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Next Week Busy Time For County

Central Lincoln County will be the hub of activities the weekend of Aug. 5-9.

The week kicks off Wednesday with the Lincoln County Fair in Capitan. Youths will show their livestock and other exhibits and the public will show off its skills at the inside exhibits.

Public viewing of judged inside exhibits begins Thursday morning. Visitors also are invited to watch livestock judging shows and view the informational booths inside. Return to Capitan on Saturday for loads of fun in the morning with the pet show, special lead class featuring tots leading their lambs and awards. The fair winds up with the Junior Livestock Sale in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, down in Lincoln will be the Old Lincoln Days and the 43rd performance of the Last Escape of Billy the Kid on Aug. 7-9. Thomas Schreengost will be Billy again this year in the folk pageant which features descendants of the people involved in the Lincoln County War in the 1880s. Along with the Friday and Saturday performances at 8:30 p.m. will be the 3:30 p.m. Sunday performance. Saturday, an old time fiddler's contest will send music floating around Lincoln Park beginning at 1 p.m.

The Lincoln Days parade begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, but get there early enough to find a good spot from which to watch.

Food and arts and craft booths will be set up in Lincoln town. Shops and museums also will be open, as well as the Wortley Hotel and Restaurant. Accommodations may be available at the bread and breakfast establishments also. Call before coming, however.

Visitors to Lincoln are advised to bring along lawn chairs and umbrellas. Summer rains have been known to leave visitors drenched.

To reach Capitan and Lincoln from Ruidoso, travel north to Capitan on Highway 48 (Mechem Drive) about 20 miles. The fairgrounds are located on Fifth Street in Capitan.

From the fairgrounds travel north four blocks to Highway 380, then go east 10 miles to Lincoln.

To reach Capitan and Lincoln from Carrizozo, visitors should take Highway 380 east.

The views along the routes are spectacular, providing a pleasant journey back into time through Lincoln County's historic areas.

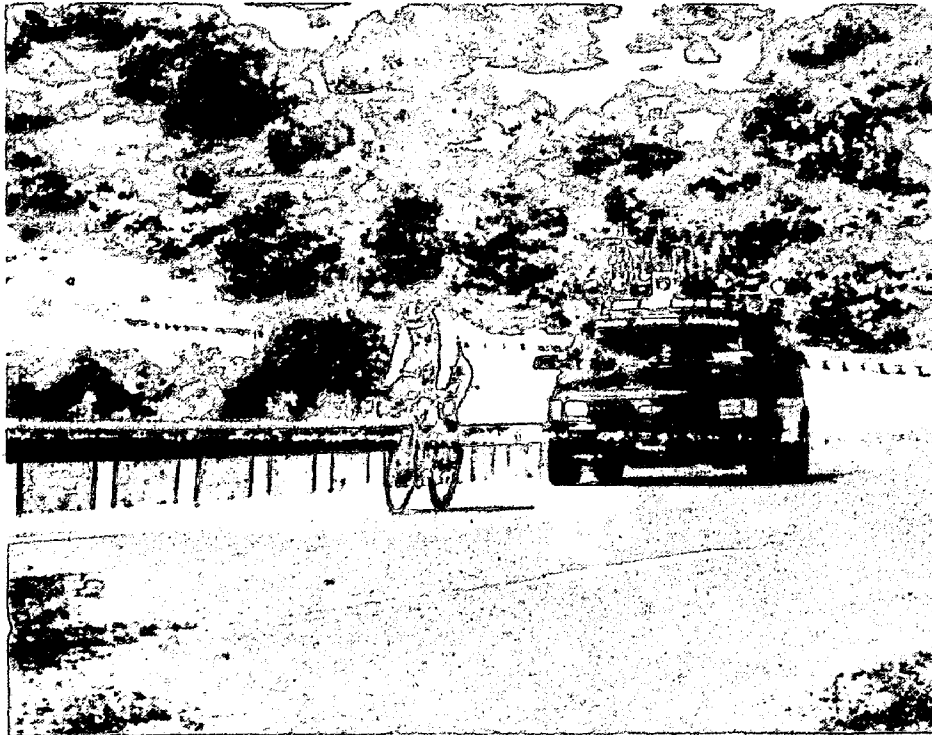
New County Road Signs

Drivers who travel county-maintained roads in Lincoln County may have noticed newly installed road signs.

As part of a multi-year effort to establish E-911 emergency response system in the county, the Lincoln County Road Dept. is installing new road signs. An important aspect in implementing the E-911 system is establishing a rural addressing program. Under rural addressing, all road names and numbers are identified or assigned. Eventually,



AROUND THE CLOCK competition was necessary during the Race Across America (RAAM) which came through Carrizozo earlier this week. Bonnie Allison, a 50-year old grandmother, (bottom photo) rides up Indian Divide on Highway 380 Monday morning with her support vehicle close behind. Later that night the headlights from his support car showed the way across the Valley of Fires for 48-year-old Tom Davies (top photo.) Davies rested in Carrizozo for a few hours before continuing the next leg of the 2,909 mile cross country bicycle race.



Otero Electric Co-op Resolves Rate Case

CLOUDCROFT, N.M.—Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. has reached agreement in its pending rate case.

The agreement between the Cooperative, the staff of the Public Service Commission and the intervenors came at a pre-hearing conference in Santa Fe. The intervenors contested the proposed residential rate design.

As a part of the stipulated agreement, an optional rate was included in the rate filing. The optional rate allows residential consumers to choose between a time of use rate or the rate which includes a demand surcharge.

The alternate rate utilizes time of day metering to charge different rates at different times of the day rather than a

ally, a house number will be assigned to every residence or residence driveway.

For the E-911 to be functional, however, the road signs must be installed to provide directions for the emergency response crews.

Citizens' input on where to place the signs is encouraged, and any questions or comments should be directed to Lincoln County Manager Andy Wynham at 648-2385.

demand surcharge. The final ruling in the case will be made by the Public Service Commissioners at a later date.

Otero County Electric Cooperative will be holding its 53rd Annual Membership Meeting on August 1, 1992 in Cloudcroft.

The incumbent trustees who were nominated to run for re-election by a committee of the members include Fred Hansen from the Northeast District, Charles Mulcock from the Southeast District, G.B. Oliver, Jr. from the Southwest District and James Rogers from the Central District. Other candidates for trustees may be nominated by a petition with the signatures of only fifteen cooperative members, or from the floor at the meeting. Nominees by petition include Gary Wood and Rick Vanderwart from the Southeast District, Glen Crane from the Northeast District, Eric H. Heckman and Fred Wood from the Southwest District and Ed Haseloff from the Central District.

"We encourage all of our members to attend the Annual Meeting," stated Bill Mershon, General Manager for the Cooperative. "It is a family event with entertainment, door prizes and a barbecue meal."

Mershon also encouraged each member to attend and participate in the election of trustees. He stated, "By electing trustees, each member is exercising their voice in the operation of their electric cooperative utility."

Ruidoso Tackles Street Problems

By DORIS CHERRY

Streets are a problem in certain areas of Ruidoso.

While village street crews have been tied up with paving the parking lots at the Civic Events Center and Links of Sierra Blanca Golf Course, many streets are going unrepaired. The work was considered "in-kind" payment as the Ruidoso village's share in the "commons" parking lot project with R. D. Hubbard, developer of the golf course.

Another type of "in-kind" work was recommended to serve as partial payment for the \$1 million in proposed improve-

ments at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Airport manager Lloyd Wayne, in his presentation of the five-year Capital Improvement Program Federal Assistance application at the Tuesday village council meeting, suggested the village consider using its street crews to do excavating and other work at the airport as part of its share of the cost to complete the proposed projects. He also suggested the village's hot mix plant be utilized as an in-kind payment.

Ruidoso is the only municipality in the state to own a hot-mix plant, Wayne told councilors.

Because of the complaints

received about neglected streets while the parking lots are being paved, councilors were totally against any type of in-kind work done by street crews at the airport.

"Our streets need to be worked on here in town," said Councilor Jerry Shaw.

