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LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY chairman Wilton Howell (right) accepts the Keep New Mexico Beautiful awards plaque for the authority's recycling program from LCSWA manager Joe Lewandowski. Lewandowski accepted the plaque from the Keep New Mexico Beautiful group at an awards ceremony in Albuquerque in October.

County To Hold Meeting For PLUAC Next Tuesday

At 9 a.m. Tuesday, November 29, Lincoln County Commissioners will conduct a special meeting in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold another public hearing for the proposed ordinance which will "recognize that the State of New Mexico owns all public lands within the borders of the state, and that Lincoln County has a duty and jurisdiction to manage the public lands within the boundaries of the county; protect all private rights held on these lands; and preserve the local customs, culture, economy, and environment; and establishes a Public Land Use Advisory Council."

The proposed ordinance supports the claim for the federal public lands with the "equal footing" doctrine of the U.S. Constitution which is supported by more than 150 years of case law precedent.

The proposed ordinance also states that the state ownership of the public lands and the management of those lands by the county government would greatly benefit the public since revenues from the public lands would accrue to the county and to the state.

The proposed ordinance defines the PLUAC, which will consist of two members from the county Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee who will serve for two years. If the ordinance is approved, the County Commissioners will appoint two

members who will serve for three years and three members who will serve for one year. Subsequent appointments will be for two years, resulting in staggered terms.

The PLUAC will have a mission of fact finding relevant to the natural resources within Lincoln County and all matters relating to and shall make reports and recommendations to the county commissioners.

The PLUAC will develop a public land management process which will acknowledge and protect the "split estate of individual property rights which exist. These...include recreation, hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, water, fuelwood harvesting, timber

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County Commissioners Appoint Two Residents To Committees

by Doris Cherry

Two county residents became new members of two county committees.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting November 10, commissioners appointed Kathleen Phillips Hellman to the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for District 4, and appointed Giddings Brown to the Lincoln County Lodger's Tax Committee.

Hellman submitted a written nomination to the committee, stating she has worked with the group for the last six months at their invitation. Hellman is also a member of the New Mexico Cattle Growers, the Federal Lands Legal Foundation and the NRA.

Hellman will replace George Schultz who resigned.

Brown, appointed by Commissioner L.R. Nunley to the Lodger's Tax Committee, is manager of Swiss Chalet in Ruidoso. He will represent the lodging industry. Brown replaces Robert Finley whose term expired, and who chose not to serve again on the board.

Commissioners also canvassed the votes of the November 8 election. One paper ballot, completed by a person who applied for an absentee ballot but never received one, was opened during the meeting. The votes were added to the tallies, but did not affect the outcome of any race.

Commission chairman Monroy Montes commended Proctor and her staff for their work in the election.

Proctor said that the public has accepted the electronic machines very well, and the machines are very much liked by the election boards. Proctor commended the boards for the extra work in the election made by the paper ballots for the local restaurant beer and wine licenses for restaurants just in the county. The refer-

endum passed and the county saved about \$6,000 by having the vote along with the general election. Long lines at all the polls were attributed to the high voter turnout, 70.3 percent county-wide, and the long ballot.

Commissioners also tabled action on requests to open and vacate several roads in the old town sites of Nogal and White Oaks. Two parties are requesting to both vacate and

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County Road Dept. Makes Money On Equipment Sale

by Doris Cherry

This week six motorgraders were hauled away from the Lincoln County Road Yard in Capitan.

The graders, which had scraped mud and snow off Lincoln County roads for the last three years, were on their way to public market, sold for a good price.

In their place, Lincoln County Road Department will have six new motorgraders, leased for a slightly higher

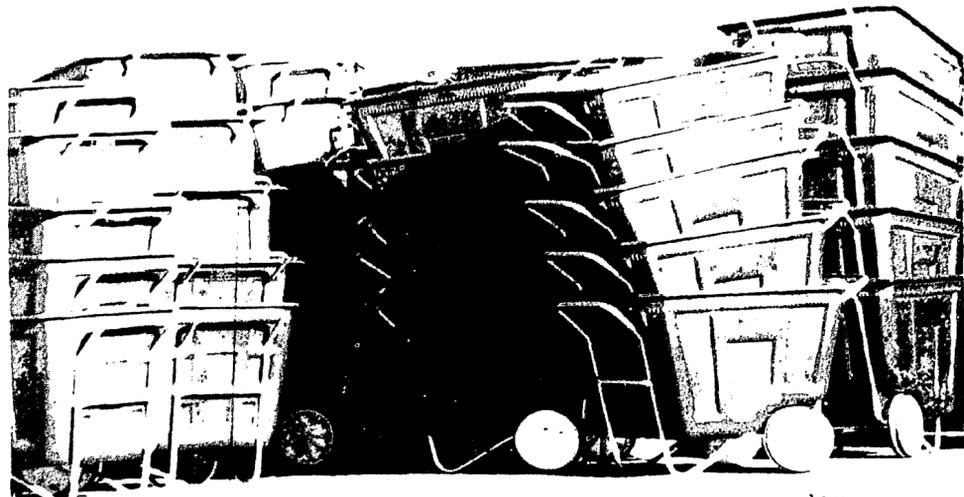
amount than the old ones, plus \$256,000 extra to purchase a used dump truck or other needed equipment.

County road manager Bill Cupit was applauded by the Lincoln County Commission and others present at the commission meeting November 10 in Carrizozo for his work which resulted in a high bid of \$705,000 from Schwab Sales of Gilbert, Arizona, the best of 10 bids submitted. Commissioner Stirling

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A SAD AND DEFEATED TIGER TEAM accepts the Class A runnerup trophy from New Mexico Activities Association assistant director John Daniels at the conclusion of the Class A final game Saturday. Senior quarterback Michael Fish (#11) accepts the trophy for the team.



FOREST GREEN POLYKARTS are ready to be delivered to Capitan residents. The containers were stacked up at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority recycling center yard in Ruidoso Downs Monday. Delivery is expected to be some time this week or next. The karts are part of the trash rate increase approved by the Capitan Trustees.

Carrizozo School Board To Hold Election Feb. 7

Carrizozo Board of Education, at its meeting Nov. 15 approved the resolution and Proclamation of the School Board Election on February 7, 1995.

Board positions 1 and 2, which are four year terms, and position 5, a two year term, are open this election. Those positions are currently held by newly-appointed member Jody Ventura, Gary Hightower and Dewey Brown respectively.

Any resident of the Carrizozo Municipal School District who is a qualified elector of the state and who desires to be a candidate for a board position must file a declaration of candidacy in the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 20 only.

Any resident of the district who is a qualified elector who desires to be a write-in candidate must file with the county clerk before 5 p.m. January 3. Voting on February 7 will

take place at the office of the school superintendent and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Residents who are 18 years old or more can register to vote any time before 5 p.m. January 10. Absentee voting will be permitted, either by mail or by in-person early absentee voting at the clerk's office in the courthouse, anytime between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning January 13 and ending on February 3.

The board also approved the establishment of a Bilingual program for the 1995-96 school year. The need for the program was shown by the results of a language survey of students which indicates that Spanish is spoken in many homes. Dr. Stowe said the program will be for K-2 grades and will focus on New Mexico cultures in selected aspects of the curriculum and will provide for linguistic, cultural and conceptual development in the home language as needed. The district will utilize its Spanish teacher

and instructional aide Candie Aguilar for the program. Some additional funds are available for the program from the state.

The board sent back the draft policy on Cooperation with Law Enforcement. Members thought some of the areas in the policy needed further clarification, such as the section allowing police to arrest a student on campus in an "emergency situation" such as "hot pursuit" without prior notice to the school administration. Dr. Stowe was to work on the requested changes and present it again to the board in December.

The running track and the gym concession area will get upgraded. Drainage at the track will be improved by work done by school staff, and the board authorized Dr. Stowe to pursue a price quote on repairing the track itself.

At the concession area in the gym, Dr. Stowe suggested remodeling two little used

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C'zozo School Board

storage rooms into a lounge area for people to eat and drink. That would lessen the crowd in the hall near the concessions, for a minimal cost. Dr. Stowe said Ned Pieters who still has a remodeling contract with the school looked at the room and said it could be remodeled within a few days and a minimal cost. Dr. Stowe said the remodeling should be done before basketball season. She also

suggested having a contest with the students to name the room. The board looked at the two rooms after the meeting.

After an hour and 22 minute long closed session for personnel, the board accepted the resignations of kindergarten teacher Cheryl Fifer and English teacher Jo Pat Wellman. Fifer wrote in her letter that she is leaving because her husband accepted employment elsewhere and they will have to relocate. Wellman wrote in her letter that she has accepted a position at Tularosa High School, where she lives, which will make life easier for her family.

