

Happy New Year!

Lincoln County Is Financially Sound

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County is financially solid.

The county has nearly \$7 million in total investments. This amount will increase this month due to tax collections. Of the nearly \$7 million about \$3 million is invested in money making accounts in Lincoln County banks, \$2 million is in the state treasurer's investment pool and about \$1.86 million is in a county operation account and a warrant

account which are basically checking accounts which draw a smaller amount of interest.

By state law, the county must set aside at least 3/12 of the budgeted general fund amount as an emergency reserve fund. The funds set aside in the Reserve and other county money is then invested in several accounts that by law must have securities which are 100 percent of the value of the investment.

Lincoln County met its obligations for a reserve fund

this fiscal year, and has approximately \$1 million in excess of that reserve. "I think it's fiscally sound to have \$1 million over (the required reserves)" county treasurer Joan E. Park told **THE NEWS**.

Each month Park provides to the county commissioners a detailed report on the county's funds, which include tax collections, for the county and all other entities which impose property taxes such as school districts, conservation districts and the state and the

county investments.

But at the last Lincoln County Commission meeting, County Commissioner Wilton Howell discussed a possible tax cut, and used an example of "excess" funds that could be applied to such. However, those "excess" funds were in accounts that have been set aside by resolutions approved by the commission, such as county facilities improvements. The county has available to it several "discretionary mills" that can be imposed

on properties. Currently the county imposes mills for roads, county facilities and capital outlay, and fire departments. The discretionary mills are set by resolution, and are earmarked for specific purposes, which can be changed only by another approved resolution.

All county funds are designated by department or by special resolutions approved by the county commission.

Howell also questioned Park about a discrepancy in the

estimate of revenue from tax collections (which was made in May for the county's annual budget) and the actual amount to be collected based on new tax rates, which the state sends to the county. At the meeting Park said she thought the shortfall was around \$70,000. But because

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Lincoln County Detention Center Will Be Surveyed

A survey by a New Mexico State University (NMSU) professor will try to determine if the detention facility operated by Lincoln County is capable of properly handling inmates with communicable diseases, drug problems or mental illness.

The survey is titled Special Needs Inmates in New Mexico Jails and is coordinated by NMSU Criminal Justice professor Larry Mays and Dan Judiscak, a graduate student in the department. All county jails in the state will be surveyed.

The survey, a 10 page questionnaire, has been sent to Lincoln County's detention facility and to every county-run jail in New Mexico.

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Capitan Chamber Changes Meeting To Monday, Jan. 8

The regular Capitan Chamber of Commerce, originally scheduled for January 1, has been rescheduled for January 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Chamber building on 2nd St. The public is invited to attend.

The chamber announced winners in the Christmas lighting contest. Capitan Video was named the winner in the business category, the residential winner was Tiger and Karen Stanbrough. Both winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate from the chamber. The gift certificate is to be spent with a Capitan business.

Open House Next Tuesday At RC&D Office In Carrizozo

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, South Central Mountain RC&D and Carrizozo Soil & Water Conservation District invites the public to an open house at their new office next Tuesday.

The open house will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the new office location located in the Ruidoso State Bank Building, 409 Central in Carrizozo, on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Refreshments will be served.



BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS brighten the home of Trina Zamora on Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan. Mrs. Zamora said she designs and sets out the majority of the lights, and her children help put lights on the trees. Mrs. Zamora will keep her home lighted until New Year's Eve.

Public Comment Wanted On Ruidoso Forest Code

by Doris Cherry

Forest residents are becoming aware of the potential hazards of untended forests.

In a village like Ruidoso, which is built almost entirely in and under pine and other trees, awareness may be translated into law. Because the forest provides the setting which makes Ruidoso so attractive, the village a number of years ago added a Forest Protect Code which regulated removal of trees in its zoning laws.

But awareness of the hazards of un-managed forests has led to some proposed changes to the code.

The village of Ruidoso is inviting comment on proposed changes to its Forest Protection Code. All comments received at the Ruidoso Village Administration Center before December 31 will be reviewed by village staff and incorporated into a final draft ordinance which will be first submitted to the village planning and zoning commission which will hold public hearings on the proposed changes. The planning commission then will make recommendation to the village council, which will hold another public hearing before taking action.

The public will have further opportunity to comment on the proposed new forest code

during the public hearings.

Copies of the proposed changes are available at the office of the village manager at 313 Cree Meadows Drive and the Ruidoso Public Library at 501 Sudderth Drive. Written comments can be mailed to the Office of the Village Manager, PO Drawer 69, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Comments may also be hand delivered to the manager's office in village hall.

The proposed changes to the current Forest Protection Code reflect the need to better manage forests. Recognizing the economic significance of the forests to Ruidoso's economy, the original code was written to protect the forest areas of the village and prevent the destruction of the natural habitat by development. "Protect the forest areas of the village for their economic support of local property values when allowed to remain uncleared and in their natural beauty and wilderness character."

As fires in recent years have shown, the build-up of dry fuels, diseased and dying trees coupled with drought, can result in devastating fires. And for an area such as Upper Canyon with its extremely limited access such a fire would be devastating to the

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Garcia Says Town Should Keep The Rec Center Open

by Ruth Hammond

Carrizozo Trustee Harold Garcia thinks the town needs to wake up and take responsibility for keeping the Carrizozo Rec Center open. He made that statement during the Dec. 12 meeting of the town council. Garcia also said someone in authority (for the town) needs to be at the Rec Center when the man is working on the bowling machines.

Garcia's statements were made after Trustee Eileen Lovelace said she didn't think the city has funds to continue to run it (the Rec Center).

Trustee Ruth Armstrong expressed concern about the machines being 30 years old, and added that she thought

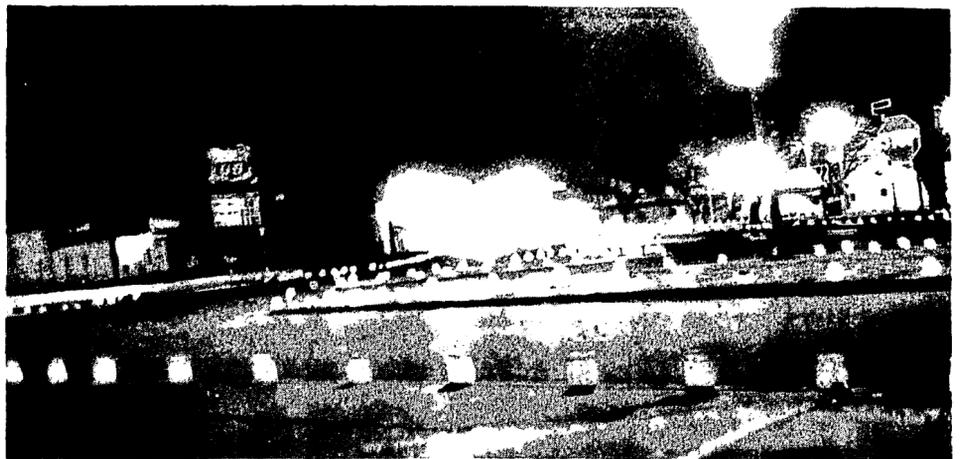
the town needs to wait until budget time to make a decision. This would mean the Rec Center would be closed until after July 1, 1996.

When Garcia said the town needs to take responsibility and do it and do it right, Lovelace asked, "Where will we get the money?"

"Same as everything else," Garcia answered. "It is our (the town's) responsibility."

Garcia has maintained it is the town's responsibility for quite some time. Several months ago when it was reported money was needed for necessary repairs at the Rec Center Garcia made the motion for the town to provide

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LUMINARIAS LINED CARRIZOZO STREETS Christmas Eve for the third annual luminaria display. The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department, with the help of numerous volunteers, made the event possible. The 12,500 bags, in addition to private luminaria displays and business displays, provided a lovely Christmas Eve tour for locals and visitors.

Individual Trash Containers Are Proposed For Ruidoso

by Doris Cherry

Trash collection services are complicated in Ruidoso by the "community" trash containers now used.

To provide more efficient collections, and a way to fairly determine which household has left bagged yard waste for, pick up, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) needs to provide individual

household trash containers, such as the roll around carts used in Ruidoso Downs, Capitan and Carrizozo.

The proposal for individual containers came up when members of LCSWA meeting Monday at the LCSWA office in Ruidoso Downs again discussed how to deal with the seasonal onslaught of bagged yard waste.

Currently bagged yard

waste is disposed at the Capitan Landfill. LCSWA manager Corlis Dobson recommended the landfill stop taking yard waste or construction trash by June 1, 1996. That will allow a month to finalize the closure, which has been scheduled for the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 1996.

Once the landfill is closed,

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community in terms of immediate loss and future economic development.

The proposed changes were based on recommendations made by the New Mexico State Forestry Division, which had reviewed the existing forest code. The proposed revisions will change the focus of the code from preserving what is there now, to managing in order to better protect. Changes in the purpose section of the code add words emphasizing "sound management" while maintaining the high aesthetic value of the forest areas for the economic support of local property values.

State forestry commented that forests in and around Ruidoso are not wilderness area. "Roads, structures, and developments are incompatible with wilderness character. Past logging, grazing and fire suppression have altered the natural structure and density of the forests in the area."

The division also commented that uncleared, un-thinned or overstocked areas create severe fire hazards, leading to "crown" fires which spread from tree tops by fires that burn up from over loaded debris on the ground. Such crown fires, often pushed by strong winds, destroy anything in their paths.

Forestry division states it is not suggesting or endorsing wholesale clearing of all "uncleared" areas. However, it suggests that lot owners with forest areas immediately adjacent to homes and other improvements should be allowed to clear a defensible space zone on the property, if so desired. The National Fire Protection Association recommends a minimum 30 foot radius for a defensible space, with up to 100 feet for homes on slopes.

Forestry Division acknowl-

edged many property owners will not want to create vegetation free zones around their homes. But it recommends managing the areas by thinning and pruning.

State forestry commented that properly thinned areas will result in increased health and vigor of remaining trees, which in turn will perpetuate the aesthetic value of the area.

To better provide for the management of forested areas, the major proposed change to the Forest Protection Code are the "exemptions." In the proposed changes, property owners will still be required to seek village approval to remove a large tree, or group of trees. But owners are given more specific instructions on measuring trees, and are allowed the exceptions.

Trees must be measured at a point 4.5 feet above ground from the uphill side of the tree. If the circumference is 60 inches or more (19.1 or more inches in diameter), owners must seek village approval to remove the tree.

The "exemptions" found in every section of the proposed changes to the code allowed removal if the following conditions exist: "Dead and dying trees; severely damaged or structurally unsound trees; hazard trees; trees exhibiting root rot; suppressed trees; overstocked trees; trees possessing live crown ratios of less than ten percent; trees with bark beetle infestations; trees with more than 50 percent of their live crown infected with dwarf mistletoe; trees with severe and/or chronic insect or disease problems; and trees removed to create an approved zone of defense from wildfire are exempt from the code.