Wayne explained the village would only have to provide some \$55,000 in order to gain \$1,103,000 in construction and repairs funds from the Federal Aviation Administration and the New Mexico Aviation Division. FAA would provide 90 percent of the cost, NMAD five percent and Ruidoso the remaining five percent. The projects would include a friction course to be laid over the existing runway, developing taxi lanes and aprons, signage on all taxiways and a power vacuum sweeper. While Wayne has some \$39,000 from a state grant for airport projects, he preferred lowering the village's \$55,000 share with the "in-kind" work.

Utilizing the hot mix plant for the overlay material to a private contractor would tie up only one village employee, Wayne said, and any excavation would be done in the winter when street crews cannot work.

Even the village manager agreed the street development should not be tied up with any "in-kind" work, except for one employee on the hot mix plant.

Wayne's five year plan for SBRA was formulated at a meeting with NMAD and FAA representatives on June 11. After that meeting, Wayne followed up by contacting Leedhill-Herkenhoff, Inc., airport designer, to develop an Application for Federal Assistance for the 1992-93 year.

After discussion, councilors Ron Andrews, Frank Cummins, Barbara Duff, J.D. James and Jerry Shaw approved a resolu-

Pony Express Race Saturday, August 1

By DORIS CHERRY

The gun is raised, the shot is fired and they're off!

At 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, riders will line up on the Capitan Gap road, east of Capitan, and start the grueling back country race course which will take them some 37 miles and four horses exchanges through Capitan Gap, then west around the Carrizo and Patos Mountains then back down into the old ghost town of White Oaks.

The 24th annual running of the Lincoln County Pony Express Race is expected to end by around 10 a.m. when riders and their mounts come to the finish line on the main street of White Oaks. But before the race is officially over, the rider must deliver the mail pouch to the judges, even if he has to crawl.

The winning rider will receive a trophy saddle made by Dave Nelson.

Racers must sign their names and post their entry fees by the deadline of 6 p.m. Friday, July 31.

Letters, specially post-marked with the Lincoln County Pony Express Race cancellation, will be carried by the riders and are an essential part of the race. The riders must keep the mail bags with them through the exchanges of horses and must deliver them to the judges at the end.

This is the third year the special post office cancellation will be used. Postmaster Betty Lou Joiner was instrumental in obtaining the special post mark. Letters bearing the special post mark will then go on their way through the U.S. Post Office system to whatever address is marked on each.

Anyone wishing to have a letter carried by the riders may drop it and \$2 off at mail boxes

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YVONNE ESTRELLA (right) was crowned Santa Rita Fiesta Queen following Mass Saturday night. Yvonne (right) and queen candidate Micha Schlarb (left) collected more than \$5,000 with their fundraisers.

Hightower Elected As Board President

Carrizozo Board of Education elected Gary Hightower as its president.

The action was taken during a special called meeting Monday, July 27. Jan Barham was elected as vice-president and Eugenia Vega remains as secretary. The board reorganization followed the July 21 appointment of Mary Funk to fill the board vacancy created by former president J.C. Richmond. Richmond resigned due to health problems.

Radiant heaters will be installed in the school's gyms. The natural gas radiant heaters are noiseless and are reputed to

be more efficient than the blower types now in place. Funding for the heating system will be provided by an energy grant. The heating will be designed by Mechanical & Engineering (M&E).

The board approved a contract with M&E to design heating systems in the high school area, roofing for Manire Hall and the lower portion of the high school, handicapped access ramps throughout the school grounds and enlargement of the gym lobby. The contract estimate is \$320,000 and will be financed with funds from the 1990 bond issue.

A settlement is expected from the school's insurance company for hail damage to the district's roofs. That settlement will be applied to the above projects.

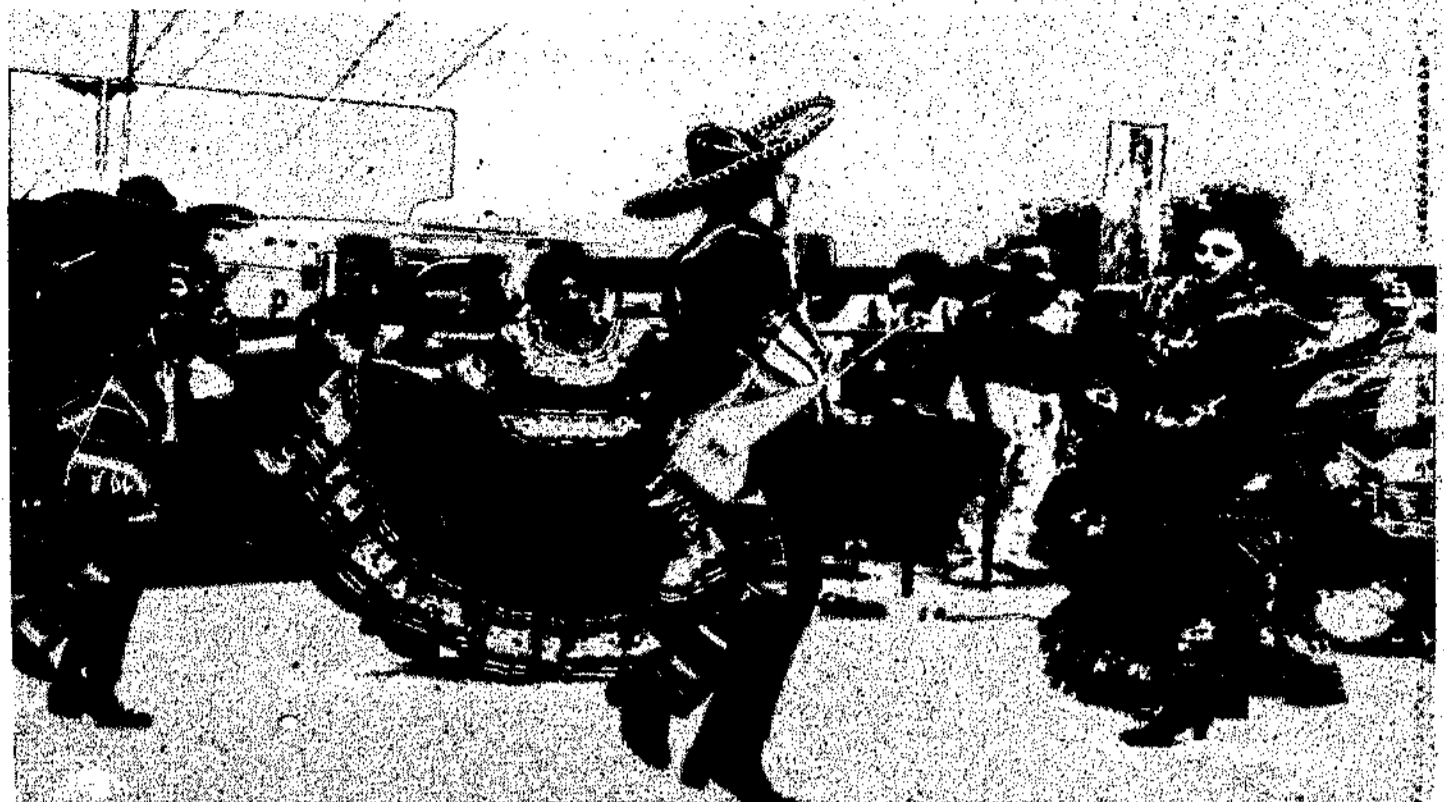
Student assistant program was added to the high school curriculum. The program will have its own curriculum, modified for local use from a curriculum originated by Mayfield High School in Las Cruces which is accepted by the New Mexico State Dept. of Education. The program allows seniors to work in various areas of the school such as the office or library for an elective credit and S/U grade.

A thank you letter from "Push America", the national service project of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity which features its members riding a 3,500 mile bike trek across America to raise funds and awareness for Americans with disabilities, was read. Project manager Chad Coltrane thanked the school for opening its facilities for lodging the PKP riders and to Chad Patterson who rode his bike into town with the group. Thanks also was given to the Methodist and Baptist Churches for feeding the group of bikers. The PKP group plans to ride through Carrizozo again next year as part of its service project.

The summer health insurance payment for Barbie Roper was approved.

A request to use the activity bus was denied.

The board set another special meeting for 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. The agenda will include review of board policy, senior trip, honors classes, emergency dismissal/delay of classes policy and student handbook.



