

Governor Condemns Elderly!

Newly elected Gov. Gary Johnson condemned elderly people in Lincoln County to NO FUTURE when he ordered Fort Stanton be closed as a geriatric facility (nursing home) for elderly and brain damaged persons.

Elderly people who had been forced to go to nursing homes in Roswell, Alamogordo and other areas were making arrangements to "come back home to Lincoln County" and live at Fort Stanton.

Now Gov. Johnson has

"Does 'taking care of the elderly' mean sending them away from their families?"

brought those happy plans to a halt and condemned the elderly to a bleak, lonely future miles away from the homes they loved.

Living at Fort Stanton would mean the elderly were closer to their family members and their families would be

able to visit them more often. The short drive from anywhere in the county would make it possible for families to visit weekly and more often as desired. It would also mean the drive to bring them back to their homes for a visit would not be quite as tiring

on the elderly as it is now.

Gov. Johnson said in his address to the state legislature Tuesday that the state needs to "take care" of the elderly. Several people have contacted *The News* and asked if "taking care of the elderly" means to send them

farther away from their homes and families.

Many of the elderly have Alzheimers disease, and their families are burdened with guilt for not being able to care for them at home. Now that guilt will be doubled or tripled because the family will no

longer be able to visit regularly to make certain their parents and elderly relatives are being cared for properly.

One family said they would keep their father at home, even if they had to lock the father in a room, to keep him safe and to keep from sending him far away.

Gov. Johnson's idea of "taking care of the elderly" could mean that they would have to be kept in private care homes,

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'County Economy Is On The Line'

FORT STANTON ADMINISTRATOR Ervin Aldaz (above) and Capitan School Superintendent Diana Sonnamaker-Billingsley (below) spoke about the affect closing Fort Stanton will have during a special Lincoln County Commission meeting at Fort Stanton in the Recreation Room Tuesday. More than 200 local people attended and many asked questions.



Fort Closure Concerns

by Doris Cherry

News of Governor Gary Johnson's intent to not fund Fort Stanton Hospital cast a shadow of gloom over the Capitan Board of Education meeting Thursday.

The governor, who reportedly does not know where Fort Stanton is, nor ever heard of it, axed the multimillion dollar payroll state facility from his executive budget Wednesday.

day. According to published reports, the governor did not fund the facility because it is not cost effective. Currently there are 26 patients at the facility which employs 202.

Capitan Board of Education was very concerned about the situation. Two of its members, Tom Trost and Jack King, are employed by the state run hospital facility. Two candidates for positions on the

board also work at the Fort. Capitan School district stands to lose directly if Fort Stanton workers are laid off, or forced to relocate, since 73 of the 562 students in the district have at least one parent working at the Fort.

"The school needs that enrollment to keep its quality programs," said Capitan school superintendent Diana Sonnamaker-Billingsley.

"The board is concerned

County Resolution Is In Support Of Fort Stanton

by Ruth Hammond

The recreation center at Fort Stanton was packed with more than 200 people, many of them workers at the Fort, when Lincoln County Commissioners met Tuesday in a special meeting to approve a resolution in support of the Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School. (see resolution on Page 2.)

Officials from surrounding schools, elected officials from surrounding municipalities, and local business people also attended the meeting.

Fort Stanton Administrator Ervin Aldaz and health department secretary Alex Valdez spoke to the crowd.

Aldaz explained that Fort Stanton has been a hospital and training school for the developmentally disabled since 1966. The state began moving the developmentally disabled (DD) clients out of Fort Stanton into communities with only 19 DD clients left at the facility.

When the state made plans in 1991 to move the DD clients a study was made for future plans for Fort Stanton.

It was decided a long-term care facility would be the new use of Fort Stanton. Buildings were renovated and late last year the first long-term care patients moved into the facility.

Valdez said the Fort closing was a difficult and emotional issue. He mentioned the importance of jobs.

According to Valdez, Gov. Johnson proposes a budget of \$500,000 for next fiscal year for Fort Stanton with the intent to close Fort Stanton.

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Fort Stanton Closing Would Affect Gross Receipts Taxes

Lincoln County residents were shocked last week when Gov. Gary Johnson announced Fort Stanton would close.

Johnson said the "state" does not want to go into the long-term care (nursing home) business. This surprised county residents because they were told last year and the year before that Fort Stanton would stay open and be transitioned from a hospital and training school for the developmentally disabled (DD) to a long-term care facility for geriatric (elderly) and brain damaged persons.

The News heard the rumor late Wednesday night and included an editorial in the Jan. 12 issue of *The News*. The official announcement was made Jan. 12 after *The News* had been printed.

Fort Stanton has 200 employees and an annual budget of \$8 million. Businesses in Lincoln County depend on sales of goods and services to

the Fort Stanton employees as well as to the Fort itself.

The threat of closing Fort Stanton has caused businesses to be concerned for their own livelihood. Several business owners have stated the majority of their business comes from Fort Stanton employees.

If Fort Stanton is closed and the workers are forced to find jobs in other areas, it could cause many businesses in Lincoln County to close.

When businesses close their doors, the municipalities, county, and entire state will lose thousands of dollars in gross receipt taxes.

Carrizozo School Superintendent Contract Renewed For Two Years

The Carrizozo Board of Education was in closed session for more than two and a half hours Tuesday night to discuss limited personnel matters.

When the board came out of the closed session the vote was unanimous to renew superintendent Dr. Elna Stowe's contract for two years.

The board also accepted the resignation submitted by science instructor Mariann

Patterson. The board expressed their thanks to Patterson for 12 1/2 years of service to the school.

Patterson's letter of resignation, dated Dec. 20, 1994, stated: "It is with great regret that I am turning in my letter of resignation effective as of this date. I am giving a thirty day notice and I hope to be released as soon as possible."

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Capitan School Board

about the impact. Fort Stanton is a big economic factor for the county, Capitan and the district," said board president Trost. "If we drop 60 kids that means a RIF (reduction in force), programs cut and lots of implications that lots in Santa Fe don't realize."

Fort Stanton is the second largest employer in Lincoln County. Trost said there are a total of 6,000 jobs in Lincoln

County, and 202 of those are at Fort Stanton.

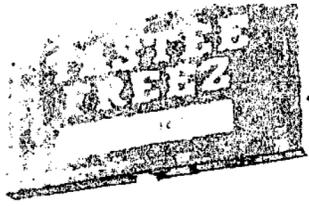
Concerned residents are being asked to contact the governor and legislators. King said Fort Stanton tried unsuccessfully to arrange a meeting with Gov. Johnson for this Friday. But the governor did arrange a meeting about the Fort at 2 p.m. January 26 in Santa Fe. Billingsley plans to attend that meeting.

"We'd like Fort Stanton and

county people to be there," King said.

Until then, King said that concerned residents should contact the governor and their legislators about how closing Fort Stanton will effect the county and district. A packet of information about Fort Stanton, and its impact on Lincoln County, is being prepared by the county commission.

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TWO SPECIAL VISITORS in Carrizozo Saturday were Tee And Eff. The fuzzy creatures made the unscheduled stop at Tastee Freez and walked along the highway and waved to everyone who passed by.

RUCA Schedules Anti-MRS Caravan

The Ruidoso Upper Canyon Association will take its message of "no nuclear dumping" to the New Mexico State Legislature this session.

Hazel Haynsworth, chairman of the association known as RUCA, sought endorsement of the caravan from the Ruidoso Village Council during its regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10. The caravan will travel to all New Mexico towns where Wal-Mart stores are located. The caravan is also expected to make a stop in Carrizozo.

RUCA will travel in a large motor home decorated with banners advertising, "Join us in a footprint march to Santa Fe. With your signature you can protest the nuclear waste dump."

The footprints will be placed on a large roll of paper printed with the New Mexico map. People can sign their names, addresses and comments.

Haynsworth requested the council sign the banner to endorse the anti-nuclear caravan.

RUCA is protesting the Mescalero Apache Tribal Council's intent to construct a monitored retrievable storage

(MRS) for used nuclear fuel rods. The preferred site for the proposed MRS is in the Three Rivers area between Carrizozo and Tularosa. When the MRS was first proposed by the Mescaleros, Ruidoso Village Council approved a resolution stating its opposition to the proposed project.

Ruidoso village attorney John Underwood said the village council should not sign as a council. "A resolution is the manner where the council can voice its opinion," Underwood said.

Mayor Jerry Shaw said the resolution shows the council's opposition to the MRS project. She offered copies of the resolution for Haynsworth to take on the caravan.

Schedule for the RUCA Caravan: Jan. 23 & 24 Ruidoso; Jan. 25 Roswell; Jan. 26 Artesia & Hobbs; Jan. 27 Hobbs & Lovington; Jan. 28 Portales & Clovis; Jan. 29 Ft. Sumner & Santa Rosa; Jan. 30 Corona & Carrizozo; Jan. 31 Cloudercroft; Feb. 1 Alamogordo; Feb. 2 & 3 Las Cruces; Feb. 4 Truth or Consequences & Socorro; Feb. 5 Belen & Albuquerque; Feb. 6 & 7 Albuquerque; and Feb. 8 & 9 Santa Fe.

Governor Condemns . . .

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many of which are similar to the private care homes being provided for persons with developmentally disabilities.

The state's decision to send the retarded to homes in communities has had drastic effects; one retarded person has died in Albuquerque, others have received broken bones and other serious injuries, and some have been thrown in jail. All of these situations were not supposed to have happened but have happened.

The state's disregard for the safety of the retarded citizens is now reaching out to being disregard for our elderly.

The elderly who have lived all their lives in Lincoln County, by their own choice, and have paid taxes in Lincoln County, should not be denied the opportunity to live their remaining years in Lincoln County close to their families.

The one nursing home in Lincoln County is not large enough to accommodate ALL

the elderly who need nursing home care.

The one nursing home in Lincoln County is privately owned, with monthly charges being more than many of the families earn.

Fort Stanton as a geriatric (elderly) long-term (nursing home) care facility would have provided a safe place not only for Lincoln County residents but for others who live in the southern portion of the state.

Those people know that the workers at Fort Stanton have provided excellent care in the past and would continue to provide excellent care in the future to everyone who lived there.

Gov. Johnson may have great plans to "take care of the elderly" but the elderly are wondering if he will have another surprise for them such as balls and chains to keep them from wandering off. They say it would help eliminate the problem of needing a nursing home anywhere in the state.

Carrizozo School . . .

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Thank you, Mariann Patterson, science teacher."

The board agreed to hire Dr. Glen Hawk as science instructor for the remainder of the 1994-95 school year.

Kenny Crenshaw was hired as boys varsity basketball coach for the remainder of the 1994-95 school year. Crenshaw is a Carrizozo High School graduate and was a stand out basketball player during high school.

In other business the board approved the open meetings resolution. All meetings will be held the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. during the fall/winter months) in the board room. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given 10 days in advance, special meetings will be held with three days notice, and emergency meetings may be called within 24 hours.

The board accepted a donation of eight volumes (the complete series) of Will and Ariel Durant's *The History of Civilization* from James and Fran Mack of White Oaks.

The board approved the policy revision governing cooperation between law enforcement agencies and public schools.

The emergency leave policy was approved with the addition of "aunts and uncles" as immediate family members.

The board approved the performance evaluation plan as submitted by Dr. Stowe.

There will be no school on President's Day, Feb. 20.