"The actual condition(s) of an exempted tree or group of trees shall be verified by a village code enforcement officer before approval for removal is given."

The section in the code describing "conditions requiring these regulations" will be changed entirely. The current code reads that development proposed in forest areas will be subject to the regulations if the properties have trees five inches in diameter and five feet tall; with slopes in excess of 10 percent. In the proposed changes, the following conditions will be subject to the regulations: all trees with circumference of 60 inches; all forest areas within Ruidoso, excluding landscape or ornamental plantings.

"All forest area shall be defined as any land containing native live trees where the minimum cross-sectional area or basal area stocking level of the trees equals or exceeds 40 square feet per acre," the proposed changes read.

Again, the exemptions will be added.

The section dealing with information required will be changed entirely also. Instead of requiring detailed scaled maps (or aerial photos) showing all mature trees, those to be removed, maintained and replaced, the proposed changes will read: "For proposed development or tree manipulation activity on forest areas..." Developers or property owners must provide: "a. For all forest areas a brief written description of the condition of the forest area, landowner objectives for the site, reasons for proposed tree removal or stand manipulation, and a plan of action and time frame for accomplishing the project and treating any buildups of tree slash in the managed area."

"b. For forest areas greater than one acre in size, a color coded map of reasonable scale or color coded ortho photo showing the affected area(s). The map must delineate zones where differing levels of tree removal or tree management will occur. It must include a

legend which provides a brief summary of the tree removal, retention, and/or replacement activity planned."

"c. For all forest areas, the proposed tree management or tree removal project must be laid out on site prior to Village approval. Layout will consist of designating trees for removal or marking trees to be retained. Affected trees will be delineated with either plastic ribbon or tree marking paint. Whether a site is given a "cut tree" designation or "leave tree" designation can be based on which marking requires the least amount of flagging or paint."

Development approval section is also changed. Approval for the management of forest areas meeting the criteria shall be granted only if the planning commission finds that the removal of the trees does not reduce the average basal area per acre of the site to below 40 square feet. Forest stocking guides and basal area spacing tables will be available from the village.

If the tree removal results in less than 40 square feet of trees per acre, a plan of action must be followed by the landowner to ensure that the stocking levels of healthy, established trees (including seedlings) have risen to at least 40 square feet per acre within five years after stand manipulation, either through natural regeneration or tree planting.

Decisions to remove or thin trees must be based on basic forest health and forest management principles.

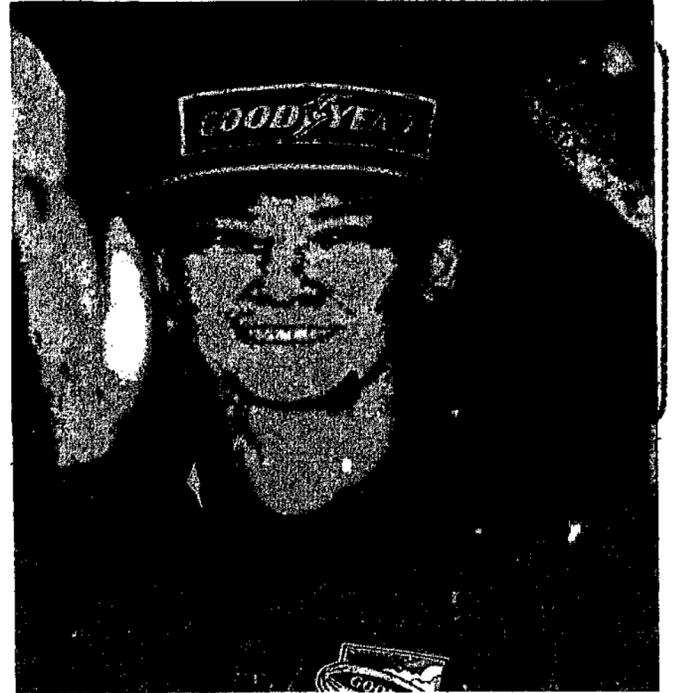
"The best trees should always be left on site to improve the overall health and quality of a forest area. Trees should be well-spaced to allow ample room to grow, but tree quality should not be sacrificed for optimal spacing. Trees receiving top priority for removal should include:

-insect-infested or disease-infected trees; suppressed trees in the forest canopy; trees with visible defects (crooks, sweeps, forked tops, broken tops, uncorrected leans, spindly stems, and excessive taper); trees with mechanical damage; trees with poor vigor and/or a low live-to-dead crown ratio (less than 10 percent); sub-par trees with crowns touching higher quality trees, where excessive competition or overstocked conditions exist; smaller diameter trees, whenever excess trees of equal vigor or quality, but differing sizes, exist and are crowding each other."

Management practice to eradicate contagious tree diseases, specifically dwarf mistletoe, by removing all trees of the same species with any evidence of affliction, will be allowed if the property owner replaces the removed trees with native, non-host species. Non-host species are those which are immune to diseases. For example, Douglas-fir and white fir are immune to the dwarf mistletoe that infects Ponderosa pine. White fir and Ponderosa pine are immune to Douglas-fir dwarf mistletoe.

State forestry in its closing comments, recommends the village hire an urban forester with experience in both commercial forest management and landscape architecture. The forester would deal with village forest protection and management issues on a daily basis by conducting site visits; identifying tree pest problems and suggesting remedies; determining stand stocking levels and conditions and other duties. The forester could also be granted full code enforcement powers.

For more information, contact the Ruidoso Village manager's office.



THE UPPER HONDO CONSERVATION District, represented by Mary Shanks of Capitan, was honored as a Grand Award District in the 49th annual Conservation Awards Program sponsored by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and National Association of Conservation Districts. Upper Hondo was one of 57 local conservation districts chosen as grand award winners based on achievements during 1994. Nearly 3,000 soil and water conservation districts nationwide were eligible for the award.

Individual Trash . . .

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LCSWA must have an alternative for the wastes, or it will be hauling them to the regional landfill in Orogrande in Otero County. Citizen Paul Vordermann presented a composting proposal where he would take pine needles, compost them with methods he has developed by experimenting with pine needles during the last two years and use the end material on his private 30 acre property to enhance the forest soils. He also proposed LCSWA pay him a fee for the service, because LCSWA will not have to pay for dumping the needles at the regional landfill.

Vordermann said he could turn 100 cubic yards of pine needles into one cubic yard of compost with his methods.

Capitan member Dr. Bernhard Reimann cautioned Vordermann about the many state and federal regulations associated with composting. Dr. Reimann, who headed a committee in 1990 to study composting on a public scale, said a study was done in 1991 and from his own experiments he found that composting was not economically feasible. However, Vordermann said he does not plan to sell the end product, rather use it on his private property.

The board agreed to allow Dobson to work with Vordermann to develop the study.

Dobson also submitted a proposed policy for collecting and disposing the pine needles and other bagged yard waste. He said LCSWA needs a fair and equitable way to determine where the bagged yard waste come from, and how to cover the costs to pick it up. Because it costs LCSWA 85 cents to \$1 a bag to make a special pick up of the needles, Dobson suggested charging Ruidoso residents 25 cents

a bag for the service. Charging for the service which had traditionally been free to Ruidoso residents ran against the grain of Ruidoso member and Mayor Jerry Shaw. She said she had to sell her taxpayers on a rate increase last year with the promise that all services would remain as before, and that included the free picking up of bagged yard waste.

While all members present agreed the bagged yard waste needs to be collected by LCSWA, they did not approve Dobson's proposed policy at this time. Instead they asked Dobson to continue to work on the alternatives.

Another citizen, Ernest Powell, also discussed the need for LCSWA to be aware that area property owners could be creating great volumes of waste by doing fire suppression programs as recommended by the state and federal forestry agencies.

One alternative to dealing with pine needles and the potential waste and debris of forest management was offered by Ruidoso member Gary Jackson. He provided pamphlets on an air curtain destructor machine, which creates a clean controlled burn by forcing air into a pit where materials are being burned. The machine costs from \$16,500 to \$24,500 and uses diesel to power the blower.

LCSWA members also accepted a lease purchase program with PCI of Ruidoso Downs to provide radio communications for LCSWA vehicles. The lease will cost LCSWA \$3,600 for the rest of the fiscal year.

The board also authorized a survey made of the Capitan Landfill property, to deter-

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Open House

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L.C. County 4-H Awards Presented At Annual Banquet

The Lincoln County 4-H Awards Banquet was held December 3 in Corona. The banquet is to honor 4-Hers who have successfully completed their 4-H year by submitting a 4-H record book of the projects they have taken during the past year. The record books are judged, and three pins are awarded in each project area. Also recognized are 4-Hers, who the judges feel have made contributions to their club and county. Winners are: Outstanding Novice, Dusti Franklin, Capitan 4-H Club; Outstanding Junior, Mollie Hightower, Carrizozo 4-H Club; Outstanding Senior, Cara Baker, Capitan 4-H Club. Home Economics Award, Mary Beth Bond, Carrizozo 4-H Club; Agriculture Award, Dustin Sultemeier, Corona 4-H Club; Achievement Award, Robert Shafer, Carrizozo 4-H Club; Citizenship Award, Mollie Hightower, Carrizozo 4-H Club; Citizenship Award, Casey Cunningham, Capitan 4-H Club; Leadership Award, Julie Barham, Capitan 4-H Club.

4-Hers receiving 4-H project pins were: Rabbit - Stacy Thorne, Cara Baker and Robert Shafer; Market Lamb - Dusti Franklin, Court Franklin and Dustin Sultemeier; Market Swine - Clayton Wolf, Mary Beth Bond and Dustin Sultemeier; Baking - Julie Barham, Mollie Hightower and Mary Beth Bond; Dairy Cattle - Robbie Burchett and Joe Burchett; Cabrito - Traci Maroon, Marle Maroon and Dustin Sultemeier; Poultry - Traci Maroon, Stacy Thorne and Joe Burchett; Dairy Goat - Traci Maroon and Dustin Sultemeier; Breeding Sheep - Stacy Thorne, Casey Cunningham and John Gnatkowski; Clothing - Stacy Thorne, Rebecca Wells and Marilee Bryan; This Is 4-H - Dusti Franklin, Charlie Tully and Riley Tully; Market Steer - Nathan Wolf, Court Franklin and Bryan Hightower; Breeding Heifer - Julie Barham and Marilee Bryan; Junior Leadership - Julie Barham and Casey Cunningham; Vet. Science - Julie Barham; Arts & Crafts - Julie Barham and Rebecca Wells; Braiding - Cara Baker, Mary Beth Bond and Rhiannon Alirez; Ceramics - Cara Baker; Macramé - Cara Baker; New Mexico Flavor - Cara Baker

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NEXT BEST DECORATED. Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor and staff members Loree Vallejos, Opal Hill and Sam Chavez peek out behind their decorated door which was voted second best in the courthouse office door decorating contest last week. Judges had a hard time deciding between the clerk's and the treasurer's door which won first place.