ROSWEEL BALLET Folklorico dancers entertain the crowds at Santa Rita Fiesta at Fred Chavez Park in Carrizozo Sunday. The crowds enjoyed traditional Mexican dances performed by the Roswell troupe and by the Hondo School Fiesta Dancers, as well as singing by Bethany Sanchez and music by Glen Ellison. Children sported painted faces and lost balloons, while some rode pony rides and enjoyed plenty of delicious Mexican dishes. The celebration was delayed for a while when the skies finally opened and dumped rain on the fiesta.

Pony Express Race . . .

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in Roy's Gift Gallery, Hands and Hoofs and Sands Motel in Carrizozo. Or bring the letters to the Crafty Cage or White Oaks Saloon in White Oaks by 9 p.m. Friday, July 31. Letter boxes in Capitan and Ruidoso have already been picked up.

When the last riders and their mounts deliver their letters, the race may be over, but the activities in White Oaks begin. Smokey Bear will greet visitors and participants of the White Oaks Little Britches Rodeo set to begin about 11 a.m. The free admission rodeo for young folks will feature egg races, sack races, goat dressing,

boot scramble, stick horse races, pole bending, goat tying, flag race and break-away. Entry fees will vary with the event. At half time Jake and Josh Jones, two young fiddlers from Capitan, and young Capitan singer Krystal Roybal will entertain.

The White Oaks School House Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barbecue and home made apple pie will be sold and refreshments will be available both Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Friday, riders are expected to come into White Oaks to sign

up for the race and to check out the course. A dance with music by Lone Star Express will be held at White Oaks Saloon from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

To reach White Oaks, travel to Carrizozo, then proceed north on Highway 54 about three miles. The turn off to the ghost town is well marked with a large sign. White Oaks is at the end of the pavement about nine miles.

There are no vehicle services available in White Oaks.

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Beginning Wed., Aug. 5, you can pick up absentee ballots at the County Clerk's office in Carrizozo. Ballots must be returned to the office by Sat., Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning the mill levy or any of the services offered by Lincoln County Medical Center, the Carrizozo, Corona or Hondo clinics, please call us at 257-7381.

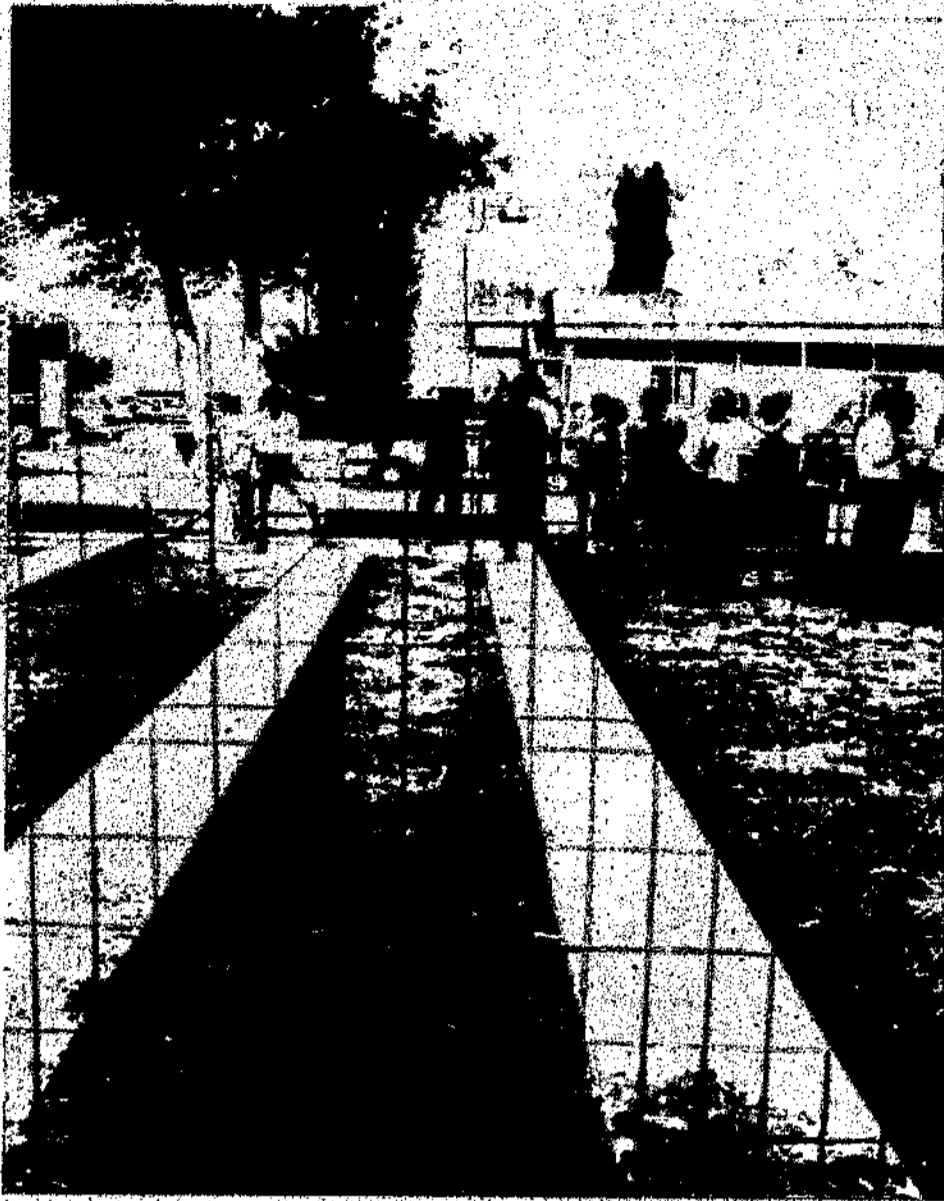
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FRANK GALLEGOS pitches the shoe in hopes of a ringer while Ruben Zamora waits his turn at the horseshoe pitching contest, a part of the Santa Rita Fiesta '92 in Carrizozo Sunday.

Self Help Housing Program

Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation will be at the Ruidoso Downs Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 to take applications to determine the need for a self help housing program in the Lincoln County area.

The self help housing program enables low to moderate income families to achieve home ownership. Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp. is a non-profit

organization that provides the families technical assistance to qualify for the loans, budget and credit counseling, training for construction of the homes and supervises the project from start to finish.

By building with the self help method, a family can own a home with no down payment and monthly payments based on income. Financing is pro-

vided by Farmers Home Administration.

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criminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

For more information call 885-2859.

States May Reject Waste

A bill passed through the U.S. Senate last week which will give states authority to reject solid waste from other states.

The Interstate Transportation of Municipal Waste Act of 1992, sponsored by Senators Dan Coats, R-Ind., and Max

Baucus, D-Mont., passed July 23. It will grant the governor of a state, upon petition by a local community, the discretionary authority to ban or limit municipal solid waste generated outside the state.

The bill must now go to the House for passage.

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PFW Wants Fee Hearing In NM

According to Gray Gallacher, president of the Carrizozo chapter of People For The West (PFW), Congress has decided to hold hearings concerning the grazing fee issue at two locations in western states this fall.

At the upcoming meeting of PFW on Thursday, Aug. 6 at the United New Mexico Bank at 7 p.m., members will encourage Congress to hold one of the

hearings in New Mexico. The other hearing is slated for Wyoming.

Also on the agenda will be "The Rest of the Story" on the widely publicized \$2.50 an acre sale price by the government of public lands for mining claims, as well as a 25-minute video tape of Jim Catron's address to ranchers regarding history and issues of government and county land-use coalitions.

Quiet Meeting For Carrizozo Trustees

Carrizozo Trustees made no major decisions during the July 28 town council meeting. Action on a joint powers agreement with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department was tabled. Attorney David A. Thomsen was unable to attend the meeting and there was no decision made concerning the bill the

town received for airport fuel. Airport manager Hal Marx reported there have been 80 operations this month and the beacon parts have been ordered. Weather conditions caused a lower than expected attendance at the July 25 Fly-In.

Police officer Charlie White presented the police report. He asked for permission to sell two police vehicles at auction. The board will consider conducting a sale soon.

White asked to have the relief officer's hours expanded. He asked to discuss another matter in closed session. The town received a letter from the Economic Development Corporation of Lincoln County (EDCLO) requesting leadership. New officers are needed for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

No action was taken after an hour-long closed session for personnel matters and pending litigation.

