

# County Wants More Money For Sales Barn

by Doris Cherry

Gambling will impact Lincoln County as greatly as any county in New Mexico.

So said State Representative-elect Dub Williams to the Lincoln County commissioners Tuesday in Carrizozo. Williams, a freshman legislator, said that the gaming issue is "as deep and complex as there are people."

The video gaming, approved by voters on November 8 as a constitutional amendment, has been challenged in court since the election. The suit

may delay any action on enabling legislation for the video gaming, but has not stopped the flow of ideas on how to implement it. Williams said some of the ideas include allowing it in communities with hotels of a certain size, and which have horse racing. "If those are the criteria, Lincoln County will qualify for video gaming," Williams said.

But so far, no ideas have been set, Williams said.

Commissioner Monroy Montes asked Williams, with the commission's advice, to find ways during the upcoming

legislative session that will protect local government and its services such as jails, hospitals, and others. Williams noted that the commission is, "on the leading edge in terms of trying to understand what some of the impact could be on the infrastructure of the villages and this county."

Later in the all-day meeting, commissioners appointed a committee to research, and report on, the impact of Amendment 8 (video gaming) in Lincoln County. Appointed were county manager Carolin Cooney, manager of the

county's Glencoe center (Super Select Sales barn) Linda Wallace, commissioner Wilton Howell, and Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst. The scope of the committee will be to gather information on other communities which legalized gaming, and make recommendations to the commission.

Commissioners are concerned how much of the video gaming's "take" the state will return to the communities which will have the gambling, and how much local physical and economic infrastructures will be affected. "To insure

property taxes will not be raised," said commissioner L. Ray Nunley.

Suggestions were to have the committee look at gaming legislation enacted by Colorado, and a local option adopted in Deadwood South Dakota. The committee was given 60 days to do the research and provide recommendations to the commission.

Another request from the Lincoln County Commission to the state legislature will be for additional funds to construct an indoor livestock arena in the Glencoe Lincoln

County Rural Events Center (REC), former Ruidoso Super Select Sales Barn. In the January 1994 session, the state legislature appropriated \$290,000 for the county to purchase and have operational funds for the facility, and encouraged the county to return in 1995 for additional funds to upgrade it. The county pursued the appropriation on the basis the facility would be good for economic development.

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## Capitan Soil Office To Close In Three Years

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Office in Capitan, and Farm Home Administration office in Ruidoso will be closed in the next three years as part of the USDA's reorganization.

The Capitan and Ruidoso offices are among 16 offices statewide to be closed over the next three years. The Capitan Soil Conservation Office, located on Highway 380 west, will be consolidated with the Carrizozo office located in the courthouse annex.

But the closures come as no surprise. "We've been aware of

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## Preparations For Luminaria Display To Begin Saturday

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department is preparing for the second annual Luminaria Display to be held in Carrizozo Dec. 24.

Bagging of the luminarias will begin Saturday, Dec. 10 at the old city garage next to Allsups at 9 a.m. Any and all volunteers willing to help are welcome. Volunteers will be fed.

The luminarias will be placed on the streets on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 starting at 10 a.m. with the lighting of the luminarias to begin about 4 p.m. Volunteers will also be needed to help place the luminarias and light them.

Donations will be accepted to help pay the cost of the luminarias, contact any Carrizozo fireman. The fire department will also sell luminarias for 30 cents per bag.

## Men's Basketball League To Begin Playing In January

A men's basketball league will begin playing the week of Jan. 2. Anyone interested in playing in the league should contact Mr. Hollis at 648-2707.

The league will play two games each week during January and conclude with a tournament in February.

This league is open to all men in the area, including Corona, Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo, and Ruidoso.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT Dub Williams, District 56, speaks before the Lincoln County Commission Tuesday, one stop in a series of fact finding and request visits with local governments.

## Young Rancher Award Goes To Matt And Becca Ferguson

Matt and Becca Ferguson of Carrizozo are the 1994-95 winners of the Young Ranchers Achievement Award from the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau.

The Fergusons are involved in a family ranching operation in Lincoln County and were presented the statewide award by the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau at its 77th annual meeting in Roswell.

The Fergusons serve on the New Mexico Farm and Ranchers Committee and on the board of directors of the Lincoln County Farm and Livestock Bureau. Mr. Ferguson has served as secretary for the Lincoln County Farm Bureau, county and district YF&R chairman and as a member of the county Farm Bureau nominating committee. Mrs. Ferguson, in addition to her Farm Bureau volunteer duties, teaches first grade at Capitan Elementary School.

They are the third generation working on the Ferguson ranch, a cow/calf operation which utilizes the latest soil and water conservation techniques.

Mr. Ferguson is a graduate of NMSU with a degree in Agriculture Business and Mrs. Ferguson has a Masters Degree in Elementary Education.

As a result of their award the couple will now compete on the national level at the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in St. Louis, Missouri. They also received a \$500 cash award from Dodge Trucks as

part of the company's participation in the New Mexico Young Farmer and Rancher program.

## Santa Claus Coming To Carrizozo Dec. 17

Santa Claus will make his annual pre-Christmas visit to Carrizozo Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. in Spencer Park. If the weather does not permit the outside visit, Santa will be at the Carrizozo Fire Station.

Santa's visit each year is sponsored by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department and the firemen will take Santa around town on the fire truck to visit the elderly and handicapped people who are unable to go to the park.

## Representative-elect Dub Williams Hears Wish List

by Doris Cherry

State representative-elect Dub Williams will take a lengthy wish list to the state capital next month.

Williams visited with the Lincoln County Commission, and several other groups in the county last week, to hear constituents' requests and concerns which he will take to the state legislature which begins on January 17.

The Lincoln County Commission topped its wish list with a request for funds to construct an all weather indoor livestock facility in the Glencoe Rural Events Center (Super Select Sales Barn). The legislature approved

funding to purchase the facility during the January 1994 session. (See related article about the center).

Next on the list was funding to purchase land and construct a senior citizens center in San Patricio. The county currently leases the Saint Jude's parish hall. Other concerns on the county list are the need for a state wide water inventory, favorable gambling legislation (see related article), juvenile justice and a request for no state mandates to local government without funds to fulfill them.

County clerk Martha Proctor added a concern about the current voter provision which allows a person to register to

vote, then vote immediately. Proctor is concerned the provision, just in effect this year, encourages voter fraud.

Also discussed were the Mescalero Apache's proposed Monitored Retrievable Storage (MRS) for nuclear power plant waste, the state's rights issues, and help for a college in Lincoln County.

Of all the issues, Williams, a retired educator, had strongest feelings for the juvenile justice issue. He advocated tougher punishments for juvenile offenders, and treatment as adults when they commit adult crimes. That concerned commissioner Wilton Howell,

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## County Employees Receive Merit Pay

by Doris Cherry

Merry Christmas Lincoln County employees. Your next paycheck will include a \$275 "one time merit increase", thanks to the Lincoln County Commissioners.

Commissioners Monroy Montes, Wilton Howell, L. Ray Nunley and Bill Schwetmann approved the \$275 for all full time employees, and a \$100 merit increase for all part time employees during their meeting Tuesday in the courthouse in Carrizozo. County manager Carolin Cooney said the county was able to provide the increase because this year's Workers' Compensation insurance was \$28,000 lower than budgeted.

Howell questioned why such a surplus had to be given away. But Schwetmann said that the workers comp was lower because of fewer claims by employees, whom he said "merit a merit."

All department heads at the

county meeting, treasurer Janice Ware, assessor Patsy Serna, sheriff Jay McSwane concurred on the merit increase for their employees if the money was there.

None of the elected officials will receive the merit increase. The county will pay all benefit costs on top of the \$275 increase, which raises it to \$312.54 per employee.

## Farm Bureau Names Shanks As Educator Of The Year For 1994

A second grade school teacher at Capitan Elementary, Mary Shanks, is the 1994 "Educator of the Year" as named by the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau.

Shank received the honor at the organization's 77th annual meeting for her, "highly regarded efforts in the area of conservation education and bringing the study of the environment into her classroom," says John Van Sweden, president of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau.

Shanks developed "Project Soil" a kit to teach kindergar-

ten through sixth grade classes and developed curriculum for the statewide "Ag In The Classroom" project at New Mexico State University.

She was Capitan Teacher of the Year in 1993 and is currently Vice Chairman of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District.

According to Van Sweden the award is one of Farm Bureau's most important projects. "We place great emphasis not only on quality education for our children, but also the continuing education of our teachers. Mary Shanks is an outstanding example for all New Mexico educators in this regard."

Shanks is also responsible for helping obtain \$50,000 worth of computer software for the Capitan School.

## Village Of Capitan Plans Open House

The Village of Capitan will hold an open house tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



SIERRA BLANCA shines with a new layer of snow Wednesday. The mountain received more than seven inches of the cold white stuff Monday, making the ski run, skiers and shop owners in Ruidoso happy.



TONY AND PATSY ORTIZ, (far right) honored the Carrizozo Grizzly football team and coach Mickel Goines with a steak dinner Dec. 5 at the Coffee Cup Cafe as a way to show the players they were proud of them. Dinner included 12-ounce steak, French fries, salad, beans, bread and soft drinks.

## Representative-elect

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who thought that many non-violent juvenile offenders need to be "stopped to help them think about what they're doing, rather than warehousing them."

Williams said he would support any program that would save one child. "He could be yours or mine," he said. Williams said he has seen several proposed programs that would do a better job than those in effect now. "When we create preventative programs we save money down the road. Now it costs \$30,000 a year to keep someone in prison," Williams said. "Education costs money."

While Williams would not directly advocate "boot camps" for juvenile offenders, he said his time in military boot camp taught him discipline and

responsibility. He mostly favored vocational programs to give students a tool when they graduate.

Commissioners asked Williams to look for money, or light a fire in the state engineer's office, for a state water inventory or study. Williams agreed that water resources need to be identified in New Mexico. "It would be horrible to shut down...villages by saying there is no water available,"

## Santa Rita Church News

Santa Rita Catholic Community will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday, Dec. 11 with a procession at the 11 a.m. mass featuring the Santa Rita Spanish Dancers.

There will be a potluck following the mass, with music by Jessie Cervantes and his band, and door prizes.

People who want to donate to the Santa Rita Christmas food drive may bring non-perishable food to the box by the altar in Santa Rita Church.

Williams said. On the MRS, Williams said the issue will be resolved more on a federal level, and concerned citizens need to talk to the senators and representatives in Washington. If the MRS does happen, Williams said, it will be "way down the road." He thought it wise for the commission to get a presentation from the Mescaleros to "understand their side of the coin."

As for state mandates without funding to local governments, Williams said those are "cost shifting" which deal with tax payers' money.

On the state rights' public land issue, Williams said the issue needs a "good hard look". He advocated partnerships between the federal and local governments to trade or exchange lands. "We can expect to see a big move over the next year about the state's rights issue," Williams said. "I applaud you," he told the commission which recently adopted a state's rights' stand by ordinance. "Someone has to take a stand on what they think is the right way to go."