The board then hired Martha Bond as kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the school year.

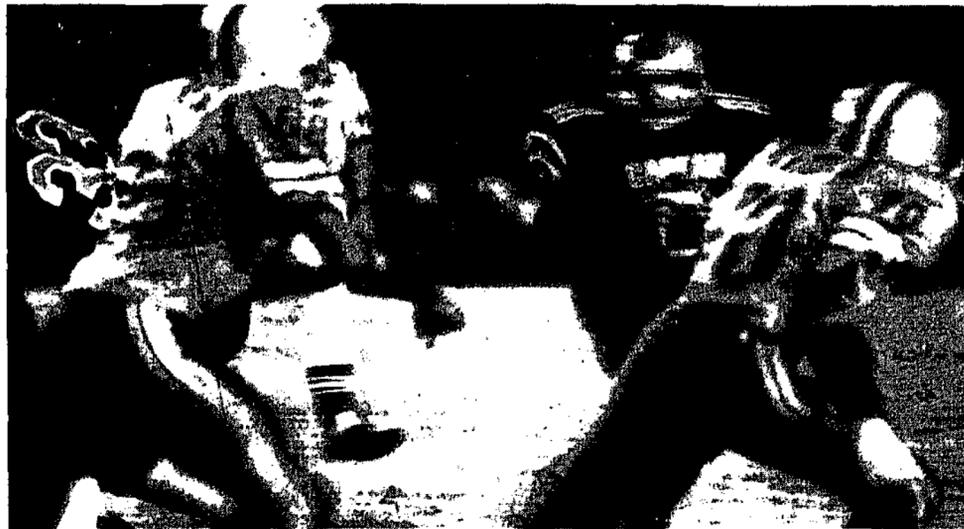
In other business, the board:

--Approved the auditor's report from Auditor Pamela Rice. The report was generally good, but showed some problems in last year's accounting of activity funds. Those problems, Rice said, have been eliminated with proper accounting this year.

--Accepted a \$10 donation from Mrs. Aileen Lindamood of Carrizozo for the school art program.

--Heard updates from Kay Patterson about various grants she is pursuing or researching.

School will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, there will be no school on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 because of the Thanksgiving holiday.



TIGER QUARTERBACK Michael Fish has a grip on the ball and is looking for the right opportunity to make a good pass during the state Class A football championship game in Artesia Saturday. Capitan lost 34-0 to the Jal Panthers, a former Class AA powerhouse, which has taken over football dominance in Class A.

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County Commissioners Appoint

open portions of Chaves Ave. and Church Street in Nogal. Bob and Sue Stearns had requested the vacation of the streets, which were never constructed. In subsequent years structures were made over locations for the streets. Never a problem, the Stearns

sought to have the streets officially vacated.

But heirs to the Fern Sawyer property, Thomas Good and Candace Good Jacobson, are requesting to have the two streets opened. They claim they need access to a well via the streets.

Commissioners, saying they had too little information to make a decision, even after physically reviewing the location, tabled the two requests.

The commissioners also tabled requests to vacate another street in Nogal and a street in the townsite of White Oaks.

In all the requests to vacate streets, Spencer noted that all the affected parties were not officially notified of the proposed action.

Both old mining communities were originally platted with numerous streets. However many of those were never

built, or were not used in so many decades that they became obscured and absorbed into fenced properties.

A revised draft of the county personnel policy was adopted, after a third and final public hearing. The policy defines employee's anniversary date as day and month and year the employee became full time. Exempt employees were revised to include chief deputies for the assessor, clerk, and treasurer, the undersher-

iff and an administrative assistant in the sheriff's office, county manager, grant funded employees, temporary employees, and probationary employees.

Drug testing will be required for all positions and other medical examinations will be paid for by the county. Steps are included on dealing with employees who show signs of substance abuse, refusal to submit to drug testing, positive results of testing, and confidentiality.

Compensatory time will be limited to 240 hours which equals to 160 hours of over-time.

Volunteer activities of county employees are addressed. Employees who do volunteer activities cannot be paid by the county if the employees also receive money for the volunteer activity.

The policy also includes a section on sexual harassment and sexual harassment complaint procedures.

Commissioners also approved a public hearing on the December 6 meeting to consider a new ordinance relating to collective bargaining which will repeal the former ordinance on the collective bargaining for employees.

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Carrizozo Schools Seek Public Input On Tobacco Policy

Carrizozo Schools wants public comment on how to enforce the Tobacco Free School Districts policy.

To get that comment, the school will hold a community input session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, at the board conference room at Carrizozo Schools. The school will also accept written comments sent to the office of the superintendent.

The Tobacco Free School Districts Policy, mandated by the New Mexico Department of Education, states that each school district "shall implement a policy that... prohibiting tobacco use by students, school staff, parents, and school visitors in school buildings, on school property, and for students at school functions away from school property.

"Each school district shall develop a procedure for communicating this policy to students, school staff, parents, school visitors and the community.

"Each school district shall

develop provisions for enforcement of this policy."

Copies of the memorandum concerning the Tobacco Free policy are available from the superintendent's office, The Lincoln County News office, Lincoln County Courthouse and Health Office.

PLUAC Meeting Tuesday

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harvesting, mining and grazing."

At the first public hearing on the proposed ordinance held on November 10, commissioners questioned the wording in the section 3 for the PLUAC. They were concerned about the PLUAC's power to determine user fees, land uses, negotiate contracts for users, hear appeals on disputes, appeals of all issues related to use, operation, and management of the lands, oversee management by county employees, enact and enforce rules related to land uses, advise the county commission on all issues related to public lands, and make decisions related to intergovernmental relations bearing on public lands.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available before the meeting by contacting the Lincoln County Manager's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo, (505) 648-2385.

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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 258-3246 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Schools dismiss at 1:15 p.m. in Carrizozo and Capitan for Thanksgiving holiday.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day! Most government offices are closed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Lincoln County Offices, Capitan Village Hall, Carrizozo Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 & 26

Old fashioned open house and art show in Lincoln.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Lincoln County Commissioners will conduct a special meeting at 9 a.m. in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Set for the meeting is another public hearing on the proposed ordinance which will claim all public federal lands within the county as state property, and will establish a Public Land Use Advisory Committee to set policies to manage those public lands.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Carrizozo Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. in the administration building to take public input on how to enforce the school's no tobacco policy.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown, arts and crafts show and sale, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Woman's Club building in Carrizozo.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Lincoln County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet, at 8 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center.

LCSWA Employee Asks For An Open Grievance Hearing

by Doris Cherry

A Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) employee, fired for allegedly failing to return to work and falsifying his time card, got an open hearing before the authority board.

Billy Fernandez disputed the infractions as presented by LCSWA manager Joe Lewandowski during a grievance hearing held in open session during the regular LCSWA meeting in Ruidoso Downs on Monday.

He said that his position as customer rep required him to be out of the office many days, which prevented him from "clocking" in and out during lunch, and at times prevented him from clocking out at the end of the day. Fernandez said he believed Lewandowski did not know the accuracy of the alleged violations and they were "random and not factual."

After reviewing the dates and other information about Fernandez's work record, Lewandowski said that Fernandez was a good to above average worker. But his failures to return to work, and a morning when Fernandez called in and said he was drunk, then avoided talking with Lewandowski two times added to the reasons for the termination. "Not returning to work is just as important as work performance," Lewandowski said.

Fernandez admitted that he had falsified his time card, marking it with 8 a.m. as his time of arrival at the Capitan Landfill when he really got there about 9:30 a.m. in one instance.

That, the failures to return to work, and the final day when he called in allegedly drunk led to the dismissal.

Lewandowski called in two witnesses, including a secretary to whom Fernandez spoke that morning he called in. Fernandez explained that the incident when he allegedly called in drunk occurred when his girlfriend was at the hospital, and he was under stress.

Lewandowski said he advised Fernandez of his right to have a grievance hearing after he terminated Fernandez, but Fernandez declined and signed a paper. However, Fernandez reconsidered six days later and requested the hearing.

There were questions why Lewandowski had first terminated Fernandez, then reinstated him as leave without pay. Lewandowski said that when Fernandez requested the grievance hearing, he was obligated under LCSWA policies to reinstate him.

LCSWA member Joe Hayhurst asked Fernandez if he understood the LCSWA employee policy. Fernandez said LCSWA has had different policies, but he understood both the old and new policies. Fernandez said he would abide by the decision of the grievance committee, but asked that he be given severance pay if he is terminated. LCSWA members, after an hour in open session with Fernandez and another hour in closed session with the LCSWA attorney, voted to uphold Fernandez's termination, with no severance pay.