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Al's Musings

BY AL STUBBS

"Are you a jockey," Carlos Chavez, of Alamogordo, asked us as we sat down to visit with a few of the 57 youngsters who were feted at Ruidoso Downs Race Track for breakfast Thursday.

The 57 youngsters were attending Camp Enchantment, an annual camp headquartered in Alamogordo for New Mexico youngsters who have survived or are fighting cancer.

No, Carlos, I am not a jockey. I have two major drawbacks. One is weight (near 200 pounds), and the other is age, somewhat over official retirement age. If it would help eradicate cancer, I would ride in any race standing on my head on a saddle.

Saturday, Camp Enchantment boys and girls (from seven through 17) got to see a Stealth fighter at Holloman AFB. They had a busy week of activities, including go-kart rides in Ruidoso, attending a horse race or two and other events, co-sponsored by the Lincoln County Cancer Society. The track was a major sponsor of their day of activities here. Food was plentiful. Carlos put away five or six thick slices of ham.

An article in the Alamogordo Daily News told us more about Carlos Chavez, a very brave, personable and active young man. He could teach us all something about perseverance and courage.

Carlos Friday was the honoree at a party given by the Ambulatory Patient Department at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. The boy, who is seven years old had the last of a series of chemotherapy treatments Friday afternoon.

He was diagnosed with leukemia four years ago and spent some time in an Albuquerque hospital. For the past four years, he has reported to Gerald Champion every two weeks for chemotherapy treatment. Fortunately, his mother says, his illness is in remission.

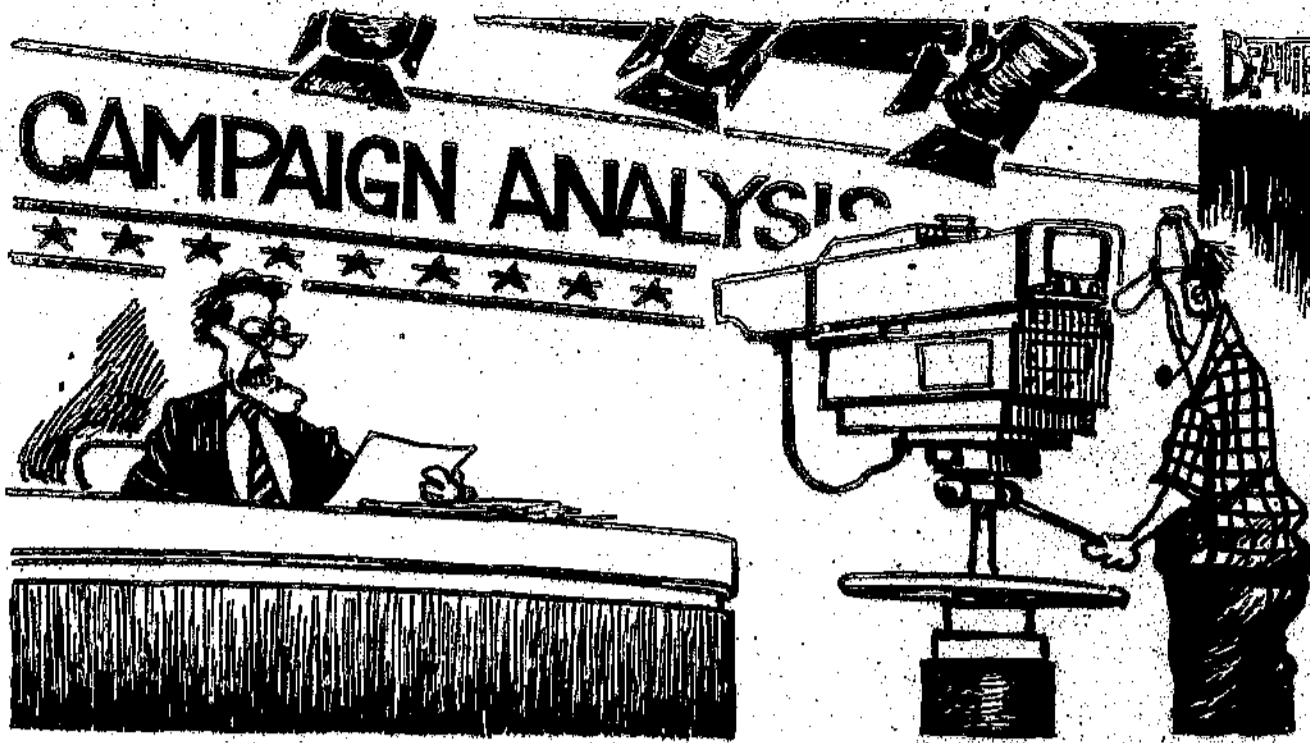
Friday, he was busy showing the nurses exactly which vein to use to administer the chemotherapy. He was bouncing around with so much energy that no one would dream he had been very ill.

That's what we admired about Carlos as we sat with him and two other cancer heroes at the "jockey breakfast" at the race track, Thursday. He was real excited about "jockey cards," not baseball cards, that each child was given. He listened attentively as jockeys, male and female, were introduced. And he lined up for autographs which the jockeys provided freely as the breakfast gala grew to a close. The jockeys are to be congratulated. They attend the event en masse and were most friendly and compassionate.

Now if we could shed about 90 or 100 pounds and peel off a bunch of years, we'd like to give that jockey business a try. We helped round up a thousand head of sheep one time on the Flying H Ranch. We can stay aboard one of those critters.

We hate to see Dan and Barbara Link and daughter, Hannah, prepare to leave Ruidoso. Dan has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church for the past two and half years. He has been very active in serving at the Lincoln County Medical Center, the Ruidoso Care Center, as police chaplain and as a member of Rotary and search and rescue. He has been a mainstay in the Ministerial Alliance in Ruidoso. And he has served his church well in his first pastorate; we wish the Links Godspeed in any new endeavor. He certainly will be missed by his many friends in the church and without.

Trouble with the Ruidoso Art Festival concluded last weekend, we want to buy everything. It's quite a show of artistic talent and craftsmanship. Joan Bailey and her crew at the Chamber of Commerce, the sponsor, did a fine job in handling all the details involved in the festival. Gracias.



"In a presidential campaign climate as crazy as this, why SHOULDN'T the Gorbachev write-in vote be picking up steam?"

The Other Side

By Owen Russell

I have read several articles in the past week or two which give me the urge to get on my soap box again. These articles, which just happened to all be in the Albuquerque Journal, but could have been in most any daily newspaper in the nation, all involved, in some way or other, the methods that are being used or are advocated in our perennial fight against crime.

The first article had to do with a strip search conducted by school officials of 12 female high school students in Dexter. They were looking for a ring another girl had lost. The second has to do with the controversy over the Supreme Court ruling that justified the kidnapping of an individual in Mexico and returning him to the U.S. for trial. A third subject contained in a series of articles and an editorial on the subject of DWI enforcement, discussed recommended changes in standards and enforcement procedures in that area. And, lastly, I will consider an article concerning funding for court-appointed defense attorneys in the federal system, which ran out of money for the year in mid-June, some 75 days before the end of the fiscal year.

There are at least three threads running through all of these articles. One has to do with the methods we are willing to resort to to control the behavior of others, and secondly, what we are willing to pay to get the job done, and lastly, is what we are doing worth the cost.

First, I have said before, and even if I haven't, I will say it now, that "if the end justifies the means, what justifies the end?" This might also be stated as, "is the end important enough to justify the means of achieving it?" This is essentially a policy decision, and it is my feeling that we have gone too far or are using the wrong methods in our zeal to eradicate the evils of the world, and that the policies need to be reexamined.

Let's assume we have a policy that states, "It is socially unacceptable for students in high school to commit petty theft during school hours." If such occurs, is the evil important enough to justify the strip search of twelve students, at least eleven of whom were innocent of any wrongdoing other than being in the vicinity? (Since they didn't find the ring, there may have been twelve innocents.) You can make up your own answer to that question, but it is probably a good thing I don't have a teenage daughter in that school, because I might have been inclined to conduct a search for the principal's strips, and if he didn't have any, to create a few. "Not with my daughter, you don't!"