Williams said he had met with constituents in La Luz Canyon, Burrow Flats, Tularosa (in Otero County which is part of Williams' District 56), Duncan in Eddy County and with a school district in Lincoln County. From those political subdivisions, Williams said he already had a lengthy list.

Williams invited anyone with concerns or needs to contact him. "I want input from the people," he said. However, the "want list" will depend on the economy, since there is a great demand for the money statewide.

Williams told about a recent orientation at the capital building in Santa Fe. He said he was impressed with the people who work for the state, especially the chief clerk of the house, legislative council, finance department. "There are fine dedicated people who work for us in Santa Fe. The governor (elect) is looking for the best person for the job, not parties or politics," Williams said.

Williams phone is 505-378-4181, his address is Dub Williams, HC 66 Box 10, Glencoe, NM 88324.

## Santa Cops Helps Needy Children At Christmastime

Many of Lincoln County's needy children will get a little something for Christmas again this year, thanks to donations to the Santa Cops program.

In its sixth year, Santa Cops distributes new toys, food and coats to identified needy families in the county.

This year, the Santa Cops "Santa's Workshop" is set up in the Sierra Mall, which is located next to the Furrs' store on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Santa's Workshop is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Someone will be on hand at the workshop to take donations.

According to Santa Cops chairman Freddie McSwane, the group needs donations of new or good used children's coats, new toys, nonperishable food, Christmas candy, large boxes and cash to purchase food and toys.

Santa Cops is sponsored by law enforcement agencies throughout Lincoln County and is supported with volunteer work from many civic groups.

For more information about Santa Cops, call 257-9708.

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## Celebration at C'zozo Community Church

The Carrizozo Community Church A/G is inviting everyone to attend a *Community Christmas Celebration* Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. at the Church, 1009 13th Ave.

Choirs and individuals who would like to present musical specials, either by singing, instrumental selections, or

whatever, are welcome to participate.

The musical presentation will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas

fellowship dinner, and then close with a Congregational Christmas caroling and a candlelight service.

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# Schlarb Is Accepted As Member Of IIMC Group

Carol Schlarb, CMC/AEE, Town Clerk/Treasurer with the Town of Carrizozo, has been accepted as a member in the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. The Academy is the professional body of municipal clerks who have continued their high level of educational achievement beyond the attainment of the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Award.

IIMC President Mariel W. Rickard, CMC/AEE, City Clerk of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida, announced, "I am pleased to welcome Ms. Schlarb as a member in the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education. She is definitely dedicated to municipal service and an inspiration to all members of our profession."

In order to become a mem-

ber of the Academy a person must first attain the IIMC Certification (CMC) designation, attend a minimum of 36 hours of graduate courses at an IIMC recognized municipal clerks institute or complete similar educational programs relating to the responsibilities of the municipal clerk's office. Specific professional participation must be achieved, such as leadership in national and state associations, attendance at seminars and conferences, and professional writings and accomplishments.

Ms. Schlarb has been employed with the City of Carrizozo since 1976, where she began her career as billing clerk, was promoted to deputy clerk in 1979, and assumed her present position as Town Clerk/Treasurer in January 1981.

She attended the three-year

Municipal Clerks Institute sponsored by the University of New Mexico, Division of Public Administration, Santa Fe, and in December 1987, received her IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Award.

Continuing her professional education she has completed four Advanced Academy Programs at the University of New Mexico.

Active in her professional organizations, she is a member of the New Mexico Municipal Clerks Association.

Ms. Schlarb has been a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since March 1981.

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—The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Adult Singles Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cree Meadows County Club in Ruidoso for a no-host dinner. For more information call 258-3248 or 257-6902.

—The New Mexico Department of Labor is in Ruidoso every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:15-3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Services include registration for employment and filing claims for unemployment insurance. For more information call the Alamogordo Dept. of Labor at 437-9210.

—Pre-school story hour at Carrizozo School library 8:30 a.m.

**TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**

—Capitan Board of Education meets at 6:30 p.m. for a work session and at 7 p.m. for the regular session in the board room in the old administration building.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**

—Village of Capitan Open House 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone invited.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

—Bagging of luminarias begins at 9 a.m. at the old city garage next to Allsup's in Carrizozo. All volunteers welcome.

—Canyon CowBelles annual Christmas Party at Carrizozo Country Club.

—Corona Christian Home Educators meet at the home of Ron and Sandra Merrit for a potluck supper.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

—Santa Rita Catholic Community will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a procession at the 11 a.m. mass featuring the Santa Rita Parish Spanish dancers.

—Carrizozo Community Church A/G musical presentation, Community Christmas Celebration at 4 p.m. followed by Christmas Fellowship dinner and caroling and candlelight service. The public is invited to attend.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

—Capitan Village Trustees meet at 7 p.m. in village hall for a regular session.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

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

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

—Water Defense Association meeting at 7 p.m. at Hondo School.

—Capitan Elementary Music Program at 7 p.m. in the school multipurpose building.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

—Carrizozo Masonic Lodge public installation of officers, preceded by a pot luck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Carrizozo.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

—Capitan High School Music Concert featuring the band and choir at 7:30 p.m. Admission.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

—Carrizozo Class of '97 enchilada supper at school cafeteria 4:30 p.m. to ?

Zia Senior Citizens Christmas dinner at noon at the center in Carrizozo.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

—Santa Claus will visit Carrizozo at 2 p.m. at Spencer Park, weather permitting, if not Santa will be at the Carrizozo Fire Station.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 & 18**

—Ruidoso Landmark Open House, 2 to 5 p.m., 1208 Sudderth in Ruidoso, host Pat Healy. Proceeds to benefit Humane Society.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

—Christmas Cantada at 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Choir and guest singer.

## BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The rural Bookmobile will be in Lincoln County next week. The following is a schedule of stops:

### Tuesday, December 13

Corona Post Office.....12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Carrizozo - Otero Electric office.....4-6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 14

Carrizozo - Otero Electric office.....8-9 a.m.  
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe.....9:30-11 a.m. & 5:30-7 p.m.  
Fort Stanton Administration Building.....12-1:30 p.m.  
Lincoln Post Office.....2-3 p.m.  
Hondo Store.....3:30-4:30 p.m.

## Lady Grizzlies Tip-off New BB Season

The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies opened their 1994-95 season last week with games against New Mexico Military Institute and Tularosa.

The Grizzlies lost to NMMI 52-38 and to Tularosa 41-35. Although the Grizzlies lost both games, they showed great improvement and hustle against Tularosa.

The Grizzlies were plagued with free throw shooting problems by only connecting with 8 of 30 from the line in the Tularosa game.

"It is hard to learn new offenses and defenses and get adjusted to a new style of basketball and have it all perfected by the first of the season. They improved 100 percent from the first to the second game. These girls are very young and will show improvement the more they play and get adjusted to this system," said first year head coach Kim Gremillion.

## Carrizozo "School News"

**NMSBA State Convention:** Board of Education members from Carrizozo Municipal Schools, Gary Hightower and Jody Ventura and superintendent, Dr. Elna Stowe, recently joined over 300 other board members and school administrators for the state convention, hosted by the New Mexico School Boards Association held in Albuquerque, Dec. 2-3.

The theme for the 1994 convention was "Education's Future, Rethinking - Restructuring - Reshaping."

The Carrizozo Music Department will present their first annual Rejoice concert, a Christmas musical festival, on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the high school old gym.

Musical director and conductor Nate Kruse will present this musical festival utilizing all of the school's musical groups. The program will begin with the kindergarten and 1st grade classes singing carols, followed by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades presenting "An All-American Christmas," a mini-musical.

The beginning band will play two carols, and the middle school band will bring a conclusion to the concert by performing three Christmas classics. There is no charge.

Dec. 1 the Carrizozo middle school band was visited by Eric Rombach, the director of bands at the University of

New Mexico in Albuquerque. Professor Rombach observed and worked with band director Nate Kruse to bring about a better sense of musicality with the band students in preparation for their Christmas concert on Dec. 13.

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# THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## Christmas Traditions

By Ruth Hammond

Christmas is two weeks from Sunday. There are those of you who have your cards in the mail, shopping is almost complete, and packages to far away places were sent long ago. Then there are others who wait until the last day to begin to look for the "perfect gift" for that special someone.

Christmas traditions are usually something we learn at an early age and each of us has a memory of one special Christmas that was different from all the others. Maybe it was because of an exceptional gift, maybe it was because of where you were or who was there, and maybe it was because of unusual events.

Many families set aside a particular date to decorate the tree and take it down. My parents would wait until December 16 to buy a tree and it was decorated by the 18th. We enjoyed it for two weeks and on New Year's Day it came down.

Then one year my folks habit of waiting until December 16 to buy a tree was changed. It was Sunday, December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The next day, on December 8, President Franklin D. Roosevelt made his famous "Day of Infamy" speech and the United States was at war.

My mother told me about some of the things that happened that year and I had to rely on her stories because I was too young to remember. Mother said that after President Roosevelt made his speech she decided maybe she should go buy a tree while there would be a good selection. We were living in Wichita, Kansas, not nearly as large then as it is now, but it was large.

Early on December 9 when mother went to the local grocery store the trees were already gone. Evidently everyone else had the same idea and got to the store before mother did. She was determined we would have a tree and began walking from store to store all across town. The only thing she could find late that evening was a limb that someone had cut off the bottom of a big tree. Mother brought that limb home to be our Christmas tree.

Adults look at things differently than children do. My folks were disappointed and thought my brother and I would not like the sparse limb that we called a tree. It surprised them both when my brother and I said it was the prettiest tree ever.

There were not as many gifts that year, but we were happy. It was Christmas and as children we knew it was the greatest day of the year. We laughed and sang Christmas carols. We asked each day how long it was until Christmas. We shook packages and tried to guess what treasures were inside. We hoped for snow, because we believed it had to snow for it to be Christmas. And my brother and I enjoyed our little Christmas tree.

Mother said my brother and I were as happy with that tree as if it was as tall as the ceiling. It was our view of that tree and the entire Christmas holiday that year that helped my folks appreciate the small things. They knew that a war meant it could be a long time before we would be able to return to our normal Christmas traditions, as well as our normal way of life. That little limb that became our Christmas tree was a joy.

Christmas joy is what the season is all about. We should be thankful we are not in another war and that we don't have to worry about family and friends being halfway across the world fighting to preserve our nation and our way of life.

Christmas joy should be shared with family and friends. It is the very essence of this wonderful season and should be enjoyed as a time for togetherness, whether it is while you are wrapping packages or decorating the tree or sending cards. Traditions are started while you do these things together as a family.

We should all treasure our Christmas traditions and make an effort to pass them on to our children and grandchildren. We need to look at things through a child's eye and see the beauty.

*Christmas Is For Everyone!*



## THE OTHER SIDE

As those of you who still enjoy the ability of recollection will remember, a few weeks ago I commented about my acquisition of a new printer, taking me out of the stone age and into the glorious use of modern technology. "Well," my brother commented, "Until you do something about that antiquated computer you have hooked your new toy to, you will only have a new telescopic sight on your Clovis Point." But if I buy a new computer, my secretary will need a new wardrobe. Is there no end to progress?