The 1995 Board Member Institute will be held March 3 and 4 in Santa Fe.

The next regular board meeting will be Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

Authority Closes Waiting List For Rental Assistance

On January 12, 1995, the Region VI Housing Authority accepted applications from Lincoln County for participation in Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs (HUD). Due to the favorable response, the Authority has closed the Waiting List for Lincoln County and has suspended any additional application taking until further notice.

County of Lincoln RESOLUTION # 1994-16

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County is charged by law with the responsibility to preserve, protect, and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County has learned that the State of New Mexico intends to permanently shut down Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School has served the State of New Mexico since territorial days as a military installation, sailors' hospital, and presently as a training facility for the developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School currently employs in excess of 200 citizens of the County of Lincoln and is an integral part of the economic base of the County of Lincoln, and represents a significant capital investment to the State of New Mexico; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN: That the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lincoln has passed, approved, and adopted this resolution absolutely opposing the immediate shut down of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That although Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School is a State owned and operated institution, the County of Lincoln would request that the State of New Mexico consult, cooperate and coordinate with the County of Lincoln and other local governments to the extent practicable when said actions taken in the County of Lincoln have a major impact on the economy and citizens of the County of Lincoln.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the County of Lincoln respectfully requests that the State of New Mexico grant the County of Lincoln and the employees of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School a ninety (90) to one-hundred-twenty (120) day stay on the implementation of the shut down of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School and provide the same with an opportunity to meet with the members of the Legislature and the Governor to discuss alternatives to a complete and total shut down of the facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Governor and/or the State

of New Mexico appoint a task force comprised of a minimum of the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, along with a representative of the governmental entities of Captain, Carrizozo, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and a representative of the Governor's staff, to propose alternative uses for the Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That said task force should consider the following proposed alternative uses including, but not limited to, use of the facility for a regional juvenile detention facility, leasing of the facility to a private entity to continue existing services, formation of a governmental/private enterprise partnership with respect to the facility, or implementation of a comparable State program taking into consideration the physical facilities and the trained staff currently available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the State of New Mexico be made aware of the extremely detrimental affect the permanent and total shut down of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School will have on the employees of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School, their families, and the economy of the County of Lincoln as a whole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Mexico, to the entire congressional delegation of the State of New Mexico, and that this resolution be published in its entirety in The Lincoln County News and The Ruidoso News.

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ATTEST: MARTHA M. PROCTOR, LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK.

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Oops!

Carl Dotson of White Oaks is alive and well and contacted *The News* and mentioned the report of his demise in the Jan. 12 issue of *The Lincoln County News*.

The report should have said that the person who died was a caretaker on Dotson's property.

The News apologizes to Mr. Dotson and his family for the error.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**
 —Early voting for school board elections continues through Monday, Feb. 6.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**
 —The Water Defense Association will meet at 7 p.m. at Hondo School. All board members are encouraged to attend. The public is welcome.
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**
 —Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.
 —Free adult basic education classes 5 to 8 p.m. in Carrizozo High School room 6.
 —The third meeting of the parenting seminar, *Resolving Conflict With Teenagers and Pre-Teens* will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 113 at Capitan High School. The topic for the evening will be *Joint Problem Solving*. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**
 —Carrizozo Extension Club meets at 10 a.m. at Otero County Electric Coop.
 —Lincoln County Chapter of AARP meets at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Senior Center. Guest speaker will be Ruidoso Mayor Jerry Shaw. Covered dish luncheon will follow the meeting.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**
 —Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 10 a.m.
 —Corona Extension Club meets at 10 a.m. in Corona School community room.
 —Free adult basic education classes 5 to 8 p.m. in Capitan High School room 109.

Jane Shafer Is Canyon CowBelle Of The Year

Canyon CowBelles met Jan. 4 at the Norwest Bank in Carrizozo. The team of new officers fed 21 members and the bank employees a beef lasagna luncheon.

Installation ceremonies were conducted by "Judge" Rosemary Shafer and "Bailiff" Jane Shafer who held "Court" charging the new officers with "Crimes" pertaining to eating "Non-Beef" food items. The "Sentencing" was explained, which told each officer the duty of her job for at least the next 12 months.

The officers for 1995 are: President, Knollene McDaniel; 1st Vice President, Bessie Leslie; 2nd Vice President, Stacy Hendricks; Secretary, Anne Ferguson; Treasurer, Lisa Shivers; Reporter, Cindy King.

"Judge" Rosemary Shafer then addressed all the Canyon CowBelle members that they are all guilty of the previous charges. She sentenced the group to dedicate themselves to help the officers. They need to learn all they can about

beef and the beef industry to quell any adverse remarks that are so typical today. She sentenced them to become more informed and to voice concerns so that they can all make a difference!

Jane Shafer was voted as CowBelle of the Year.

The legislative committee will include chairman Ruth Wilson, Pat Hume, Lisa Shivers, and Anne Ferguson. They will keep the group informed as to things going on in the legislature that need to be addressed or acted upon.

Annie Withers and Doris Maxwell will attend the Home Extension Club meeting in February to talk about beef and CowBelle activities.

Anne Ferguson gave a report from the State CowBelle meeting held in Albuquerque in December. The Canyon CowBelles were well represented at the meeting and were told they lost the state membership award by one person. The Collegiate group is still going strong in Las Cruces. Knollene gave a speech to the Womens Auxiliary Woolgrowers group also at the Joint Stockmen Convention during December.

District workshops will be in Capitan March 21, Canyon and Corriente CowBelles will host the midyear meeting in Ruidoso this summer. The womens trade fair will be in Ruidoso in January, and Agfest will be in Santa Fe February 20. Members were

encouraged to attend as many functions as possible so CowBelles and the Beef Industry are well represented.

Carol Wilson is working on the next issue of "The Range Rider" newspaper. Please send her any pictures or newsworthy articles as soon as possible.

CowBelles are asking all members to take as many pictures of women working on the ranches, from kitchen duty to roping calves, fixing pipelines to branding, vaccinating and "doing the works". They have plans for the tremendous work members do and need some photographic evidences.

The next meeting/potluck will be February 1 at the REA Building. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

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SNMEDD Officers Elected For 1995

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) at its annual meeting in Roswell Jan. 13, elected the following officers to guide the development organization for 1995: Fred Alvarez, member of the Eddy County Commission was elected president, Alvarez is also currently serving as president of the New Mexico Association of Counties; John Reid, Mayor of the Town of Dexter, was elected vice president; Al Snipes, member of the Chaves County Commission, was elected treasurer.

Alvarez appointed the following individuals to serve on the SNMEDD executive committee: Joe Hayhurst, Mayor, Village of Ruidoso Downs; Mary Herrera Stanfill, Mayor, Village of Tularosa; Monroy Montes, Chairman, Lincoln County Commission; Randy Owensby, Mayor, City of Hobbs; Ernest Thompson, Mayor, City of Artesia.

SNMEDD is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting local governments in their business, community and economic development programs.

The board of directors consists of representatives of each of the twenty-five local governments. The executive committee is the policy making body of the district and oversees the fiscal operation of the organization.

JTPA Will Provide Jobs And Training To Eligible Persons

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"Honeymoon" With Gov. Is Over

Governor Johnson's "honeymoon" with some of the voters came to an abrupt halt last week, probably the shortest "honeymoon" in the history of New Mexico governors.

Johnson's plans to not fund Fort Stanton brought suggestions of "Impeachment" and "tar and feathers" from many local residents.

Several people contacted THE NEWS and said they were disappointed that they had helped work to get Johnson elected. Others were outraged that Johnson did not make public before the elec-

tion his plans to scuttle Fort Stanton.

One group of people discussed the possibility of cutting New Mexico into two states. The southern part could be New Mexico and the northern part could be the state of Bernalillo or the state of Albuquerque.

A spokesman for the group said that the needs of the people in the southern part of the state are being ignored and do not get the same representation as those living north of Interstate 40.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

State vs The People?

By Ruth Hammond

Tuesday was an extremely emotional day for many Lincoln County residents when a standing-room only crowd filled the recreation center at Fort Stanton to attend the special Lincoln County Commission meeting. We all listened as department of health secretary Alex Valdez told us that Fort Stanton WOULD close. It was almost as if it was a personal vendetta and left us wondering why the state wants to destroy Lincoln County.

The state has already ruined the lives of many of the former residents at Fort Stanton. The state says that the federal court order was to close Fort Stanton when in reality Federal Judge James A. Parker ordered on Dec. 28, 1990 to improve Fort Stanton and correct deficiencies. There is a copy of the entire federal court order here at The Lincoln County News office for anyone who would care to read it.

It was the state that ordered the former residents, persons with developmental disabilities, to be moved into community settings. It was the state, probably someone sitting in a plush office in Santa Fe, who told the state members of the teams making the decisions to recommend the former residents be moved to communities regardless of what the residents really needed. It was the state that has publicized the moves into the communities as being ordered by the federal court.

Even though the team members sometimes disagreed they had no choice but to recommend community placement for the former residents. It appears the state forced their workers into making the recommendations with a form of blackmail. If the workers did not recommend community placement the workers probably were threatened with the loss of their jobs.

It was the state that decided to do a study to determine what the future should be for Fort Stanton, and it was the state that decided a long-term care facility for the elderly would be the best use of the facility. It was the state that promised county residents that Fort Stanton would continue to operate for many years. It was the state that spent millions of dollars at Fort Stanton in an effort to preserve the buildings and comply with federal regulations for nursing home facilities.

Now Gov. Johnson says the state does not want to be in the long-term care business. What made the state change its mind?

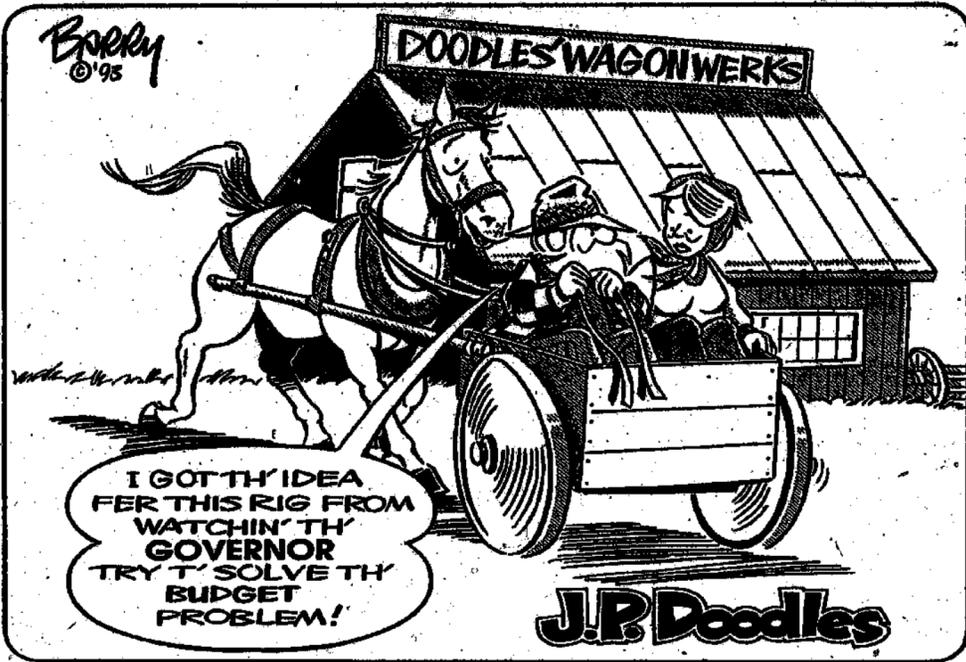
It was the state that decided to put a freeze on admissions of the elderly until all the developmentally disabled clients were moved from Fort Stanton. It is not known if the state thought the retarded would contaminate the elderly or not but there is no logical reason to keep the elderly from moving to Fort Stanton until after all the developmentally disabled clients were gone.