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—Adult singles group meets at the Marie Laveaux Restaurant at 1214 Mechem in Ruidoso for no host dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 258-3246 or 354-2685.
—Preschool Story hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Public School library.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
—Praise Sing, gospel musical program for all churches, will be held at Evangelistic Assembly Church in Carrizozo, 711 E Ave. at 6 p.m.

—New Year's Eve service at Evangelistic Assembly Church, 711 E Ave. in Carrizozo at 10:30 p.m. The service will be shared with Pastor Johnnie Johnson of Carrizozo Community Church. Refreshments will follow.

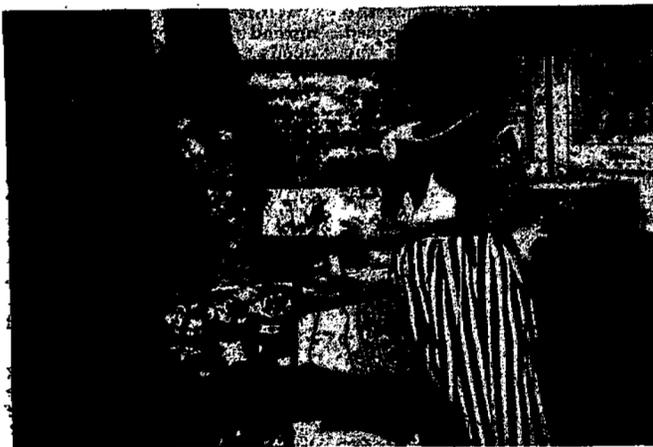
MONDAY, JANUARY 1
—New Years Day. All public offices and banks closed.
—Capitan Chamber of Commerce meeting has been postponed until 12:30 p.m. Monday, January 8. The meeting is at the chamber building on 2nd Street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
—Open House from 4-6 p.m. at the new office of Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, South Central RC&D and Natural Resources Conservation Service, now located in the Ruidoso State Bank Building at 409 Central Ave. in Carrizozo.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
—School resumes in Carrizozo and Capitan.
—Capitan Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. to conduct a closed session for personnel matters for the annual evaluation of the school superintendent.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8
—Lincoln County Board of Finance meeting at 9 a.m. in the commissioners room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
—Lincoln County Commission regular meeting at 9 a.m. in the courthouse in Carrizozo.



SIERRA BLANCA DAR member Lanita Rasak (left) delivers Christmas gifts to veterans in Shella Parker from voluntary services at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque.

DAR Donates Gifts For VA Hospital And Nursing Home

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The Sierra Blanca Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met in November and brought gifts for veterans. Lanita Rasak, chairman of veteran services, delivered the gifts totaling \$354.00 to the V.A. hospital in Albuquerque.

Susanne O'Malley gave a program about the American Indian schools that the NS-DAR supports.

The DAR also met Dec. 14 at the home of Dorothy Bailey with Peggy Rucker co-hostess. At this Christmas meeting members brought gifts and wrapped them at the party. The gifts were then donated to the Ruidoso nursing home.

It was also announced that Ellen Farrell, the New Mexico state regent, has asked Wanda Duke to be the state DAR museum docent, and she asked Lanita Rasak to be the chairman of the same club. Lanita will be responsible for trying to get the same club started in New Mexico. The same club consists of DAR members and their daughters that are also DAR members.

Leon And Helen Lock To Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Leon and Helen M. Lock of Carrizozo will soon celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. They were married January 9, 1946 in Louisville, KY.

They moved to Carrizozo from Vevay, Indiana in June 1959. Mr. Lock was transferred from Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, IN, to White Sands Missile Range.

They are the parents of three sons: James of Waco, TX, who is married to Janice Hansen, formerly of Santa Fe; David of Maxwell, NM, who is married to Nancy Dross, formerly of Carrizozo; and Shawn of Roswell, who is married to Rebecca Brake, formerly of Albuquerque. The Locks have six grandchildren.

The family will host an open house Saturday, Dec. 30 at the Lock home, 307 Tenth St. in Carrizozo from 2 to 5 p.m. The couple requests that gifts be omitted.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Let's Try Blackmail

By Ruth Hammond

Most of us are trying to find easy ways to lose those extra pounds we put on while eating all those holiday goodies while the federal government is trying to convince the general public to accept the proposed budget cuts and governor Johnson is busy doing whatever it is that he does, wherever he does it.

This is not to say that governor Johnson doesn't do anything. This year he has caused a lot of hate and discontent among former state workers by promising them jobs that have not and apparently will not materialize. There were a select few former state workers that did continue to work, far away from home, causing problems by being away from their families.

That seems to be one thing governor Johnson and the federal government have in common. Both the federal government and governor Johnson are ignoring the needs of the people while at the same time making life easier for the people with most of the money. Both the federal government and governor Johnson are using the oldest form of bargaining known to try and get the results they want from the public, **BLACKMAIL**.

We all know what blackmail is. Most of us learned about blackmail when we were children and our parents told us we better be good or we wouldn't get any Christmas presents. Then when we were in school our teachers said we better do our studies or we wouldn't get good grades. There were all kinds of blackmail used through the years: eat the right foods or you won't be healthy, don't stay up late at night or you will be sleepy tomorrow, dress properly or people will think you are a slob, and the classic follow doctor's orders or you'll never get well.

Now the federal government is trying to scare the public with another form of blackmail. Portions of the federal government have been shut down while the "budget talks" continue when in fact all it amounts to is blackmail to get the people to accept the suggested budget cuts instead of the feds making their own cuts of non-essentials. Spending federal money to study how fast ketchup will flow out of a bottle is not necessary. Spending federal money to study cows belching is not necessary. The solution to balancing the budget is to use common sense, not try to get the people to agree rather than face the consequences.

Here in New Mexico governor Johnson is resorting to his own type of blackmail. He closed Fort Stanton, to save money, or so he said, when in fact the state spent an enormous amount of money paying unemployment for the majority of the workers and moving costs for a select few workers. Even before he was elected governor Johnson's campaign was a form of blackmail. He said if he was elected we the people would receive the same state government with fewer workers. Perhaps I am wrong but it seems that letting convicts be released because the governor's office didn't do their job of having the governor sign extradition papers is not the same government, it's poor government. Then again maybe the state did save money by not having to feed and house those prisoners while they were waiting to be extradited.

Both the feds and governor Johnson have their priorities and it seems that neither has the priority of providing the best for the people. Neither the feds or governor Johnson will listen to the people. If they did both the federal government and the state would probably benefit, not only because it would save money but also because it would be an example of working together instead of working against each other to get the desired results.

Professionals will tell us that losing those extra holiday pounds will take hard work to get the desired results but it is certain losing weight will be easier than trying to get governor Johnson and the federal government to listen to the people and make sensible decisions. Maybe we should try blackmail. It may work.

Work together for desired results.



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Raising New Mexico's speed limits may be the easiest, simplest, and least controversial task of the '96 Legislature.

Budget cuts, veto overrides and gambling are sure to make the session, beginning Jan. 16, one of the stormiest ever. Partisan differences deeply divide Republican Gov. Gary Johnson and the Democrat-controlled legislature. But driving fast is a non-partisan passion out here in the wild, wild West.

The federal transportation budget abolished the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit and left the matter up to state regulation. It matters little that accidents, deaths, and insurance rates will go up along with increased speeds. Nearly all of us are itching to cover New Mexico's vast distances a little more quickly without fear of a flashing red light appearing in our rear-view mirrors.

Of course, the present danger of getting caught for speeding in New Mexico is about as likely as Gary Johnson changing his mind about budget cuts. The governor and legislative leaders have said they hope to raise limits to the point drivers will obey them, but they haven't talked much about increased enforcement.

State police, already stretched to capacity, appear to have a major new job enforcing the state Supreme Court's recent decision ban-

ning video-gaming machines in fraternal clubs, charity events, truck stops and bars.

Traffic enforcement isn't likely to get increased attention once speed limits are raised. Besides, ever since Lady Bird Johnson started her highway beautification program, there haven't been enough billboards to hide behind anyway.

There is a possible solution on the horizon. A group of 70 neighbors along Santa Fe's St. Francis Drive have been urging the City Council to slow down traffic that approaches Indianapolis 500 speeds. Local officials argue there is a danger to both police and traffic flow every time an officer cuts a speeding motorist out of oncoming traffic.

So we've come up with an answer that also should work on New Mexico's highways.

A traffic monitoring technology has been on the market for nearly a decade that automates speed control. It has been used successfully in Paradise Valley, a community in the Phoenix metropolitan area since 1987.

Using radar, computerized electronic equipment, and automatic cameras, the system zeroes in on violators, recording their speed, the time of day and the date, while photographing the driver through the windshield and taking a picture of the rear license plate. Soon after, a ticket and court summons arrive by mail.

The program has cut traffic accidents in half and doubled the revenue from speeding tickets — easily covering payments to PhotoCop, the owner and developer of the system.

It seems like a natural for the Johnson administration. The program is privatized; it pays for itself; and it doesn't require additional personnel. In addition, it reduces accidents, saves lives and lowers car insurance premiums.

Years ago, my father, a pillar of the Methodist church, pulled some song titles out of the hymnal to demonstrate his feelings about increased speeds. It went like this:

At 45 miles per hour, sing "The Highways Are Happy Ways." At 55 mph sing "I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home." At 65 mph sing "Nearer My God To Thee." At 75 mph sing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There." And at 85 mph sing "Lord, I'm Coming Home."

In a state such as New Mexico, with our few population centers and long stretches of isolated road in between, the love affair with fast driv-

ing is understandable. Because of better safety engineering of vehicles and roads, higher speeds aren't quite as dangerous as they used to be. And maybe traffic speeds will become more uniform when limits are increased.

But it would be wise to send a message to motorists that if New Mexico increases its speed limits, it intends for them to mean what they say.

M. Ferguson Elected To NMF&LB Board

Matt Ferguson, a Lincoln County rancher, has been elected to the board of directors of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau, the state's largest, private organization of farmers, ranchers and rural residents. In addition, Ferguson was also elected chairman of the New Mexico Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) organization, a division of the N.M. Farm Bureau.

Ferguson has served as chairman of the Lincoln County Young Farmers and currently serves in the position of secretary on the board of directors of the Lincoln County Farm and Livestock bureau.

He has also served as the district YF&R chairman, county Farm Bureau nominating committee member, state YF&R secretary and as a member of the N.M. Farm and Livestock Bureau's resolutions and credentials committees.

He and his wife Becca are graduates of New Mexico State University. She has a master's degree in elementary education and he holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural business.

Becca is elementary principal at Captain Elementary School and Matt manages a family ranching operation. The couple were the 1994 recipient of the "Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award," the state's highest (SEE PAGE 5)

Music Licensing Means You May Have To Change Tunes You Play

by JACK FARIS

Now hear this. The time has come for fairness in music licensing. Under current law, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) and other music licensing organizations can demand payment for almost any music played in a place of business, be it live or rebroadcast no matter how many times it has already been paid.