The LCSWA board also during the meeting accepted the low bid of \$85,750 for a 1994 sideloader collection truck from Southwestern Equipment. The truck is identical to one now in the LCSWA fleet, and will be used on the Ruidoso routes. The old truck will become a back up. Lewandowski emphasized the need for the new truck with graphs that showed increases in the last two years. In August 1992, LCSWA hauled 40

loads to the landfill, in August 1994, LCSWA hauled 74 loads to the landfill.

Recycling volumes also showed dramatic increases. Lewandowski reported on the Keep New Mexico Beautiful Award to LCSWA for its recycling program.

Lewandowski said last month was good for LCSWA, with enough cash flow to cover costs and put some aside as reserve.

Delgado Inducted In Golden Key National Honor Society At UNM

Ralph Edwin Delgado, a 1981 Carrizozo High School graduate, has been inducted into the University of New Mexico chapter of Golden Key National Honor Society, an honorary organization established at UNM in 1984 that admits only the top 15 percent of university juniors and seniors.

Delgado is majoring in elementary education.

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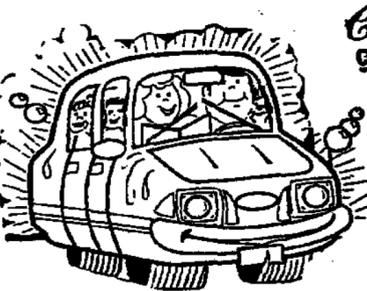
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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Let Us Give Thanks

By Ruth Hammond

Thanksgiving Day means different things to each one of us. Some people think of it as a day to eat turkey with all the extras and some people give thanks they survived another year.

There are many things we can be thankful for, including health, family, and friends. We can also be thankful that we have the opportunity to live in a country where we are allowed to make our own choices about where and how we live.

Many of us have memories of a special Thanksgiving Day from our past. Childhood memories are great because when we were children we enjoyed the food and didn't have to help cook though when we were older we did have dishes to wash and at times it seemed like the stack of dirty dishes lasted for days.

The Thanksgiving when I cooked my first turkey is a memory that I will long remember. I knew nothing about cooking a turkey and had no family close by to tell me to remove the paper sack with the giblets from under the skin in the wishbone area. I did remove the neck from the body cavity but had no idea where the giblets were until I smelled the paper burning.

The smell of the paper burning caused us to search around the kitchen and finally we looked in the oven. The turkey was wrapped in aluminum foil and we had to unwrap it and tried to be careful to not get burned by the steam. Finally, we found the paper bag filled with giblets, slightly singed of course. The good thing was that the turkey was not damaged but I did listen to a lot of teasing about my cooking abilities for years.

Through the years I graduated from cooking a five-pound fryer turkey to a 20 to 24 pound turkey to feed our family and other invited guests and family who were lucky enough to be with us on the special day. We enjoyed our meal and then we would watch the annual football game on TV between Nebraska and Colorado. Neighbors would call to inform us of the score when their team made a touchdown and we would call them when our team was ahead. But as with most things, changes were made and now the pro teams play on Thanksgiving.

Traditional Thanksgiving dinners are different in each home. Some people serve turkey and dressing, or stuffing as it is called by many people, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, candied yams or sweet potatoes, pumpkin pies, and mincemeat pies. There are also the fruit salads, tossed salads, fruit pies, vegetables, and other assorted goodies. Others serve ham, roast beef, or another choice of meat, mashed potatoes, enchiladas, and chiles. The list can go on and on and each of us enjoys what we have to eat.

Thanksgiving is a non-religious holiday that has been set aside for us to give thanks for a bountiful harvest and was first started by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. They invited their neighbors the Indians to eat with them and probably had a scant meal compared to what is served in the typical home today. But they were very thankful for their new home in a new country and decided a special day to give thanks should be designated.

Through the years people have celebrated Thanksgiving in their own ways. My mother told me that when she was a little girl my grandfather would go hunting for a wild turkey the day before Thanksgiving. Times were hard then and he had only one shell to use to bag their dinner. Mother said my grandfather always brought home a turkey. My grandmother would cook the turkey and saved the feathers for their feather beds.

When we hear stories about how Thanksgiving was observed in the old days it makes us stop and think how lucky we are to have our modern conveniences available to us today. The main thing then is the same today, for us to remember to give thanks for what we have, our family and friends, and another year.

We wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving Day.
Remember To Give Thanks!

Regulations In Effect For Christmas Trees

The holiday season is again upon us. Buyers of cut Christmas trees should beware.

By New Mexico regulations, every cut Christmas tree offered for sale in New Mexico in 1994 must have a goldenrod-colored tag attached to it. This includes cut trees which are shipped in from out of state, commercial growers, trees cut by commercial permit on federal lands, and those sold by private woodland owners.

Before purchasing a tree from an individual, lot, grocery store, garden store, etc., buyers need to look for this tag.

The tags are issued by the New Mexico Forestry and Resources Conservation Division (State Forestry). The tags cost 10 cents each for commercial Christmas tree vendors, who can obtain an application for the tags at any State Forestry District office or by mail.

Locally, applications and tags are available from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. at the Capitan District of State Forestry located at 2nd and White Oaks in Capitan. The address is P.O. Box 277, Capitan NM 88316 and phone is 354-2231.

With the request for tags, vendors must provide a legal description of the property where the trees are harvested (if in New Mexico), a bill of sale (if the trees are taken from private land, or from out of state), the address and phone number of the landowner or representative, the amount and species of trees to be harvested, and proper purchaser identification (social security card and/or driver's license).

The bill of sale can be a written letter from the landowner or representative which includes the landowner's address and phone number, an authorized signature, legal description of the harvest area, the authorized amounts and species to be removed, and effective and expiration dates of permission. Other bills of sale can be U.S. Forest Service Commercial Christmas tree harvest permit, purchase orders (for out of state trees), or completed and signed New Mexico State Forestry woody products removal forms (obtained at any district office).

Landowners who harvest trees on their own property for resale also are required to have tags. Landowners must provide proof of ownership, such as a copy of a recent tax bill, when applying for the tags and should carry this documentation whenever they transport trees.

Anyone planning on cutting their own tree for personal use is also subject to regulation. A State Forestry tree tag is not required, but the cutter must have proof of ownership of the property from which the tree is removed, or written approval from the landowner.

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The editor has the right to reject any letter.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THE OTHER SIDE

(Note to Reader: I don't know when this column will be published because the date it is regularly scheduled for is Thanksgiving Day and everybody knows that nobody does anything on that date except fatten up for the winter. However, I'm sure our staff has sufficient ingenuity to overcome something as simple as letting the stomach get in the way of the desire for consistency of product.)

Speaking of stomachs, I am better equipped than most, but it is strange that the more age I acquire, the less I can eat. It seems the physical manifestation has expanded but the capacity has diminished. I used to be able to eat a horse and pick my teeth on the horseshoe nails, but now all I can get around is a Shetland pony, and that amounts to only twenty pounds of hair and ten pounds of gristle. But it is quite tasty with a sweet and sour sauce.

There is an adventurous night club manager somewhere who is missing a bet. I have searched high and low and have been unable to determine if all appropriate names for such establishments have been used. I used to hang around one that should have been called "The Bore House", and there was a chain of clubs called "The Ore House", but I have yet to see one called "The Inn of Iniquity". I guess it has been avoided because of the rules concerning false advertising since the name seems to promise more than you are going to get. I went to a place like that one time and all I got was a knot on my head when I returned home, but that's another story.

After all these years, I have finally realized that there is no point in lying to a woman because she's not going to believe what you say anyhow. Any with my ability to state three or four versions of the truth, why bother with inventing something. As you know, truth is stranger than fact.

I understand that the Republicans are now not so sure that term limits are a good thing. See, I told you the concept was only popular with the "outs". And if you don't think we in fact have term limits now, ask Bruce King. Our founding fathers didn't seem to be too disturbed about long tenures in office, and neither was anyone else until Franklin D. Roosevelt came along. Prior to his administration, it had been sort of a gentleman's agreement that presidents should not run more than two terms, but the public loved the old (expletive deleted) so much they just kept electing him. When he died during his fourth term, the people who cared decided enough was enough and to avoid having to live with Harry S. Truman for a generation or two, a term limit for the presidency was created. However, in the process, another check and balance was

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Passage of the gambling amendment has dollar signs dancing in lobbyists' heads.