Maybe the person who made all these decisions knew that the reduced number of clients being served in proportion to the 202 employees would make it seem Fort Stanton was a waste of the state's money. Maybe the person who made all these decisions planned it all in advance. Maybe the person who made all these decisions has other plans for Fort Stanton.

The idea that retarded people will contaminate the elderly is in direct contrast to the state's mandate that the retarded all be moved into communities and be mainstreamed. Maybe it is time we, the general public, demand to know who this person is that has made all these detrimental decisions. Maybe it is time we, the general public, demand to know who stands to gain if Fort Stanton is closed. Maybe the state should investigate the higher up employees to find their real reason for all this subterfuge.

Maybe we should all demand that Gov. Johnson tell us just who is the state. Is the state a select few who live in comfort in Santa Fe or is the state all the people? I live in New Mexico, it is my home, and I want to be counted. How about you?

Just WHO makes State decisions?



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—The '95 Legislature kicked off this week amid calls from new governor Gary Johnson for a streamlined and more efficient government.

Despite Johnson's plea for less government, lawmakers are expected to introduce a record number of bills. After setting an alltime record for bill introductions in last year's 30-day session, there's no reason to figure that given 60 days this year, lawmakers won't make a shambles of the old record. Expect at least 2,500 pieces of legislation this go-round.

Last month legislative leaders made a gentle attempt to cut back on the number of "pork barrel" bills for special projects back home. The Legislative Council voted to allow each lawmaker to combine all requests for capital outlay projects into one measure.

Since some legislators introduce as many as 50 separate funding requests, that could cut the volume drastically. But there are reasons lawmakers like to introduce such measures separately — especially those from far-flung districts. Each funding request involves a different constituency with which the lawmaker wants to curry favor, so each constituency likes to have its own bill.

After the special projects bills — calling for something to be built, bought or remodeled — are stripped away, far too many bills of substance remain. Some update old laws. A few even repeal legislation. But most propose new laws.

By the end of the session, hundreds of bills passed by both chambers of the Legislature will be sent to Gov. Johnson for his signature. And if Johnson's early warnings are carried out many of those bills will be vetoed. In fact the governor could establish a new record for vetoes.

Two years ago former Gov. Bruce King set the existing record with nearly 100 vetoes. Johnson, carrying out a pledge for less government, could go over the century mark.

Getting government off people's back is a popular and necessary refrain. But some of those who yell the loudest about having too much government in our lives, bear some scrutiny. Because what some of them are saying is that they don't want too much OF THE WRONG KIND OF government in their lives.

Gov. Johnson's former colleagues in the construction business, for instance, may not be too upset at seeing hundreds of millions of dollars

in building projects pass the Legislature. Yet these are the same people who complain about too much government regulation of their businesses.

Government regulation is also a problem for most professions, yet nearly every year some new group of professionals approaches the legislature requesting their own licensing board so they can start passing new rules and regulations.

The same double standard exists at all levels of government. The agricultural community points out oppressive federal regulations but fights with everything it has to maintain farm and ranch subsidies. Major corporations decry big government but somehow end up with huge federal bailouts.

At the state level, businesses that don't care too much for government lined up to support a change in New Mexico's constitutional prohibition against the government "do-

nating" anything of value to the private sector.

And it happens on the local level. Have you noticed the signs on the back of motel room doors telling guests what they can't do because of "local ordinances" — for which they apologize? Can you imagine a city council being concerned about people keeping a dog in their room, for instance, unless councilors had been heavily lobbied by the local lodging association?

Government used to be the power of the strong over the weak. In the last half of the 19th century, the infamous Santa Fe Ring influenced the passage of laws enabling them to take land from early Hispanic settlers. Today the tables have turned and many labor, welfare, and environmental laws have become oppressive.

There's no doubt we have far too much government. But it's the fault of every one of us. It's not just "them."

Reporter Cherry Off To Santa Fe

by Doria Cherry

Greetings to all you Lincoln County News readers.

By the time you read this column, I will be nearing the end of my first week with the New Mexico State Legislature.

For the next eight weeks, I will be in Santa Fe working in public relations for the Democratic party for this legislative session.

Even though I will be in Santa Fe during this time, I plan to keep in touch with Lincoln County through a weekly column in THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS. In the column I will touch base with our state representative Dub Williams and senator Pete Campos.

The column will also include information about other issues directly affecting our area. Especially, I will keep up with the outcome of the governor's decision to close Fort Stanton.

This year's session promises to be one filled with issues and other events that will

directly affect Lincoln County. By the time the session is over, Governor Gary Johnson will no doubt know where Fort Stanton is and what it does.

The gambling issue, while the amendment authorizing gaming was found unconstitutional by the supreme court, will be a major topic.

After the session ends, I will be back again at the computer, covering my beats in Lincoln County for THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS.

What the legislature does affects all of us. Readers, your opinions about issues do count. Either write or call our legislators or the governor about any issue affecting this county or the state. The address at the state capitol is: New Mexico State Capitol Building, Santa Fe 87503. The telephone number to the capitol building is 986-4300. The governor's office telephone number is 827-3000.

So remember, your opinion does count.

Farm Bureau Is In Favor Of Federal Balanced Budget

By: Stewart Truelson

For more than two decades the American Farm Bureau Federation has been in support of a constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget. Last year in the House it fell 12 votes short of passage, and in the Senate it failed by only four votes. Passage requires a two-thirds majority in both houses. This year it stands an excellent chance.

After Congress approves it, the balanced budget amendment must be ratified by three-fourths of the states before it can go into effect. Even then, there is a phase-in period which effectively puts off the amendment until the year 2001 or later.

The control of federal spending is one of the most important issues facing us as a nation. It certainly is one of the reasons there was so much upheaval in the last election. Voters realize things can't go on as they are. The federal government keeps getting bigger, more expensive and more intrusive.

If there was ever a time to change, it is now before our nation turns the corner on the next century. America will be in a much stronger position economically and in the eyes of the world if its financial integrity is restored.

The balanced budget amendment includes the mechanics to get the job done, but it also represents a fundamental change in government philosophy. The new philosophy includes controlling federal spending to balance the budget, cutting taxes to stimulate economic growth, and stopping the proliferation of federal regulations.

As Ross Korves, deputy chief economist for the American Farm Bureau, puts it: "The balanced budget amendment needs to be looked at as part of a whole, broad series of activities to basically redefine the relationship between the federal government and state and local governments, and between government and individuals." Korves says what farmers and ranchers want is to reduce the federal government's involvement in their daily lives. Most taxpaying Americans feel the same way.

The American Farm Bureau is 76 years old this year. During the early years, it labored for recognition of agriculture's problems by the federal government. It sought equity for rural Americans as government grew to meet the needs of the people. Today, there's a need for government to slow down to meet the needs of the people. The balanced budget amendment is one step in getting government to slow down.

Stewart Truelson is director of broadcast services for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

GED Tests Dates Set To Be Held In Alamogordo

NMSU-Alamogordo Adult Basic Education program has official GED testing dates for the month of January. Persons who have taken pre-tests and have been waiting for the official, please call the ABE office to get on the testing list. Persons who need to pre-test, should contact the ABE office at the Planetarium. Official test dates are January 20 and 27, and February 3. For more information call 437-5015 weekdays.

LETTERS

EDITOR—RE: the imminent closure of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School for the developmentally disabled. If this decision is irrevocable, may I extend my sympathy to the patients, their families and the staff who have so ably cared for them over the years.

This, I presume, is an example of Governor Johnson's campaign pledge to put people before politics? And this in one of the most conservative and Republican counties in the United States.

Some reward. In a booming city like Albuquerque the loss of 200 jobs would have little impact because employers are begging for help, but in an area such as this it will have a devastating effect.

Maybe its true, what has so often been stated about the Republicans, that they are the party of the rich, by the rich and for the rich, (to paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, a truly great Republican.)

Surely, some high caliber Republicans can call in their chips, get a reprieve, or find some alternate use for this facility.

Some speculate that oil magnate, Robert O. Anderson has plans to turn Fort Stanton into a museum or Old West Home Park. But this remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, I would like to make a couple of suggestions. First, an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center. God only knows Lincoln County could use one. No, they don't work very well, but at least it would help keep some of the drunken and drug-crazed fools off of the streets for a while and possibly save some lives.

It should be quite easy to retrain present staff members from one function to the other.

Secondly, while I am no fan or political supporter of Newt Gingrich, the new Speaker of the House, he does have one idea with which I am in agreement. Orphanages, or group homes if you prefer a more politically correct term.

I have lived in many cities in my 60 years and one need go no farther than Albuquerque to see little children, scantily clad in winter, playing amidst the broken liquor bottles and discarded hypodermic needles, competing with cats and dogs and rats for a scrap of food around a local dumpster.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that children such as this would be far better off in an orphanage than with their dysfunctional families.

I would add one caveat to that. No children should be removed from their families solely because they are poor. I have seen many parents, classified as poor, who do an excellent job of raising their children.

Fort Stanton would be an excellent location for such an institution and would also require minimal retraining of present personnel.

I realize that there are those who do not want to hear things such as this, who believe that God is in His Heaven and all is right with the World.

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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.

Yap, Yap, Yap

It was late afternoon Saturday when Gregory came by. And he wasn't alone. He was dragging a puppy on a leash.

"Look what I got, Queen Mother," he shouted over the puppy's loud whimpering.

"Where on earth did you get that, dog?"

"It's a Hounddog. Dad brought him home. He gets to stay two whole weeks wif me. Look at him, Queen Mother! Is he cute or what?"

"A bit active isn't he," I said as the puppy wrapped the leash around Gregory's feet and pulled him to the floor.

Gregory struggled out of the tangle. "Yeah, but I'm gonna tame him, an' teach him tricks. See, here's one trick he can already do. He can kiss," he said as the puppy licked him all over his face. "Do you want him to kiss you, Queen Mother?"

"No thanks."

"Well, O.k. I'll jus' put him up in this chair while you get us both a bowl of ice cream. His favorite is chocolate. Naturally, I'll jus' take my banana."

"Whoa, hold on! You're not putting that dog at my table. And he is not getting ice cream."

"Queen Mother, would you glect this por li' Hounddog? Tha's crule!"

"I'll neglect you, too if you don't get Hounddog out of here."

"O.k. if you say so, I'll take him home. But before you say to take him home, jus' look at those sad eyes." He pointed

the dogs head at me. "Look. I think he's cryin'. Yessiree, he's bawlin' his li' braked heart out."

"Take him home," I said. "I give no quarter. He will find no solace here."

"There's no justice to be had here, Hounddog. Let's go home."

The next day Gregory came back without Hounddog.

"Boy!" he said, "I didn't get a blink a sleep las' night."

"Why not? Hounddog take up too much room in your bed?"

"Tha's jus' it. If he coulda stayed in my bed, eberthin' woulda been fine. But Mom made me leabe him outside. An' to tell the truf, he wuz a wee bit noisy."