The point is, should the innocent be required to suffer the indignity of a strip search to allow punishment for a theft? Aren't they being punished for something they didn't do, and is that a justifiable cost of advancing the policy? This is just another example of involving innocent individuals in the process of punishment for a crime that someone else committed, which we are too often willing to do. (More about this later.)

In an article in the July 24th Albuquerque Journal, it was reported that at a meeting of a DWI task force chaired by Attorney General Tom Udall, some prosecutors and lawmakers offered suggestions for

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Gold fever is running high in Southern New Mexico as the long-awaited, "final" search for the Victorio Peak treasure gets underway.

Terry Delonas and the Ova Noss Family Partnership began digging at the sight northeast of Hatch on July 20 after five years of bureaucratic struggle that cost the family and its partners \$800,000 for negotiating an agreement with the military, environmental assessment, and support costs provided by White Sands Missile Range personnel.

When Delonas' grandfather, the legendary Milton "Doc" Noss, reported finding the cache of gold while on a 1937 deer hunting trip, none of these delays or costs would have been necessary. But during the intervening 55 years the Department of the Army took over the surrounding area on a

"temporary" basis during World War II and environmentalists have pushed through government regulations requiring extensive assessment of how the search might disturb rattle snakes in the area.

But along with today's restrictions and regulations has come some good in the form of modern technology to help the state-of-the-art treasure hunters. For the past two years Delonas' crew has taken over 500 radar soundings that have been used to create a sophisticated computer model of the peak using cutting-edge technology.

"Modern day" geologists had said Noss' description of the cavern of gold being deep within the peak was physically impossible. The radar soundings confirm Noss' report. It's time for the scientists to do a little geo-

physical rethinking about events that built the peak.

Because of a 20-day time limit on this search, Delonas has employed an additional piece of advanced technology to precisely pinpoint the treasure's location. Garmin Communications and Navigation of Lexana, Kansas is using eight satellites orbiting 10,000 miles above the earth to compute precise latitude, longitude and altitude information about the location of the caverns. Delonas claims it is the most comprehensive tracking ever employed.

"We're confident we'll make a discovery. We're just not sure what the discovery will be," Delonas said.

There is plenty of reason for Delonas' doubt. Noss made his living in the Hatch area as somewhat of a hustler. Locals found it hard to believe his story and chuckled at Noss' subsequent tale of having sealed the entrance while trying to widen a path into the peak.

But few treasure legends have ever had as active a life as the Victorio Peak gold. Maybe it's because access to treasure hunts was cut off by the Army 50 years ago, thereby limiting attempts to prove, or debunk, the story.

Or maybe the legend grows because of the large number of people who claim they came in contact with the gold.

Noss used numerous family and friends to help him carry some of the crude metal bars, allegedly containing 40 to 60 percent gold, from the deep cavern to an area closer to the entrance.

Many stories circulate about involvement of military personnel in the treasure hunt after the area was closed off to the public. Some sceptics say nothing will be found because the U.S. government carried it off. Some former Army personnel actually claim to have been the culprits. But it's likely that if anything was found, it was the bars that had been stashed near the entrance.

Considering the troubles encountered by Delonas and a prior group led by attorney F. Lee Bailey in 1977, it's not likely anyone has made it to the deep cavern supposedly containing the "mother lode." Unless, of course, the Army used one of its super secret ray machines to do the dirty work.

If Delonas doesn't find the treasure by Aug. 8, he still has time. The agreement with the Army and the missile range allowing the expedition is valid until May 1998. And then, says the Army, never again.

K. Petty Withdraws; Kakuska On Ballot

The general election ballot will carry a different name for the Republican candidate for Lincoln County Commissioner District 2 than was on the primary ballot in June.

Instead of candidate Karon Z. Petty's name, the name of Mike Kakuska will appear on the ballot slot in November.

On July 6, Republican commission candidate Petty was officially listed as withdrawn from the race when her notarized affidavit of withdrawal was received in Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor's office. Petty had mailed the document July 8.

Proctor notified Lincoln County Republican Central Party Committee Chairman Jack Page, also the Lincoln County Democratic Central Party Chairman and the State Republican Party Chairman about Petty's withdrawal.

Left without a candidate for the Commission District 2 slot, the county Republican Central Party Committee notified all its members of the withdrawal and gave them 10 days before setting a committee meeting on Saturday, July 25.

At the July 25 Central Party Committee meeting at Ruidoso Village Administration Center, some 25 committee members present heard Petty's announcement of withdrawal. They also heard Kakuska express an interest in running for the position.

Kakuska had intended to file for the position for the primary election. However, he had changed his residence listed on the voter's registration affidavit and had not updated it before the Governor's Voting Proclamation. With the change of commission district boundaries, Kakuska was no longer in the

same district as listed on his registration, thus was deemed ineligible for the primary.

The problem plagued at least two other candidates, both Democrats, but they took the situation to court and were allowed to run in the primary race since the county had changed its commission districts from three to five. Kakuska did not challenge it before the primary.

Clerk Proctor said the law concerning the change of residence on the registration requires such only before a primary election and does not apply to the general election. A potential candidate cannot, however, change his name or party affiliation on his registration and still be eligible for the general election.

State law also allows that any vacancy on the general election ballot that occurs after the primary election may be filled by the central committee of the county political party filing the name of its nominee. Appointments to fill vacancies must be filed at least 56 days before the general election. Declared candidates must withdraw at least 63 days before the general election.

Kakuska was the former Ruidoso High School principal and is now employed by an educational issues speaking bureau. His wife owns a business in Ruidoso.

So without filing the \$50 fee, no petition, or a run in the primary election, Kakuska will be listed as the Republican candidate for County Commission District 2 on the November general election ballot. He will run against Democrat L. Ray Nunley, who claimed his slot on the ballot by challenging the residency rule.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

—A Cancer support group meets at 1:30 p.m. in the basement of Capitan United Methodist Church. This group is open to any persons who have had, who have, or any family member of persons with cancer.

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

—Lincoln County Pony Express Race, starting at Capitan Gap at 8 a.m. and ending in White Oaks. Barbecue and little bitches rodeo.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 11:30 a.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant.

—The Republican Party of Lincoln County will have its monthly "First Monday" meeting at 8 p.m. at Rosalie's Restaurant at Carrizo Lodge near Ruidoso. Valerie Miller, LCMC administrator, will be guest speaker. The public is invited. For information call Jack Page at 336-4050 or Coleta Elliott at 258-4455.

—Carrizozo Board of Education will conduct a special meeting at 7 p.m. in the school administration building.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

—Carrizozo chapter of People for the West meets at 7 p.m. at United New Mexico Bank.

AUGUST 5, 6, 7, 8

—Lincoln County Fair in Capitan. Inside entries taken after 5 p.m. On Aug. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon livestock pens will be available and inside entries also taken.

AUGUST 7, 8, 9

—Old Lincoln Days and the 43rd performance of the Last Escape of Billy the Kid folk pageant in Lincoln. Performances are scheduled at 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. All performances are at the pageant grounds in Lincoln. Admission \$3 for those 14 and older, children for \$1. An Old-Timers Fiddling Contest is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Lincoln Park and the parade at 11 a.m. Sunday. Arts and crafts and food booths also will be set up through the community. The Texas 4th Cavalry Unit of Lubbock will post camp and the New Mexico Mountain Men will camp and conduct muzzle-loader shoots and tomahawk-throwing contests. Bring chairs and umbrellas.

MONDAY AUGUST 10

—Capitan Board of Trustees meet at 7 p.m. for a regular session.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11

—Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Commissioners will consider the Solid Waste Ordinance imposing trash collection fees on county residents.

—Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at Carrizozo Airport. The lunch will be catered.

—Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m. at town hall.

—Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. for a regular session at the village administration center.

Governmental Ethics Task Force To Meet

SANTA FE—State Representative H. John Underwood and Mr. James B. (Bud) Mulcock, Jr., co-chairman of the Governmental Ethics Task Force, announced that the task force will meet Thursday, Aug. 13, 1992 in Roswell. Public meetings are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Oilfield Training Center on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell.

The mayors of Roswell, Artesia, Ruidoso, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Clovis and Portales, and press representatives from the area are expected to address the task force at the 1:30 p.m. session. The 6:30 p.m. session is designed primarily to hear from members of the public who want to address the task force on governmental ethics issues. A tentative agenda is attached.