The '95 Legislature will decide who can run gaming operations, where they'll be located and how much of a cut the state will get.

If that sounds easy, it's not. From their political pronouncements, certain Indian tribes and pueblos would like to be the only ones in the gambling business, not be regulated, and not pay the state a percentage of their profits. In the alternative, they'd like to cut a separate deal with Governor-Elect Gary Johnson and get started with their operations on Jan. 1.

State lawmakers aren't likely to go for either of those alternatives, preferring to take a look at the big picture, instead.

That big picture includes cities and counties that want a piece of the action; race-tracks, bars and hotels that want in the game; churches, charities, fraternal and veterans organizations that don't want to be left out; and big time casino operators and machine manufacturers and vendors that want to be sure their interests are promoted.

Then there'll be the lawmakers who want to assure the state gets as big a chunk of gaming revenues as it can for the extra law enforcement and infrastructure that will be required, and a big budget increase to keep a closer eye on organized crime that will be looking for its niche.

And there'll be all those agencies that want a share of the revenue increases for their worthy causes, the tourism industry looking to maximize its benefit, and communication companies wanting to link all the gaming machines in the state to a huge jackpot somewhere—and to a central state monitoring computer.

Each of these interests will need a contingent of lobbyists to advance its positions at all times and in all places gaming will be discussed.

There'll be lots of shiny-suited big-timers from out of state circling the Roundhouse hallways and stationed at Capital City watering holes to keep an eye on everything. But they'll also need locals who know the players.

For all those who've ever yearned to try their luck at the lobbying game, this is the year. Anyone who knows a legislative leader, an important committee chair, or even an unimportant member of a committee where there might be a close vote on a gambling issue, has a chance at hiring on with some outfit.

This will be the year of the specialty player. There'll be so

many issues and so many lawmakers who need to be influenced that anyone with any knowledge or any contacts can become an invaluable lobbyist to someone.

There's talk that the need to balance all these competing interests will cause lawmakers to call a special session following the March 18 adjournment of the '95 session.

The constitutional amendment doesn't go into effect until 90 days following adjournment. April and May, being in between skiing and tourist seasons, are slow months in Santa Fe so lawmakers would be welcome.

But talk of special sessions to tackle thorny issues emerges almost every year. Lawmakers, who take time away from their jobs and businesses to perform this public service, usually find a way to work tough issues into regular sessions.

And there's one other problem with waiting until spring to address gambling. The Legislature that wrote the constitutional amendment we just passed, anticipated it would be handled in a regular session. That's why the 90-day wait between the time of adjournment and the start of gambling.

Legislation normally goes into effect 90 days after adjournment of a regular or special session. The only way to make it happen sooner is to attach an emergency clause -- which requires the bill receive a two-thirds majority.

The odds on getting two-thirds approval of anything in the gambling arena -- much less everything -- are mighty slim.

And if no laws to regulate gambling are on the books come mid-June, the constitutional amendment takes effect anyway.

Soil Conservation Service Name Is Changed To Natural Resources Conservation Service

With passage of a bill in U.S. Congress in October, the local U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Offices became the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The local NRCS offices will oversee the USDA's conservation programs and functions and will work in cooperation with conservation districts.

With the bill, the secretary of agriculture will be authorized to create the NRCS. The current Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) will be grouped under the new Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA). A new position is also created for an under secretary for natural resources and the environment.

Nationally, the NRCS will administer the Wetlands Reserve, Water Bank, Forestry Incentives, Colorado River Salinity Control, Farms for the Future, and Great Plains Conservation programs. The CFSA will administer the Agricultural Conservation Program and the Conservation Reserve Program.

The legislation stipulates that the NRCS and CFSA must concur on the establishment of priorities, policies and guidelines for all conservation cost-share programs on the national, state and local levels. In reaching concurrence at the local level NRCS will work in cooperation with local conservation districts. Officials of the USDA county and area committees will meet annually with conservation

district officials to consider local conservation priorities and guidelines.

Older Americans Can Receive Help Paying For Prescription Drugs

Taking prescription medications is a matter of life and death for many older New Mexicans. Yet, the sad truth is that many older New Mexicans cannot afford the medications that they need to take each and every day. In our communities today, millions of older New Mexicans are having to make the unfortunate choice between buying food and paying for their drugs. Help, however, may be only a phone call away.

The Health Insurance and Benefits Assistance Corps (HIBAC) pronounced "High Back" is managed by the

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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.

"Bitty Bitty"

"How was your day, Gregory?" I asked when he came in and sat at the table.

"Well, how do you thing it wuz, Queen Mother?"

"I don't know. That's why I asked. Of course, you don't have to tell me. It was probably boring anyway."

He sat bolt upright. "Boring?! Boring, you say! I was so scary that I'm still shakin' all ober!"

"This isn't another monster tale is it?"

"Worser, Queen Mother," he said wiping his forehead with a deep sigh. "Yes, sir, this is reality in the flesh."

"Well, do tell me about it."

He leaned over the table and peered at me with a piercing stare. "I holded a new borned baby today. Yeah, see, Queen Mother. I thought you'd be shocked?"

"Scared you, did it?" I said.

"I should say it did! She wuz so little. Eberthin' bout her wuz bitty-bitty. Bitty-bitty clothes wif bitty-bitty buttons. An' her feets wuz so little she couldn't wear shoes. Her mouf wuz so little, she couldn't eat a jeddy sandwich if she tried. Or cookies even. Well," he went on throwing his hands in the air, "she's just gonna starve to deaf. She simply can't open her mouf big a nuff to eat. An' it wouldn't do any good anyways, 'cause, guess what, Queen Mother?"

"What? Tell me. I'm hanging on every word."

He slapped the table and said matter of factly, "No teeth."

"Well," I said, "I for one am truly amazed."

"Oh, there's more, Queen Mother."

"More? I'm all ears."

"She can't play any games, or run races, or talk, or go to the potty. In fact all she can do is wet her pants an' cry. So I ask you, what use is she?"

"She's sweet to hold and love, Gregory."

"Not to me, she's not."

"I'll ignore that remark," I said.

"Now for the scary part, Queen Mother. Oh, it's almost to hordible to tell!"

"I'm sure you'll manage."

"Mom and Dad have been talkin' eber since those friends had that baby. An' I been listenin' even if I petended like I wuzn't. They been sayin' things like, 'Gregory shouldn't grow up a only child,' an' Gregory needs somebody to play wif. An' I wuzn't borned under a rock. I know what they mean."

"Oh? And whats that?"

"They are planning behin' my back to get one of those bitty-bitty creatures at our house."

"What would be so bad about having a little brother or sister, Gregory?"

"You just don't get it do you, Queen Mother? I like bein' a only child. I get all the 'tention an' don't have to share my toys. I get all the cookies an' new clothes, an' eberthing. I'm a spoiled, rotten brat, an' I like it that way. Queen Mother, I got it made!"

"Well, Gregory, if you do happen to get a baby at your house, I'm sure you'll get used to it and be very happy. You can do all kinds of things to help with it."

"You can stop right there, Queen Mother. This is begining' to sound like work! An' from now on, I'm sleepin' on the roof. So I can tell that silly lookin', long-legged bird to take that bunle a joy right back where it came from!"

Regulations In Effect . . .

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Written consent for personal use cutting requires the same documentation as what is needed for commercial cutters.

The same proof of ownership or written consent guidelines apply to firewood gatherers on private land.

The U.S. Forest Service has its own permit and fee process and tags for personal use Christmas tree cutting on national forest lands. Federal land fuelwood sales also require special permits.

Live Christmas trees also need a State Forestry tag. But balled and burlap, potted, and other containerized stock is regulated by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA). The agency monitors transplanted material to prevent spread of contagious insect and disease pests. Living trees that grew in the wild can only be collected and resold by a licensed nursery dealer and each tree must have an NMDA tag. Controlled environment nurseries that grow living trees are also subject to NMDA regulation and licensing.

According to a press release from the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division, there is one good reason for all these regulations. Theft of woody materials is a big problem on both public and private lands throughout the West. Keeping track of honest, responsible users of the natural resources makes it easier to catch and prosecute those who cheat the system. It also protects private landowners.

When collecting or transporting Christmas trees or firewood, carry permits, tags or permission letters.

Organ Mountains Holiday Schedule

The Dripping Springs Natural Area will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (November 24) and Christmas Day (December 25). This area includes the A. B. Cox Visitor Center, La Cueva Picnic Area, the Dripping Springs Trail, and the Fillmore Canyon Trail. The Aguirre Spring Campground and the Baylor Pass Trail will remain open on these days.