"Just a wee bit," I asked.

"Well, I'll tell ya, Queen Mother. That Hounddog is a yapper. If I made that much noise, boy, the trouble would hit the ol' fan. Yep! He's a yapper, alright. An' you know whut else? I gotta sneakin' spicion, he eats better than I do: The stuff Mom wuz gibin' him looked purty good to me. An' he didn't habe to eat one single vegetable. Jus' big chunks a meat wif grabey."

"Well, I guess Hounddog misses his Mom. He's just little, you know."

"His Mom can habe him back, if it wuz my 'cision. But noo! He has to stay two long weeks!"

"I'll give you a calendar, Gregory, so you can mark off the torture."

"Can I stay here, Queen Mother, 'til Hounddog goes home?"

"No."

"Well, I guess if I'm gonna get any sleep, I'll habe to sleep outside with him." He looked at me sadly.

"Dress warm," I said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Con't. from P. 4)

People like this remind me of the Ostrich w.10, when frightened or startled, sticks its head in the sand, leaving its large body exposed to any real or imagined danger. The Ostrich, in spite of its quite admirable qualities, (it lays large eggs) is not a very intelligent bird and why people would choose to emulate it is a question of some interest.

DONALD QUEEN,
Carrizozo.

EDITOR—We, New Mexicans, will have a severe problem if our legislators allow the State Supreme Court to stop the Lottery and Games of Chance Amendment to our State Constitution. In a democracy, the people rule; not the judges. If the majority of voters did not want both the lottery and games of chance, they would have probably voted against the amendment. Once again, a small group has imposed their will upon the majority through our legal/judicial system.

Only the Federal Supreme Court should be able to rule on the above amendment and only if it possibly violates the U.S. Constitution or federal law.

President Jackson completely disregarded the Supreme Court's ruling in the Cherokees v. Georgia case. Jackson said, "let the Supreme Court enforce its decision." Of course, the courts have no enforcement powers. Our legislators should do the same in the amendment case.

The people and our legislators have allowed our courts to completely exceed their authority. The judges are sworn to uphold the State Constitution. The constitution consists of the original document plus its amendments. The constitution may be changed to meet the changing needs and desires of the people. These changes may only be made through constitutional amendments. It is the peoples' right to determine which amendments should or should not be added to the constitution.

Many lawyers and judges will give you numerous unfounded reasons why all the courts' decisions must be upheld. The one that I have always liked is; we are a nation of laws. I have travelled the World and every country I visited had laws. There is also the following scare tactic: Our government will not be affected if the courts' void the acts of our legislature. However, anarchy will occur if our legislature does not abide by the courts' decisions.

Our courts should ensure that everyone is equally protected under the law. They should not allow small groups to impose their will upon the majority. Our legislators must begin answering to the people vice the courts.

This is not a gambling question; it is a will of the people issue. You must contact your elected officials and tell them that you do not appreciate the courts voiding your decisions. Our legislature should not vote on the above issue; they should merely implement the passed amendment. If they fail to do so, then, in reality, New Mexico is not a democracy.

FRANKLIN L. BOREN,
Tombé

Trost Promoted To Lance Cpl.

Marine Lance Cpl. Stormy R. Trost, son of Tom R. and Ruby M. Trost of Capitan, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with 3rd Surveillance, Intelligence and Reconnaissance, III

Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan.

The 1992 graduate of Capitan High School joined the Marine Corps in November 1993.

CAPITAN NOTES

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

Extral Extral Read all about it! Local citizen discovers old ring in cereal box...read on....

Bob Ray lost his gold wedding ring months ago and after looking every where he could possibly thing of, and after retracing all steps that he could remember taking, he jumped for joy and yelled for his wife Merle to come quick. Bob had just discovered the lost wedding band at the bottom of a box of Grape Nuts cereal. We have all heard of getting caught with your hand in the Cookie Jar, but in a box of cereal? C'mon Bob! I know you think I am in my second childhood and I heartily agree, but I have never lost a ring or even a close facsimile in a box of dry cereal. But all kidding aside am happy that you found it, the ring I am referring to, not the box of Grape Nuts.

I began this epistle with this comical story especially because most of us are experiencing a feeling of great loss with the news of our Fort Stanton closing. How pleased I am with myself at this moment because 13 years ago when I first moved to this little village I attended a garage sale that offered some old books. Quite a few of the books were from the Fort Stanton library and all volumes are marked with the U.S. Marine Hospital Library and one was donated by Dr. J.C. Archer in 1946. Collecting old books has been a hobby of mine for years and my late husband collected first editions. My house with its eleven rooms display books of

some kind or magazines in their decor. (My late husband Paul used to tease me and said if I could just keep my mouth closed all the time, when we had visitors, they would take it for granted that I was a most "learned person." The spell was broken, however, the moment I did open my mouth. So much for nostalgia and the books. However those books that I did buy have just been elevated in status to "Most Valued Possessions." I am not familiar with the authentic history of Ft. Stanton but I am certainly aware of what a vast void the closing will make in so many lives and in our communities themselves. We can only hope and pray that something wonderful will be forthcoming and Ft. Stanton will again assume its historical, prestigious importance.

We are happy to report that Bill Butts is home from the hospital and recovering nicely from his fall from his big stallion. Did you know that Bill was a tremendous basketball player in his 'hey day' and did you know that our Netta Nolan at the Village Hall used to help cheer Bill on when he was playing? Netta was cheerleader in those times. (Bet you will never guess who told me all that, will you Netta?)

Just heard that Mrs. Martinez, mother of our Carol Peterson who used to live in Capitan, passed away last December in Clovis. Also speaking of Carol, she and Bennis are now residing in Austin, Texas and are doing just fine. Carol has started a new business and Carol is in training to be a manager for Payless Shoe Store. My error,

they are living in Pflugerville, Texas instead of Austin. But I can pronounce and spell Austin. Pflugerville is sort of a tongue twister, don't you agree?

Merle Ray spent Christmas in Dallas with her grandson and family. While in Dallas she stayed and cared for an aunt that was very, very ill. The aunt passed away while Merle was there. Bob Ray joined Merle there for the funeral in early January. Our condolences Merle and Bob. It isn't easy to lose a loved one, even though they are very ill and getting on in life.

On a lighter note, let me congratulate Joel and Jo Lanning, owners of the Stockmans Feed and Supply Store for their beautiful Christmas lighting and for their winning of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce Lighting display. Also congratulations to Joel and Vivian Crossno for winning the residential display prize.

Last week forgot to mention my nice visit with Mona. Mona is Mona McEuen and one of my very favorite folks in Capitan. She was one of my beautiful models when I had the Style Show featuring all the Capitan beauties. The beauties were modelling the gorgeous dresses and gowns sent to me from Brazil by my son Terrence. Well, I, as per usual, had a problem and went back to the hardware store to complain (what else is new, my complaining I mean) about not being able to make the doggoned shower connection connect with any connections in my old house. Mona decided to just come home with me and get me straightened out. She had no problem,

so therefore proved that the trouble was not in the connection itself, but in the person who was doing the connecting. We then had a nice visit so it wasn't all griping. Like I said Mona is one of my favorite folks.

Speaking of favorite folks, met Lorraine Caywood at the bank and we dashed to Smokey Bear for a Cuppa. On our way back we dashed to the post office and ran smack dab into Lorene Caywood Griego and we all had a hug fest! Little towns are just great. Most folks are just terrific, just a few oddwads that we can either accept or ignore, thank goodness.

But when Push comes to Shove, Nobody likes Everybody. But wouldn't it be wonderful if Everyone did like Everybody? It just might be a good idea to start a "Like-In". Just meet once in awhile and get your gripes out' in the open, listen to their's and make a fresh start. It just might catch on county wide, then state wise and then it might really snowball + Smokey Bear Country would be the beginning and didn't our Lord say "Blessed be the peacemaker." I hope I just called Peacemaker and Peacemaker.

Sometimes do you ever feel like trading yourself in for a brand new model? Do you

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Ben Phillips Reports For Military Duty

BETHESDA, NAVAL HOSPITAL, Bethesda, Md. - Army 2nd Lt. Ben K. Phillips has arrived for duty here.

Phillips, a medical student, is the son of Richard and Elissa Phillips of Lincoln.

He is a 1976 graduate of Capitan High School.

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2nd 9 Weeks and Semester Capitan Middle School Honor Roll

All "A" Honor Roll

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"A" and "B" Honor Roll

6th grade—Christine Alanis, Tracy Armenta, Mandy Arrowsmith, Lacy Brazel, Lindsey Bush, Jessica Casteneda, Cody Glass, Sheree Gillen, Tracey Maroon, Erin McGrath, Chase Montes, Shannon Riordan, Diana Smith.

7th grade—Brandon Beavers, Shawna Cupit, Regina Davis, Christopher Hail, Adam Hobbs, Julie Jaquess, Danielle Jenkins, Mario Maroon, Haylee Murry, Cody Montes, Maria Pacheco, Rye Peebles, Matt Stephens, Treva Stephens Taylor Smith, Kenneth Stahl, Shawna Shreeves, Darren Seallo, Richard Lee Scott, Joseph Summers.

8th grade—Erin Autrey, K'rin Autrey, Andria Brennan, Ty Davis, Andrana Flores, Martin Gonzales, Terry Hill, Cal Marcum, Faith Smith, Misty Thetford, Buffie York.

Grade point average for all students: 6th grade 2.94; 7th grade 2.96; and 8th grade 2.95. (Scale: 4.00=A, 3.00=B, 2.00=C, 1.00=D)

2nd 9 Weeks Capitan High School Honor Roll

9th grade—David Bush, Ann Marie Holt, Travis Jaquess, Monica Johnson, Phillip Koreny, Veronica Roybal, Solana Taylor, Heather Wooddell.

10th grade—Mandi Aldaz, **Joni Autrey, **Julie Barham, **Joe Burchett, B.J. Montoya, Thomas Roybal, Mackey Tully, Cody Turnbow, Diamond Ward.

11th grade—**Jill Lunsford, Shannan McGrath, Neil Montes, Sherry Palko, Shane Reidhead, Sarah Taylor, Meaghan Vinson, Jaylen Wars.

12th grade—**Amy Cline, **Jessica Cline, **Michael Fish, **Meaghan McGrath, **Michelle Payton, Stacie Sidwell, Tracey Stone, Troy Stone, Malaika Tully. **Denotes all A's.

1st Semester Capitan High School Honor Roll

9th grade—Ann Marie Holt, Travis Jaquess, Phillip Koreny, Veronica Roybal, Heather Wooddell.

10th grade—**Joni Autrey, **Julie Barham, Joe Burchett, B.J. Montoya, Mackey Tully, Cody Turnbow, Bryan Waterfield.

11th grade—**Jill Lunsford, Shannan McGrath, Neil Montes, Sherry Palko, Sarah Taylor, Meaghan Vinson,

Jaylen Wars, Christina Worrell.

12th grade—**Amy Cline, Jessica Cline, Michael Fish, **Meaghan McGrath, Michelle Payton, Rodney Sedillo, Stacie Sidwell, Tracey Stone, Malaika Tully, Lee Yobbi. **Denotes all A's.

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ever get days that nuthin' fits, nuthin' jibes, nobody cares and nobody even gives a darn and you ask yourself, "Can this really be me?" But relax for you are definitely stuck with the model the Good Lord gave you. There ain't no re-makes, there ain't no over-hauls and there ain't no returns. So make the best of what God gave you.