So, if a restaurant, hair salon or any other small business plays the radio or television, a licensing representative can demand a royalty. That goes for music coming over boom boxes, and cassette and CD players too.

Today's music licensing organizations are allowed to collect fees from small-business owners for music that has already been paid for by others. For example, when a business owner buys a compact disc, a percentage of the purchase price goes to the composer. A radio or television station has already made royalty payments to BMI or ASCAP before its music reaches the small-business owners over the airwaves. But when the small employer plays that music over the radio or TV in the business, he or she must pay another licensing fee. On average, a small business may pay up to the tune of \$500 to \$2,500 a year in such licensing fees.

Such fees are arbitrarily levied by the music societies and small-business owners have virtually no means of disputing them. In fact, a person's only recourse is to file a claim in federal court in New York City, which has held jurisdiction over ASCAP and BMI since the 1950s. That's the one place small employers can turn if they believe they are being treated unfairly — and frankly, it's a little out of the way for most people.

Just ask Underwood, Minnesota small-business owners Lenny Lund and Thelma Ard. They were sued for \$8,000 for having a Karaoke machine at a private birthday party. And during the Persian Gulf War, ASCAP representatives came into their cafe and dance barn, demanding more than \$1,000 because the television set was playing. Because of the actions of ASCAP representatives, there has been no music at "Lenny's Cafe and Dance Barn" for more than a year. Lenny and Thelma worry that they will go out of business.

The good news is there are bills in both houses of Congress that would eliminate the royalty on "incidental" music. Businesses that use radio or television purely as background and that do not charge customers for their listening pleasure would be exempt from licensing fees. This would end the practice of "double-dipping" by music licensors, who already receive huge licensing fees from radio (SEE PAGE 5)



LETTERS

EDITOR: Although I disagree with 95% of what our government officials do to us, I must now congratulate our county commissioners on the support they are giving to Nye County, Nevada.

Yes, I belong to the radical-right, anti-big-government, back-to-the-Constitution, patriot movement that most liberals so like to demonize. I think I'm a fairly intelligent, sane rational person and I believe we must get control back to the states and counties, where we the people can hold our local officials responsible for their actions. Our Constitutional freedoms are being chipped away little by little and it seems that too many Americans are willing to sit back and let it happen. I hope the election of 1994 meant that people are beginning to realize the truly oppressive potential of our big brother government. I hope so or we will indeed be looking at some kind of revolution in our country's future.

BECKY ANN HOWARD
White Oaks, NM

EDITOR: The U.S. Constitution is the "supreme" law of the land. It may "only" be changed through constitutional amendments. The Bill of Rights have never been changed through a constitutional amendment; however, they have been changed through unconstitutional statute laws, court decrees, etc.

More government results in less democracy!
If you truly wish to preserve, protect and defend the U.S. Constitution and our democratic way of life, you will disregard Mr. Queen's, Dec. 14, 1995, statements. Whatever you do, do not start another civil war!

FRANKLIN L. BOREN
Tinnie, NM

EDITOR: I hesitate to dignify Donald Queen's senseless rambling with a response but feel that a couple of his comments probably should be addressed. He seems obsessed with what he calls "a violent element associated with the public lands movement". There is not one documented incident of criminal activity that can be attributed to ranchers or other resource users. I think that this is a tribute to the character and remarkable restraint of those people who "produce" something in our society even as they are subjected to ridiculous regulations and efforts by "anti" groups that threaten to destroy their livelihoods. On the other hand, the so-called "environmentalists" and animal rightsists have literally hundreds of acts of terrorism to their credit. Many of these have resulted in the loss of human life.

Secondly, Mr. Queen decries a nineteenth century government that "loaded" it over certain elements of society yet in practically the next paragraph he calls for "stricter

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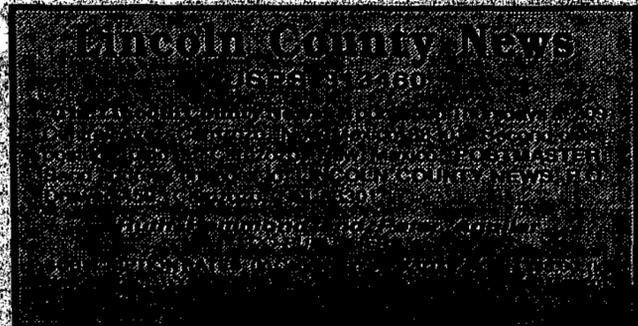
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For the Love of Gregory

by JoAnn Hugg

"Patty Cake, Patty Cake"

Thursday, Gregory came rushing in, "Queen Mother! What do you do with a plathypus?" he asked.

"I don't do anything," I said. "I don't have one."

"But if you did have one, what could you do with it?"

"O.K. I'll bite. What do you do with a platypus, Gregory?"

"Play platy cake!" And he rolled over laughing.

"Very clever, Gregory. Now if you just applied yourself to your school work that much..."

"But it is my school work, Queen Mother. We're learning about plants and animals."

"Great! What have you learned?"

"I learned that toadstools are umbrellas for frogs, and that lily pads are their surf boards. And I learned about a plant that eats meat."

"Yes. Its called a Venus Fly Trap."

"Boy," he said, "I wish I had one. That would entertain me all day. Just sitting and feeding a plant bugs."

"But, Gregory some bugs are helpful. For instance the paper wasp kills tobacco worms, therefore helping save tobacco plants."

"And therefore, giving everybody cancer. Come on Queen Mother. Better think of another one."

"Touche, Gregory."

"You know the clothes you buy that are made of cotton? Well, cotton is a plant. The clothes don't exactly grow on the stalks. I mean you don't have a shirt stalk or an underwear stalk or nothin'! But they make 'em out of the cotton. But guess what?"

"What?"

"He slapped his hand on the table and said flatly, 'Boll weevils.'"

"Boll weevils?"

"Yes. That's why when you buy a shirt that is 50 percent cotton and 50 percent polyester, it means the boll weevils ate 50 percent of the cotton crop. Boll weevils don't eat polyester plants."

"No, because I think it's made from crude oil."

"Well if it's crude, I don't

want to wear it."

"What else did you learn, Gregory?"

"Never mind that. I can't stop thinking about that bug eating plant. Where could I get me a bunch of those Queen Mother?"

"South Sea islands, I suppose. Why? And I'm afraid to ask."

Well... if I could get a bunch of those plants and sell 'em cheap to people, they'd think they'd be getting a bargain. Then I'd clean up on the bug concession. Yessirree, I'll start me a bug farm. I'll bet nobody ever thought of this idea. Bugs are easy to grow. They're everywhere. Just put 'em in cages and watch 'em multiply. Meanwhile the cargo ships would be docking filled with Venus Fly Traps. It's a weird world, Queen Mother. Everybody would want one. But when it came time to feed it, what then. Gregory's Bug Farm, of course. Bugs would roll out of there by plane, train and trucks. I can see it all now. 'Kid makes fortune with bug empire.' It's amazing what a little thought can do, huh Queen Mother?"

"It's scary, Gregory."

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and television stations.

In the event the royalty exemption doesn't take care of the problem, the Fairness in Musical Licensing Act makes it easier to challenge fees by setting up regional outlets for appeal and arbitration.

The members of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's largest small business group, overwhelmingly have demanded music licensing reform legislation because of the unfairness and injustice in the current system. In a

recent NFIB survey, more than 92 percent of small-business owners called for music licensing reform.

Should the Fairness in Musical Licensing bill pass, the cost of doing business would improve — and a cloud of uncertainty would disappear — for thousands of operators of bars, restaurants, and other small retail establishments that play the radio or television. And that would be music to the ears of all small-business owners and their customers.

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government control" over an increasing population in today's society. This "control" is what we are facing in the form of Rangeland Reform, the Endangered Species Act, wetlands regulation, etc. This "control" is resulting in decreased productivity for business and industry nationwide. I fail to see how these controls are going to help the population problem.

Everything that we use in this world, from a toothbrush to a Space Shuttle, is made from materials that are either mined or harvested. It astounds me that anyone can rail against agriculture, timber or mining when everything that they touch, consume, wear, ride in or walk on is a product of a natural resource. This is either the ultimate in hypocrisy or the ultimate in stupidity.

Finally, I appreciate the efforts of the Lincoln County Commission to assist Nye County in the public lands management issue. Resolution of who should manage the public lands is essential if we are ever going to enjoy any kind of economic stability in the western states. People and communities that depend either directly or indirectly on public land use must have a say in their own destinies. Until this issue is resolved, I'd suggest that Mr. Queen get a copy of the Constitution — and read it.

PETE GNATKOWSKI
Ancho, NM

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CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from the Omaha, Nebraska side of the road.
Happy New Year to all of you. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that your hearts and homes are all happy ones. We had a beautiful white Christmas in Nebraska. I have a few new gadgets to add to my collection which my son-in-law provides me every year and many fond memories of sharing Christmas with my granddaughter Katie.
Christmas is such a wonderful time of year. But it will be nice to slow up the pace a bit now that the rush is over.

We have another chapter of *Trailing Around with Traylor* by H. L. Traylor this week.
It's A Cold Cruel World Out There
During the 1930s, before Lincoln County consolidated the rural or county schools with the present municipal schools, I was teaching at Angus. Two school bus routes led from the mountain areas to Capitan, one from the Alto area and one from the upper Bonita.

The Alto bus transported only high school students. The Bonita bus carried all school children to Angus. The high school students transferred to the Alto bus then continued on to Capitan.
It is several miles from Angus to the head of north Bonita. To economize, the bus driver remained in the vicinity during the day. My wife, Alice, and I lived in a three room teacherage back of the school. She taught in another school and only came home on weekends. No one was in the teacherage during the day.
The teacherage had no restroom facilities and only the kitchen dining room was heated by a large range wood cook stove. The one bedroom contained two small windows that were sealed around the edges during the winter. The only entrance to the room was a door through the kitchen-dining room. During the day, the bus driver either remained in the teacherage or visited a family that lived about one quarter of a mile northeast of the school.

On days he remained at the teacherage, he would have a pot of coffee boiling and at noon I would run to get a cup to have with my sandwiches and then head back to school.
A family that lived close to the school had a boy named Ruben (not his real name), who had given a bar in Ruidoso a check that had been returned because of insufficient funds. The owner of the bar sent the town constable to look up Ruben and get the money for the check.

When the constable asked at the home of the neighbors for Ruben, he was told Ruben had gone to the school house to see the bus driver. The 9 a.m. school bell was ringing as the constable entered the school parking lot.
Ruben was in the kitchen-dining room with the bus driver when they saw the constable's car pull into the parking lot. Ruben went into the bedroom, closed the door and pulled the curtains.
The constable knocked on the kitchen door. The bus driver opened it and asked him in. The law made known his mission. The bus driver said, "He's around. He was here earlier."
At noon, when I went to get my coffee, the constable was telling of his escapades catching outlaws in Texas before moving to Ruidoso. He said the bus driver played cards and listened to the radio all day.

stopped to let the high school students transfer to the Bonita bus. I saw the constable's car leaving the parking lot. After the buses had gone, Ruben came into the school house to apologize for using our bedroom. He said, "You know that so-and-so just about caused me to freeze to death. I had to stay in your bed all day."
Next week another chapter of Herbert Lee Traylor's book.