I noticed that the budget for the new nudie movie contained a considerably larger amount of money allocated to make-up than to wardrobe.

Did you hear about the woman who had cataract surgery and divorced her husband? Apparently what she couldn't see was better than what she did when she could. Can you imagine going from ignorant bliss to stark reality in one unblinking stroke of a scalpel?

Success can be found in winning the lottery, paying off all your debts and still having enough left to buy another ticket.

"I hereby grant you three wishes," said the genie. "What is your pleasure, Sir Fauntleroy?"

"I wish I knew," replied the astonished recipient.

"Thank you," said the genie. "Now you have two wishes left."

"Oh God, I wish I could keep my mouth shut."

"Granted." "Now what is your third wish?"

"I lose more recipients that way," muttered the genie under his breath. "I guess I shouldn't take their comments so literally."

Whereupon the donee scribbled out a message on his sleeve, to wit: "My third wish is that the prior two wishes be erased and we start over on this exercise."

When he handed it to the genie, the genie replied, "I'm so sorry, but I am an old time genie who never learned to read."

In a last attempt, our hero scribbled something on his other sleeve and grabbed a passerby and shoved his wrist in front of the startled traveler's eyes. The transient screamed, "Help, I'm being mugged by an idiot with 'I wish my genie could read' written on his sleeve."

Whereupon the genie said, "I wish I could retire from this business," and vanished in a puff of smoke.

And further whereupon, after Sir Fauntleroy escaped from the clutches of the now irate pedestrian, nothing more was said.

(Is it really Christmas already?)

Did you hear about the Christmas when Santa didn't get there because he had spent all his traveling money?

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## Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE**--We're still having trouble with misleading constitutional amendments.

On Dec. 23 the state Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether the ballot language of Constitutional Amendment #8 was sufficient misleading that the amendment's passage should be invalidated.

The action was brought by Albuquerque lawmakers George Buffett and Bob Hawk alleging that the constitutional amendment permitting lottery and video gaming tied together two separate issues that can't be combined in the same question.

But that isn't the only possibly misleading amendment that we passed.

Constitutional Amendment #3 said it would "add a student member to the boards of regents of each public institution of higher education."

But the body of the amendment spells out a process that doesn't ADD a student member, it REPLACES a non-student member with a student member the next time a vacancy occurs.

That may be a small technicality but on a board of only five members, it could have a more significant effect than it might appear.

This oversight was explained to me in a letter from Terry Camp, an employee of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. The letter was mailed on Oct. 22 and I would have explained the misleading situation to you prior to the election, except that the U.S. government's "snail mail" didn't get Camp's letter to me until now.

Camp notes that boards of regents are constitutionally required to be politically balanced. No more than three may be from the same political party. This means that the boards can easily be split along party or ideological lines, creating the potential for a student becoming a very important swing vote.

Camp is correct. And his concern was not identified in the arguments for and against each constitutional amendment in a document that is published every two years by the Legislative Council Service to help guide voters in their deliberations about proposed amendments.

Camp's point becomes even more crucial now that the governor's office has changed hands from one party to another. And it's a point that wasn't lost, by the way, on

student leaders at some of the state's higher education institutions.

Two positions will be open on most university boards of regents very soon, and Governor Gary Johnson obviously will want to switch the balance of power on those boards from Democrat to Republican. That means both appointees may be Republican, which could be a further limitation on the student appointments.

Since terms of regents are for six years, those positions that will soon be opening are ones that were last filled during the term of former Gov. Garrey Carruthers. That means there may be some Carruthers appointees, whom Johnson, also a Republican, might want to reappoint.

But he can't. Because he has to appoint a student member to every board at his first opportunity.

Student leaders from campuses around the state aren't letting any of this confusion

keep them from organizing to work for the best possible implementation of the new constitutional provision.

The Associated Students of New Mexico, a longstanding group of student body leaders from around the state, has met and discussed how the amendment can best be put into practice. It appears that interested students will be asked to submit letters stating their intent to apply for a regent position. Student body leaders at each institution will then invite the interested applicants for an interview and then make recommendations to the university president.

It appears that voters felt sufficient confidence in today's students to want to give them the opportunity to serve on the boards that govern their institutions.

If so, that's commendable. But it may produce a bigger change than we'd bargained for.

## Lincoln County Bird Watchers Organize

A group of local residents met Nov. 30 to form a birdwatchers group which will be called Lincoln County Bird Club. The purpose of the club is to provide activities for people interested in birds, nature or the out-of-doors. Future field trips and programs are planned and meetings will be called for the sharing of ideas and the exchange of information.

Birdwatching has become a favorite pastime for thousands of people from novice to expert levels. This past November saw over 12,000 people enjoy the Festival of the Cranes at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge near Socorro. This annual event attracts nature enthusiasts and photographers from all over the world.

Lincoln County has a rich diversity of bird species which are permanent residents or pass through during migration. A variety of habitats makes our area attractive to species ranging from hummingbirds to eagles. A valuable project for the club will be the creation of an up-to-date list of bird species sighted in Lincoln County, their preferred habitat and what season they may be sighted.

Two events were scheduled at the meeting. The first is a field trip on Dec. 17 at 9:00

A.M. at Grindstone Reservoir and is open to the public. Binoculars, spotting scopes and identification guide books will be shared to insure that beginning birdwatchers will have a worthwhile experience. This is an easy walk, but it is suggested to dress warmly and bring a snack or hot drink. For those interested, the second part of the trip will be a carpool to Bonita Lake in hopes of seeing wintering bald eagles. For further information, please call 257-5352.

The second will be an evening meeting planned for Wed., Jan. 18 at 7:00 p.m. Larry Cordova, District Wildlife Biologist of the Lincoln National Forest, will present a program relating to local wildlife. More information will be announced at a later date.

## LETTERS to the editor

**EDITOR**--Regarding the feature article in the November 17, 1994 edition of the *News* by Doris Cherry in which she noted the Lincoln County residents demand responsible local government, it is suggested that those residents and their elected local officials budget some time to acquiring and reviewing copies of a 600-page epistle (Document) prepared, published and released early in November by the BLM's Roswell District Office and published in the *Federal Register* by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on November 4, 1994.

That Document, entitled Roswell & Carlsbad Area Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), prepared with assistance from both the referenced EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) prescribes, in great detail, how those federal entities will circumvent, by regulations and policies, the U.S. Constitution, Congress, local governments, and the residents in southeastern New Mexico to collectivize (read communize) and to vest sole authority in the central government bureaucracy over the use of essentially all the lands as well as over the social and economic well-being and Constitutional rights of the American people who live within that area. (See Document, Chapter 4, P 4-68).

While the Document cleverly avoids dialogue which might be perceived to imply the federal entities' plans and goals would or might adversely impact or encroach upon the rights of private property owners or public land users "base properties", per se, those internally-generated policies and restrictive regulations (i.e. ESA, et al) which will be implemented certainly will. (See Document, Chapter 2, P 2-181). Further, a cursory review of the "Surface Ownership Map" in the folder inside the back cover of the subject Document reveals that the privately owned properties in the area are isolated within and therefore will be hostage to and adversely affected by the implementation of such lofty goals as the "reintroduction and protection of Special Status Species (listed/endangered)" and the "conservation and protection of their current or potential habitat".

In short, this locally published Document seeks to achieve the same goals by regulations as the newer, revised Rangeland Reform '98 package which was rejected by Congress sought and seeks to do. Of course, unless the people or their elected local officials have the "guts" to protect their rights instead of letting "someone else, somewhere else" (*The News*, January 7, 1993) assume their responsibilities for

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## For the Love of Gregory

by Joann Rice

**Editor's Note:** This column relates a five-year-old's conversations with his grandmother.

### Here Piggy, Piggy

Thursday, Gregory flopped down in the chair and leaned his head back, his arms over his eyes. I knew it was going to be the usual kind of day.

"What's up," I asked.  
"Oh brother! What a mis'ble day I've had," he said.

"Why don't you tell me about it. Not that I have to ask."

"Well first wuz kindly garden. An' you know how that always freaks me out. It wuz 'specially turrible today. I don't think I can go on." He sat up a peered at me. "I ask you, Queen Mother, how many times do you have to write the ABC's before you lose your mind? Eberday, same ol' thing. - write the ABC's. I tell ya, I'm habin' nightmares about 'em. Las' night they wuz all over in my sleepin' head. An' then I got up this 'mornin' and guess whut?"

"How many guesses do I get," I asked.

"Never min', Queen Mother, I'll tell you. When I went to eat my bre'fus, there wuz ABC's in my cereal bowl. They jus' floated 'round starin' at me. I couldn't choke down a bite. An' then... your not gonna' beliebe this."

"Probably not. But do go on."

"At lunch, in my soup, ABC's. He buried his head in his hands. 'I simply can't stand anymore, I tell ya!'"

"Be strong, Gregory, you can take it. All through history lesser men than you have said 'I can't take anymore'. But they reached down into their inner self and pulled, seemin'ly from nowhere, a few more ounces of strength. And they ..."

"Can it, Queen Mother! I get the point."

"Sorry," I said, "sometimes I get carried away. It won't happen again."

"Anyways," he said, "after an already turrible day, when I got home, I had a arg'ment with Mom."

"About what, Gregory?"

"Well, the pig a course."

"What pig?"

"That's jus' whut Mom said when I tol' her whut I wuz

gonna name my pig. I tol' her I wuz gonna name it Oscar or George or ..."

"Hold it! What pig?"

"See! Ya soun' like Mom, again. There's this kid in my school that has a mama pig, an' she had four little baby pigs. He said he would give me one if I would come get it. Mom said I can't habe it. So," he shrugged matter of factly, "I'll keep it here. So come on. Let's go get it."

"You know what, Gregory. I just felt another hair turn grey."

"Well, Queen Mother, you can't afford that. You got 'nough of 'em already. So I take it there's not gonna be any pig."

"You got that right," I said.

"Oh brother," he sighed.

"Life stinks like canal water. I can't habe a pig, or a donkey, or eben a little ol' giraffe. Whut can I habe thats funner?"

"You got me. And thats, as funner as it gets."

He sat for a minute pondering, then said, "I'm glad I got you Queen Mother. An' I think I'll jus' kiss you all ober your face?"

## BLM Extends Deadline For RMP Review

The Bureau of Land Management is extending the deadline for public comments for the combined Draft Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the Draft Carlsbad RMP Amendment for Oil and Gas to March 1, 1995.

Copies of the plans are available for review at all public libraries in southeast New Mexico. Copies may also be obtained by calling the Roswell Resource Area Office at 505-624-1790 or the Carlsbad Resource Area Office at 505-887-6544. Comments about the Draft Roswell RMP and the Draft Carlsbad RMP Amendment should be sent to Resource Management Plan, Bureau of Land Management, 1717 W. 2nd, Roswell, NM 88201 and postmarked no later than March 1, 1995.

## Letters To The Editor

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them, there can be little, if any doubt what the outcome will be. The BLM had representatives at that meeting and obviously that agency, perceiving the local government's expressed lack of resolve to protect the rights of its' citizens, seized and has maintained the initiative. The subject Document speaks to that.

