8 in the First Baptist Church. Officiating was the Rev. D. Allen Cearley. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

Mrs. Crossland died May 6 at her home. She was born Oct. 11, 1912 in Ft. Smith, Ark. to Addie and Fred Williams, Sr. who both preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso and the Order of the Eastern Star. She moved to Ruidoso seven years ago from Albuquerque. She was retired from Sears as a sales clerk.

She married Gene Crossland Sept. 2, 1931 in Clovis, New Mexico.

Survivors include her husband Gene of Ruidoso; a daughter, Mrs. Barney Schmidt of Dumas, Texas; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Robbie Crossland.

VICTOR PIOLLET

No services are planned at this time for Victor Emile Piollet, IV, 79 of Alto. He died May 8 at his home.

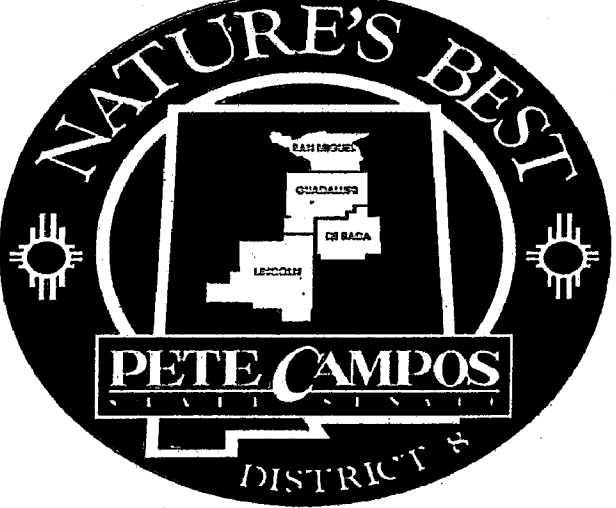
He was born Aug. 1, 1912 in Spokane, Wash. He served in the Army Air Corp. during World War II. He moved to Alto in 1972 from Miami, Fla. He was a retired pilot for Eastern Airlines.

He married Kathleen Winston on June 21, 1945 in Reno, Nev. and she preceded him in death on March 17, 1992.

Survivors include a son, Victor Piollet, V of Ft. Stanton; two nephews, Victor Emile Mills, Sr. of Elizabethtown, Pa. and Charles Mills of Richmond, Va.

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