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I don't think it would be fair to do my little feathered friends, the quail, not to let them share a part of my story, as they shared a part of my life.
Before I tell of Old Biddy, will say I'd always reckoned quail as the cutest of many other cute creatures of nature. Not many were on the ranch, and hard as I tried I never had much luck taming them, till we found a nest in the middle of the draw, where we knew the first big rain would bring down a rise that would sweep the nest away. I didn't feel too guilty in taking the 12 little eggs, to set them under

a banty hen.
From the day they hatched, they were a constant source of entertainment and amusement. The mama hen was small herself, but she was shook up when she saw those tiny babies she had hatched. When the first two or three hatched and started running around in the nest box, she'd fuss at them as if she was looking at a big bug. But when they'd run under her wing and cuddle, she'd know for sure they were hers.
A second shock came when I started turning them loose to run around in the yard. A good mama hen is always on the alert and gives a certain growl when she sees danger anywhere. The chicks run under her wing till the danger has passed. Well, when this mama hen signaled to these babies, they just vanished, as quail babies do. It took a lot of clucking and such to get them to appear again.
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ALPHA DELTA KAPPA MEMBERS, members of the teachers sorority from Capitan Elementary school and several students show off some of the food collected for Santa Cops. Students in the lower elementary grades brought food for Santa Cops instead of exchanging gifts. Teachers are from top, Ruby Johnson, principal Becca Ferguson, Mary Shanks and Dottie MacVeigh.

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4-H is the youth organization of the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service. Youth ages 5 - 19 can join. To learn more about 4-H in your community, call Betty McCreight, Extension Home Economist at (505)848-2311 in Carrizozo.



CARRIZOZO AFCE MEMBERS, gather around the tree during their annual Christmas "tea" held at home of Lincoln County Home Economist Betty McCreight. Shown are, from left in back, Rachel Rominger (staff member from the Extension office), Ruth Wilson, Lucia Vega and Ammel Beville; middle row June Hobbs and Betty McCreight; front LaRue Griswold and Phyllis Schlegel. Members brought food and other items which were donated to SantaCops.

Mountainair Ranger District News

by Frank R. Martinez,
District Ranger.

Forest Roads

As the days get colder and with the warmer weather coming to an end, the

Mountainair Ranger District is getting ready to close some of the sections of the forest for protection of resources, wildlife and roads. Roads that are restricted are: 422 at Cottonwood and Red Canyon, 275 at the Thunderbird, 252 at the Benton Road that leads to Red Canyon, and 422 north of 275 by the bean fields. These roads were closed Dec. 22 and will remain closed until April 30. All campgrounds are officially closed until April.

Fuelwood

The fuelwood season will end on Dec. 31 and open again May 1, 1996. We will evaluate other green fuelwood areas in the Manzanos before the summer season.

Renovation

Fourth of July campground will be closed for site reconstruction. We expect the rehabilitation to start in the spring. The project will involve renovation and construction on sites, tables, toilets, and relocating of part of the road.

Forest Plan Revision

We are currently working on the strategies for the formation of the Forest Plan Revision. The Forest Plan Revision will include developing desired future conditions and vision for the district and will guide decision making for the next ten years. We encourage you to be part of this process and help describe the desired future conditions for your National Forest.

A communications strategy is our first phase. We will be asking for ideas on how you would like to be contacted with information during this process. It is important to us to have your involvement, please let us know what your ideas are.

Budget Reductions

With budget reductions it is becoming harder to deliver services as offered in the past. We will continue to do the best we can with the ongoing decisions that still need to be made in Congress. At this

point we do not know what programs and services will be affected by this. We will continue to keep the public informed as things progress.

Prescribed Fire

The Pinatosa Prescribed Fire has been temporarily put on hold while we wait for safer weather prescription to implement this process. Precipitation is significantly lower than normal and there is a high concern for safety. We are projecting that we could burn sometime in February, weather dependent.

Seasonal Employment

Applications for field-going summer/seasonal employment on the Cibola National Forest for the 1996 season may be obtained at the ranger station offices. All applications will need to be sent to the forest supervisor's office not to the individual district offices. All applications must be post-marked or received during January 16-February 16, 1996. Due to budget reductions limited opportunities are anticipated.

Grazing Allotments

We have currently started the environmental assessment on the Perra and Padilla Allotment Plans. We will be working on this through the summer of 1996. The process will include gathering data, evaluating transacts and initiating analysis. Part of the process will be informing the public, gathering issues and concerns, and evaluating opportunities. Our initial scoping period is over; however, if you are interested in providing input into this process, we encourage you to contact the district office.

Our office hours until next spring will be 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

We look forward to a safe winter for all our visitors in the forest. If there are any questions we can answer for you, please contact us at the Mountainair Ranger District Office 505-847-2990.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Village of Corona, in conjunction with the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District will hold Public Meetings on January 5 and February 9, 1996 at 10:00 A.M., at the Village Hall. The Community Development Block Grant will be the discussion topic. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information contact the Village Hall in Corona.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Town of Carrizozo invites you to attend a 1st Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at 5:30 p.m., at Town Hall. The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 1996 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to advise citizens of the programs objectives, range of activities that can be applied for and provide other pertinent information, to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the needs of low and moderate income people. The CDBG Program is designed to meet activities which will address one to three state and national objectives:

- 1.) Benefit principally low-moderate income families.
- 2.) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.
- 3.) Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

All counties and municipalities under 50,000 population are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance under categories including **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, PUBLIC SERVICE, CAPITAL OUTLAY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMERGENCY, PLANNING AND COLONIAS.**

Complete information concerning this program can be obtained at the public hearing along with information on how to receive technical assistance on preparing a proposal for consideration. For further information, contact Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk, at 648-2371, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

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NOTICIA DE JUNTA ABIERTA AL PUBLICO
ENERO 9, 1996
PUEBLO DE CARRIZOZO

El Consejo de Comisarios del Pueblo de Carrizozo tendra una junta publica el martes, 9 de Enero a las 5:30 p.m. en el Ayuntamiento (City Hall). El propósito de la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del Conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos del las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de los ciudadanos sobre el desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gente con ingresos bajos y moderados. Este ano el estado tendra aproximadamente \$14,900.00 que sera asignado estatalmente basado en un proceso competitivo.

Los objetos estatales y nacionales del programa de CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto se cumplan con por los menos uno de los siguientes requerimientos: Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados; ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados e insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que poseen una amenaza inmediata a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no estan disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos publicos elegibles incluyen Infraestructura para la Comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Publico; Planificacion, Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesado estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y proporcionar datos que apoyan su testimonio. Con un minimo de tres dias de notificacion en avanzado, ayuda auxiliar sera proporcionada y asi estar en cumplimiento con el Acto de Americanos Incapacitados. Tambien con suficiente notificacion, un traductor estara proporcionado para los residentes que no hablen ingles.

Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta podran enviar sus comentarios a la Escribana Municipal, Carol Schlarb, en 648-2371, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

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Lincoln County DETENTION CENTER REPORT

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

December 19:
Toby Hearn, 35, Houston, TX; aggravated assault of a peace officer, escape, resisting arrest; \$50,000 bond set by Magistrate Judge William Butts; arrested by Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

December 20:
Mitchel Woods, 33, Tucuman; DWI, suspended drivers license, open container; \$1,500 bond set by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.; released December 20 on orders from Dean; arrested by Carrizozo Police.

December 21:
Victor Cocchiola, 20, Ruidoso; assault, aggravated battery; 90 days court commitment from Butts; released December 24 after serving three days of 90-day sentence.

December 22:
Timothy Nila, 30, Los Angeles, CA; held for Judge Parsons' court with no bond; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

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Sheriff's Report

Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) crews were responding to calls even on Christmas day. The EMS is an all volunteer service.

Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane said he knows the score of the next Cowboys game, before it even starts. "It's 0-0."

McSwane had a few moments of humor Tuesday. The sheriff's office will be under scrutiny in January, when District Judge Robert Dougherty convenes a grand jury in the courthouse in Carrizozo. The jury was called to review allegations of wrongdoing by a Lincoln County sheriff's deputy.

McSwane has told THE NEWS he thinks there will be major political changes, especially after the grand jury, in county government.

He also believes there will be some interesting changes at budget time because it is an election year.

He hopes the situation is settled with the grand jury. McSwane, whose term expires next year, does not plan to seek re-election.

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

December 19:

12:59 p.m. a caller reported

obscene phone calls. A deputy was assigned.

Background information was requested on an individual. There was none.

Capitan police requested background information.

4:58 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check of an individual. The responding deputy found the subject who advised he was okay, but she did have some problems with her furnace, which she would get fixed the next day.

8:37 p.m. a possible drunken driver was reported at mile marker 128 on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. The caller requested an officer to check out the person driving a vehicle all over the road and doing in excess of 80 miles per hour. A deputy and a Carrizozo police officer stopped the driver in Carrizozo and arrested him.

10:22 p.m. a caller reported domestic violence at a location off Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs. The caller requested an officer for a domestic problems between herself and her husband and mother-in-law. A deputy and Ruidoso Downs police responded, then requested assistance by state police. The deputy advised the stem of the problem is money. The couple was leaving for California the next morning and the grandmother was staying here. It was a civil matter.

December 20:

12:51 a.m. a caller reported domestic violence at a location in Enchanted Forest. A woman called and requested an ambulance because she and her husband were fighting and she hit him with a baseball in the face. She also requested an officer and advised that both of them had been drinking. A deputy and a state police officer responded, as well as Alto Ambulance which transported the man to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

3:27 a.m. a railroad worker requested a slim jim at a house in Carrizozo because he had locked his keys in his vehicle which was running. Carrizozo police responded.

3:55 p.m. an individual requested a background check for the Brady Bill. There was no file.

6:42 p.m. a caller reported a possible fight at a restaurant in Tinnie. Two deputies responded.

10:14 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic incident at a residence in Capitan. A man had kicked in the door and threatened to hit a woman he believed to be another woman. Capitan police responded.

10:53 p.m. a caller reported an accident about 20 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. A vehicle was off the roadway. State police and Carrizozo ambulance responded. The patient refused the ambulance.

11:54 p.m. a deputy reported an accident on Gavilan Canyon Road. A vehicle hit a tree, but no one was around. State police responded. The owner of the truck was contacted and he advised he was in the process of calling the sheriff's office. He said he did not want the vehicle towed. State police advised they were not responsible for further damage or loss to the vehicle, and neither was the sheriff's office. State police finally had the vehicle towed away because there were weapons in the vehicle and the owner never showed up.