Unfortunately, in the absence of any indications that the local government will or may act responsibly or fulfill its mandates to the county's citizens to protect and defend their rights against federal encroachment, they — like the writer — can bear the risks and costs of litigating the government and protecting their own rights or, in the alternative, accept whatever "big brother" decides may be, from time to time and in its sole judgement, an acceptable lifestyle and standard of living for them to enjoy...at its' expense.

Thank you for your time and the consideration you will give in reviewing this matter with me.

**NORBERT D. McINTYRE,**  
Hondo.

During the last full week in October, the Lincoln County Division of the NM State Public Health Department and the Lincoln County Medical Center again joined forces to sponsor a series of Health Fairs for Lincoln County residents.

More than 1000 citizens participated in health fairs in Ruidoso, Carrizozo, San Patricio, Lincoln and Capitán. We are pleased with the opportunity to work in cooperation to help improve the wellness of our communities.

The staff of LCMC and Lincoln County Public Health want to thank the following for their assistance on the Health Fairs:

- Ruidoso Convention and Civic Event Center
- Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap
- San Patricio Senior Citizens Center
- Capitan Schools
- Carrizozo Schools
- Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center
- The members of The Altman Club of Ruidoso, Inc.
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There are others who helped, including our own employees and to each of them and those of our citizens concerned enough about their health to participate. Thanks for caring!!!!

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# CAPITAN NOTES

BY MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from my house by the side of the road to your house.

Hope all of you folks had a Happy Thanksgiving and you did not add too much extra eating to your regular fare. Of course, it's not easy to hold down the calorie intake, especially with all the juicy, extra goodies that are placed in front of us. Then more of the

same facing us this month at Christmas time. But the positives should outweigh the negatives, so enjoy. Remember—we only live once.

And speaking of Thanksgiving, Ed and Bea Payton just returned to Capitan from Taos, where they spent Thanksgiving with Bea's daughter Sue, her husband Michael, their 13-year-old daughter Erin and their six year old son Clay. While in Taos, they toured the beautiful new hospital facility which is to have it's grand opening Dec. 8. The hospital is very beautiful and is all decorated in a Southwest motif. Their daughter Sue is the assistant administrator of as well as director of nurses at this beautiful new edifice. Congratulations to your daughter and thanks for sharing this news with us as well as your comings and your goings, which we are all interested in.

And speaking of visiting away from Capitan on Thanksgiving Day, our busy Elaine Beaudy just returned from a wonderful three weeks with her son and daughter in the state of Washington. Elaine's son, Rod, Roe and family live near Woodinville-Duvall, which is in the Seattle area. Rod's family consists of his wife Marcie, a beautiful eight year old daughter and twin boys that are just 'two' and as Elaine relates, they are just that, too, too, too. She also went cross country skiing at Mt. Rainier on Thanksgiving. She then visited her daughter Rebecca Throop, her

husband Lenny and their two boys Randy and Adam. She did some Christmas shopping at several Arts and Crafts Boutiques as well as being the guest "grandmother" at her grandchildren's school. I take it the twins are not quite ready for school, right Elaine? Glad you had a great time, but glad to have you back home in Capitan where you belong.

Last week, if you remember, I submitted the poem "The Gate" written by Ila Mae Payne of San Angelo, Texas, and who lived on a ranch close to El Capitan Mountain for a while before moving with her husband to their present home in San Angelo. It is a beautiful poem and am sure it expresses a lot of the same feelings that all of us feel about El Capitan.

In the shrouded, purple distance  
Far across the prairie land  
Looming as from out of nowhere  
Soon a misty, mountain stands.

Through the ages he has been there  
Like a Captain in command,  
All the Natives love and fear him,  
Hence the name, El Capitan.

In my youth I gazed and wondered  
As the distant thunders rolled  
What forgotten untold mysteries  
Might that vast mountain hold.

On my wedding day I saw him  
Like a winter wonderland  
And I marvelled at the beauty  
Of the great El Capitan.

On a cloudy, cold September  
Though we raced we hardly won,  
For the cry we heard at midnight  
Was our firstborn baby son.

On the glad and happy morning  
When I kissed his tiny

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**CORRIENTE COWBELLES** Ruth Shannon (left) and Beverly Payne (right) present Jesse Lee Wright a first place prize of \$30 for her poster promoting beef. Wright is a seventh grader at Capitan Middle School. Her poster was entered in the state CowBelles poster contest, held during the New Mexico Cattle Growers and CowBelles Convention in Albuquerque December 3-4. Capitan 8th grader Nick Pacheco and 7th grader Brandon Beavers received second and third place prizes from the Corriente CowBelles for their posters, which carried the theme "Best in the West Nutritious Beef." 39 students made posters for the contest.

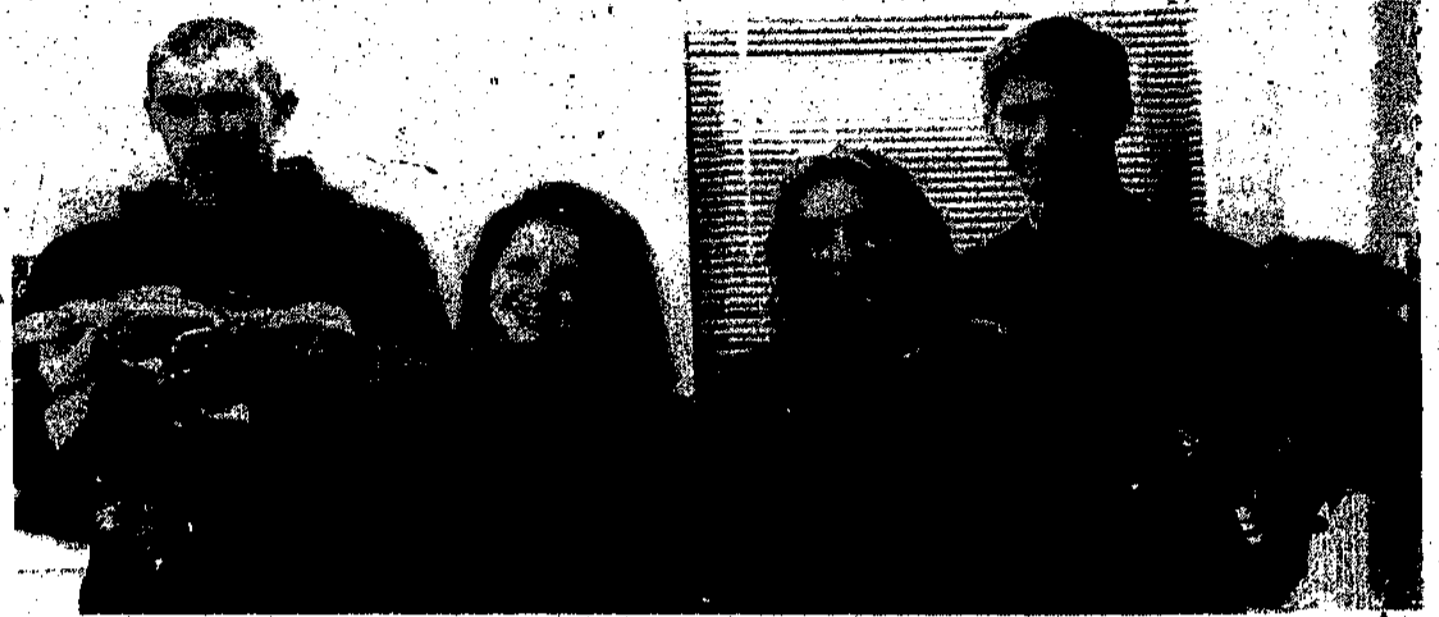
## Capitan Chamber To Judge Lighting Contest In 2 Weeks

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce met Dec. 5 and made final arrangements for judging the Christmas lighting and decorating contest after dark on Friday, Dec. 23. Two prizes will be awarded, \$50 for the residential winner and \$50 for the business winner. The prizes will be gift certificates which must be spent in Capitan.

It was announced the street Christmas decorations were installed by Otero County Electric Cooperative crews on Nov. 30. The decorations are owned by the chamber.

There will be no bingo Thursday, Dec. 22 but players are encouraged to be prepared for bingo on Dec. 29.

The next chamber meeting will be held Feb. 6 as there will be no meeting in January. The February meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the chamber building on 2nd St.



**CAPITAN MUSIC BOOSTERS** (from left) Gabe McGarvey, Andra Fish, Jamie Mehling and Nathan Long, both show off some of the many poinsettia plants they are selling to earn money toward the departments "big trip" to California in the spring. The music department goes on a "big trip" every four years as a reward for the students' hard work.

hand,  
Like a proud and anxious father  
Smiled the giant El Capitan.

Through the summers cooling showers  
Or thru winters gloomy storm  
Tiny creatures find their haven  
In his giant outstretched arms.

And he offers his protection,  
As to creatures, so to man;  
Never asking or expecting -  
Tried and true, El Capitan.

When the forest fires were raging  
Filling every heart with fright,  
Little baby Smokey's mother  
Left him crying thru the night.

When the smoke-cloud came rolling  
Out across the grassy land  
Then I knelt and asked protection  
For our friend El Capitan.

And that aspen, pine and grasses  
Soon would make him green again  
Also asked God grant the favor  
I should stay in his domain.

That prayer went unanswered  
Yet I know he proudly stands  
For in dreams he often beckons  
And I see El Capitan.

Time has added to the mysteries  
Or to some it may seem so,  
But I understand more fully  
Why he smiled so long ago.

And when in my darkest hours  
I may feel I have no friend,  
In the whispering winds -- a promise:  
There is still El Capitan.  
And thank you Ila Mae for sharing this most beautiful poem, which is certainly a tribute to our beautiful and lofty El Capitan.  
Also hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, even

though you could not view the beautiful mountain except in your thoughts and we all wish you and yours a very, Merry Christmas and a most exceptional New Year.

Values and things of the past can shape our lives today and enrich all of our private pleasures and now with the holidays fast approaching, this is the most fitting time of all to look into our hearts and see if we like what we see.

This should be a giving time as well as a taking time so this is a most appropriate time to find things to give. Our Village Hall is the drop-off center for things for Santa Cops to distribute. Also it is the place for those that are in need to sign an application so they will not be overlooked. They are asking donations of toys, especially "new" toys for the children and warm clothing in good condition for adults and children. And if you are generous, then your own Christmas will be happier and merrier. Remember the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

I think I have become a railroad terminal for a one-track mind. I lose everything. I cannot remember a dog-gone thing. I stand at the foot of my stairs and can't remember if I am on my way

upstairs for something or have just come downstairs. Just received a circular through the mail the other day and it was addressed to Maureen T. Sullivan or Current Resident and at first

## Capitan Schools Christmas Music Programs Slated

Capitan Elementary School will present its annual Christmas Musical at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, in the multipurpose building. The program will be performed by students in grades K-3. Capitan Elementary Odyssey of the Mind will hold a fundraiser before and after the program, in the cafeteria area.