It is nice for the folks in City Hall, the post office, the bank to close on holidays and I do not begrudge them the wonderment of a three day holiday, but for some of us right here in the middle of above mentioned places, we feel the sidewalk might as well be rolled up too. What a pleasant sight when the day gleams and you folks also have to return to your labor and

toil. It all boils down to that you are all very special people in our lives and we miss you. So there!

Remember if you have any news please call me at 354-2591 no later than Tuesday in order to get it in the Thursday edition of The Lincoln County News.

And so for another week, may you share love and laughter with those you love. And offer a prayer to our Heavenly Father that the nice people that will have to look for other employment because of the closing of Fort Stanton will soon be rewarded.

May God keep each of you in His care.

And may He give you new beginnings, new promises and new dreams of tomorrow.

Hondo Valley Honor Roll

1st Semester Honor Roll Elementary

Superintendent's Honor Roll

2nd grade—E.J. Sanchez.
3rd grade—Lauren Richardson, Josephine Gutierrez, David Miranda, Tyler Skeen, Harmony Haun, Samantha Gomez, Derek McTeigue.
4th grade—Jessica Candelaria, Jackie Chavez.

"A" Honor Roll

2nd grade—Dawn Putz, Humberto Lerma, James Lujan, Clint Skeen.
4th grade—Alycia Gauna.
5th grade—Carlos Miranda.

"B" Honor Roll

2nd grade—Jamie Garcia, Steven Chavez, J. C. Yocum.
3rd grade—Melanie Miranda, Mark Silva, Santanna Gonzales, Eddie Valenzuela, Joseph Ontiveros, Airika Perez, Saul Acosta.

4th grade—Margarita Baca, Jenna Carrasco, Dana Chanez, Adam Gomez, Randi Gomez, Armando Munoz, Sara Romero, Antonio Sanchez, Dominic Ortega.

5th grade—Stefanie Archuleta, Sarah Davidson, Kalya Gomez, Dina Munoz, Ashley Osborn, Tyler Sisneros, Cynthia Lucero, Christina Sanchez.

6th grade—Wesley Osborn, Jose Luis Ontiveros, Armando Ontiveros, Malessa Munoz, Adan Lerma, Kizay Haun, Chriselda Acosta, Dave Perez.

Jr. High and High School Superintendent's Honor Roll

7th grade—Sarah Katz, Billie Maldonado, Jessica A. Sanchez.

8th grade—Bethany Sanchez, Christina Chavez, Justin Sisneros.
10th grade—Desirae Maldonado.

11th grade—Alejandro Lambert, Lisa Gutierrez, Santa Ontiveros, Iris Chavez.
12th grade—Tomas Richardson.

Honor Roll

7th grade—Tashina Herrera, Martin Richardson.

8th grade—Beau Gomez, Adam Romero, Joshua Candelaria, Robert DeBaca.

9th grade—Glen White, Amanda Munoz, Adam Herrera, Jason Candelaria, Jeffrey Sanchez, Bismark Aguilera, Rowena Baca.

10th grade—Robert Slocum, Jorge Ontiveros, Cassandra Garrett, Casey Gomez.

11th grade—Velia Talavera.
12th grade—Dwaine Chavez, Javier Gonzales, Juan Carlos Rodriguez.

Scholarships Are Available For "B" Or Better Students

High school students with a grade point average of "B" or better and who are U.S. citizens interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by March 15, 1995 from Educational Communications Foundation, 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012. To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state, zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation. All requests for applications will be fulfilled on or about April 15, 1995. One hundred fifty winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and

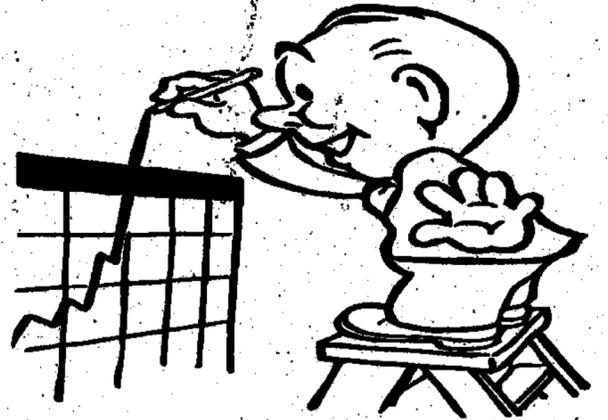
some consideration for financial need. A total of \$150,000 will be awarded.

Kelly Caldwell On Honor Roll At OU For Fall

NORMAN, OKLA. — Students from 44 states are listed on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus honor roll for the fall 1994 semester, including Carrizozo High School graduate Kelly Ann Caldwell.

In most colleges, students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be included on the honor roll.

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Sheriff's Report

Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane received a call Saturday, Jan. 14 that a body had been found in Littleton Canyon near Bonito Lake. The caller advised the remains were wrapped in a red blanket.

McSwane, undersheriff Bobby Miller, and deputies Orlando Montes and Charley Engelking responded.

McSwane said after further excavation it was determined the unidentified bones were that of a dog.

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

Jan. 11:
11:21 a.m. caller requested the juvenile officer at a trailer park east on Highway 70.

11:16 a.m. vandalism was reported to a dozer at the Capitan landfill. A deputy responded.

Jan. 12:
7:26 a.m. a person on West Deer Trail was down and "can't get up, may be reaction to medication. Victim had an accident a couple of days ago." Capitan police responded. Fort Stanton ambulance transported patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC.)

8:10 p.m. caller in Carrizozo reported a dog in bad shape. Carrizozo police responded.

Jan. 13:
1:44 a.m. calling parties advised they left their residence in Amarillo, Texas at approximately 9:20 p.m. Jan. 12 en route to Las Cruces. Between Corona and Carrizozo they were passed by a vehicle they recognized as one belonging to them. They contacted their sister who was

house sitting and asked if she would look outside and see if their vehicle was in the carport. It wasn't! They reported the vehicle stolen to Carrizozo Police. Carrizozo police with assistance from New Mexico State Police (NMSP) and Otero County units recovered the vehicle and made two felony arrests in Tularosa.

8:46 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported ten miles south on Highway 54 involving an 18-wheeler and a 4-wheeler. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported patients to Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo. Sheriff's deputies and Carrizozo police also responded.

5:15 p.m. a calf was reported running down 17th St. in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

9:59 p.m. a grass fire covering 10 to 15 acres was reported 7/10 mile east of mile marker 100 on Highway 380. New Mexico State Forestry was notified. Lincoln Fire Department, Hondo Fire Department, Forest Service fire units, and sheriff's deputies responded.

Jan. 14:
9:38 a.m. the fire flared up again two miles east of Lincoln.

10:43 a.m. caller advised found unidentified bones wrapped in a red blanket up Littleton Canyon. Sheriff McSwane, undersheriff Bobby Miller, and deputies Charley Engelking and Orlando Montes responded. The bones were identified as that of a dog.

11:28 a.m. vandalism reported to property above Bonita Lou's. A deputy responded.

2:41 p.m. suspicious activity

was reported at Mogate Creek Estates. After checking the deputy reported Code-4 (OK).

3:00 p.m. a deputy was requested to stand by while party retrieved articles from a trailer court on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

6:39 p.m. an accident with no injuries (rollover) was reported on ski run road. Two deputies responded. The owner was going to handle it himself.

6:57 p.m. a theft report was taken. Skis were stolen on the road to the slopes. A deputy responded.

8:04 p.m. an accident with no injuries was reported five miles south of Duran. Corona ambulance and EMTs responded. No one was around, state police were on the scene.

11:11 p.m. an accident with no injuries was reported, a gas line/main was hit, causing a high pressure natural gas leak in Capitan at Yard Road. The vehicle was on its side. Capitan police, EMTs, Fort Stanton ambulance, Capitan Fire Department, sheriff's deputies, Otero County Electric Cooperative, Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, Zia Natural Gas, wrecker service, and Lincoln County Road department responded.

Jan. 15:
10:55 a.m. vandalism to property, a residence in Capitan, was reported.

11:56 a.m. an ambulance was requested for a 9-year old boy on a back board with a C-collar and facial lacerations. Alto ambulance transported the patient and a rider to LCMC.

2:22 p.m. an ambulance was requested at Ski Apache for a victim complaining of back and thigh pains. Alto ambu-

lance transported the patient to LCMC.

6:56 p.m. motorist assist was requested in Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

12:10 a.m. subject was arrested for DWI on Main St. in Nogal.

10:32 p.m. a car was reported on fire - really!! at Highway 48 and Ski Run Road. Fire departments responded.

Jan. 16:
8:44 a.m. caller advised a camp trailer stolen from Corona in winter of 1992, reported to Chaves County and Estancia. Calling party had no report copy, no proof of ownership at the time of call, to be acquired. A deputy responded.

9:18 a.m. skis were reported stolen at Ski Apache New Year's Day.

3:29 p.m. the old chamber of commerce building door was open in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

4:24 p.m. a deputy and Forest Service responded to a request for peace-keeping at Palo Verde Slopes.

7:44 p.m. an immobile vehicle was reported in Pippin Canyon, knocked hole in the gas tank. Caller called on a cellular phone. Two sheriff's deputies and two Forest Service employees responded. Contact was made with the caller's husband.

Jan. 17:
9:13 a.m. caller heard an audible alarm on High Mesa Drive. Unable to say which house for sure.

9:17 a.m. alarm company owner called, advised it was his alarm. No further action was taken, deputy to handle.

OBITUARY

RICKY RAY BENNETT

Memorial services for Ricky Ray Bennett, 44, of Ruidoso will be held at a later date. Mr. Bennett died Jan. 1 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born Oct. 22, 1950 at Olton, Texas to Marlene and Bob Bennett.

He moved to Ruidoso 16 months ago from Amarillo, Texas. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hart, Texas and

was a self employed contractor.

He married Debra Boehler on June 9, 1993 in Amarillo, Texas.

He is survived by his wife of Ruidoso; a son Travis Shane Bennett of Lovington; two step-daughters: Katy Gist of Ruidoso and April Gist of Amarillo. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett of Hart, Texas and a sister Sandy Sides of Lubbock, Texas. Also his grandmother Mrs. K. E. Lambert of Hart, Texas.

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All brochures are free and may be ordered by calling the State Bar at 842-6132 in Albuquerque or 1-800-876-6227 from outside Albuquerque. The brochures are also available, in limited quantities, to non-profit organizations such as public libraries and senior citizen centers.

"Church Directory"

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave. 648-2968 (church)
or 648-2107

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'ozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm

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

Church of Christ

PAUL WETZEL, minister
Ave. C at 12th, 648-2596

Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. ROBERT BATTON
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Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

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ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
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354-2025

Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

United Methodist Churches

TOMMY JARED, pastor
Trinity - Carrizozo
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

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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
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1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 am.

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Sunday..... 2:30 pm

Nogal Presbyterian Church

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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
648-2850

Sunday Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 am

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LEGALS

IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. DR-94-217
Div. III

MARY S. ELLIOTT,
Petitioner,
vs.
ROY L. ELLIOTT,
Respondent.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ROY L. ELLIOTT, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PETITIONER HAS FILED A PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED PROCEEDING WHEREIN YOU ARE NAMED THE RESPONDENT.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is the Dissolution of Marriage, as more particularly set forth in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on file in the above-captioned cause, in the District Court of Lincoln County.