Other Side

increasing the effectiveness of enforcement of DWI laws, such as lowering the presumptive level to .08%, increased penalties, and creating mandatory jail sentences. Several panelists questioned if the public was willing to spend the additional money required to provide for mandatory sentencing. One panelist seemed to imply that present enforcement was ineffective, and another advocated more treatment for DWI offenders although he said, "No one is sure what is effective." Another panelist who advo-

cated mandatory sentencing stated that the sentences should be served during the week so the drunken driver and his family feel the economic impact. (Emphasis supplied.)

There is a lot more on this subject than my head can stand in one week, but I have the scene pretty well set, and will offer some additional discussion and maybe some conclusions next week. In the meantime, hold your head up high and pretend we know what we are doing.

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KATE CHERRY gets a ride on the pony at the Santa Rita Fiesta '92 Sunday. The Fiesta, resumed this year after eight years absence, was well attended. Plans are already being made for next year's fiesta.

Capitan News

by Margaret Rench

Everybody get your needles out, start cooking, and brushing them animals up, for it is Lincoln County Fair time again. Starting Aug. 5 - 8.

Aug. 9 will be a playday for our little cowgirls and cowboys in the Lincoln County Riding Club.

Happy birthday to our dear Judge Dean, Jr. on his 50th birthday, July 30.

Happy birthday to Hollis Cummins, July 21.

Happy 45th wedding anniversary to Howard and Maxine Wright July 23.

Bingo will resume this Thursday, July 30 at 7 p.m.

Bennie and Carol Peterson finally tied the knot! They are very happy. Thanks to Gerald and Kathy Dean for performing the ceremony at their house! Also thanks to Lance and Lisa Zink, Kelli, Stephanie, and

Christie are excited.

Terry and Kay Strickland met Rhonda Reeves and two daughters of Clayton at Conchas Lake last Thursday and spent the weekend fishing. Howard and Maxine Wright and David and Wanda Strickland also joined them.

Tamra Willingham and some of her team went to Dallas for the Mary Kay Convention, they had a great time. Over 8,000 ladies were at the convention.

Mrs. Lee Selden, an artist from Alamogordo, was honored at a reception at the Blue Door Gallery last Sunday.

Mrs. Selden paints New Mexico landscapes and specializes in adobe walls and Spanish court yards. There was a good attendance, despite the flood waters that almost inundated Capitan.

Some interesting friends of

Mrs. Selden accompanied her to Capitan. They are known as the Re-cycle Club, age 40 and over and they rode their motorcycles from Alamogordo to Capitan. Quite interesting and noteworthy!

The reception honoring Mrs. Selden was catered by Tootie Farrat and Nina and Gordon Ross assisted with the serving. Betty Posley, in her usual gracious manner presided in the absence of her husband David.

We are happy to report that David Posley will soon be returning to Capitan after a stint in the hospital in Roswell.

Until next week, happy thoughts and try a little kindness!

Remember if you have any news, call 354-2591. If we don't know it, we can't print it.

Plan To Attend The Fair

Its fair time again!
The Lincoln County Fair-grounds in Capitan will be a buzz of activity next week, when the Lincoln County Fair again opens its doors for entries by members of 4-H, FFA, FHA, Boy and Girl Scouts and the general public. Concession stands, informational booths and club booths also will be set up inside the exhibition hall during public viewing days. Saturday's activities will wind up the fair with a pet show, livestock shows, awards and the grand finale—the junior livestock sale, where exhibitors try to get the best dollar for their animals.

There is no admission to any of the fair activities.

The fair schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Aug. 4
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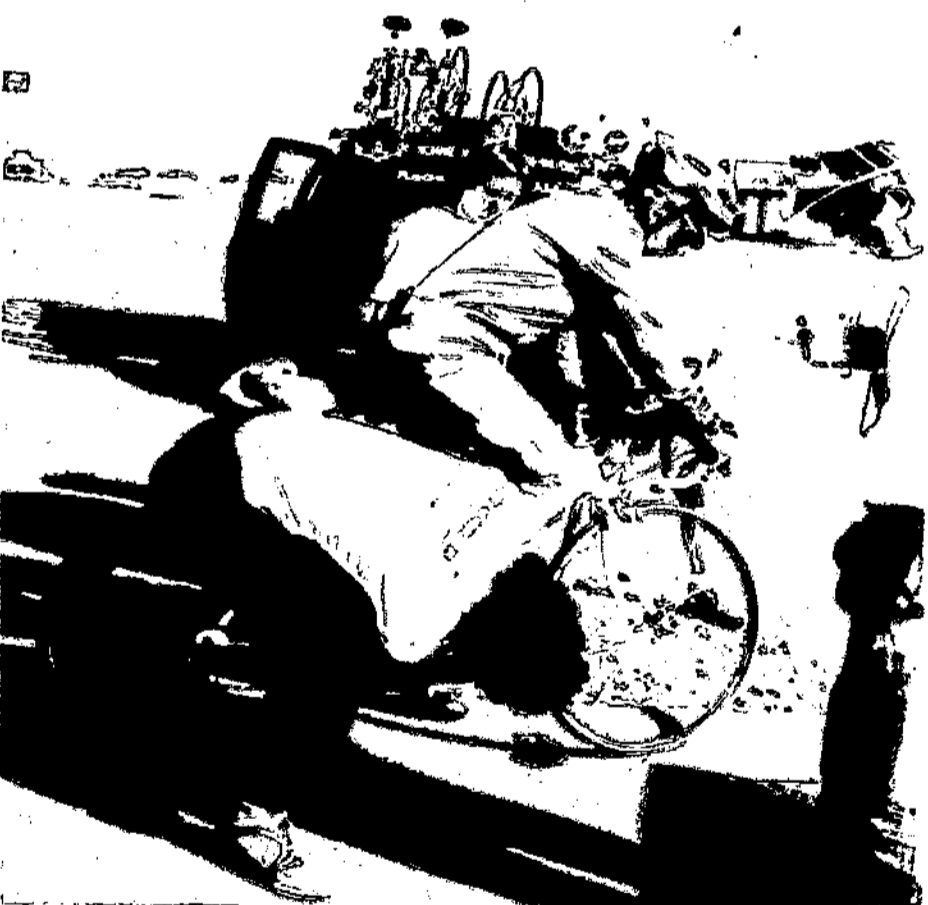
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Around Corona

Crown CowBelles met Saturday morning, July 25, in the home of Jeanene Gibbs. Quilt tickets sales and the Corona Festival booth were discussed. Before members were to leave for the Girls Ranch open house the hostess served, coffee punch, fruit punch, cheese and crackers, fruit, and an apricot cake, the apricots the last to be rescued from the hungry deer. Those present decided against making the trip to Girls Ranch. A telephone call told of the sudden death of Eva Latham in Taos where she was attending the meeting of the N.M. Wool Growers. Her mother, Myra Richards and her two daughters, Sue Maness and Lee Sultemeier, had accompanied her to Taos. She died quietly in her sleep, shocking the many friends with whom she had visited during the Friday evening festivities.

Mrs. Gloria Frisby, Northlet, Ark., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Steele, and family. Mrs. Frisby is on the staff of the local hospital and is enjoying her visit to the ranch, the narrow gauge railroad into Colorado and a quick trip to Reno to watch the tourists at the gaming tables.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bell and Dan Bell had an exciting day Saturday when they rafted down the Rio Grande above the bridge. The guide was the only one to fall off the raft.

west are Harold and Sammie Philbert Moore, Markleville, Ind., and their daughter and family, Di and Randy Short, Nikki and Boomer, Minot, N.D. AFB.

Mrs. Sharon Young, Callie and JJ Young moved this week to Tularosa where they will make their home temporarily with Patricia Aguilar and family.

Mrs. Lee R. Owen came home Monday from the Ruidoso hospital where she had spent several days.

Mrs. Eileen Brundage, Arimas, is the new superintendent of schools here and will assume her duties next week. Mr. Langan goes to Floyd.

Mrs. Bernice McCord was in charge at the Senior Center Monday while Dorothy Bradley was in Albuquerque for foot surgery.

Melvin Johnson parted company with his horse recently and now is on crutches with two breaks in a foot.