Capitan High School Music Department presents its annual Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15, in the multipurpose building. The band and choir will perform traditional Christmas arrangements and other season favorites. Admission will be \$2 adults and \$1 for students. Capitan Music Department will hold a fundraiser before and after the concert.

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on lottery tickets? Prancer ran out of gas on the tarmac and Blitzen blew a shoe on the way to Spokane. There is a lot more to this story, but the better part of discretion would be served by avoiding direct quotes from Mrs. Santa when the vultures repossessed her TV set after Santa's number came up short. And she was heard to say as he flew out of sight, " \*&%@ and take those stinking reindeer with you!" (No, dear. His number coming up short was a direct result of his missus missing two episodes of Oprah while the Great Television Rescue was in progress. And I don't think he won the lottery, either.)

And she got the property and he got the business, but neither were happy with the elf visitation schedule. But not to worry, everything is set for his visit this year. He squandered his second alimony payment on another lottery ticket and after she allowed a 10 million dollar bonanza therefrom to compromise her principles, everything is back in order. Besides, she still thought a lot of the little furball, and had hopes she could yet succeed in getting him to throw out that odoriferous pipe.

And Santa's reaction was to borrow a phrase from Charles Dickens. "Bah, humbug!", he said as he slid down the chimney and back into the bliss of his restored domesticity. (As you know, he never was much for doors.)

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**NATURE'S WAY**  
 "What goes on in the world around us"  
 by TONY GENNARO  
 Professor of Biology at Eastern NM University and Director of the Natural History Museum

**Animal Coloration Is Protection**

Mammalian pelage coloration, or color of their fur, plays one of two roles, depending on whether or not the animal is a predator or prey. In either case, the name of the game is to hide, either from a predator if the animal is prey or from the prey if the animal is a predator. For example, a small mouse on the desert uses pelage coloration to hide from a predator. In contrast, a tiger in tropical areas uses pelage coloration to hide from prey, but only long enough to capture it.

Pelage coloration of predators or prey may blend in with environmental colors. Color in this case is for concealment, and the animal is said to be camouflaged. Examples include the tan fur with white spotting on such prey as deer fawns, and the colorations of many predators, including stripes on tigers, spots on leopards, and the white coloration of polar bears.

Disruptive coloration is the name applied to pelage colors when they break up the outline of an animal. The zebra is an excellent example of this. Black and white stripes on the zebra seem to break the outline of its horse-like shape and consequently decreases the chances of it being detected by predators. This effect can be quite beneficial to a zebra standing on the edge of the horizon in full view of an African lion. Stripes also break the outline of tails of raccoons and ringtail cats. They both depend on their tails for balance as they climb trees and rocks in pursuit of prey. And, if the outline of this tail were not striped, its visual appearance would probably act as a warning device to prey. Also, stripes on the face of a badger may break the outline of badger's head and thus enable it to approach prey close enough for a capture.

Skunks, on the other hand, benefit from their contrasting black and white coloration in another way. It is an advantage for skunks to advertize themselves, either to allow opponents to form an association between skunk odors and skunk colors or to be recognized by animals that have already made that association. Finally, in some species, the function of pelage coloration is countershading. In this case, animals are darker on their top side than they are on their belly. Light from the sun or moon brightens the dark color on top of the animal, and at the same time, the absence of light on the shadowed underside of the animal causes that area to darken. The result is that the animal ends up with an even shade from top to bottom, and it blends in with the surrounding environment. Examples include rodents, squirrels, and rabbits. In contrast to countershading, certain species of rodents have the same shade of color on their top and bottom. These include those species that are not exposed to sunlight and moonlight. Examples are voles and lemmings which commonly remain in tunnels formed in the grass and house mice and rats which remain in dwellings.

**Mail Order Foods Safety Guidelines**

By Betty McCreight  
 LINCOLN COUNTY HOME ECONOMIST

If you are purchasing include mail-order foods, you should know some food safety guidelines whether you're buying, receiving or sending the items.

If you are purchasing the food for mailing check with the seller on how the gift is packaged. It should be packed in foam or heavy corrugated cardboard. If it's a perishable item like meat or poultry, it should be cold or frozen and packed with a cold source.

When talking to the company representative, these tips will help ensure that when your package arrives, it will be safe to eat:

**Request Speedy Delivery** - Ask the company how the food will be mailed. If it's a perishable item, it should be delivered as quickly as possible - ideally, overnight. Make sure perishable items and the outer package are labeled "KEEP REFRIGERATED" to alert the recipient.

**Make Sure Storage and Preparation Instructions are Included** - Ask if the food item will include storage and preparation instructions. Some mail order food gift items are unusual, and some consumers may not know how to handle or prepare them.

**Arrange Delivery Date** - Tell the recipient if the company has promised a delivery date. Or alert the recipient that "the gift is in the mail" so they or a neighbor can be home to receive it. Otherwise it may sit unsafely at the house or at the post office for hours or days. Don't have perishable item delivered to an office unless you know it will arrive on a work day and there's a refrigerator space available for keeping it cold.

If you receive a food gift, first check the temperature.

A food item marked "Keep Refrigerated," should be opened and checked immediately. Optimally, the food should arrive frozen or partially frozen with ice crystals still visible, or at least, refrigerator-cold to the touch.

If perishable food arrives warm, notify the company if you think you deserve a refund. Do not consume the food. It is the shipper's responsibility to deliver perishable foods on time; the customer's responsibility is to have someone at home to receive the package.

Be sure to refrigerate or freeze perishable items immediately. Even if a product is partially defrosted it is probably safe to freeze it, although there may be a slight loss of quality.

Be sure to use a sturdy box such as a heavy foam or corrugated cardboard when packing frozen food and a cold source. Fill up any empty space with crushed paper or foam "popcorn." Air space in the box will cause things to thaw faster.

Label your package clearly as "Perishable - Keep Refrigerated." Also, arrange a delivery date with the recipient and ship your package by overnight delivery.

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**Capitan Tigers Basketball Schedule**

Capitan basketball teams will be on the road this week. December 8-10, the varsity Tigers boys will play in the Floyd Tournament, in Floyd. The varsity and junior varsity girls will play in Hot Springs, starting at 4 p.m. on December 9. The varsity and JV girls will travel to Tatum on Saturday, December 10. Those games begin at 5 p.m.

On December 16, the Tigers varsity and JV boys and varsity girls will play in Carrizozo, games began at 4:30 p.m.

The Capitan Junior High Basketball 8th grade boys and girls teams play Carrizozo today, December 8, at 4:30 p.m. at home. The junior high teams will take a break for Christmas, and will resume play again on Jan. 10 when the 8th grade girls and boys play Carrizozo in Carrizozo at 4:30 p.m.

**Ruidoso Landmark Open House Set For Humane Society**

The Humane Society in Ruidoso will sponsor an Open House December 17 and 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Landmark, 1208 Suddeth, Pat Healy will host the event.

Admission will be charged with the proceeds to benefit the Humane Society.

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**"Church Directory"**

**First Baptist Church**  
 HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
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 Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
 Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
 Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
 JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
 Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
 Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
 FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
 213 Birch, 648-2853  
 SATURDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
 C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm  
 SUNDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
 C'zozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
 Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
 PAUL WETZEL, minister  
 Ave. C at 12th, 648-2996  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
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 Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
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**United Methodist Churches**  
 TOMMY JARED, pastor  
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 1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2846  
 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
 Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
 United Methodist Men Breakfast  
 2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am  
 United Methodist Women Every  
 3rd Wednesday..... 9:30 am  
 Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
 ..... 12:30 pm

**CAPITAN**  
 Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
 Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
 Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
 Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
 Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
 Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
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 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

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 Sunday..... 2:30 pm

**Nogal Presbyterian Church**  
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 Adult Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am

**Community United Presbyterian Church of Ancho**  
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 Sunday Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am

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# 49 Local Students Included In Who's Who Publication

A total of 49 students from Lincoln County are included in the 28th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1993-94.

*Who's Who*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated

by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 28th edition of *Who's Who*, published in 18 regional volumes, features approximately 720,000 students or just 6% of the nation's 12,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

*Who's Who* students also compete for \$150,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected include:

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Jenny Ames, Monique J. Ramos and Jacob D. Provencio.

## OBITUARY

### CLAUDE HAWKINS

Claude Hawkins died in Somerville, Texas on Dec. 2nd. Burial will be in Arkansas.

Claude was born in White Oaks on Sept. 27, 1914. He grew up in this area, where he lived until World War II came along. He enlisted in the Army and served four years with an engineering division. After the war Claude took up residency in North West Arkansas when he lived until 1987 when he moved to South Texas.

Claude is survived by a brother Tommy, and two sisters, Louola Heshest of Freeport, Texas, and Allie Snodgrass of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Besides these survivors Claude has five step-children who all live in Arkansas except Rocky who lives in Freeport, Texas. Claude has several nieces and nephews also, besides a host of friends.

# Sheriff's Report

Lincoln County was quiet last week, reported Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane. Wet weather on Monday led to several minor accidents. Motorists are advised to slow down when weather conditions are wet, slippery, icy, snowy and/or foggy.

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

### November 26:

A felony larceny was reported in the Alto area. The calling party reported a theft which has occurred within the last two hours. A deputy was assigned.

### November 28:

6:02 p.m. a battery was reported in the Ruidoso Downs area. Ruidoso Downs Police advised of the battery between a 13 year old and a 17 year old last Wednesday. The calling party advised the victim's mother said she spoke with the Juvenile Probation Officer who advised she contact the sheriff's office. The assigned deputy advised that a complaint be signed by the mother before the judge the next day. The deputy later advised he took a report.

### November 29:

1:07 a.m. Lincoln County Medical Center was attempting to locate a subject in the White Oaks area to give an emergency message.

11:23 a.m. an ambulance was requested for a 50 year old woman who fell. Fort Stanton ambulance responded.

An accident without injuries was reported at mile marker 283 in Hondo. A deputy was to make a report about the accident with minor damage.

A door was reported open on a residence in the Cedar Creek area. The responding deputy checked the residence and tried to contact the owner. The deputy advised the residence was secure and did not appear that anything was missing.

### November 30:

An accident without injuries was reported on Highway 70 near Fox Cave. A subject had run the caller off the road, almost, and the vehicle went

over guard rail. The accident was dispatched as having injuries, but the subject was okay. A deputy and New Mexico State Police responded.

### December 1:

A deputy advised of a case of possession of drug paraphernalia.

### December 2:

8:08 a.m. a convenience store in Alto reported a gas skip. A subject, who appeared to be drunk, had presented a gas credit card, but refused to sign the credit card slip, after the store employee refused to sell him booze. At 2:58 p.m. the subject, even drunker, was back at the store trying to buy liquor. The subject threatened to shoot the clerk. A deputy responded.

11:37 a.m. a fire was reported behind the Lincoln Fire Station. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority truck had picked up some ashes which were smoldering. The driver ended up unloading the trash to put out the fire.

2:58 p.m. threats were reported at the convenience store in Alto. The subject came back to buy booze, but the clerk again refused him. The subject said he was going to get a gun and shoot the clerk. At 3:39 p.m. the responding deputy was headed to the county substation in Ruidoso to fill out a criminal complaint, then he would arrest the subject.