December 21:

2:25 a.m. an officer requested a motorist assist for a semi truck north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. State police responded but made no contact with the truck.

6:30 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries at the bottom of Nogal Hill. State police responded and requested a wrecker.

8:47 p.m. a caller reported a roll over with injuries on Highway 70 west. Ruidoso and state police responded and advised there were no injuries.

8:50 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

9:46 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious subject at a restaurant in Carrizozo. The subject was panhandling and refused to leave the premises. Carrizozo police responded and arrested the subject. Later the chief of police advised the deputy to release the subject to leave town.

11:15 p.m. an EMS driver reported two heads of livestock on the highway near Nogal. After the dispatcher was unable to contact a possible owner, state police were advised.

December 22:

5:05 a.m. a caller requested a motorist assist for vehicles which had gone off Highway 380 west of Carrizozo because it was snowing. State police were notified.

8:25 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Carrizozo for an infant running a high fever. Carrizozo ambulance transported the baby to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

8:45 a.m. a vehicle fire was reported at mile marker 291 on Highway 70. Honda fire department responded with three units.

10:34 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance responded, but was refused.

1:10 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a male with possible neck and back injuries. Alto ambulance transported the patient to

LCMC.

8:40 p.m. a detention officer requested a background check of an individual.

10:44 p.m. a caller reported kids driving their vehicles on the ice at B Ave. and 5th. Carrizozo police made contact with one vehicle, but not the others.

December 23:

6:32 a.m. a store in Alto reported someone threw a rock through the window. The responding deputy followed tracks in the snow to a vehicle and took a license plate number.

8:28 a.m. Ruidoso Police advised of a domestic incident at a trailer park in the county. The responding deputy later advised he had arrested a subject.

11:17 a.m. a 911 caller reported a two vehicle accident without injuries at the intersection of Highways 380 and 54 in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

11:43 a.m. a caller requested a vehicle identification number inspection. The responding deputy advised the people had improper paperwork.

8:32 p.m. the sheriff requested background information on a subject for the Brady Bill.

8:36 p.m. a Carrizozo police officer advised he was doing animal control for a dead dog on C Ave.

9:25 p.m. a 911 caller reported a structure fire in the Glencoe area. A deputy, five fire fighters from Glencoe fire department and Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance responded.

9:48 p.m. a caller reported theft of services/illegal hookup on cable TV by a subject. Capitan police were advised.

11:51 p.m. a caller reported a roll over accident with no injuries on the dump road near Capitan. State police were notified.

December 24:

8:31 a.m. a gas company, Corona advised, 27,822 gallons of propane were missing. A deputy was assigned.

10:20 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence on Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan. Capitan ambulance responded and transported the patient first to LCMC, then to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital.

4:42 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 10 year old boy on a back board and C collar. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

5:04 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 67 year old woman having problems breathing. Carrizozo ambulance responded, but requested an ALS from Alamogordo meet them on the ALS way to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital.

6:06 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic incident at a residence off Highway 70. The caller requested a deputy because her sister and brother-in-law were involved in a domestic incident. The man was gone at the time of the call. Two deputies responded.

7:46 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fire at the gravel pit on forest service land near a breeding barn south of Capitan. The caller could see flames and she requested the fire department. Capitan fire department responded and let the fire burn as much as possible. When the Forest Service was contacted dispatch got the answering machine.

7:53 p.m. Ruidoso Police for a caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Agua Fria for a woman who had had surgery and wasn't doing well. RALS transported the patient to LCMC.

8:49 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Alto for a man who had dislocated his knee cap. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

December 25:

1:25 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident on Carrizo

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BRENDA MONRREAL AND GARTH BROOKS (center) pose at a recent dog show with the judges. The Chaparral Kennel Club in Alamogordo is sponsoring a raffle to help pay the cost for Brenda to take Garth Brooks to compete in New York at the "Super Bowl of Dog Shows." Donations will also be accepted.

Monrreal And Garth Brooks Plan Trip To NY Dog Show

Brenda Monrreal of Carrizozo plans to go to New York with Garth Brooks. Garth Brooks is an English bulldog.

Monrreal, owner and handler of Garth Brooks, will represent the Chaparral Kennel Club by participating in the Westminster Kennel Club dog shows Feb. 13 and 14, 1996.

Garth Brooks' show career started when he was two years old. Monrreal has been showing him for two and a half years as a hobby in New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, and Colorado.

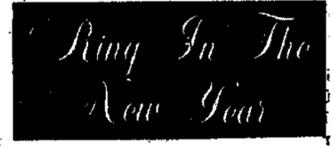
Starting in May 1995, Garth Brooks' show career changed. He accumulated more breed points in six months than he had in the previous two years. He has won best of breed 13 times out of the last 15 shows. This puts him in the top ten bulldogs of the United States.

Monrreal has worked with the Chaparral Kennel Club in Alamogordo for the past 18 years. The club is helping with expenses for Monrreal

and Garth Brooks' trip by sponsoring money making projects. Contact Monrreal for more information.

New County 4-H Officers Installed At Annual Banquet

New Lincoln County 4-H Officers for the 1996 year were installed by the Extension Home Economist Betty McCreight Dec. 3 at the Lincoln County 4-H Awards Banquet held in Corona. Officers are: president Julie Barham, vice president Casey Cunningham, secretary Cara Baker, treasurer Joe Burchett, reporter Santa Ontiveros, and parliamentarian Ashley Parllar.



Capitan Notes

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But when Biddy's husband saw boy-quail saying how cute he was, Biddy stuck her snooty nose in the air and said, "The only way he'd look good" to her would be in a frying pan.

I've always heard that critics can tell when a person don't like them, and boy-quail got the message real strong. The man had gone on to look around the place, so Marie Beller and I and Biddy went in the house, boy-quail right behind us. He started pecking Biddy's legs and flogging her like a little demon.

That tickled me pink, but of course I had to pretend otherwise. Her nice boss already had runners, but now they were worse.

I at last captured the little brute, scolded him for not being kind to the nice lady, and held him in my lap till he simmered down. I didn't dare look at Marie, as I was sure she was as near bursting out laughing as I was.

Then the man came in, Biddy got up to leave. Marie and I very quietly said our good-byes. I set boy-quail on the back of the couch, not dreaming he was still holding that grudge. He flew down and started pecking her legs again, and she got out the door in a huff. I picked up the quail and dashed for the kitchen, lest she hear us, and we laughed till our sides hurt. It was the last we saw of Biddy.

More of his Ma's story next week.

Instead of making resolutions for the new year, which I won't keep anyway, I'm going to try to read the thoughts of others on life. I'm going to read a quote a day from several books my daughter gave me for Christmas. And from time to time will share some of them with you. Here's one from Phyllis McGinley:

"The wonderful thing about saints is that they were human. They lost their tempers, scolded God, were egotistical or testy or impatient in their turns, made mistakes and regretted them. Still they went on doggedly blundering toward heaven."

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Lincoln County Is Financially . . .

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the meeting was held at the Convention Center in Ruidoso, away from the courthouse and the treasurer's office and support staff, Park was able to produce some more accurate numbers only after she made a call to her staff in Carrizozo.

Park later told **THE NEWS**, that the tax estimate, on which part of the revenues for the 1995-96 county budget was based, will be \$169,000 less than the first estimate. Park said the tax revenues are difficult to estimate in a re-appraisal year when property values are adjusted. This year, the reappraisal resulted in a higher assessed value, but lower tax rates.

Park said the \$169,000 budget adjustment will not be a major problem with the county's budget because it has sufficient funds. She said adjustments to the budget to account for the changes will be proposed to the county commission during the mid-year budget review in January.

A Board of Finance meeting was called by Lincoln County Chairman Monroy Montes because of questions asked regarding excess county funds.

On March 7, 1995, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved the Lincoln County Investment Policy which applies to all financial assets of Lincoln County including those in the county's general fund, special revenue funds, capital project funds, enterprise funds, debt service funds and agency funds.

While it is the responsibility of the Board of Finance to establish the investment policy, the county treasurer is charged with carrying out the investment policy. The March 7 investment policy states that the county is to be fully invested (100 percent of available cash) at all times. "All county money is in interest bearing accounts," Park said.

If more than \$100,000 is invested in one institution, that institution must provide 100 percent collateral as security for the investment, by county policy, Park said. All county banks in which county money is invested have committed to the securities, she added.

The board of finance also declares a financial institution within the county as "depository bank." Lincoln County Commissioners set Ruidoso State Bank as that depository. But that doesn't mean Ruidoso State Bank gets all the county's investment funds. Through a formula each qualifying bank is entitled to a "pro-rata" share of the county's investment funds. Park said she contacted all the county's financial institutions to offer them their pro-rata share of county investments. Some of the banks turned down the offer.

Each month, as required in the investment policy, Park provides a copy of the previous month's financial report to each county commissioner, the clerk, county manager's office and to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). The report shows revenues for all county funds for the month of the report, year to date, and

the percentage of the collection as estimated in the budget and all investments funds.

Also in the report are copies of statements from each bank in which county funds are invested. These statements often show the market value of their securities. It is this market value that Park uses to determine how much she will place in a financial institution. "If the bank failed, all the county would get is the market value," Park said.

By policy, the treasurer cannot invest money for longer than one year, unless approved by the board of finance.

For the month of November the county had \$5,006,115.60 in several investment accounts. Those include \$646,115.60 in a money market account with Ruidoso State Bank. Park says this account provides the county a very liquid investment because the money is available at short notice, although it provides a lower interest rate. Also at Ruidoso State Bank is \$200,000 in a certificate of deposit (CD).

In November, the county had \$1,350,000 in eight CDs with First National Bank; \$300,000 in one CD with Pioneer Savings; \$97,000 in a CD with First Federal; \$400,000 in two CDs at Sun World; and \$2,010,000 in two state local government investment pool accounts. Park said the money is available from the state investment pool within 48 hours.

The county had \$1,793,671.15 in an operational account and \$75,975.51 in the county warrants account (both are similar to checking accounts) at Ruidoso State Bank.

The November financial report also showed \$350 cash on hand in the treasurer's office and \$202,488.42 in outstanding checks.

With all the county investment and other accounts, in addition to the \$20,000 in

investment accounts for Corona School district (for which the county acts as fiscal agent), the total cash held by the treasurer in November was \$6,903,746.27.

Each week Park said she reviews the county's investments. In addition to calling the local banks and financial institutions, Park said she calls the state treasurer's office at least once a week to check on interest rates for funds in the state pool. "I don't ignore the local banks," she said.

Park said she prefers to invest as much county money in local banks as possible. "I like to serve our own local community," she said.

Park said there are many safeguards written into the state laws and county policies concerning investments. Many of those laws and policies were a result of the 1985 failure of Moncor Bank in Ruidoso, in which much of the Lincoln County's funds were invested. Only by state and federal intervention did Lincoln County recover its funds from the failed bank.

"The facts are here," Park said about the monthly financial report of the county's funds. "There's nothing to hide."