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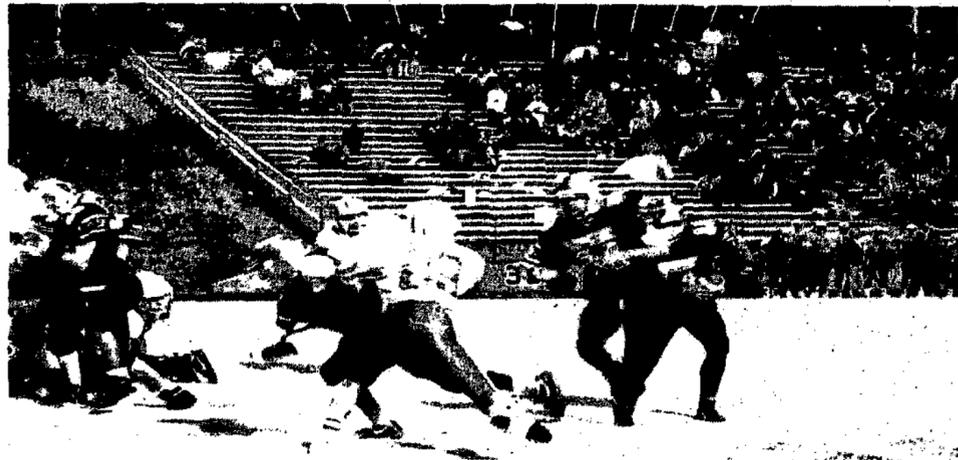
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TIGER HALFBACK Kali Bagby (#34) is lead blocker for quarterback Michael Fish (#14) as he tries to get around Jal defender during the Class A final game between Capitan and Jal Saturday.

Tigers Fall In State Finals 34-0

by Doris Cherry

There are no excuses for the Capitan Tigers Football team.

NOTICE

AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CDBG PROJECT NO. 94-C-RS-1-1-G58 VILLAGE OF CAPITAN STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Village of Capitan is requesting proposals for Design Engineering Services for Street Improvements.

The project consists of roadbed construction, asphalt paving, cement curbing and gutters for 4th Street and its intersections.

Proposals shall be delivered to the Clerk-Treasurer not later than 4:00 o'clock p.m. on November 28, 1994. Any proposals submitted after 4:00 p.m. will not be considered. Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the instruction in the Request for Proposal RFP 1-94. The Request for Proposal RFP 1-94 may be obtained upon request from the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 245, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM 88316. Phone number: 505-354-2247. A site visit is scheduled on November 21, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. at Village Hall.

DEBORAH CUMMINS, Clerk-Treasurer, CMC, Village of Capitan.

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The Tigers did more than many expected when they won their way to the Class A finals. But the Capitan team just couldn't win the championship. For on Saturday, November 19, in Artesia's Bulldog Stadium the Tigers played and lost 34-0 to the toughest opponent of their high school careers—the Jal Panthers.

The first year in Class A, the well-oiled Jal Panthers have been a powerhouse in Class AA football. Jal had played in Class AA finals for the last three years. In 1993, Jal was the Class AA runner-up, in 1992 Jal was the Class AA champion and in 1991 Class AA runner-up.

But it was the first time Capitan had been to the state Class A championship since 1982.

Capitan's only chance for a score in the game Saturday was late in the second quarter. A Panther penalty and a Michael Fish eight yard run put the Tigers on the one yard line. With only seconds left, the Tigers were unable to penetrate the Panther's human wall in four plays, and the clock ran out.

The Tigers played good defense in the second and third quarters, keeping Jal to only one touchdown, early in the second period. The Jal score came with good positioning obtained in the first quarter. The Panthers recovered a Tiger fumble on the 12 yard line, then made a good pass. Capitan stopped the Panthers on the Tigers' one foot line

and kept them there as the time ran out in the first quarter. But the positioning for the second quarter was all Jal needed to set up the score.

Jal didn't score in the third quarter. The Tigers made a few good plays, recovering a Panther fumble, and Michael Fish's good pass to Steve Wheeler. But Jal's interceptions and tough defense kept the Capitan boys away from their end zone and chances for a score.

The fourth quarter was filled with Tiger penalties and fumbles. The Panthers made their final score on a Fish fumble deep in the Tigers' zone. Fish had set up for a pass when he fumbled the ball. The ball bounced into the goal zone when Panther Luis Castillo scooped it up to score the final touchdown for the Panthers. Their kick was no good and the score of 34-0 stayed that way until the end.

Tiger Coach Ed Davis has said his team makes no excuses. But he said the kids were uptight at the championship game. The team has nothing to be ashamed about, for the boys got to the state final, something many said they would never do.

Tiger families, fans and patrons filled the middle section of the west side of the Bulldog Stadium. The Tiger Band played the school song and did a musical routine at half time.

The Tiger Cheerleaders led the enthusiastic crowd in victory cheers at the beginning of the game, and then led the crowd in "we are proud of you," at the end.

The Tigers lost only two games in this 1994 season, to Texico in regular season and to Jal in the state final. The boys brought home the red paneled Class A runner up trophy from Artesia, Saturday and they also brought back memories of a season of wins. Perhaps the most remembered will be the hard-fought game with Fort Sumner, when the Tigers bested the Foxes by one point to win their way to the Bulldog Bowl and the game with Jal.

The Capitan Tiger Football 1994 Roster: seniors Michael Fish, J.P. Whipple, Troy Stone, Lee Yobbi and Vicente Lopez; juniors Shannon Johnson, Jerome Mendoza, Alan Hazel, Keith Cox, Shane Reidhead, Jeremy McGarvey, Justin King, Steve Wheeler, Kali Bagby, Neil Montes, Gabe Murry and Josh Peralta; sophomores Trey Allen, Shawn McEuen, Jayson McSwane, Kyle Jones, Nolan LaRue; freshmen Matt Daniels, Lance Jones, Timmy McGarvey, Jason Montes and Jason Reidhead; 8th graders Jason Pacheco, Fernando Sals, Reny Reidhead, Patrick Kennedy, James Tacey, Jady King and Klay Jones.

Coaches are Ed Davis, Pat Ventura, Gerald Montes, Norman Cline, George Holman, Chad Merchant. Trainers were Tracey Stone, B.J. Montoya, Travis Cano, Britt Ventura, Bobby York.

Trip Across Rural America Comes Through Carrizozo

by Ruth Hammond

A California couple's visit to Carrizozo helped re-affirm their belief that the family is stronger than ever in rural America.

Hoot and Linda Gibson of Carrizozo invited John and Leslie Braun into their home to get first-hand experience of rural life, even though the two couples had never met and had no mutual friends.

John and Leslie, both age 49, decided they wanted to travel across the United States to meet and work with ordinary folks. They sold their home and furniture in California, and began their seven-month long journey in May 1994.

The Brauns began planning for their trip in 1993 when they wrote a letter to *Country* magazine asking, "We'd like to know if there are folks who'd invite two hardworking adventurers to come and help with the chores in exchange for room and board."

The purpose of the letter asking for places to stay for room and board in exchange for work was to help supplement their income to make their money last longer as well as to give them experience in doing work and having new learning experiences.

The letter was published in the June/July 1994 issue which was released in May 1994.

Hoot and Linda read the letter and responded and invited John and Leslie to visit their home in Carrizozo. The Brauns arrived in Carrizozo Wednesday, Nov. 16

and stayed with Hoot and Linda until Tuesday, Nov. 22. This was the longest length of time the Brauns spent with a rural family during their seven-month trip.

Leslie said she had wanted to take a trip across the United States for a long time and last year they finally said, "Let's do it."

When they had not received a response from their letter to *Country* magazine by May of this year, they planned a three or four month trip to Alaska to sea kayak. They left Pasadena May 12, spent two weeks in Washington, and then took the ferry to Alaska.

After two weeks enjoying the kayaking, they decided to call home and were told they had 92 letters from all over the United States waiting for them.

They stayed in Alaska another two weeks and went back to Washington, where they sorted out the letters and selected 45. They wrote and called the people and made arrangements to visit with as many as possible.

During the trip they improvised by adding some families and subtracting others. One family had a death and was unable to have the Brauns in their home.

During their trip they visited with 23 different families in addition to making 13 stops to visit with family and friends. In between host families they stayed in campgrounds and "camped out a lot."

Their truck was fully equipped with a bed, cooler, stove and oven and utensils

for cooking, and storage for food, clothes and necessary items. They said they avoided motels as much as possible.

Their trip took them through a total of 35 states and Canada, and when they left Carrizozo they said they would probably go through Arizona and Nevada, bringing the total to 37 states.