5:56 p.m. a larceny over \$100 was reported on Sierra Drive. The responding deputy took a report. The suspect was in custody of Otero County Sheriff's Office.

7:54 p.m. an accident without injuries was reported on High Mesa Drive. The calling party advised he watched the

vehicle roll on to its top. No medical units were needed, or requested.

### December 3:

1:07 a.m. an overdose was reported in the Hondo area. A deputy responded to a 911 call about the overdose. At 1:24 a.m. the deputy called to cancel the call for emergency medical assistance and ambulance.

9:25 a.m. a resident on I Ave. in Carrizozo reported a small dog with a flea collar only was at the residence since the day before, and the resident wanted the dog picked up. Carrizozo police responded.

11:10 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported on Grandview in Capitan. The calling party advised there were no injuries with the one vehicle accident, and the vehicle was still in the roadway. Capitan police and a wrecker responded.

3:04 p.m. a deputy reported having an accident at 2nd Street and the railroad in Carrizozo. The deputy advised he backed into a telephone pole with a county unit. Carrizozo police responded.

### December 4:

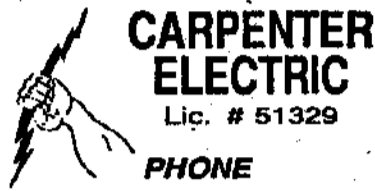
10:03 a.m. a burglary was reported at a trailer park on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs. The calling party requested a deputy for the owner of the residence, where someone broke in and stole Christmas presents and other items. A deputy responded.

10:20 a.m. criminal damage to property, a cut highway fence, was reported at a garage on Highway 380, west of Capitan. The damage occurred the night before. Capitan police responded.

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RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District (herein the "Board" and the "District", respectively), in the Counties of Lincoln, Torrance and Socorro and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Regular School District Election and Capital Improvements Tax Election, (herein the "Election") be held on February 7, 1995 pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that 2 positions on the Board are to be filled at such election by submitting to the qualified electors of the District the names of candidates qualified to appear on the ballot for election to the positions to be filled; and

WHEREAS, the persons who desire to fill such positions on the Board shall be required to file declaration of candidacy or declarations of intent to be a write-in candidate, all in accordance with sections 1-22-1 et. seq., NMSA 1978;

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined upon its own initiative to submit to a vote at said Election, the questions of whether or not a property tax of \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of property allocated to the District under the Property Tax Code should be imposed for the property tax years of 1995, 1996, and 1997 for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by Section 22-25-3, NMSA 1978;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF LINCOLN, TORRANCE AND SOCORRO AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 7th day of February, 1995, there will be held in the Corona Municipal School District, Lincoln, Torrance and Socorro Counties, New Mexico, a regular school district election for the purpose of submitting the names of candidates for the two positions to be filled on the Board to the respective qualified electors of the District and for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of whether or not a property tax should be imposed for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

Section 2. The Precinct Polling Places for this Election and their corresponding voting districts are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Voting District, General Election Precinct, Polling Place. Row 1: 1, 1, 2A & 3, Village Hall, Corona, New Mexico

In addition, there will be an Absentee Voter District established as described in Section 11 herein.

Section 3. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 4. At such Election, the following at-large positions on the Board shall be filled by the qualified electors of the District, to-wit:

Table with 4 columns: Ballot Position, School Board Positions, Length of Term, Starting Date. Row 1: 1, 1, four years, March 1, 1995. Row 2: 2, 4, four years, March 1, 1995

Section 5. A declaration of candidacy for membership on the Board to be filled at the Election shall be filed with the County Clerk of Lincoln, the proper filing officer, during the period commencing at 9:00 a.m., December 20, 1994, being the third Tuesday in December, and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, pursuant to Section 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Section 6. In making declaration of candidacy, the candidates for membership on the Board shall submit a sworn statement of intent in substantially the form provided in Section 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Section 7. A person who desires to be a write-in candidate for membership on the Board at such Election shall file with the County Clerk of Lincoln, a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate before 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 1995, being the thirty-fifth day preceding the date of the Election.

Section 8. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District:

PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION "Shall the Board of Education of the Corona Municipal School District, Counties of Lincoln, Torrance and Socorro, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 1995, 1996, and 1997 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds, maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extra-curricular school activities?"

Section 9. The tax contemplated by the capital improvements tax question shall be in addition to any tax imposed to pay debt service on bonds or for any other purpose. Such capital improvements tax shall be authorized pursuant to the Public School Capital Improvements Act, i.e. Section 22-25-1 through 22-25-10, NMSA 1978.

Section 10. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election and a resident of the District on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Lincoln, Torrance and Socorro County or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 1995, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico; the office of the County Clerk of Torrance, Torrance County Courthouse, Estancia, New Mexico; the office of the Socorro County Clerk, Socorro County Courthouse, Socorro, New Mexico or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerks of Lincoln, Torrance or Socorro Counties (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln, Torrance or Socorro Counties) or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978.

Section 11. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner, authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., January 13, 1995, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., February 3, 1995, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 12. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 1994.

DANNY LUERAS, President, Board of Education. (SEAL) ATTEST: BEATRICE CHAVEZ, Secretary, Board of Education.

Published in The Lincoln County News on December 8, 1994.

RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y UNA ELECCION CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipio de Corona (en esta, "Junta" y "Distrito", respectivamente), en los Condados de Lincoln, Torrance y Socorro y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Regular del Distrito Escolar y una Eleccion con el Fin de Aprobar Impuestos para Mejoras Materiales (en esta, "Eleccion") el 7 de febrero 1995, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, que la Junta ha determinado que dos personas seran elegidas en dicha Eleccion para ocupar dos cargos por medio de presentacion del los nombres del candidatos idoneos a los votantes capacitados del Distrito con el fin de que dichos nombres aparezcan en la boleta para ser elegidos a los cargos que deben llenarse; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, que las personas que desean ocupar dichos cargos en la Junta tendran que presentar declaraciones de su candidatura o declaraciones de su intencion de ser candidato cuyos nombres el votante escriba en la boleta todo de acuerdo con las Secciones 1-22-1 et seq., de las Leyes de Nuevo Mexico Recopilacion del 1978.

Considerando que, que de acuerdo con la Seccion 22-25-3 de las Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, Recopilacion del 1978, la Junta ha determinado, y por la presente determina, que en dicha Eleccion se le debe presentar al siguiente asunto a los votantes: si se debe imponer un impuesto sobre la propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 del valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignada al Distrito de acuerdo con elCodigo del

Impuesto sobre la Propiedad para los anos tributables del 1995, 1996, y 1997, con el fin de hacer las mejoras en el Distrito.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO DE CORONA LA UNICA QUE CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN LOS CONDADOS DE LINCOLN, TORRANCE Y SOCORRO Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Seccion 1. El 7 de febrero 1995 se llevara a cabo una eleccion regular en el Distrito Escolar Municipio de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Torrance y Socorro, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentar a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito los nombres de los candidatos por las dos posiciones que llenaran en la Junta y con el fin de someterles a los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestion si se debiera imponer o no un impuesto para las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

Seccion 2. Los Precintos para la votacion para esta eleccion son los siguientes:

Table with 3 columns: Distrito Electoral, Eleccion General Num. del Precinto, Sitios De Votacion. Row 1: 1, 1, 2A y 3, Village Hall, Corona, Nuevo Mexico

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 11 mas adelante.

Seccion 3. Los Sitios de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

Seccion 4. En dicha Eleccion, las siguientes posiciones de la Junta se llevaran por los votantes habilitados del distrito, es decir:

Table with 4 columns: Posicion de la Votacion, Posicion de la Junta, Por un Plazo, Fecha de Principio. Row 1: 1, 1, de cuatro anos, el 1 de marzo, 1995. Row 2: 2, 4, de cuatro anos, el 1 de marzo, 1995

Seccion 5. Una declaracion de candidatura para ser miembro de la Junta que se llenara en la Eleccion se presentara con el (a) Escribano (a) del Condado de Lincoln, el oficial apropiado de registracion, durante el periodo comenzando a las 8:00 a.m., el 20 de diciembre, 1994, esa fecha siendo el martes temprano de diciembre, y terminando a las 5:00 p.m., el mismo dia, conforme a la Seccion 1-22-7, NMSA 1978.

Seccion 6. al declarar la candidatura, el candidato que quiere ser miembro de la Junta sometera una declaracion jurada de intenciones en la forma substancial conforme a la Seccion 1-22-8, NMSA 1978.

Seccion 7. Una persona que quiere ser miembro de la Junta por medio de ser candidato de nombre llenado por escribir en dicha Eleccion presentara con el (a) Escribano (a) del Condado de Lincoln, una declaracion de intencion de ser candidato de nombre llenado por escribir antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 3 de enero, 1995, que es el dia treinta y unico que antecede la fecha de la Eleccion.

Seccion 8. En dicha Eleccion, se presentara el siguiente asunto a la consideracion de dichos votantes habilitados del Distrito que estan registrados:

ASUNTO DEL IMPUESTO PARA MEJORAS DE ESCUELAS PUBLICAS "Si se otorga autorizacion a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipio de Corona, Condados de Lincoln, Torrance y Socorro, Estado de Nuevo Mexico, para que imponga un impuesto sobre la propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 del valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignada a dicho Distrito segun dispone elCodigo de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad durante los anos tributables del 1995, 1996, y 1997 con el fin de hacer las siguientes mejoras en el Distrito, es decir, construir, remodelar, poner adiciones, proveer equipo y amoblar edificios escolares, comprar o mejorar terrenos escolares; mantenimiento de los edificios de escuelas publicas y terrenos de escuelas publicas, incluyendo los costos de salarios de empleados del Distrito; y para la compra de vehiculos para transportar a los estudiantes a las actividades escolares extracurriculares?"

Seccion 9. Dichas mejoras para hacer las mejoras se autorizara de acuerdo a la Ley de Mejoras para las Escuelas Publicas, es decir, las Secciones 22-25-1 a 22-25-10 de las Leyes del Nuevo Mexico, Recopilacion del 1978 (que es el Capitulo 5, de las Leyes de Nuevo Mexico del 1975, Seccion Extraordinaria, segun fueron enmendadas y complementadas).

Seccion 10. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano (a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 anos de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros del (de la) Escribano (a) los Condados de Lincoln, Torrance y Socorro o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desea votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del (de la) Escribano (a) los Condados de Lincoln, Torrance y Socorro en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Estancia y Socorro respectivamente, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 10 de enero 1995, cayendo esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, o el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por el (a) Escribano (a) los Condados de Lincoln, Torrance y Socorro (quienes pueden incluir los (las) escribanos (as) municipales de todos las municipalidades los Condados de Lincoln, Torrance y Socorro) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun lo permite la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA 1978.

Seccion 11. La votacion en ausencia se permitira conforme lo prescriben las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA 1978 los electores habilitados podran votar presentandose personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano (a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m. el 13 de enero de 1995, fecha que es 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 3 de febrero de 1995 que es el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente la fecha de la Eleccion.