Park said if there were any problems or questions about the monthly financial reports, DFA would be here "in a New York minute."

Park said she doesn't mind questions and review of the county's finances and she invites anyone with questions to contact her in her office in the courthouse.

Park will present an overview of the county's finance, and also make a few suggestions about the county's investment policies during the Board of Finance meeting which is set for 9 a.m. Monday, January 8, in the commissioners room in the courthouse in Carrizozo. The meeting is open to the public.

Lincoln County Detention . . .

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One of the expected benefits of the survey will be determining each jail's litigation potential. The New Mexico County Insurance Authority, responsible for providing indemnity for county governments, has reviewed the survey.

The survey will establish the number of mentally ill, chemically dependent, or infectious disease carrying inmates housed in New Mexico jails during the past year. It will also determine what treatment programs currently exist for dealing with these categories of special needs inmates.

The results of the survey, the first of its kind in New Mexico, could help set standards for the state's jails. New

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Navy Seaman Recruit Brandon E. Penn, son of Lamont and Beatrice Penn of Cloudercroft, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Mexico currently has no state standards for the operation of county or city jails, a result attributed to the public's perception of criminal justice.

Final results of the survey are expected in May 1996 and will be sent to detention center administrators and to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority.

Korean War Veterans Convention To Be Held July 23-27 In St. Louis

St. Louis, MO has been selected for the 12th annual national reunion of the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc. a national organization of more than 15,000 armed forces veterans who served during the Korean War.

The five day gathering is scheduled for July 23-27, 1996, beginning with registrations on Tuesday, July 23 and ending with ceremonies marking the 43rd anniversary of the Korean War armistice (July 27, 1953).

Additional information regarding the 1996 reunion is available by contacting Korean War Veterans Association, 117 Mark Drive, Fairview Heights, IL 62208 or calling 1-800-803-6555.

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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.

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Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Carrizozo at the office of the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 247, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 until 4:30 P.M., Monday, January 8, 1996, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

- Bid No. 1995-01: 1979 Ford LTD
Bid No. 1995-02: 1992 Ford Fairmont
Bid No. 1995-03: 1993 Ford C850 Fire Truck
Bid No. 1995-04: 1979 GMC TC10903
Bid No. 1995-05: 1991 Dodge, D15
Bid No. 1995-06: 1998 International
Bid No. 1995-07: 1995 Gallion, 503 Auto Patrol, SHD 01603 With Small Blade
Bid No. 1995-08: 1955 GMC Water Truck

ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE AUCTIONED AS IS: Equipment can be inspected at the Town of Carrizozo yard, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CAROL SCHLARB, Town Clerk, CMC/AEE Town of Carrizozo

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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF CHAVES STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO vs. L.T. LEWIS, et al. and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al. Defendants.

No. 20294 and 22800 Consolidated
Carlsbad Basin Section
Carlsbad Irrigation District Section
SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

TO: ALL DEFENDANTS IN THE PECOS RIVER STREAM SYSTEM WATER RIGHT ADJUDICATION AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING WATER RIGHTS IN THE

PECOS RIVER STREAM SYSTEM, INCLUDING ITS TRIBUTARIES AND UNDERGROUND BASINS, WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

You are hereby notified that the adjudication or determination of the water rights for the Carlsbad Project has been initiated by Stipulated Offer of Judgment entered into by the United States ("US"), Carlsbad Irrigation District ("CID"), and State of New Mexico. The purpose of this Supplemental Notice is to inform all defendants in the Pecos River stream system water right adjudication and all water rights claimants in the Pecos River stream system of their right to contest all or any part of the water rights claimed for the Project and the manner in which they may preserve that right.

The Stipulated Offer of Judgment sets forth the rights of the US and CID to divert, impound and store public surface waters of the Pecos River stream system. The Offer describes the claimed purposes (irrigation, domestic and livestock uses), sources (Pecos River mainstem and Black River), points of diversion (Avalon Dam and junction of CID Black River Canal with Black River), place of use (25,055 acres within the Project boundaries), annual diversion amounts (the loss of 125,200 acre foot or quantity of water necessary to supply an annual depletion of 55,572 acre foot) and priorities (Pecos River - July, 1887 for part and July, 1888 for part; Black River - 1889). The Offer also describes the claimed storage reservoirs for the Project, i.e. Lake Avalon, Brantley Lake, Lake Sumner and Santa Rosa Lake, listing their purposes, source, locations, amount of water and priorities.

Copies of the Stipulated Offer of Judgment containing in full the elements of the claimed water rights for the Carlsbad Project and a form which may be utilized for filing a notice of objection to the Offer may be obtained from the New Mexico State Engineer Offices in Roswell (505) 622-4467 and Santa Fe, New Mexico (505) 827-6150.

If you do not wish to contest any part of the water rights claimed for the Project, you do not have to take any action. If you wish to contest all or any part of the water rights claimed for the Project, you must file your objections with the Fifth Judicial District Court

Clerk no later than January 31, 1996 at the following address: District Court Clerk, Fifth Judicial District Court, P.O. Box 1776, Roswell, NM 88201. Any defendant in the Pecos River stream system adjudication or claimant to water rights in the Pecos River stream system who does not file an objection shall be forever barred from making any subsequent objections to the water rights claimed for the Project.

Notice of this action was previously provided in March, 1995. ANY PERSON WHO HAS ALREADY FILED AN OBJECTION TO THE PROJECT OFFER MAY NOT FILE ANY ADDITIONAL OBJECTION.

The name of the plaintiff State of New Mexico's attorney is Rebecca Dempsey, Special Assistant Attorney General, State Engineer Office whose address and phone number are P.O. Box 25102, Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102 (505) 827-6150.

Witness my hand and seal of the Fifth Judicial District Court, County of Chaves, State of New Mexico.

Bee J. Clem, District Court Clerk
By: Trudy Hale, Chief Deputy Clerk

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEANDRO VEGA, SR., Deceased.

No. PB 95-24 JUDGE FRANK K. WILSON

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL ACCOUNT FOR DECREE OF SETTLEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN ESTATE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Henry B. Vega, Leandro Vega, Jr., Ida Herrera, Richard Vega, Robert Vega, Francis Bohl, Helen King, Betty Lueras, Steve Ortiz, Mary Ann Sedillo, and Mary Alice Gonzales; all unknown persons who have an interest in the above estate: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HENRY B. VEGA has filed with the above-named Court a Peti-

tion for Approval of Final Account and for Decree of Settlement and Distribution of An Estate which Petition requests a judgment approving the distribution of the Estate of Leandro Vega, Sr. A hearing will be held on said Petition on the 22nd day of January, 1996 at 9:30 a.m., in the District Courtroom of the Otero County Courthouse, Alamogordo, New Mexico, before the Honorable Frank K. Wilson, District Judge.

The attorneys for the Petitioner are GRESSWELL & ROGGOW, P.A., 2100 N. Main, Suite II, P.O. Box 6460, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88006-6460. DATED this 24th day of November, 1995.

Henry B. Vega, P.O. Box 808 Carrizozo, NM 88301

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ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CAPITAN Resolution No. 95-18

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Capitan of Lincoln County New Mexico that: A.) A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 5, 1996. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. B.) At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

- 1.) One Trustee for a four year term.
2.) One Trustee for a four year term.
3.) One Trustee for a two year term.
C.) Precinct three (3) is for the regular municipal election.

D.) The following location is designated as polling place to conduct the regular municipal election: 1.) Voters in Precinct three (3) shall vote at Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street. E.) Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the office of the Village Clerk, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico.

F.) Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 6, 1996 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books. G.) All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 between the hours of 8:00

a.m. and 5:00 p.m. H.) The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on voting machines, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for the designated precinct. Adopted and approved this 20th day of November, 1995.

NORMAN RENFRO Mayor
Deborah Cummins, Clerk/Treasurer
CMC

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 28, 1995 and January 4, 1996.

ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CAPITAN Resolution No. 95-18

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Capitan que: A.) Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 5 de marzo de 1996. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. B.) En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

- 1.) Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro anos.
2.) Un Fiduciario por un termino de dos anos.
C.) El precincto tres (3) para la eleccion municipal regular.
D.) El siguientes localidad son como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

1.) Los votantes en el Precincto tres (3) votaran en Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street, en Capitan, New Mexico. E.) Votantes en el precincto de votantes absentistas votaran en la oficina de la escribana municipal. F.) Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del Condado de Lincoln condado a mas tardar el martes, 6 de Febrero de 1996 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros de registro. G.) Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 9 de enero de 1996 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. H.) Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en maquinas para votar excepto los que votan por balota absente. Por los menos, una maquina para votar se usara en el lugar de votacion para los precincto designada.

Adoptada y Aprobada este dia 20th de Noviembre de 1995.

NORMAN RENFRO Alcalde
Deborah Cummins, Escribana Municipal

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ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CORONA Resolution No. 95-14

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Corona that:

- A.) A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 5, 1996. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. B.) At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

1.) Position #1 One Councilman for a one year term.
2.) Position #2 One Councilman for a four year term.
C.) The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

1.) Voters in Precinct 1 shall vote at the Village Hall Main Street, Hwy 54, Corona, New Mexico.
D.) Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the office of the City Clerk.
E.) Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 6, 1996 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County

Clerk will close registration books. H.) All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. I.) The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballot. Adopted and approved this 9th day of November, 1995.

ERNEST LUERAS Mayor
Cathy Muniz, Village Clerk

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ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CORONA Resolution No. 95-14

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Aldea de Corona que: A.) Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 5 de marzo de 1996. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. B.) En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

- 1.) Posicion #1 Un Consejo por un termino de cuatro anos.
2.) Posicion #2 Un Consejo por un termino de cuatro anos.
C.) Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

1.) Los votantes en el Precincto 1 votaran en el Village Hall Main Street, Highway 54, Corona, New Mexico. D.) Votantes en el precincto de votantes absentistas votaran en la oficina de la escribana municipal. E.) Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse a mas tarde el martes, 6 de Febrero de 1996 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros de registro. F.) Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 9 de enero de 1996 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. G.) Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en balotas de papel impresas.

Adoptada y Aprobada este dia 9th de Noviembre de 1995.

ERNEST LUERAS Alcalde
Cathy Muniz, Escribana Municipal

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UPPER HONDO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1) through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policymaking body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policymaking body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Hondo SWCD on this 7th day of December, 1995 that:

- 1.) Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD shall ordinarily be held each month at 4:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month at the district office. A proposed agenda will be available from Sue Stearns, whose office is located at the USFS Complex, Hwy 380 West, Capitan. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting to the Lincoln County News and Ruidoso News.

2.) Special meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD may be called by the chairman or a majority of the members upon 7 days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. The Ruidoso News and Lincoln County News will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the board of supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the chairman or a majority of the members upon 3 hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office in Capitan, at the Ruidoso State Bank in Capitan, the Post Office at Hondo, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and Northwest Bank in Ruidoso.

4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA 1978, the Upper Hondo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and (2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.