Please take further notice that if you intend to contest the dissolution you must respond to the Petition within twenty (20) days from the date of service. Failure to respond within that time shall be treated as a default and your consent to the divorce will not be required. The name of Petitioner's attorney is as follows:

The Holmes Law Firm by Todd A. Holmes, P.O. Box 4065, Alamogordo, NM 88311, (505) 437-2801.

WITNESS the Honorable Richard A. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 22nd day of December, 1994.

MARGO LINDSAY, CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT,

Published in The Lincoln County News on January 12 and 19, 1995.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-94-108

BERKELEY FEDERAL BANK & TRUST, F.B. / s/a First Federal Savings Bank of Delaware,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JIM B. DAVIS, KATHRYN SUE DAVIS, s/a Sue Davis, J.E. ROGERS, FIRST CITY NATIONAL BANK, RUIDOSO STATE BANK, and the FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff filed suit in the above-entitled Court and

cause against you. The general object of the suit is to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on August 5, 1988, in Book 119, at page 1039, records of the Lincoln County Clerk, New Mexico, given to secure payment on a Promissory Note. The Mortgage covers real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, described as: J.B. Reed Tract, being a part of S/2 SE/4 of Section 15, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, June 16, 1950, and further shown by the amended plat thereof filed in said office, September 15, 1980.

Unless you enter your appearance in this action and cause on or before February 24, 1995, Judgment may be rendered against you as default. Martin Meyers, Esq., of HINKLE, COX, EATON, COFFIELD & HENSLEY, 500 Marquette N.W., Suite 800, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, (505) 768-1500, are attorneys for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable Richard A. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 5th day of January, 1995.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK, By: ELIZABETH LUEBAS, Deputy.

(Court Seal)

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 22, 1994, David M. and Vonna D. Stevens, P.O. Box 65, Alto, NM 88312, filed application No. 01918-A with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change purpose of use of 6.5 acre-foot per annum of surface waters from the H. Fritz Spring Ditch, which presently has a point of diversion located in the SE/4 of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 2.0 acres of land located in the SE/4 of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. and commencing the diversion of said 6.5 acre-foot per annum of surface waters for commercial bottled water purposes.

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 Eluid Martinez, State Engineer, 1900 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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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Corona did at its regular meeting adopt Resolution #95-01 for the purpose of determining, pursuant to Section 10-15-1, New Mexico State Statutes Annotated 1978, what shall constitute reasonable notice of meetings of the Board of Trustees to be held during the next twelve months. Copies of adopted resolution is available at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN RESOLUTION NO. 94-14

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County is charged by law with the responsibility to preserve, protect, and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, A significant segment of the population of the County of Lincoln is comprised of individuals who have reached retirement age and/or who are on the verge of retiring; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lincoln has learned that the Social Security Administration and the United States Government are planning to implement statutes and/or regulations which raise the age of eligibility for full Social Security benefits from sixty-five (65) years to seventy (70) years; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lincoln has determined that the planned alteration in the eligibility requirements for full Social Security benefits will have an adverse impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Lincoln.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN: That the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lincoln has passed, approved, and

adopted this resolution absolutely opposing the implementation of the proposed change in Social Security eligibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be forwarded by facsimile transmission to the entire congressional delegation of the State of New Mexico, to the Administrator of the Social Security Administration, and to the Governor of the State of New Mexico, and that this resolution be published in its entirety in the Lincoln County News and The Ruidoso News.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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ATTEST: MARTHA M. PROCTOR, LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, at the Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to consider the following proposed ordinances and resolution:

1. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1994-2**

2. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1988-2**

3. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO INCREASE ASSESSMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS IN SUBDIVIDED AREAS IN THE COUNTY**

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances and resolution may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

MONROY A. MONTES, CHAIRMAN, Lincoln County Commission.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. CV-FB-94-83

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY MONTGOMERY GREEN, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

ROBERT GREEN, SHARON M. GREEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF HENRY MONTGOMERY GREEN, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY MONTGOMERY GREEN, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the hearing on the Petition for an Order determining heirs filed by ROBERT GREEN, Petitioner herein, setting forth Petitioner's request to the Court for an Order which will formally determine the heirs of decedent will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, on May 15, 1995 at 9:30 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401, NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition notices is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for

two (2) consecutive weeks.

JAY RUBIN, Attorney for Petitioner. P.O. Drawer 151 814 Main St. Truth or Consequences, NM 87901 (505) 894-3031

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the Ruidoso Convention & Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 848-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

CAROL 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 hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 1995 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA will be posted in accordance with Resolution 94-14, 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees have placed on the Agenda Item public input and/or testimony on changing of refuse services, during the Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 1995 at 8:00 p.m.

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

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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

Cellulose Digestion

Humans cannot digest cellulose. If they could, Huckleberry Finn would have eaten straws instead of chewing them. Cellulose is the fibrous component of wood and composes that part of a straw which makes it stiff. Organisms which digest cellulose use the chemical elements from this material to make up vitamins and proteins for their own bodies. This ability to digest cellulose is restricted to only a few kinds of bacteria.

Cellulose digesting bacteria reside in the digestive tract of herbivores. Herbivores live on a diet of plants. Bacteria benefit from herbivores because of the stable environment and supply of cellulose provided to them by the herbivore. At the same time, herbivores digest and obtain their nutrients from the bacteria.

Certain kinds of herbivores are called ruminants. These maintain cellulose digesting bacteria in their digestive tract. They include cattle, sheep, goats, deer, elk, moose, and pronghorn antelope. Ruminants have four chambers, one next to the other, along the gut which are specialized to manage the functions of the bacteria. The first three chambers are in the esophagus which is the digestive tube between mouth and stomach. The fourth chamber, which follows the esophagus, is the stomach.

This multiple chambered unit, or four-chambered stomach as it is commonly called, functions in the following manner. When vegetative material, called "ingesta," enters the ruminant's mouth, saliva is added to the ingesta as it is ground into smaller particles by teeth. Once swallowed, ingesta enters the first two chambers, where it is churned by muscular action. Bacteria in those chambers begin digestion of cellulose to acquire proteins and vitamins for their own cellular functions. Then, some of the churned ingesta, which is not small enough in size, is regurgitated back to the mouth, as cud. The cud is re-chewed, swallowed, and re-worked by bacteria again in the first chamber. It is then moved on to the third chamber where water is removed. Finally, all bacteria and other components of the ingesta pass into the stomach where cellulose digesting bacteria meet their final destiny. They are digested, and the nutrients in their cells, which they prepared for themselves, are absorbed by the ruminant's intestine and used by the ruminant to sustain its own life.

Non-ruminants, that is animals which consume plants and lack multiple chambers, usually contain cellulose digesting bacteria in their large intestine and cecum. The latter is a small blind sac situated at the junction of the small and large intestines. Non-ruminants include horses, asses, rhinos, and other herbivores.

Cellulose digestion is not as efficient in non-ruminants as it is in ruminants. Fecal material of cattle, for example, is very pasty and lacks the undigested cellulose visible in horse fecal droppings.

Finally, why should we ingest cellulose if we lack cellulose-digesting bacteria in our intestinal system? Here is the answer. Cellulose, which is in wheat bran, whole grain breads, cereals, and some vegetables, is a recommended part of our diet because it provides bulk, also known as fiber or roughage which is actually undigested cellulose. Fiber initiates bowel movements, promotes regularity, and as a result, it reduces the amount of time that cancer causing agents in the feces have to act on tissues lining the colon. That is why cellulose is an important component in diet of humans, and scientists conclude further that cellulose is likely important in the diet of all animals.

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STATEMENT OF NON DISCRIMINATION

ENMR Telephone Cooperative has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assured the Rural Utilities Service (formerly the Rural Electrification Administration) that it will fully comply with all requirements of Title-VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability, veteran status, or age be excluded for participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the conduct of this organization's program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the above grounds in its policies, practices, applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any facilities, attendance at and participation in any meeting of the beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

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LEGALS

ELECTION PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19 N.M.S.A. 1978 may be cited as the "School Election Law". AND WHEREAS, under and by virtue of Article 22, School Election Law, provision is made for the holding of School District Elections throughout the State of New Mexico and in each County and each School District thereof:

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given of a School District Election to be held in the Corona School District #13, on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, between the hours of seven o'clock A.M. and seven o'clock P.M. on said day, in the manner provided by law for holding such election. This School District Election shall be held for the purpose whereby voters may vote upon the duly certified candidates to the positions hereinafter named.

SCHOOL BOARD POSITION	TERM OF OFFICE	CANDIDATES NAME
Position No. 1	4 year term	Nicky Huey James F. Bagley Catherine J. Perez-Muniz
Position No. 4	4 year term	Ricky L. Huey Eddy L. May Richard L. Gage

At the same time the voters of said school district shall have the opportunity to vote on the hereinafter question:

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 extracurricular school activities?"

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Judges of Election and the Clerks of Election have been appointed in said School District and public notice is hereby given of the place designated where the said election is to be held:

CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #13

CONSOLIDATED POLLING PLACE: VILLAGE HALL

Presiding Judge: Nelva June Tyree
Election Judge: Shirley Jeanne Gibbs
Election Judge: Sabra L. Davidson
Election Clerk: Johnnie D. Erramouspe

CONSOLIDATED ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING PRECINCT: LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Presiding Judge: Edith Dobbins
Election Judge: Ysabel Hernandez
Election Judge: Anna Belle Burrow
Election Clerk: Suzanne Saucedo
Election Clerk: Carolene Emmons

**MARTHA McKNIGHT PROCTOR
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK**

DONE under my hand and seal this 18th day of January, 1995.

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PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION

PORCUANTO, secciones 1-22-1 y 1-22-19 N.M.S.A. 1978 puede ser llamado "Ley de Eleccion de Escuela". Y POR, cuanto debajo y por virtud de articulo 22, ley de eleccion de escuela provision esta hecho para detener Elecciones de distrito de escuela por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, and en Cada Distrito de escuela de esto:

AHORA POR ESTO, sera proclamado y por esta noticia publica dando de la eleccion de distrito de escuela que sera detenida en la Corona School District #13, en distrito de escuela consolidado en martes, dia 7 de Febrero, 1995, entre medio de las horas de 7:00 A.M. y 7:00 P.M. de tal dia, en la manera proviniendo por ley para detener tal eleccion. Eleccion de distrito de escuela tiene que hacer detenido por en la manera por lo cual las votantes pueden votar sobre candidatas certificado debidamente por las posiciones despues mencionada.

POSICION	TERMINO	CANDIDATO
Posicion No. 1	4 años	Nicky Huey James F. Bagley Catherine J. Perez-Muniz
Posicion No. 4	4 años	Ricky L. Huey Eddy L. May Richard L. Gage

Al mismo tiempo los votantes de la distrito de escuela tiene la oportunidad a votar en la pregunta proxima:

ASUNTO DEL IMPUESTO PARA MEJORAS DE ESCUELAS PUBLICAS

Si otorga autorizacion a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Corona, Condado 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 el Codice de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad durante los años 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, excluyendo los costos de salarios de empleados del Distrito; y para la compra de vehiculos para transportar a los estudiantes a las actividades escolares extracurriculares?