Seccion 12. La votacion se llevara a cabo usando maquinas electorales, salvo la votacion en ausencia la cual se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocara, por lo menos, una maquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 8 de noviembre de 1994.

DANNY LUERAS, Presidente, Junta de Educacion.

DOY FE: /s/BEATRICE CHAVEZ, Secretaria (a), Junta de Educacion. Published in The Lincoln County News on December 8, 1994.

NOTICE NOTICE is hereby given that on December 2, 1994, Innsbrook Village Country Club, 103 Innsbrook Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-82-S-2 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to supplement the following existing wells:

Table with 5 columns: WELL NO., SUBD., SEC., TWP., RGE. Row 1: H-82, SW 1/4 SW 1/4, 15, 11 S, 13 E. Row 2: H-82-S, SW 1/4 SW 1/4, 15, 11 S, 13 E

for the continued diversion of up to 11.84 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater by using existing well No. H-2373 located in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the irrigation of 3.7 acres of land located in part of the SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. Application is also being filed to correct the location of exploratory well H-2373 (to be renumbered H-82-S-2) from the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 15 to the correct location being the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 22, both in Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed in triplicate, with Eduld Martinez, State Engineer, 1500 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO PROBATE NO. 1600 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH F. FORSYTHE, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 877, Carrizozo, N.M. 88301, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County at the Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico. DATED: December 6, 1994.

DOROTHY MARTIN FORSYTHE, Personal Representative, P.O. Box 877 Carrizozo, NM 88301. Published in The Lincoln County News on December 8 and 15, 1994.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-94-188 Div. III

RAMPART CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Texas corporation, Plaintiff,

CHARLES C. WOOD and LELIA V. WOOD, husband and wife; FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, in its corporate capacity as Receiver for Texas National, formerly known as Coronado Bank of El Paso; U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, an agency of the U.S. government; and ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mexico corporation. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 22, 1994, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public vendue and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property situate in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 5, Block 13, ALTO LAKES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, Unit 4, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on December 12, 1968.

The above described property is located at 180 Broadmoor, Alto, New Mexico.

Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the Mortgages on the real property described above to satisfy the following Judgment liens: Principal and interest - 12/22/94.....\$1,003,870.70 Costs .....592.11 Special Master's fee .....200.00 Attorney fees .....5,000.00

Total .....\$1,009,662.80

In addition to the foregoing Judgment liens, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice.

This Special Master may continue the Special Master's sale scheduled December 22, 1994, so long as the Special Master or his representative appears at the designated time scheduled for the sale and announces the postponement of sale to another specific date.

WITNESS my hand on November 21, 1994. By: Nick Vega, Special Master.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Lee Griffin, LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C. 1206 Mechem Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

Published in The Lincoln County News on November 28; and December 1, 8 and 15, 1994.

LEGAL NOTICE AMENDING ORDINANCE 94-5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Capitlan will discuss Ordinance 94-7, during a public hearing on December 12, 1994 amending Ordinance 94-5 at 6:30 p.m., governing garbage, refuse and trash pickup in the Village of Capitlan. Ordinance 94-7 will be considered for adoption at 7:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DEBORAH CUMMINS, Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Village of Capitlan. CAROLIN A. COONEY, Lincoln County Manager.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will during their regular session to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 1994 at 6:00 p.m., in 1994 pursuant to Section 10-15-1 NMSA, 1978 what shall constitute reasonable notice of meetings of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees to be held during the next twelve months.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AAB Town Clerk, Town of Carrizozo. Published in The Lincoln County News on December 6, 1994.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee for five (5) members to serve on the Board. Nominations must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 28, 1994. CAROLIN A. COONEY, Lincoln County Manager. Published in The Lincoln County News on December 8, 1994.



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**LARGEST SELECTION** of Used Trucks under \$4,000.00 in Alamogordo at **WHITESANDS MOTOR CO.**, 725 S. White Sands, Alamogordo, NM 437-5221.  
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**\$500 REWARD**  
 For information leading to the arrest and conviction of party/parties responsible for the breakin at Outpost Bar and Grill on Sunday, Nov. 20 (approximately between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.). Items stolen were rolls of quarters in unmarked orange wrappers and older model Navy Colt pistol, 38 caliber, with finger grips on handle, in leather holster with initials RJ. Contact Carrizozo Police Department **648-2351** / can remain anonymous.

### NM Tech Ranks Well In College Surveys Again

New Mexico Tech in Socorro has received national recognition from several of the country's top college guidebooks, which in recent issues have ranked the state-supported university highly among the best buys in college education available in the United States.

New Mexico Tech ranked sixth among schools that specialize in science and technology in the 1995 edition of *Money Guide's Your Best College Buys Now*. The survey also listed Tech as the 13th best buy for the money in the southwest and mountain states and the 16th best public school value when in-state tuition and fees were used.

*U.S. News & World Report* also included New Mexico Tech in its *America's Best Colleges 1995 College Guide*. In the recently published guide, Tech was tied for fourth in the academic reputation rankings among the country's engineering schools.

In addition, New Mexico Tech was included in the latest issue of *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*.



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** were placed on the Lincoln County Courthouse Wednesday, with the assistance of the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department. Lighted street decorations were installed on light poles in Carrizozo by Otero County Electric Cooperative crews last week.

### Capitan Notes (Con't. from P. 6)

glance I thought it read Maureen T. Sullivan, or Coherent Resident. Now I ask you, is there a home for the bewildered in the area?

But sometimes when you least expect it, something very special happens. Last week I dashed, let me rephrase that, I walked to the post office and there were two beautiful gals in identical gorgeous red dresses and with red slippers to match who engulfed me in their arms and invited me home with them for a cuppa. There before me did appear two of my very favorite girls and two girls that assisted me when I had the style show several years back and their daughter and niece was one of my star models. They were arrayed in identical red dresses that my son Terrence had sent from Brazil. I had on a red sweater, we went out to the car and there sat Tony Otero, the mother of the girls who was also wearing a red sweater, so red was definitely the color of the day. Certainly enjoyed the coffee at El Paisano and with all the decorations, the displays of artists in the area, the "pretties" that are available and seeing again friends coming and going, what had first seemed to be a dull day, turned out to be a most entertaining and enjoyable one. It is nice to spend time with old friends and Esther, Patty and Tony are some of the very first friends I made when I came to Capitan and they haven't changed a bit. I hope I haven't either.

And so for another week, try a bit of kindness and remember if you have been hurt or mistreated by someone, that the words and actions of others should really have no power over you. So keep smiling, keep your head up and

last one to be auctioned off. Tom was spell-bound. A beautiful, huge, gray stallion was put on the auction block and the rest is history. He did not have his trailer with him, but an old friend offered his and the beautiful gray stallion has now taken up permanent residency at the corrals of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan up on top of the mountain. If any of you folks have mares that need romancing, may I suggest you contact Tom Sullivan, owner of this 'one of a kind stallion', immediately. You can get Tom at either 354-2664 or 354-2591.

And so for another week, try a bit of kindness and remember if you have been hurt or mistreated by someone, that the words and actions of others should really have no power over you. So keep smiling, keep your head up and

your heart full of good and kind thoughts toward your fellow man. See you next week, I hope and God bless you one and all.

**MAID NEEDED** at Smokey Bear Motel in Capitan. Call 354-2253 and ask for Betty.  
 tfn-Aug. 11.

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**ENCHILADA SUPPER:** Friday, Dec. 16, Carrizozo School Cafeteria, 4:30 p.m. to ??? Red and green chile, \$4 per plate. Sponsored by Class of '97.  
 1tc-Dec. 8.

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**RUIDOSO LANDMARK** Open House, 1208 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 2 to 5 p.m., Dec. 17 & 18, host Pat Healy. Admission \$5 or donation, proceeds to benefit Humane Society.  
 1tc-Dec. 8.

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**The Auction Barn**  
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 Queen Ann Drop Leaf Table, Old Cradle, Dolls, Cast Iron Pots, Small Table (Cherry Wood), Old Coins, 150-175 Glass, China & Crystal Items, Secretary's China Cabinet, 2 Bureaus, Tea Sets, China Plates, China's Platters, Milk Can, Iron Tea Kettle, Hanging Mirror, Old Tools, Duck Dolly, Hanging Lamp, & MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!  
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 tfn/May 5

**LOST MALE** basset hound, Nov. 26 on Eagle Creek Road, blue collar, Las Cruces tag. Reward. 505-470-2184.  
 2tc-Dec. 1 & 8.

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 2tc-Dec. 1 & 8.

**OBITUARY**  
**ERNEST W. BARBEE**  
 Services for Ernest W. Barbee, 88, of Ruidoso were Dec. 2 at First Baptist Church with graveside services at South Park Cemetery in Roswell. Officiating was the Rev. D. Allen Cleary.

Mr. Barbee died Nov. 29 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born July 20, 1906 in San Angelo, Texas. He served in the Merchant Marines for 13 years as a Radio Operator and delivered messages for President Roosevelt. He was a world-wide traveler. He was a lifetime member of the Elk's Lodge and a member of the

(SEE PAGE 12)

### Sheriff's Report (Con't. from P. 8)

An accident without injuries was reported on Highway 54. A calling party requested a report for the accident which occurred the day before. New Mexico State Police units were busy and requested a deputy take a report, which was done.

6:11 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported on the Highway 380 overpass in Carrizozo, near the intersection with Highway 54. The calling party advised that a subject rear-ended his vehicle, and the driver left the scene, on foot, heading toward the old power plant. Carrizozo police responded and arrested the subject.

7:18 p.m. a Carrizozo bar reported two drunk subjects in the bar who would not leave as requested. Carrizozo police advised the subjects were gone when they arrived.

### LEGALS

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 1994 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.  
**AGENDA WILL BE** posted in accordance with Resolution 94-02, Twenty-four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

**CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AE**  
 Town Clerk  
 Town of Carrizozo.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for two (2) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be involved in agricultural services, must be domiciled in Commission District No. I or No. II, and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations in writing will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 28, 1994.

**CAROLIN A. COONEY,** Lincoln County Manager.

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**NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**Property Tax Delinquent Date**

LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay their first half property taxes by **December 10, 1994**, to avoid penalties and interest.

Interest shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1978).

Pursuant to 7-38-50, if property taxes become delinquent, a penalty of one percent (1%) of the delinquent taxes for each month they remain unpaid, shall be imposed, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00).

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# CORONA NEWS

## Crown CowBelles Honor Geraldine Perkins As CowBelle Of The Year



GERALDINE PERKINS

Geraldine Perkins was honored as CowBelle of the Year at the Crown CowBelle Christmas Party on Dec. 1. The party was held at the Rasak Ranch. Geraldine was given a plaque, cake and gift (two cassette tapes of books).

On Aug. 29, 1978 Geraldine made a motion to start the Crown CowBelles, and she's been an asset to the club ever since. She is an active member and does a wonderful job as publicity chairman. Geraldine came to New Mexico in 1916 with her family. She attended four years at UNM and taught school for two years before buying the

drug store in Corona on June 4, 1929. She took a refresher course at Wooster College of Pharmacy in Wichita, KS. and in 1930 passed the state board of pharmacy exams on the first try. She was the fourth woman in New Mexico to do so. The drug store closed April 1, 1973 when she could no longer read the prescription fine print.