Mrs. Lily Bryan and Mrs. Effie Mulkey each suffered a broken hip in falls in their homes. After hospitalization and surgery and brief stays in a rest home each has returned to her home to continue recuperation.

Guests of the Perkins this week are Harold and Sammie Philbert Moore, Markleville, Ind., and their daughter and family, Di and Randy Short, Nikki and Boomer, Minot, N.D. AFB.

EMT classes here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Yancey, Elephant Butte, and their house guests, Sue and Melvin Mitchell, Newman, Ga., made a trip through Carlsbad Caverns Monday and then visited Corona friends Tuesday. Melvin and Cotton are US Navy buddies.

Mrs. Loretta Proctor was hospitalized in Roswell for carotid surgery Tuesday.

Bryon Yancey attended a

three day EMS conference at the Albuquerque convention center last week. Mrs. Yancey and Mrs. Pete Porter surprised him by appearing at the luncheon where he was again surprised when he received the Robert Sabin Memorial Award which reads, "The Primary Care and EMS Bureau of the New Mexico Dept. of Health proudly recognizes Bryon

Yancey for his long term dedication and contribution to EMS in Lincoln County." Congratulations Bryon.

OBITUARY

EVALYN RICHARDS LATHAM

Evalyn Richards Latham, 64, of Corona, N.M., died in Taos July 25, while attending the New Mexico Wool Growers State Convention.

Evalyn was born April 2, 1928 near Lincoln, N.M., to Creighton H. and Myra Pfingston Richards. She attended the Asperas School then Roswell High, the Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas.

She married Tommy James Latham of Lake Valley, N.M. on Aug. 5, 1946. They ranched at Lake Valley until 1968 then moved to Corona where they still ranched.

Eve was a member of New Mexico Cattle Growers, New Mexico Wool Growers, FFA Alumni Booster Club, N.M. Cowbelle, Eastern New Mexico Grazing Association, had been active in Sierra Co. Sheriff's Posse, N.M. Farm Bureau, Hillsboro Mothers Club, Hillsboro Fire Department.

Mrs. Latham is survived by her mother, Myra Richards of Roswell, two daughters, Sue Maness and husband Lloyd, Lee Sultemeier and husband Clint Leary, all of Corona; one son, Jim Latham and wife Mary of Sterling City, Texas. Seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, mother-in-law Ann Latham of Deming, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Evalyn was preceded in death by her father, Creighton, one brother, Dan and her husband, Tommy.

Funeral services were conducted July 28 at the Corona Presbyterian Church with Rev. Ray Wells officiating. Interment followed in the Corona Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Martin Yriari, Bob Naylor, Jackie Davidson, Melvin Sultemeier, Charles Porter and Bob Marley.

Donations may be made to the Boys and Girls Ranches. Arrangements were under the directions of Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Mountainair, N.M.

Showcase Format At Civic Events Center

The very first events for the new Civics Events Center will open with the Village of Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission's salute to the Arts August 7, 8, and 9, 1992. This project involves the elements of music and art, with a total of 98 musicians/performers, and 60 artists from California, Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico. The art will be presented in a showcase format, and includes such well known artists as Dave McGary, Terri Sodd, Candyce Garrett, Joe Dunlap, among other local artists.

The Jazz groups will be old Wine and New Bottles, Dexter Jazz Band, Roswell Jazz Orchestra, George Valenzuela, Teddi Sullivan and Friends, Big Band From the Rio Grande, and Spice of Life, and will perform on August 7, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Bluegrass groups include Blue Train, Pecos Valley Bluegrass Band, Capitan Gap, Concho Grass, Sandhill Bluegrass Band, plus Bart and Marilyn Trotter, performing August 8, same hours. In addition to these performances, various performers

will be conducting seminars on their own specific instruments, to be announced throughout each day's activities. On Sunday, August 9, Victor Valenzuela, a French Horn virtuoso with the Tucson Symphony will be performing from classical to contemporary, accompanied by George Valenzuela from Carlsbad. In addition, Denny Muecke formerly of New York City and Carnegie Hall fame, will be performing Gershwin. Patti Brimberry, a young classical pianist/violinist will be playing Scriabin and Bach, among other selections.

The opening ceremony will include a musical salute featuring Old Wine and New Bottles, and an open invitation to sing America the Beautiful. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and are \$5 for adults, children 12 and under are free. There will be door prizes. Food and drinks will be available. Tickets will be available at the door, or call 1-800-253-2255 or 257-7395.



RIBBON CEREMONY—A ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted July 16 by the Ruidoso Valley Greeters for Parts Plus of Ruidoso Downs, located at 1660 E. Hwy 70 across from Bill Pippin Real Estate. Owners Lupo and Pete Nazario are shown holding sons Peter and Paul. On the left in back is Mayor Joy Hayhurst and Lee Ann Weibrecht of Ruidoso Downs.

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Sheriff's report

Nearly three inches of rain and some hail fell in less than an hour on Indian Divide, west of Capitan, Sunday morning.

From one and a half to two inches also fell on the village of Capitan, along with enough hail to form piles under house eaves. The heavy rains flooded arroyos causing the culvert on the Capitan landfill road to wash out. County Road Dept. crews were busy Monday morning repairing the culvert and removing rocks washed across roads in the Capitan area.

Otherwise, even the bears were quiet this week.

The following information was taken from dispatch records at the Lincoln County Jail in Carrizozo:

JULY 21
7:46 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported 20 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. The injured woman driver was apparently picked up by a passing motorist and left on the sheriff's office steps. Christina Callahan, 28, Alamogordo, was transported by ambulance to a hospital.

12:27 p.m. a Ruidoso resident requested a deputy to keep the peace while he served eviction papers on two Capitan subjects. A deputy responded and the papers were taken to the front door.

Cattle were on Highway 48 just out of Capitan. The owner was contacted, then later advised the cattle were taken care of.

8:15 p.m. an ambulance was requested at Capitan School where a four or five year old had smashed or crushed his hand under a set of weights. Capitan police and Ft. Stanton ambulance responded.

JULY 22
4:03 a.m. a maroon Ford Mustang was reported cruising around Capitan with its lights off, lurking near the school. Capitan police advised he would be out of radio contact because the owner of the vehicle probably had a scanner.

7:06 a.m. an accident involving a deer and vehicle was reported on Highway 70. The doe was apparently still alive. New Mexico Game and Fish Dept. was notified.

12:02 p.m. a Carrizozo man reported a broken windshield, possibly by a B-B gun.
5:17 p.m. a grass fire was reported south of Carrizozo Golf Course. Fire Department units responded and put the fire out. New Mexico State Forestry office was notified.

6:48 p.m. a residential alarm sounded in Alto.

JULY 23
10:07 a.m. an Alto area man reported a breaking and entering.

10:08 a.m. a Hondo valley ranch reported damage to a fence.

6:40 p.m. a Capitan resident requested animal control about a sick cat which had something wrong with its mouth and starving.

JULY 24
3:19 a.m. a suspicious man was reported at Carrizo Lodge. The man in a white shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes was trying to get into a room, but later left in a van, apparently very drunk. Ruidoso Police were notified.

4:49 p.m. 50 head of cattle were reported along the railroad 10 miles north of Carrizozo. An area rancher advised he got Spencer's cattle back, they had got through the fence at an abandoned mining road, which needed a better fence.

5:48 p.m. smoke was reported up Nogal Canyon. The responding Forest Service person advised all he could find was a campfire.

8:56 p.m. a pig, black with a white spot on its nose, was reported lost in the Capitan area. Capitan police advised he had no reports of any stray pig.

9:40 p.m. a dumpster was reported smoldering by the construction barn behind the country club in Alto. Banito Fire Dept. chief checked out the situation and found it was calcium chloride putting off fumes, no fire. He watered it down and it stopped burning.

JULY 25
9:28 a.m. a deputy reported a dead deer on highway 380 west of Capitan. Capitan police advised he could make no contact with the state highway department, so he radiced the Game and Fish.

3 p.m. Roswell office of New Mexico State Police (NMSPP) reported a bus lost a piece of luggage east of Riverside towards Ruidoso on Highway 70. The dispatcher called Ruidoso Downs Police to stop the bus, because a person was bringing the luggage and would meet the bus there.