They kept a diary of the dates they were in each place and also have a United States map marked with their route of travel, all on back roads.

John and Leslie were sincere in their desire to work for their room and board. Experiences included working on cattle ranches and dairy farms, currying horses, chasing a bull that got out of its area four different times, branding, helping separate calves for weaning, helping put 13 poles up for a pole barn, and building a rock dam on a river for a levee as well as working on a 131-acre estate in North Carolina. Attending a cattle auction was definitely a different experience for Leslie.

Leslie learned to drive a tractor and bush-hogged 50 acres in Oklahoma and at another place she drove a tractor and chopped corn and did discing.

While they were in Carrizozo, John helped Hoot put some pipeline in and worked on Hoot's heavy equipment. John and Leslie both helped put up new curtains, and Leslie prepared a dinner. Linda said they were busy all the time, cleaning house, cooking and doing other chores.

"All I had to do was men-

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County Road Dept. Makes

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Spencer praised Cupit for taking a private business initiative to public purchasing practices, which not only provided new equipment for the county, but brought in enough extra money over the cost of the new leases, to enable the road department to purchase a needed dump truck.

"This is a good idea of what the state has never done before, and by doing this the county captured a quarter of a million dollars," Spencer said.

When Cupit first proposed the county buy the old graders which were being leased, immediately sell them, then lease new equipment at just a slight higher price than was being paid on the older graders, he was faced with a procurement system that had not dealt with such transactions. Cupit had investigated the market for the used equipment and found the prices favorable to making a profit on the transaction. However, the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, which has ultimate control of local finances, was skeptical. After some negotiation, DFA finally allowed the transaction.

Cupit was modest about the profit-making move. He said the good price was because of maintenance. "We take care of our equipment. That's what brought us a good price."

Commissioners unanimously approved funding \$4,000 to add to an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau grant of \$18,000 to purchase four automatic defibrillators for county ambulances. Outgoing Emergency Services Coordinator Maggi Bohks introduced newly hired coordinator Connie Hopper. After commissioners approved the funding, they presented Bohks a plaque of commendation for her years of service to the county.

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Owls Are Distinctive In Appearance And Behavior

Owls are very distinctive in appearance and behavior. When perched, their erect bulky-appearing bodies are quite unique. Except for occasional movements of the head from left to right, they are quite rigid on the perch. Their eyes are conspicuously large, and their voices are typically low and monotone. Colors of owls are usually light and dark browns, except for the white of the snowy owl. All these variations in color blend with the colors of the environment. There is a reason for this precise match of colors. Owls are predators, and it is important for them to be concealed from their prey which includes members of the rodent group, especially mice. Besides their ability to blend with the environment, owls have several rodent-catching features.

To begin with, their feathers are velvety in texture. This feature muffles the sound of their flight; therefore, they can swoop down on a mouse in the dark without making the slightest noise.

Owls can see in the dark. This is possible because light sensitive cells in their retinas, called rods, are receptive to dim light. This feature distinguishes owls from day-dwelling birds which have light sensitive cells, called cones, in their retinas. Cones are receptive to bright light and color.

The eyes of owls are situated on the front of their head. This enables them to have overlapping fields of vision, meaning that owls can see an object in space with the left and right eyes at the same time. This gives them a very good perception of depth.

Finally, the ears of an owl surpass those of many vertebrates. If a mouse makes even the slightest noise in the dark, this noise serves as a locator for the owl. The owl pinpoints the source of this sound on a horizontal plane, that is, a plane parallel to the ground. It does this by rotating the head from left and right. Once locked in on that plane, the owl locates the sound on the vertical plane, that is, the up and down plane perpendicular to the ground. When the sound is located on the horizontal and vertical planes at the same time, the mouse is on target. The owl then swoops down silently in the dark and grabs the mouse with its talons. Evidence for the effectiveness of this audio lock-in mechanism has been shown for the barn owl. It can locate the sounds of prey on the horizontal and vertical plane in darkness with a deviation of only one degree. And, that is truly an accurate display of mouse catching in the dark.

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Credit Can Be Ruined If Trash Bill Not Paid

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority has the legal right to place liens and foreclose on county properties owned by people who fail to pay their garbage collection bills.

But that legal right, which has been exercised by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), has concerned the Lincoln County Commissioners. So concerned were the commissioners that they called a public meeting for November 14.

The meeting was never held, for on November 7, LCSWA manager Joe Lewandowski, county manager Carolin Cooney, and county attorney Alan Morel met and discussed the concerns. First concern was the filing of liens and foreclosures on properties for solid waste fees by the LCSWA attorney in the name of the county. The county attorney agrees that the county ordinances and joint powers agreements with LCSWA gives that power to LCSWA to collect its past due accounts. But the major question was the cost effectiveness of going through such an expensive legal process to collect the past due revenues from the county properties.

A result of the discussions between Lewandowski and Cooney was a list of proposed collection procedures for the past due bills. The county commissioners approved the list at their November 10 meeting. The LCSWA board approved the same list at their Monday meeting in Ruidoso Downs.

Under the new procedures LCSWA will first use all means to collect fees except legal action. This includes

letters, certified letters, phone calls and personal contact.

If the past accounts aren't settled, LCSWA will file a lien on the property of the individual owing the delinquent fees. Now instead of taking the lien to foreclosure if the account is not paid, LCSWA will file a report with the credit bureau that there has been a lien filed on the property. This will mark the individual's credit record. If the person tries to get credit or sell the property the lien will have to be settled.

The lien will remain in place for three years. At that point LCSWA will review the accounts in delinquent status, then make a decision whether to proceed with the legal foreclosure process to collect.

Lewandowski told the LCSWA board that informing the credit bureau of a lien will take care of most problems.

Some 40-50 of the 3500 county accounts are not paying their solid waste collection bills.

Lewandowski also said that the questions whether LCSWA has the authority to file liens through the county were resolved. Morel agreed

that LCSWA has the authority to pursue collection in the legal process, but questioned whether it was the best way.

The second major concern, on the part of LCSWA, is enforcement power on the illegal dumping situation. County commissioners gave their permission for LCSWA to work with the county sheriff's department on the enforcement situation.

Older Americans . . .

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County Will Be Affected By Gambling

Lincoln county needs to prepare itself for the effects of legalized gambling.

Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell, from Ruidoso, said passage of Amendment 8, allowing a state lottery and certain gambling will have "serious effects on the county and municipalities."

During the special Lincoln County Commission meeting held November 10 to canvass votes of the November 8 election and conduct other business, Howell suggested sending the county manager, county Planning and Zoning members, or others to places where gambling was passed to research how gambling affects their local services. He suggested this be done before the

Other Side

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created. With the executive branch of the government limited to eight years in office, we are given the opportunity to change the emphasis on our policies, but with the legislative branch allowed to serve unlimited terms, we are able to maintain continuity of operations. Besides that, we really don't want anybody to be too much in control. If we limited the House of Representatives to two terms, we could see a complete change of government at least once every eight years, and I really don't think we want that much instability. We now have two approaches if we don't like what we have. We can either kick the scoundrel out, or we can elect another scoundrel to offset him. With term limits, we would be assured of electing an unknown quantity, which may or may not be wise. For my part, this is like driving an old car. At least, I know what's wrong with it, so why would I want to trade it for another with problems I don't know about.

Scoundrel: n. A word that looks stranger in print than it sounds. Shouldn't it have a "k" in it somewhere?

Enjoy the process of transferring stuffing from bird to self!

"Church Directory"

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, 648-2968 (church)
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Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 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, 648-2188
-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'zoza Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm

SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'zoza Santa Rita..... 11:00 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

Church of Christ

PAUL WETZEL, minister
Ave. C at 12th, 648-2998
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
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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

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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
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Evangelistic Assembly

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REV. DR. WILLIE MAE FULTON, Missions Dir.
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Nogal Presbyterian Church

DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors
648-2850
Adult Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 am

Community United Presbyterian Church of Ancho

DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors
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Sunday Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 am

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OBITUARY

O. S. MONTES
 Prayer vigil for O.S. Montes, 72, of Ruidoso was November 17 at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church where the Mass of the Resurrection was November 18. Officiating was Rev. Richard Catanach. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Montes died November 15 at his home. He was born February 14, 1922 at Glencoe and had lived in Lincoln County all of his life. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a former member of the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Lions Club, was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, Fraternal Order of Police and St. Eleanor's Catholic Church. He served on the Ruidoso Police Force and was a Chief of Police for 13 years for a total of 20 years. He was undersheriff for seven years for Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

He married Gloria Chavez on March 17, 1961 in Roswell. He is survived by his wife Gloria of Ruidoso; five sons: Orlando Montes Jr. of Glencoe, Richard Montes of Alamogordo, David Montes of Ruidoso, Michael Montes and Filbert Montes of Albuquerque; also 16 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

Lincoln National Forest Plans Days To Sign Up For Equipment Rental

"The Lincoln National Forest will be setting up two (2) days to sign up equipment on Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA's) for the coming fire season. The dates for sign-up will be December 6 and 7, from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 1:00 to 4:00. Location is the conference room of the Supervisor's Office located in the Federal Building, 1101 New York Avenue, Alamogordo, NM. Equipment that can be signed up are vehicles (4x2, 4x4), cat's, dozers, water tenders, pumps, chainsaws, portable toilets, vans, busses, tractor's, lowboys, etc. For further information, call Carol Ann Stanfill at 505-434-7343 or Mike Aguirre at 505-434-7340."