She still has her homestead on the mesa south of Corona in the same township as her grandfather.

She married Archie Perkins in Santa Fe Oct. 1935. She has two children, Sherrill Bradford of El Paso and Rand Perkins of Corona.

Geraldine is a charter member of the Presbyterian Church of Corona. She served on the Health Systems Agency District Board and Gov. King appointed her to the State board and then to the State Review Board where she served until the agency dissolved.

Geraldine was active in Republican party affairs and served as state vice president one year in charge of the Republican Women's Clubs.

Crown CowBelles met Thursday, Dec. 1 in the ranch home of Lanita Rasak. Wanda Duke was co-hostess. The house was beautifully decorated and exchange gifts were piled at the base of the Christmas tree. Twelve members and their guests, Cathy Yancey and Ryan Davidson, enjoyed roast of lamb, beef enchiladas, Christmas pickles, etc.

President Wanda Duke opened the meeting thanking her officers and the members. She presented each with a holiday greeting card and a refrigerator magnet. "A Christmas Prayer" by S. Omar Barker was read.

Mrs. Duke then presented Geraldine Perkins with a plaque reading "CowBelle of the Year 1994", truly a surprise and a secret kept for several months. She was given tapes "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo and "Patriot Games" by Tom Clancy.

Katie Sultemeier prepared an installation service based on the colors of the rainbow. However, she had accompanied husband, Frank Sultemeier, to Fredricksburg, TX because of an illness there and Les Sultemeier read the service with their designated color: President Wanda Duke, gold, 1st VP Loretta Proctor, blue, 2nd VP Sabra Davidson, green, Lanita Rasak, red, and Shelly Frost, white.

There followed the excitement of drawing for the quilt, won by John Mins, Albuquerque, sales manager for the Rasaks. Jerry Rasak won the second quilt for selling 500 of the total, 1,090 tickets.

Ruth Davidson won the door prize. The \$12 collected was added to the 11th month total and was to be sent to Boys and Girls Ranch as a Christmas gift.

There was a period of fun while members drew numbers for the gift exchange. Members went outside to see the exotic birds before sharing Geraldine's angel congratulations cake and coffee before adjourning this special meeting and party.

It was announced at the CowBelle meeting that a friend, Irma Hoogerhuis, had died of complications from insulin shock. She died in her sleep in her ranch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rodri-

gues, daughter, Stephanie and mother, Lena Rodriguez, Gallup, were Thanksgiving guests of the Dukes and Rasaks.

All friends are invited to the Presbyterian Church for the morning service communion and dinner, Sunday, Dec. 11, and for the Christmas Eve candle lighting service.

Lanita Rasak is a member of the American Angus Auxiliary.

Clara and Charles Porter are in the process of moving to their new home in Springtown, OK. Rhonda and Wayne Lawson have taken their place on the ranch. Rhonda is the granddaughter of Clara. The Lawsons have two children.

Theresa Barrajas is home and recuperating from an ankle broken in a fall on the ice at the bottom of her front steps.

Joanne Washburn hosted an ornament exchange party at her home Sunday afternoon. There was lively conversation and tasty refreshments including a birthday cake for Geraldine Perkins.

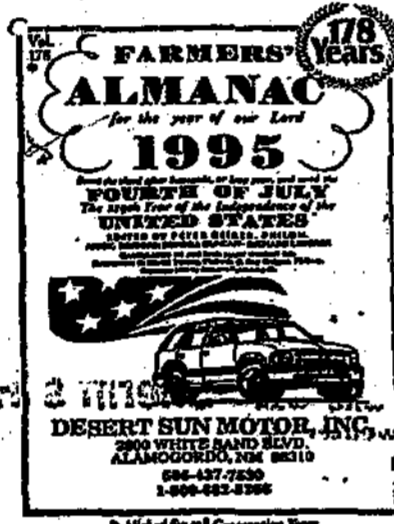
## County Health Fairs Provided Services For More Than 1,000

Lincoln County Health Fairs held Oct. 25 and 28, sponsored by the Lincoln County division of the New Mexico Public Health Department and Lincoln County Medical Center were a success according to public health nurse Theresa Luna.

More than 1,000 people attended the health fairs to take advantage of the services provided.

Luna said 1,050 flu shots were given, more than 600 people received the glucose tolerance test and cholesterol level screening as well as having their blood pressure taken. There were more than 100 people who were tested for HIV, and more than 50 people received substance abuse risk factor evaluations.

Appointments were also scheduled for breast and cervical screenings and prostate screenings.



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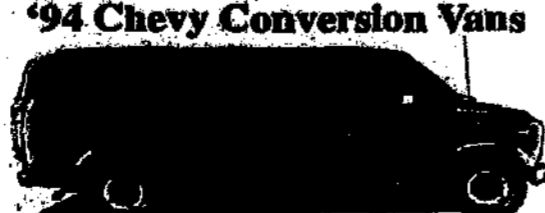


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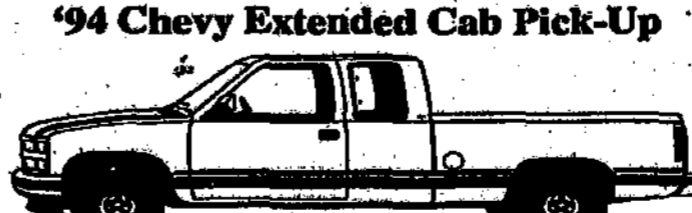
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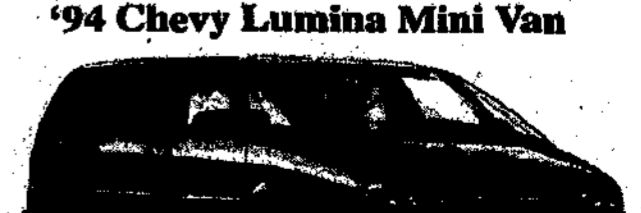
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# County Wants More . . . (Cont. from P. 1)

At the Tuesday meeting, commission chairman Monroy Montes said, "I will continue to support the rural events center as a form of economic development. I still believe in the center, and I want to give it a fair chance once we sign the papers."

With a report from the county manager that the funds are finally available from Santa Fe, the commissioners voted to authorize the encumbering of funds to purchase the Ruidoso Super Select Glance Barn and property in Glencoe. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley cast the lone no vote for the purchase. The county must first pay for the property, then the state will reimburse with the \$101,500 from the general fund and \$148,500 from severance tax funds. The county has leased the facility since June.

Cooney said the additional \$38,500 appropriated will be available for operational funds and could be used for painting, electric and heating upgrades, and for the manager's salary.

REC manager, Linda Wallace gave a brief report on the facility's use since June. The county surplus equipment auction, a large wedding reception and dance, the Cowboy Symposium (despite the weather), a Jody Nix concert and dance, and a large water meeting were among the events she listed. No events have been held recently because the barn area of the facility is not heated, which limits its use in the winter.

Wallace did not include any income from the REC in her report, and was questioned about the amount by commissioner Bill Schwettmann. She finally estimated \$3,000. Commissioner Wilton Howell, who vigorously pursued the purchase, said that the facility is not meant to generate money,

rather it would "help generate money for the area."

But Schwettmann was "disturbed" that the county's \$1.3 million in requests from the state over a three year span for upgrading the REC could hurt the rest of the county.

Commissioners' support for the REC split however, when Wallace requested the county purchase heating, and pay for painting and electrical work at the facility. Wallace said the electrical could cost \$8,000, painting could cost \$10,000, and heating could cost \$14,000. After Montes made the motion to go out to bid for the three projects, and Howell seconded, Schwettmann asked who had drawn the specifications on the proposed projects. Wallace said the contractors who bid can provide the specifications.

"They bid on our specs," Schwettmann replied. "They need to be drawn by a qualified electrical engineer and architect. You just don't go out and say 'paint the building.'"

Commissioner Nunley agreed the process for the projects was "backwards."

Montes and Howell continued to support the proposed projects, with Montes saying there was "no effort to encumber the funds" for architectural services and Howell saying the heat is a "crucial thing."

But two motions died in ties (commissioner Stirling Spencer was absent), with Howell and Montes voting to go out to bid for the projects, Schwettmann and Nunley voting no for the bids. The other motion from Nunley to table the issue until specs were drawn also died when Nunley and Schwettmann's ayes tied with Montes and Howell's nos.

As a result, no action was taken on improving the REC at this time.

Commissioners also: --Approved the following appointments: Montes and Cooney reappointed to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Board, Spencero reappointed to the Carrizozo Health Center Advisory Board, Connie Hopper as Emergency Program Manager; reappointed Montes and Howell to the Extraterritorial Zoning Authority; John Ashcroft, Van Patten and W.R. (Stormy) Edwards to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission; reappointed Doyle Howell to the property tax board. The appointment of Elwood Gradine to fill the slot on the property tax board held by Dub Williams caused a no vote from Schwettmann. Earlier in the meeting Williams had been asked if he could continue to serve on the board and said he would. Howell's reasoning for Elwood was that Williams will not have time with his legislative duties.

Other reappointments were Montes to the Regional Waste Water Joint Use Board and Water Defense Association.

# Obituary (Barbee) . . .

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Roswell Elk's Lodge and a member of First Baptist Church in Ruidoso. In 1946 he founded Barbee Welding Supply in Ruidoso. He had lived in Ruidoso for four years.

He married Geraldine Rushing on Nov. 7, 1937 at Savannah, Georgia and she preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 1980. He then married Ida Seskey on June 4, 1990 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

He is survived by his wife Ida of Ruidoso; one son, John N. Barbee of Roswell; three daughters, Jane Hendley of Albuquerque, Geraldine Pyle of Sacramento, California and

# Capitan Soil Office . . .

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this for a long time," said Hollis Fuchs, field officer in the Carrizozo Soil Conservation office.

No personnel will be lost in Lincoln County, and services will not change. "We were told that the largest, most significant reductions (in the USDA offices) will be personnel at the higher levels (region and national)," Fuchs said.

An evaluation and reorganization plan was developed by each state to evaluate all USDA positions, Fuchs said. In the evaluation, all Lincoln County field positions ended up in the top priority.

Personally, Fuchs said he thinks the closures are a positive thing. "Indications are that, over time, the closures will improve the flexibility and ability of the remaining offices," Fuchs said.

The Farm Home Administration office in Ruidoso will be closed, and the officer there reassigned to Alamogordo, Roswell or Las Cruces, Fuchs added.

The mobile home which houses the Capitan USDA office belongs to the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, which plans to provide the facility at no cost until the office is closed, Fuchs said.

On the most part, New Mexico will be allowed one USDA office per county, with the office to be located in the county seat if possible. Fuchs said that northern New Mexico counties which are located next to Indian reservations may have two offices.

U.S. Department of Secretary Mike Espy announced the closing of 1,070 USDA field offices nationwide at a news conference in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

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