6:02 p.m. an accident with cut injuries was reported on Highway 48 between the Alto store and Airport Scenic Drive. NMSPP were notified.

8:35 p.m. a gas leak was reported around a propane gas company yard in Ruidoso Downs. Ruidoso Downs police checked out the report, then advised the manager shut off the main valve and all was okay.

9:59 p.m. a Ruidoso Downs area resident reported slit ears on his black cow on Apache Ranch. The responding deputy advised the complainant to talk to the branding inspector.

10:12 p.m. a camper at Cedar Creek reported music so loud he could not sleep and requested someone shut it down. Chief Ranger Jerry Hawkes was contacted regarding the rules on music and he advised no loud music after 10 p.m. He shut the music down.

JULY 26
1:53 a.m. two drunken Carrizozo persons, one a woman, were taken to the jail and their 1980 Dodge Omni was towed.

6:58 a.m. a man reported a trucker had seen a possible dead body on Highway 54, north of Carrizozo. The responding deputy made no contact with a body and advised the report was apparently unfounded.

7:42 a.m. an accident without injuries involving a vehicle and deer was reported at mile marker 91 east of Capitan on Highway 380. The 1991 Ford Mustang hit a doe, but she kept

going. NMSPP was notified.

3:05 p.m. illegal camping in the forest was reported in the Capitan/Nogal Mesa area. The complainant said he had seen some campers on the forest service property close to his residence and requested an officer investigate. The responding deputy advised the campers of precaution of camping and other information regarding where to set up camp.

7:55 p.m. dogs at large were reported on Central Ave. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo Police picked up three dogs and took them to the pound.

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jects, except livestock will be taken.
Wednesday, Aug. 5
—9 a.m. to noon, entries in Open Home Economics, Open Flower Show, Open Horticulture and 4-H Projects, except livestock will be taken in the exhibit hall.
—9 a.m. to noon, livestock pens will be available.
—1 p.m. judging begins for all inside 4-H projects.
—2 p.m. all livestock will be classified, weighed and entered and all entries will be judged inside the exhibit hall.
Thursday, Aug. 6
—8 a.m. building open to public for viewing of exhibits.
—9 a.m. Market Swine Show.
—1 p.m. Cabrito Show.
—2 p.m. Breeding Cattle Show.
—2:00 p.m. Market Steer Show.
Friday, Aug. 7
—8 a.m. building open to public for viewing of exhibits.
—9 a.m. Market Lamb Show.
—11 a.m. Dairy Goat Show.
—1 p.m.—Rabbit and Poultry Show.
Saturday, Aug. 8
—Building open to public. Exhibitors and buyers breakfast at 8 a.m.
—9 a.m. Special lead class show.
—10 a.m. Pet Show.
—11 a.m. Awards presentation.
—3 p.m. Junior Livestock Sale.
Fair exhibits will be released at the conclusion of the sale. There will be no carnival this year.



Ruidoso Tackles

tion encouraging the New Mexico State Legislature to appropriate \$55,000 for the SBRA 1992-93 Capital Improvements Plan. They also approved the funding application to be sent to the FAA.

Village subdivision streets and sewers which need upgrading may be accomplished through special assessment districts. A report was given to councilors by Ted Asbury, from the firm Andrews, Asbury and Roberts, Inc. about the estimated costs of an assessment district in a "typical" village subdivision—Town and Country North. Asbury's firm was selected from eight respondents to the village request for proposals for engineering services for a special assessment district.

Asbury's report showed the estimated total cost of paving, sewer and water lines for the subdivision would be \$1.927 million. The .55 lots would be assessed varying amounts depending on whether they adjoined existing paved streets and/or the six-inch water line.

All lots would be assessed for sewer improvements since all are on septic systems, many of which are failing.

Sewer assessments could range from a low of \$1,100 to a high of \$7,350, water line assessments could range from a low of \$450 to a high of \$2,750 and paving would range from a low of no assessment to those on existing paved streets to a high of \$4,100 for those on unpaved streets.

Councilors agreed it would be prudent to complete all projects, rather than just paving as requested by Town and Country North residents. That would avoid tearing up the new paved streets at a later date to install water and sewer lines.

Financing options for the village, Asbury said, could be a request for assistance to the State Legislature or some type of loan or grant. For property owners the municipality could place liens on all affected properties which would be paid back in 10 years.

Since the report was deliv-

ered just prior to the Tuesday night meeting, councilors referred it to staff for review and recommendations.

In other business, councilors:

—approved a \$107,430 capital outlay request to the State Agency on Aging to upgrade the Ruidoso Senior Citizen Center kitchen to provide meals to seniors five times a week and to upgrade the center to comply with the terms of the American Disabilities Act.

—Okayed Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joan Bailey's request for \$76,740 for regional advertising, to be taken from Lodger's Tax funds. The advertising includes two cooperative efforts with Lincoln County.

—Passed a resolution to be sent to the New Mexico Municipal League and New Mexico State Legislature to request legislation to allow distress sale regulations optional with New Mexico municipalities.

—Approved a disclaimer of interest in real property—a undedicated access drive across the Wingfield Homestead, as requested by heirs of the estate.

—Authorized the purchase of a new fully equipped Suburban for a rescue unit for the Ruidoso EMS, within the allowed budgeted amount. Staff was also authorized to work with Search and Rescue to replace its aging 1977 Suburban, possibly with the used unit from EMS.

—Awarded the bid for audio/visual services to On Track, Inc. of Ruidoso.

—Extended the lease for Ruidoso Gymnastics Association at the Y-Not facility until Dec. 31, 1992.

—Okayed the car rental concession agreement with Sierra Blanca Automotive Leasing, Inc.

—Heard and approved reports from EDCLC, Humane Society and boards and commissions.



HAL MARX (left) and STIRLING SPENCER at Fly In BBQ

10 Pilots Brave Stormy Weather

Pilots from as far as Denver, Colorado Springs and Salome, Ariz., braved stormy summer weather and flew into Carrizozo Airport Saturday.

The day started foggy, with a low ceiling, discouraging many of the pilots who indicated they would attend the fly-in. The event was designed to earn money for the Carrizozo Airforce Scholarship Fund. Airport manager Hal Marx said he received calls from Bob Breedon of West Virginia, Jay Thomas from Coral Gables, Fla., and invited radio and TV media persons apologizing for being unable to attend due to the weather.

But the 35 pilots in their 10 planes who came found a delightful show and tour in White Oaks and wonderful bar-

becue back at the airport. The participants were all happy with the show, said Marx, which was put on thanks to Glen Ellison and friends.

The participants were served barbecue ribs, cole slaw, peach cobbler and lemonade made from scratch by Marx. He was helped by Rene Burton, Stirling Spencer, Dr. David Rouleau and Virgil Hall Jr. Music during the meal was provided by John Booker, Johnnie Johnson and their fellow musicians.

Recognition of the Carrizozo Airport is growing daily, said Marx. He pointed out an article in the July issue of "Private Pilot" magazine which mentions an incident when a pilot was talked down to land at the

Carrizozo strip. This was the second time the airport was written up in the major pilot's publication, Marx said.

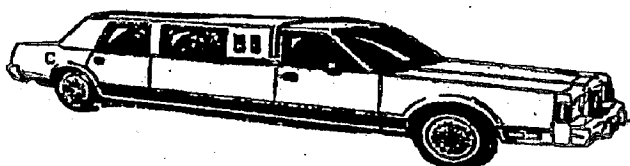
Fuel sales at the airport are up, indicating more use.

Marx plans to do a breakfast fly-in sometime late September. It will be called "Santa in September" and participating pilots will be required to bring toys for needy children.

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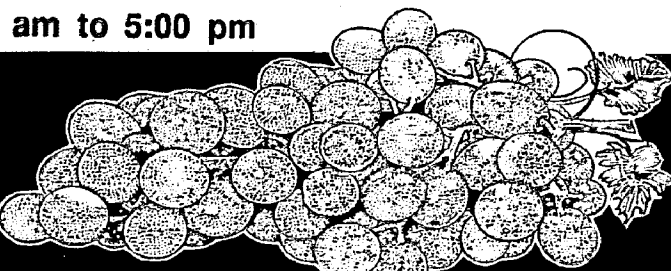
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