IN THE SERVICE

Ronald A. Desnoyers of Ruidoso, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps October 18. Ron is now in the Marine Corps Delayed Entry Program while continuing his education at Ruidoso High School. He is currently scheduled to undergo recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California in August 1995. Ron is the son of Jean and Nino Desnoyers of Ruidoso, NM.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David S. Stephenson, son of Roy D. and Beverly S. Stephenson of Ruidoso, was recently promoted to his present rank and reelected for four years while serving aboard the submarine, USS Honolulu, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The 1990 graduate of Ruidoso High School joined the Navy in August 1990.

Marine Lance Cpl. James R. Smith, son of James W. and Darlene H. Bobb of Capitan, recently reported for duty with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212, Marine Aircraft Wing 11, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif.

The 1992 graduate of Capitan High School joined the Marine Corps in November 1992.

Sheriff's Report

High winds blew over trees, downing power lines and blocking roads on Gavilan Canyon and in Capitan on Sunday, Nov. 20.

A roof was reportedly blown off a structure in Carrizozo causing damage to a nearby vehicle. There were no injuries reported during the wind storms.

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

November 15:
 12:13 p.m. a stolen table saw was reported in Alto. The calling party wanted a deputy to take a report after 5 p.m.

November 16:
 12:47 p.m. a theft was reported at a residence south of Hondo. The calling party reported missing/stolen items from her residence. A deputy took a report.

1:47 p.m. an ambulance was requested for a patient with a gun shot wound at the health clinic in Carrizozo. The responding deputy advised it appeared to be an accident.

A request was made for the case number on a report of graffiti on Airport Road.

4 p.m. a burglary was reported at a residence in Agua Fria Estates. A deputy was assigned.

9:49 p.m. an ambulance was requested in Homestead Acres.

November 17:
 7:27 a.m. vandalism/graffiti was reported at the city owned building at the corner of Gavilan Canyon Road and Lower Eagle Creek Road. Ruidoso Police were notified.

8:36 a.m. a broken window/possible breaking and entering was reported on 12th Street in Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

9:32 a.m. damaged property was reported at a trailer park on Gavilan Road. A deputy responded.

An ambulance was requested at a residence on D. Ave. in Carrizozo for a woman having trouble breathing. Carrizozo ambulance requested help from Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance. At 8:52 p.m. the physician's assistant canceled the call for RALS.

November 18:
 Bricks were reported stolen from a residence at Fort Stanton. A deputy was assigned.

8:12 a.m. suspicious activity was reported at mile marker 275 on Highway 70. The deputy was advised to enter the structure through a window.

11:55 p.m. a gas skip was reported by Allsup's in Carrizozo. The subject was stopped at mile marker 56 on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. The subject said he knew he had pumped too much gas. The deputy advised the subject was turning around. At 12:04 p.m. a Carrizozo police officer was standing by for the subject at Allsup's.

November 19:
 8:21 a.m. vandalism, a broken window, was reported at a laundromat in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

12:16 p.m. public relations at Riverside. The calling party advised her new born child (six days old) was in need of formula and she had no transportation. The item was picked up by a deputy and taken to the residence. No report was taken because it was PR.

3:02 p.m. larceny was reported by a video store in Capitan. The calling party advised of a stolen video from the store. Capitan police were assigned.

November 20:
 12:44 a.m. an accident was reported at mile marker 141 on Highway 54. A truck hit a cow. New Mexico State Police

were notified.
 6:21 a.m. a wrecker was requested at Airport Road and Highway 48 for a lady whose car slipped off the road. A wrecker responded.

8:22 a.m. a possible burglary was reported at the Outpost Bar in Carrizozo. The calling party requested an officer to the location regarding a burglary. Carrizozo police responded.

9:03 a.m. trees and electrical lines were reported down on Gavilan Canyon Road. Lincoln County Road Department was contacted at 9:16 a.m. and with assistance from Ruidoso Police the road was closed at 9:22 a.m. Ruidoso Village Road Department also assisted. The power company arrived at 9:57 a.m.

2:33 p.m. an ambulance was requested at a mobile home park on Gavilan Canyon Road for a 90 year old woman. RALS transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

3:56 p.m. a 911 caller reported threats/possible assault with a deadly weapon at Valley of Fires Recreation Area west of Carrizozo. Dispatch talked to the caretaker who advised that a camper wanted to make a report about a possible assault with a deadly weapon. A deputy was assigned.

5:14 p.m. an accident with injuries, a roll over, was reported on the south side of Carrizozo on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance responded and the crew advised they had a signed patient refusal.

5:26 p.m. a fire alarm sounded at a residence on Country Club drive in Alto. The alarm company advised it had no key for the residence, but it was most likely a false alarm. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised all was okay, there was no fire, and the crew believed the alarm was due to fireplace use. The doors were not closed on the fireplace.

6:23 p.m. a gas skip was reported by a store in Hondo. The calling party advised a subject in a black pick up with roll bar left without paying \$15.01 for gas. The subject was headed toward Ruidoso. A deputy was assigned.

November 21:
 12:45 p.m. shots were reported fired about one half mile up Nogal Canyon. The calling party advised a male subject reportedly attempting traffic control. The armed subject reportedly discharged the weapon into the air after the calling party passed by on route to his residence. The assigned deputies made contact with the subject.

LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER REPORT

The following people were booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center (jail) in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

November 18:
 Bruce Burks, 34, Ruidoso: criminal sexual penetration; held for District Judge Richard Parsons court; no bond.

David L. Nelson, 42, Ruidoso: DWI, driving on revoked/suspended license, no headlights, open container; \$5,300 bond set; arrested by Capitan Police.

William Jakse, 41, Ruidoso Downs: assault battery, domestic violence; \$20,000 bond set by Magistrate Judge William Butts; bonded out by paying \$500 for a 10 percent bond of \$5,000 okayed by Butts; arrested by Ruidoso Police.

Charlie L. Fresquez, 33, Ruidoso Downs: assault, aggravated battery, domestic violence; \$10,000 bond for both set by Butts; wanted on warrant from Chaves County; arrested by Ruidoso Police.

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NOTICE

The Governing Body of the Village of Corona will at their regular meeting Thursday, 6:30 p.m., December 8, 1994 at the Village Hall consider adopting the following ordinances:

An ordinance relating to the Village of Corona Water System: Amending Section 4 & 5 of Ordinance #46 changing meter deposits, connection fees.

An ordinance relating to the Village of Corona Gas System: Amending Section 3 of Ordinance #27 changing meter deposits, and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therof.

Copies of proposed ordinances are available at the Village Hall, Tuesday thru Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

CAROLYN A. COONEY,
Lincoln County,
Manager.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a special Board meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 1994, beginning at 9:00 A.M. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held in the Commission Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting.

CAROLYN A. COONEY,
Lincoln County,
Manager.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 1994, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Cable Vision Office, 117 Wingfield Avenue, in Ruidoso. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

CAROLYN A. COONEY,
Lincoln County,
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-94-188
Div. III

RAMPART CAPITAL CORPORATION, a Texas corporation,
Plaintiff,

—v—
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 Coronada 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:

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

The 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: **Lee Griffin,**
for **Nick Vega,** Special Master.

Attorney for Plaintiff:
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Elderly Have Different Dietary Requirements

by Betty McCreight
Lincoln County Home Economist

Although we usually think of nutrition and dietary requirements as being the same for everybody, this clearly isn't true. The recommended Dietary Allowances are averages for men and women of all ages. Only recently have researchers begun to address the needs of nutrition and exercise for the aging.

In 1900, only 4 percent of the U.S. population was older than 65. It is now about 11 percent and is expected to rise steadily to about 20 percent by 2030.