ADEMAS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los jueces de la eleccion y los escribanas de eleccion fueron apuntados en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esto se la dada el lugar designado donde tal eleccion sera detenida:

CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #13

LUGAR DE VOTACION CONSOLIDADO: VILLAGE HALL

Juez Presidiendo: Nelva June Tyree
Juez de Eleccion: Shirley Jeanne Gibbs
Juez de Eleccion: Sabra L. Davidson
Escribanas de Eleccion: Johnnie D. Erramouspe

PRECINCTO EN AUSENCIA: LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Juez Presidiendo: Edith Dobbins
Juez de Eleccion: Ysabel Hernandez
Juez de Eleccion: Anna Belle Burrow
Escribanas de Eleccion: Suzanne Saucedo
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**Lincoln County
DETENTION CENTER REPORT**

The following people were booked into, or released from, the Lincoln County Detention Center in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

Jan. 10:
Lucy Haun Chavez, 38, probation violation, no bond.

Jan. 11:
Orlando L. Gabaldon, 47, Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB)/Mohave Hesperia, California; held for CSB.

Jan. 11:
Ian Jefferson, 39, Ruidoso Downs: two counts aggravated battery; bond set at \$10,000. Released Jan. 12 on orders from Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.

Jan. 12:
Michael Harper, 46, Ruidoso: DWI 1st aggravated; sentenced to 48 hours by

Magistrate Judge William Butts. Released Jan. 13, time served.

Jan. 13:
Bryan Rogers, 25, Las Cruces/Ruidoso; probation violation. No bond.

Jan. 13:
Robert Minnix, 25, Ruidoso; probation violation. No bond.

Jan. 13:
Ricardo Arreola, 18, Ruidoso Downs; receiving stolen property. \$5,000 bond.

Jan. 14:
Juan Mendoza, 21, Capitan; DWI; sentenced to 48 hours by Judge Dean. Released Jan. 15, time served.

Jan. 15:
LaRoy Phillip Bryant, 34, CSB/Clovis; held for CSB. No bond.

Jan. 15:
Adam Salcido, 28, CSB/Roswell; held for CSB.

No bond.

Jan. 15:
Louis A. Davila, 27, Ruidoso; criminal damage to property, DWI 1st aggravated; \$1,000 bond set by Judge Dean. Released Jan. 15, posted bond.

Jan. 16:
Shannon Yoder, 37, Ruidoso; DWI; sentenced to 30 days by Judge Butts.

Jan. 16:
Craig Sullivan, 32, Nogal; driving on suspended license, DWI 2nd aggravated; Bond set at \$2,000 by Judge Dean.

Jan. 16:
Tracy Lee Slaton, 31, Ruidoso; concealed deadly weapon, negligent use of deadly weapon, domestic violence, battery, aggravated assault with deadly weapon; bond set at \$25,000 by Judge Dean.

Fort Closure Concerns

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King said the governor was "blasted with a number of correspondence" Thursday about Fort Stanton.

Fort Stanton employee and board candidate Eddy Jones said he spoke with county commissioner L. Ray Nunley who said there is a possibility of turning the facility into a southern minimum correctional unit for male juveniles.

King said, "The governor is willing to sit down and meet with us for another option than the use now, that's why they're exploring the juvenile detention center."

Such a juvenile prison would have its own high school and no athletics. The juvenile inmates would not be placed in the Capitan Schools. "We're talking about a minimum security prison for boys," King said.

Board candidate Greg Holguin who also works at Fort Stanton, said the governor did not study Fort Stanton. "The governor was just shooting from the hip, and took his pen and deleted Fort Stanton from his budget," Holguin said.

Concerned parent David Cummins asked if the governor has ever been to Fort Stanton. When King and Trost said "no," Cummins suggested inviting the governor to the Fort.

Trost complimented Rep. Dub Williams for calling with updates about the situation. "He's in there fighting for us," Trost said.

Trost, King, member Beverly Payne and other board members asked concerned residents to write the governor, Rep. Williams, and other representatives, Congressman Joe Skeen, Sen. Pete Domenici, Congressman Steve Schiff and Bill Richardson about how the closure will impact the school district and Lincoln County. Payne also suggested phone calls to the governor and representatives, saying whether the caller is for or against the closing.

Holguin said that a bill may be submitted to fund the facility. King said if the Fort "strikes out with the governor on January 26th, we'll go for a bill."

Fort Stanton has been in transition from being a hospital and training school for people with developmental disabilities (DD) to a long term medical care facility, based on a 1990 court decree. Remodeling was done to convert some of the cottages for the medical care facility.

Trost said Thursday that the decree called for a "change of mission" not to delete the facility.

According to a published report, Governor Johnson based his decision to close the facility partly on the 1990 decree to offer community based settings to the DD patients at Fort Stanton.

In other business, board members:

- Approved another one year contract with Billingsley as superintendent of schools.
- Denied the request to add another polling place in Alto for the school board election in February, because of the cost to the district which has a very tight budget this year.
- Accepted the 1993-94 fiscal year audit from auditor De'Aun Willoughby. The audit had no unfavorable variances.
- Heard complaints from parents about problems with a teacher.
- Met in closed session to

discuss limited personnel matters.

-Introduced board candidates Jody Roberts, Thomas Sidwell, Greg Holguin, and

Edmund Jones.

A meet the candidates forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. January 23.

County Resolution

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No definite decisions can be made until the state legislature sends House Bill 2 to the governor with the budget. At that time Johnson can either sign it or veto.

Valdez said the department needs to develop a layoff plan. PERA officials will come to the Fort and explain retirement. The layoffs will not happen in 60 or 90 days but are to happen in the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 1995.

The Fort Stanton employees are to have the first right of refusal for any jobs in the department around the state. This means the Fort Stanton employees will have the first chance to take any jobs that are open in the department, providing the employees are offered the positions offered. The department of health has 4,000 jobs around the state and an annual budget of \$300 million.

Lincoln County Commissioners voiced their concerns to Valdez.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said, "It is obvious the move to close Fort Stanton is to save money for the state of New Mexico." He asked the state to look for other uses for the facility before it is shut down to keep it intact.

The audience responded with applause.

Howell suggested a long-term care youth facility.

Howell also asked, "Is it possible to eliminate 200 jobs across the state rather than to devastate one community?"

Again the audience applauded.

"The policy decision has been made to close Fort Stanton," Valdez answered.

Commissioner L. Ray Nunley brought up three points. (1) he challenged the audience to pull together and designate a spokesman on their behalf to be involved in the process; (2) he asked Valdez what is the right course for Fort Stanton and said whatever course there is a place for this facility; (3) he said to Valdez, "You said it would be an orderly closure. It can't be orderly to lose 200 jobs. (again the audience applauded) Nunley also asked Valdez to, "give us information as soon as possible before the axe falls."

Capitan School Superintendent Dianna Sonnamaker-Billingsley spoke about the affect Fort Stanton closing would have on the school district. She said family members of 73 students work at the Fort and if those 73 students leave it would hurt the students. The school budget would be reduced and programs would have to be cut.

When Billingsley said someone at the LESCC committee meeting in Santa Fe Monday mentioned Fort Stanton one of the officials said, "It's just a rumor."

"It is NOT a rumor," Valdez said. He was also annoyed that the media knew about it before he had the chance to meet with Aldaz and then have Aldaz tell the employees.

"A decision has been made that this facility will not continue as a developmental

disability or long-term care facility," Valdez said.

When he was asked about the long-term care patients now at Fort Stanton, Valdez said there would have to be a transition plan to move them to another institution or a community provider.

"THAT HAPPENS," Valdez said.

Several employees asked questions about considering the Fort for other uses. When Valdez was asked if the state would consider selling the facility to a private party Valdez answered, "We need to consider as many different options as possible."

One person said that Lincoln County has one nursing home and asked why Lincoln County residents have to go to nursing homes in Roswell. "Why can't they be put here at Fort Stanton?" she asked.

She added that Fort Stanton could be filled with people from Lincoln County and asked, "Why can't this continue as a long-term care facility?" These people paid taxes in Lincoln County. Why can't they stay here?"

"I can't say more than has already been said," Valdez replied.

One person asked, "If you look at the options, why not consider long-term care as an option?" and noted that the conversion to long-term care has started.

Montes said the best bet was for people to contact the legislature.

"The governor made his decision to close Fort Stanton in 45 minutes," one person said. "We need to be concerned about the rest of the state of New Mexico."

Valdez said the governor did not make his decision in 45 minutes as had been reported.

Commissioner Stirling Spencer said, "Maybe we can persuade (the state) to keep a long-term care facility here with actual figures. We need hard core facts in the next 60 days and present them in debate."

Commissioners approved the resolution in support of Fort Stanton and asked Nunley to hand carry the resolution to Santa Fe to the governor's office, state senator Pete Campos, and state representative Dub Williams.

A meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. for the governor to meet with Williams, Campos, Fort personnel, and others about Fort Stanton. The meeting will be held in Santa Fe.

Commissioner Bill Schwetzmann said, "We need to compile as much information as possible between now and the 26th."

After the special county commission meeting had ended, Valdez was to meet with Fort employees at 1 p.m.

Plans Are Made To Meet With Gov. About Fort

A delegation of representatives from Lincoln County plan to attend the meeting scheduled for Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in Santa Fe when Gov. Johnson is to meet and discuss the situation at Fort Stanton.

Others have called State Senator Pete Campos and State Representative Dub Williams to express their opinions about Fort Stanton.

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OBITUARY
MARY S. CLOSE
 Services for Mary S. Close, 91, of Ruidoso were Dec. 28 at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso. Officiating was the Rev. D. Allen Cearley with burial following at Forest Lawn Cemetery.
 Mrs. Close died Dec. 25 at the Ruidoso Care Center. She was born May 29, 1903 in Chesterfield, South Carolina to James and Annie Swinnie. she taught the Kingdom Seekers Sunday School class for 40 years.
 She married J.B. Close in 1943 at Las Cruces, New Mexico.
 She is survived by her husband J.B. of Ruidoso; a son, Harold Dennis Close of San Francisco; two daughters, Joyce C. Williamson of Ruidoso and Janell C. Hope of Lake Stevens, Washington; two sisters, Maude Campbell of York, South Carolina and Mattie Orders of Raleigh, North Carolina. Also eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.
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Licenses Are Available For Depredation Hunts

by BEN HANSON
 For big game hunters, the first deadline of the year to apply for a special hunt is approaching. February 4, 1995 is the last day to apply for "Depredation Hunts" on deer, elk, antelope and oryx. Hunters seem to have a lot of questions about the depredation hunts so let's see what they are all about.

The purpose for the hunts is when deer, elk or antelope feed on agricultural crops or damage fences and other property. Oryx also sometimes interfere with operations at White Sands Missile Range. When either of these problems occur, some of the offending animals must be removed. To accomplish this purpose the Department of Game and Fish will hold special control hunts. If these hunts are necessary, they will be held on short notice, involve small areas and be limited to a few hunters. Those hunters interested in participating on these depredation hunts need to apply by February 4, 1995.

For the depredation hunts, there are an unlimited number of licenses available so everyone that applies will receive a license. These licenses are only validated after a depredation problem has occurred and the eligible hunter has been contacted. They are not valid for any other hunt or time period. The selection process for those participating depends on the luck-of-the-draw.