12/7/95 JOHN A. COOPER Chairman, Board of Supervisors Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District

This resolution passed upon motion by Mary Shanks and second by James Sanchez with vote as follows: John Cooper.....Yea Ernest McDaniel...Yea Mary Shanks.....Yea James Sanchez.....Yea Fred Pfingster.....Yea Richard Phillipa.....Yea Bob Boebinger.....Yea

ATTEST: SUE ANN STEARNS, Administrative Asst. 12/7/95

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CARRIZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1) through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policymaking body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policymaking body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1 (D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrizozo SWCD on this 12th day of December, 1995 that:

- 1.) Regular meetings of the Carrizozo SWCD shall ordinarily be held each month at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month at the district and Natural Resources Conservation Service office. A proposed agenda will be available from Sue Stearns, whose office is located at 408 Central Ave., Carrizozo. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting to the Lincoln County News.

2.) Special meetings of the Carrizozo SWCD may be called by the chairman or a majority of the members upon 7 days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. The Lincoln County News will be notified by telephone.

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4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA 1978, the Carrizozo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and (2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.

12/12/95 BILL HIGHTOWER Chairman, Board of Supervisors Carrizozo Soil & Water Conservation District

This resolution passed upon motion by Howard Harky and second by Knudsen McDaniel with vote as follows: Bill Hightower.....Yea Bob Carter.....Yea Howard Harky.....Yea Gordon Bartholomew.....Yea Knudsen McDaniel.....Yea Melvin Johnson.....Yea Billy Bob Shaffer.....Yea

ATTEST: SUE ANN STEARNS, Administrative Asst. 12/12/95

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Garcia Says Town Should Keep The Rec Center Open

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\$10,000 for the repairs. During the Dec. 12 meeting it was announced the town had received no proposals for leasing the Rec Center.

"There is a rumor that if the town does not get an RFP (proposal), you will close it," Frances Horton told the council after it was announced there were no proposals.

"We would like to know what's going on," Horton said. Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel said that there were some interested parties but the town didn't get any responses.

No definite decisions were made during the meeting about the Rec Center.

In other business the town agreed to use Lodger's Tax money to promote Carrizozo during the 1996 International Institute of Municipal Clerk's conference which will be held in Albuquerque in May, 1996. Clerks from across the United States will attend the conference.

Town clerk Carol Schlarb is the incoming president of the New Mexico Municipal Clerk's Association and had sent a letter to the Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Committee requesting funding to purchase 1,500 items that will represent Carrizozo. The items will be placed in the 1,500 conference bags that will be given to each person attending the International conference.

As incoming president, Schlarb will have much responsibility during the International conference. She serves on each committee in the New Mexico Municipal Clerk's Association.

The Lodger's Tax Committee members agreed that Carrizozo should be represented, especially with Schlarb as incoming state president.

The Lodger's Tax Committee recommended the town purchase 1,500 small bottles

of cider from Carrizozo Orchard, with an alternate of funding 1,500 writing pens.

The board of trustees agreed to fund the purchase of the small bottles of cider.

Schlarb also said she had sent letters to nine businesses requesting items to be donated for door prizes at the International conference and received two responses.

The town received no input during the public hearing on amending the ordinance concerning the rates charged construction companies for water.

The proposed Carrizozo Historical Society lease of the old ice plant on 12th Street behind Four Winds Restaurant near the overpass was discussed.

A statement of concerns the historical society has about the proposed lease will be sent to the town attorney for review. Trustees did not receive their copy until too late to read it before the meeting.

Carrizozo Municipal Judge Bill Meeks asked the town to consider an ordinance that would allow the municipal judge to suspend sentences/probation and to authorize the judge to impose probation.

Judge Meeks presented a copy of the state law and a copy of a model ordinance from the Municipal League.

Trustees agreed to publish the legal notice. The first public hearing for input will be held in January.

Dave Vermilion's request to rent the large room at the Rec Center to be used for the reception for his son's wedding was approved.

The list of obsolete equipment the town will offer to sell by sealed bid was approved. Bids will be received until 4:30 p.m. Jan. 8. The bids will be opened at that time and read aloud. All bids

received after 4:30 p.m. will be kept but will not be opened.

All equipment offered will be auctioned as is and may be inspected at the Town of Carrizozo yard weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Equipment offered for auction includes 1979 Ford LTD, 1982 Ford Fairmont, 1963 Ford C850 Fire Truck, 1979 GMC TC10903, 1981 Dodge D15, 1968 International, 1965 Galion 503 Auto Patrol SHD 01603 with small blade, and a 1955 GMC water truck.

The open meetings resolution was approved. All meetings of a quorum of members of the board of trustees held to discuss public business, formulate policy, or to take action on town business is declared a public meeting and will be open to the public at all times with the exception of closed sessions as allowed by state statute.

Advance notice of five days must be given for regular meetings, advance notice of at least 72 hours must be given for special meetings, and emergency meetings may be held with whatever notice is possible. Emergency meetings are defined as matters which appear to be a clear and immediate danger to the health, welfare or safety of the inhabitants of the municipality of Carrizozo.

Notices of all meetings will be posted in six places: city hall, Norwest Bank of Carrizozo, Ruidoso State Bank of Carrizozo, Lincoln County Courthouse, and THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS. The notices may also be published.

The town will consider submitting a bid for the street sweeper that will be offered for sale by the Village of Ruidoso.

The resolution for the official holiday calendar for 1996

was approved. Holidays to be observed, and dates they will be observed: Martin Luther King Jr. birthday will be observed Monday, Jan. 15, Lincoln's birthday will be observed Friday, Nov. 29, Washington's birthday will be observed Tuesday, Dec. 24, Good Friday will be observed Friday, April 5, Memorial Day will be observed Monday, May

27, Independence Day will be observed Thursday, July 4, Labor Day will be observed Monday, Sept. 2, Columbus Day will be observed Monday, Oct. 14, Veteran's Day will be observed Monday, Nov. 11, Thanksgiving Day will be observed Thursday, Nov. 28, Christmas Day will be observed Wednesday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day will be

observed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997.

Lincoln's birthday being observed on Friday, Nov. 29 will allow town employees a day off work the day after Thanksgiving. Washington's birthday being observed Tuesday, Dec. 24 will allow town employees to have an additional day off work the day before Christmas.

County 4-H Members Winners At Eastern New Mexico State Fair

The following is a list of Lincoln County winners in the 4-H categories at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair in Roswell this fall.

Rhiannon Alirez: 1st in sandpaper block, 2nd in New Mexico Flavor, 2nd in Cinnamon Twist and 2nd for Recipe box. Elizabeth Avila: 2nd in Cross Stitch Pillow, 2nd in Braiding Board.

Cara Baker: 1st in New Mexico Flavor, 1st Dog Care Judging Poster, 2nd Braiding, 3rd Macrame Wall Hanging. Julie Barham: 2nd in Vet Science. Mary Beth Bond: 1st in Braiding Board, 1st in Floral T-shirt.

Marilee Bryant: 3rd for t-shirt. Joe Burchett: 1st for Electric Fox Hole Radio, 1st for Rocket, 2nd for Braiding Exhibit Board, 1st for rocket. Sarah Davis: 1st for Cross Stitch Pillow and 2nd for Braiding Board. Dal Frost: 1st for Leathercraft Board.

Mollie Hightower: 1st for Citizenship. Patrick Hightower: 1st for Braiding belts. Keith Shafer: 1st for 4-H Box. Robert Shafer: 1st for Attache Case in Leathercraft, 2nd for leather judging book and 3rd for shooting sports.

Tiffany Skinner: 1st for photo album, 1st for photo story and 2nd for painted t-

shirt. Dustin Sultemeier: 1st for braiding-belts. Robbie Burchett: 1st for rocket. Shawn Wilson: 1st in welding bit, 1st in skill plate.



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Individual Trash

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mine boundaries, and to determine how much space is left at the site. Dr. Reimann, who is doing the closure study for the landfill, said there appears to be space for a pit that will take about two months to fill.

The board also set its 1996 meeting and holiday calendars. It will meet Tuesday January 16 and Tuesday February 13 because of Monday holidays. However, mem-

bers asked if the regular meetings could be changed to Tuesday on a permanent basis. Chairman Frank Cummins agreed to discuss the subject at the February meeting. For January and February, LCSWA will meet at 10 a.m.

At the end of the meeting Fawn Ridge resident Opal Armstrong commended the board and LCSWA for its excellent services.

PRICES EFFECTIVE: DEC. 28, 1995 — JAN. 3, 1996

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"We Now Give DOUBLE S&H GREEN STAMPS on Thursdays"

STORE HOURS
Mon.-Sat.: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm Sun.: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

TOP SIRLOIN STEAK \$1.79 LB.

BONE-IN ROUND STEAK.....LB.	\$1.69
BEEF RUMP ROAST.....LB.	\$1.99
SIRLOIN TIP STEAK.....LB.	\$2.49
T-BONE STEAK.....LB.	\$3.89
FRESH GROUND ROUND.....LB.	\$1.99
OSCAR MEYER LITTLE POLSKAS SAUSAGE.....16-OZ.	\$1.99
OSCAR MEYER, Reg. Bun Length ALL MEAT WIENERS.....16-OZ.	\$1.59

LARGE EGGS.....DOZEN	69¢
BROWN & SERVE ROLLS.....	49¢
SHURFINE GOLDEN HOMINY.....15-OZ.	32¢
6-PACK CANS COKE PRODUCTS.....	\$1.99
20-OZ. 6-PACKS.....2/\$5.00	
3-LITER.....	\$1.79

TURKEYS SHURFINE 49¢ LB. SELF BASTING POP-UP TIMER

SHURFINE SOUR CREAM.....1/2-PINT	2/99¢
SHURFINE GREEN CHILI DIP.....1/2-PINT	2/99¢
SHURFINE, GINGER ALE or TONIC WATER.....	2/99¢
ASSORTED HILL BROTHERS COFFEE.....12/13-OZ.	\$1.99
STARKIST TUNA.....6-OZ.	59¢
SHURFINE WHIPPING CREAM.....	3/1
SHURFINE BEETS.....15-OZ.	48¢
ASSORTED SHURFINE CORN.....15-OZ.	49¢
ASSORTED SHURFINE CRAN DRINKS.....64-OZ.	\$2.29

CELLO LETTUCE 48¢ EACH

FRESH GRAPEFRUIT.....	4/\$1
HOT JALAPENO.....LB.	69¢
TANGY LEMONS.....	10/\$1
GREEN CABBAGE.....LB.	25¢
GREEN ONIONS.....BUNCH	5/\$1
MINI PEELED CARROTS.....1# PKG./EA.	99¢

BUENO POSOLE.....32-OZ.	\$1.19
CRANBERRIES.....	\$1.69
ALKA SELTZER.....24-TABS	\$3.39
EGG NOG.....	99¢
SHURFINE BLACKEYED PEAS.....15-OZ.	3/1

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