Because we are living longer than ever before, there is beginning to be more focus on nutrition for the aging.

One of the things we know is that body composition changes with age. Even if you maintain your weight, your present body fat is probably going to go up as you get older. Estimates are that active muscle tissue declines by 3 percent every 10 years after age 20.

The good news is that this can be reversed. Even moderate exercise such as walking has been shown to increase muscle mass and strength.

Another area of change associated with aging is reduced energy needs. This usually accompanies aging because activity levels and basal metabolic rates decrease at the same time. Fewer calories are needed to maintain the same weight. Again, a great way to avoid this problem is to maintain the same weight. Again, a great way to avoid this problem is to maintain or increase physical activity.

Calcium loss is an age-

related problem. It is more of a concern for women than men, but calcium loss is inevitable. The best thing you can do is start with as much bone mass as possible. This means adequate consumption of calcium and weight bearing exercise in younger years.

One of the hard-to-evaluate nutritional problems that the elderly have is that they may be taking several medications. These may interfere with nutrient absorption or interact with foods in other ways.

The body of research on elderly nutritional needs is not as extensive as for other age groups. What is good for a younger population may not apply to the elderly. The current RDAs are only set up for people over 51, but there may be significant differences between the needs of a 90-year-old versus those of a 51-year-old.

Steven Chapman
On Dean's List At WNMU-Silver City

The name of Steven L. Chapman, a junior at Western New Mexico University in Silver City, and a resident of Capitan, was inadvertently omitted from the dean's and high honors listing for the spring semester. Chapman, a special education major, made the dean's list.

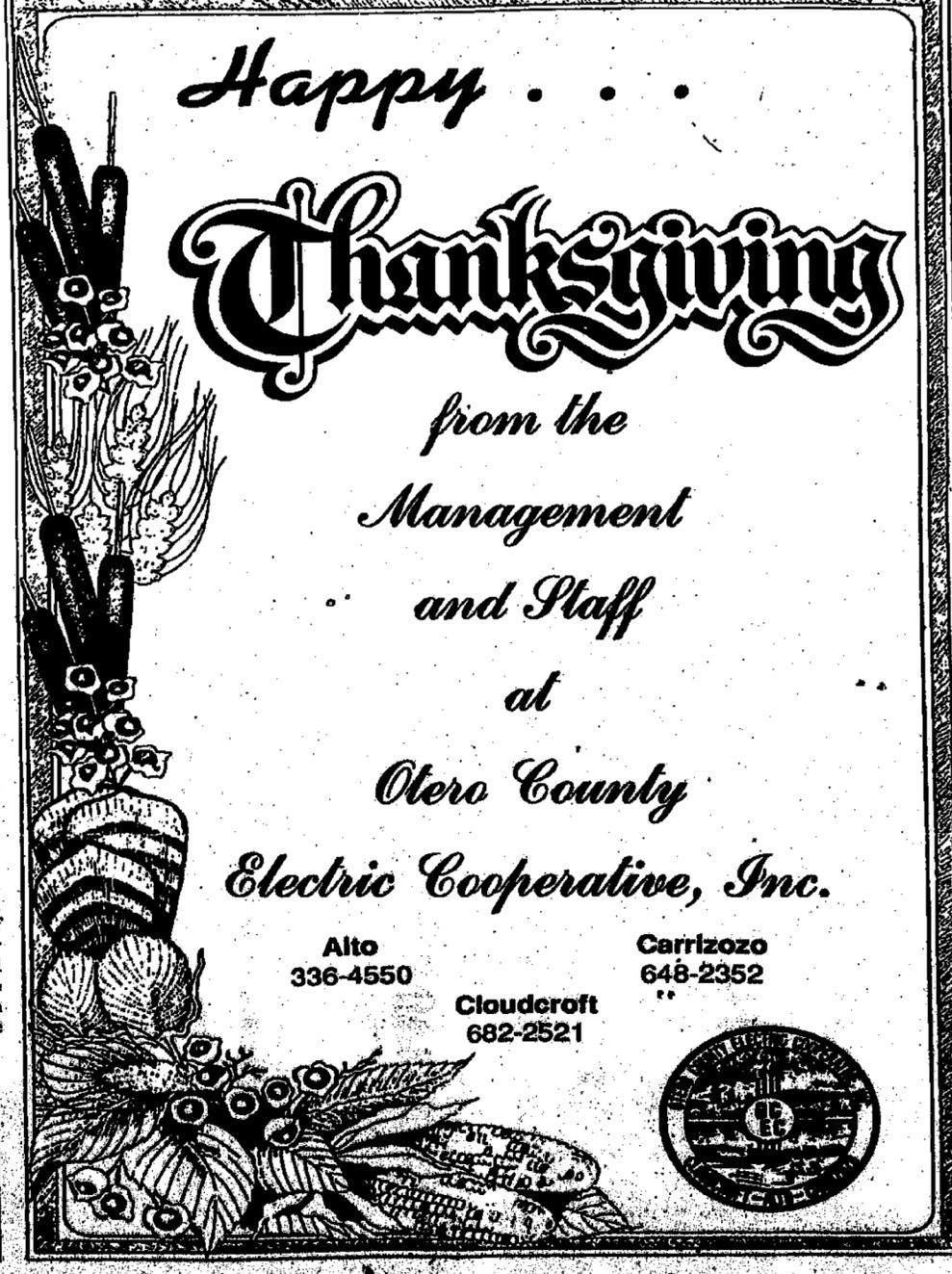
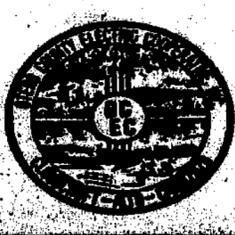
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Trip Across Rural America . . .

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tion I wanted something done and they would do it," Linda said. "It was almost like having a wife."

Hard work is not new to the Brauns. John is a journeyman carpenter specializing in high rise construction and Leslie has been a medical transcriptionist for eight years. She is also an excellent cook and spent months dehydrating

food for their kayak trip to Alaska.

The 17,000 mile trip is one they will long remember and they look forward to the next leg of their trip next year to meet, stay with, and work for, more families across America.

While the majority of their trip was a rewarding experience, there were a few times they found themselves in

uncomfortable situations and decided to not stay but this did not take away from their wanting to "go back to their roots" and see how people live.

"We found all the people wonderful," John said. "Each person was super and it definitely restored our faith in humanity."

Leslie agreed. "A lot of the people were not rich," she said, "Many were low middle class to upper class and they all wanted to share with us. It surprised us to see so many with so little with so much to give."

At two different homes they ate dinner with four generations of the same family, a living example that the family is strong in rural areas.

John said most of the families they stayed with had a "pretty deep faith in God, said Grace at meals, and went to church on Sunday."

"They did not impose their

faith on us," Leslie added, "But they did share their faith with us."

The interesting thing about their letter published in *County* magazine was that each person reading the letter interpreted it differently. Many wanted to treat John and Leslie as guests instead of having them work.

Leslie enjoyed her first taste of farm-fresh milk and said she barely missed getting kicked by a cow the time she milked a hereford when it kicked over the bucket of milk.

When John and Leslie left Carrizozo yesterday they were on their way to Phoenix to spend Thanksgiving with the family they stayed with in Mancos, Colorado at the home of the Mancos' family's children.

Staying with families did help supplement the Braun's income. They have spent

about \$7,000 with the majority of that being for gas for their pickup. They had a minor accident in Wyoming that left them shaken but determined to continue this trip and begin plans for their second trip next year.

They will return to Pasadena to spend Christmas with Leslie's mother, return to work for a few months and save money for the next leg of their trip, beginning probably next April or May.

While they work, save, and plan for next year, they will keep busy staying in touch with the 23 families they met this year. They will also have time for their hobbies of canoeing, backpacking, scuba diving, sailing, and riding bicycles. John is an avid reader and Leslie plans to write a book about their travels and their experience learning that the "family is stronger than ever in rural areas."

County Will Be Affected . . .

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legislature convenes in January.

"Now's the time to survey the effects (of gambling) and find the money needed to assure services," he said.

Some people are concerned about the Ruidoso resort area getting a big influx of population with the associated strain on services, and the local population left to take up the costs with taxes.

"We've got to determine how big of a piece of the pie we need, now," Howell said.

It will be up to the New Mexico Legislature to enact laws to support the constitutional amendment allowing a lottery and certain games of chance which the voters approved on November 8.

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JOHN AND LESLIE BRAUN (left) show Hoot and Linda Gibson of Carrizozo the route they took to reach Carrizozo on their seven-month trip meeting and working with families in rural America.

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