Those applying will be placed randomly on a standby list. If a control hunt is needed department officials will start at the top of the list to notify applicants about hunt areas, dates, bag limit and any special restrictions. Those contacted and assigned to a depredation hunt will

have their license validated at that time. If a hunter cannot participate or cannot be contacted their name will be moved to the bottom of the list and another hunter will be contacted. Those hunters drawn, but not assigned to a hunt, will have the license fee refunded (\$6 application fee is not refunded) after April 1, 1995.

Remember, all hunters that apply for a depredation hunt are ineligible to apply for any other special hunt for that species. They may not apply for other elk, antelope, oryx or another deer entry permit. Deer hunters may hunt during the regular bow, muzzle-loader or rifle hunts, but those that do harvest a deer will become ineligible for the depredation hunt.

Information sheets on these hunts may be picked up from all license vendors. Application forms may be obtained by contacting any Game Department office. Only one person may apply on each form for depredation hunts. A separate form must be used for each species. Completed forms must be mailed to the Game Department office in Santa Fe. Applications must be postmarked by February 4, 1995 and will be accepted for up to 5 days after the deadline. The application costs for residents of New Mexico are \$41 for oryx, \$41 for elk, \$26 for antelope and \$6 for deer entry permits.

To apply for these special hunts use the following hunt codes:
 Deer Depredation Hunt Code and Quadrant of the State:

- C-5-060 Northwest
 - C-5-061 Northeast
 - C-5-062 Southeast
 - C-5-063 Southeast
 - Elk Depredation and Quadrant of the State:
 - E-5-465 Northwest
 - E-5-466 Northeast
 - E-5-467 Southeast
 - E-5-468 Southeast
 - Antelope Depredation and Quadrant of the State:
 - A-5-575 Northeast
 - A-5-576 Southeast
 - Oryx Depredation and Quadrant of the State:
 - O-5-510 Southwest
- Remember, all those that apply will be successful in drawing, but will only be able to hunt if a problem arises. It may mean that only a very limited number of people that apply will actually get to hunt. Those interested in applying for depredation permits must do so by Feb. 4.

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NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Property which was valued in 1994 in this county by the county assessor is not required to be reported or rendered for 1995 or subsequent years, EXCEPT FOR:

1. mobile homes
2. livestock, and
3. land used for agricultural purposes

If for any reason, your property was not valued last year and it is subject to valuation this year, you are required by law to report it to the county assessor on forms provided either by mail or at the assessor's office.

All nongovernmental entities (property owners) which claim to be exempt from the property tax must report their property and claim their exemption for 1995 if the exemption was not claimed in 1994.

Reports for mobile homes, livestock, land use for agricultural purposes, property not valued last year and claims for exemptions by nongovernmental entities must be completed and mailed or delivered to the county assessor not later than the last day of February.

If you made improvements to your real property and:

1. the improvements cost more than \$1,000 and
2. a building permit for the improvements was not issued; you must report the nature of the improvements and their cost to the assessor not later than the last day of February. These reports must be on forms provided by that assessor.

If you believe your property decreased in value during the preceding year, you must report, on forms provided by the assessor, a signed statement which:

1. describes the property affected,
2. states the cause and nature of decrease in value, and
3. states the amount you contend the value has decreased.

This statement must be filed with the county assessor no later than the last day of February.

If the veterans exemption was claimed and allowed in 1994 no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1994 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

If the head-of-family exemption was claimed and allowed in 1994 no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1994 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

Beginning in the 1982 tax year, taxpayers are responsible for declaring their property classification to the assessor, as residential or nonresidential. When the declaration is accepted by the assessor, it shall remain as such and need not be made in subsequent years unless the classification changes. If a taxpayer has not declared their property to be residential in 1994 and desires that classification for 1995 they must complete a declaration of residential classification and return the signed declaration to the county assessor's office by the last day of February, 1995.

Certain mineral property and personal property of contractors operating in more than one county are required to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division of the State of New Mexico in Santa Fe. Information about property to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division can be obtained from the county assessor or the Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division, Central Assessment Bureau, P.O. Box 630, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508, Phone: (505) 827-0893.

THIS NOTICE is only a brief statement of the provisions of Section 7-38-8, 7-38-8.1, 7-38-13, 7-38-17 and 7-38-17.1 NMSA 1978 of the Property Tax Code. It is not intended to reflect the full contents of these statutory provisions. If you wish to review the full contents of these provisions, they can be examined at the office of the county assessor.

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Ways To Treat And Control Certain Stroke Risk Factors

By Betty McCreight
 Lincoln County Home Economist

At the beginning of the New Year Americans traditionally reflect on their blessings and creating a healthier life style. Many of us can be thankful for advances in medical science and technology, which have steadily lengthened our life spans.

But not all diseases have been conquered. Take stroke, for example. The American Heart Association says that about 500,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. Stroke is the third largest cause of death, behind heart attack and all forms of cancer.

We can be thankful that researchers have found ways to treat or control certain risk factors related to stroke. Those risk factors are:

High blood pressure - High blood pressure is the most important, comparable risk factor for stroke.

Heart disease - After high blood pressure, heart disease is the greatest risk factor for stroke and the major cause of death among stroke survivors.

Cigarette smoking - The nicotine, carbon monoxide and other chemicals in cigarette smoke damage the cardiovascular system in many ways.

Transient ischemic attacks - TIAs, or "mini strokes," are strong predictors of stroke. A person who's had a TIA is almost 10 times more likely to have a stroke than someone of the same age and sex who hasn't.

High red blood cell count - A moderate increase in the number of red blood cells thickens the blood and makes clots more likely.

Talk to your physician to

find out more about dealing with these risk factors.

Unfortunately, some other risk factors for stroke can't be changed. These are:

Age - The chance of having a stroke more than doubles for each decade after age 55, although a substantial number of people under 65 also have strokes.

Male sex - Men have about 19 percent greater chance of stroke than women. Among people under 65, the risk for men is even greater than for women.

Race - African-Americans have a much higher risk of death and disability from stroke than whites, in part because blacks have a greater incidence of high blood pressure.

Diabetes mellitus - Although treatable, diabetes is an independent risk factor for stroke and is strongly correlated with high blood pressure.

Prior stroke - The risk of stroke for someone who has already had one is many times that of a person who has not.

Heredity - The chance of stroke is greater in people with family history of stroke.

Asymptomatic carotid bruit - This abnormal sound in the carotid artery in the neck clearly indicates increased stroke risk. However, a bruit mainly indicates atherosclerosis. It doesn't necessarily mean the carotid artery will become clogged and a stroke will result.

For information about stroke, contact your local American Heart Association or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721).

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CORONA NEWS

The Crown CowBelles met Thursday, Jan. 5. Due to the storm there were only two members present. The meeting was held at the Corona Cafe, where a lunch of beef brisket, mashed potatoes and rolls were served. A letter from Geraldine Perkins was read expressing her surprise and delight at being made Crown CowBelle of the Year. Also Juanita Owen had sent a letter informing us that she would accept the position of scrapbook chairman for 1995. A discussion was held considering cancelling any future Crown CowBelle meetings in the month of January. This is always a bad month for weather and members are usually still overwhelmed from the holidays. Since the Sandia CowBelles meet only 3 or 4 times a year we are sure this would not be a problem. It was decided to put it to a

vote at the next meeting in February.

Erdine Behunin spent Christmas in Tatum with her daughters and family, Bethany and Wayne Brazil and children, Joseph, Holly and Diana. She was in Roswell to meet them on December 29th to celebrate her birthday. On Saturday she went to Albuquerque to attend her grandson, Jason Kiefer's seventh birthday party.

Becky Washburn, DVM, has set Thursday, Jan. 19th as the date for the Corona rabies clinic at the Roberts Bldg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rasak spent the weekend in El Paso to escape the snow and to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

A Women's Fellowship meeting has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31st in the school library. All women of the community are invited to hear the speaker, Deloris Paaz of Los Alamos who will speak on "Prayer" and the "Ten-Forty Window."

Mrs. Lois Sanchez reported Sunday that her son, Manuel Jr. is still hospitalized following heart surgery in early December.

Dwayne Morris and sons, Ryan, Animas and son Stacy M. Morris, Holloman AFB were calling coyotes in this area over the weekend. The team of Stacy Morris and Rand Perkins won the Alamogordo calling contest.

Mrs. Mary Allen is at home in Capitan following her hospital stay and reports that she is okay.

Mrs. Frank Sultemeier suffered a heart attack in Roswell Thursday and was flown to Albuquerque for tests. Angioplasty opened one

clogged artery Sunday and she has been moved from ICU to a private room.

Lavern and Alex Rodriguez and daughter, Stephanie, Gallup, came over to the Rasak's Friday evening and were there to surprise Wanda and Curtis Duke with a special dinner in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Wanda Duke and Lanita Rasak were elected delegates to the DAR state convention in Albuquerque in March. They attended the regular January meeting of the Sierra Blanca Chapter Thursday at the home of Mrs. Flo Duran in Roswell.

Helen Kay Lindsey was installed recently as second vice president of New Mexico CowBelles. The installation was held at the CowBelle breakfast and general meeting in Albuquerque in conjunction with the 1994 joint stockmen's meeting. Helen Kay will be chairman of membership and will enjoy travelling around New Mexico and to Phoenix and to Denver representing the 1,000 New Mexico CowBelle Membership. She recently gave a program entitled "What's Ahead for Beef in 1995?" to her local CowBelle Chuckwagon local in Mountainair. She handed out recipes, brochures and pamphlets which are available through the NM Beef Council, and gave interesting and encouraging information about the promotion of beef through the checkoff dollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Gid Allen were called to Portales by the illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Perkins were in Clovis on business Wednesday.

OBITUARIES

MIKE WILKINS

No services have been planned for Mike Wilkins, 46, of White Oaks, who died Jan. 5 at his home. He was born July 14, 1948 at San Antonio, Texas to Margaret and James Wilkins who both precede him in death.

He moved to White Oaks in 1990 from Dallas, Texas. He served in the Army during the Vietnam Era. He was a caretaker of personal property.

He is survived by his brother Patrick Wilkins of Dallas, Texas.

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

RAMONA FLUHART

Services for Ramona Fluhart, 57, of Ruidoso were Jan. 5 at the Community United Methodist Church with the Rev. Craig Cockrell officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Fluhart died Jan. 3 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. She was born Nov. 15, 1937 at Omaha, Nebraska. She moved to Ruidoso four years ago from Huntington Beach, Calif. She was a retired secretary for public schools in California. She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church.

She married Robert Fluhart on Feb. 17, 1990 at Santa Ana, California.

She is survived by Robert of Ruidoso; two daughters, Renee Ann Faught of Indianapolis, Indiana and Rebecca Ailene Bradley of Fremont, California, and three grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to the Disciple Bible Study at the Community United Methodist Church at Ruidoso, N.M.

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

Breault Reports For Duty Aboard USS Roanoke

Navy Lt. Anthony G. Breault, a 1986 graduate of Ruidoso High School, recently reported for duty aboard the replenishment oiler USS Roanoke, homeported in Bremerton, Wash.

He joined the Navy in April 1990. Breault is a 1990 graduate of Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla., with a BA degree.



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MR. AND MRS. CURTIS DUKE of Corona celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Jan. 16. They attended an anniversary dinner at their daughter and son-in-law's home. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rasak. Upon arriving they were surprised by their other daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodriguez and granddaughter Stephanie, who had come in from Gallup, N.M. for the celebration. Wedding cake, punch, champagne, a flower arrangement of orchids, and many presents made for a great day.

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