

Meeting Tonight At Fort Stanton About Juvenile Facility At CSB

by Doris Cherry

New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Secretary Heather Wilson is scheduled to speak to the public at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday, July 11) in the Cafeteria building at Fort Stanton.

Wilson will talk about her department's plan to convert Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) minimum security adult prison into a camp for juvenile delinquents.

Monday night, during the regular meeting of the Capitan Village Trustees,

Some of the questions she will most likely be asked will be how the state plans to address the security at Camp Sierra Blanca (with a fence?) and how will the state keep the juveniles busy once they arrive at the camp which has housed adult prisoners for at least 20 years and has no vocational facilities that are geared for juveniles.

Capitan School board member Russell Shearer and school superintendent Diana Billingsley said they received notice from Children Youth and Family Department (CTFD) that morning about the time for the July 11 meeting. Because it is the same night as the school board's regularly scheduled meeting, the school board will take its meeting to Heather Wilson.

Billingsley said Wilson plans to meet with the Lin-

coln County Commissioners from 3 to 4 p.m., then with the Capitan school board from 4 to 5 p.m. then with the general public at 6 p.m.

Trustee LaMoyne Carpenter said the village should send a letter of opposition to the plan to convert to a juvenile camp. But Shearer said that from all indications it is already a done deal.

That brought a response from village attorney Robert Beauvais, who said, "I take

umbrage to hearing this is a done deal. There are serious concerns for health, welfare and safety of the village."

The plan to convert CSB from an adult prison to a juvenile camp was set in motion last February, during the state legislative session. Scrambling to find a use for Camp Sierra Blanca which the state corrections department was closing due to high operational costs, CYFD planned to take over the facil-

ity, remodel it for the juveniles who would arrive sometime after July 1997.

But overcrowding and major incidents at the Springer Boys

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Annual Corona Summer Festival Set For July 27

The annual Corona Summer Festival will be held Saturday, July 27. Events include parade at 11 a.m., class and family reunions, cowboy poets, volleyball, arts and crafts, and a dance.

Sunday, July 28 a turkey shoot will be held after breakfast followed by 4-H playday at 1 p.m.

For more information call Lee Mulkey at 505-849-3766 or Dorothy Lightfoot at 505-849-7468 or Linda Dobbs at 505-849-7700 or Janetta Stewart at 505-849-1172.

Record Set At Smokey Bear Run In Capitan

The 16th annual Smokey Bear Run in Capitan had 98 runners in two events, the two mile run and the 10K run.

Cisco Bob Jr. of Mescalero set a new course record in the 10K run with a time of 33:58 minutes.

The youngest runner was one year old Alexis pushed in her stroller by her mom Sunshyne Trost.

There were eight runners in the 60 plus age group.

All runners received a Smokey Bear Run T-shirt which was designed by Marc Miller of Capitan.

Howard and Mary Shanks chaired the race.

Reserve Seats For Literacy Workshop

A literacy workshop will be held at ENMU in Ruidoso July 13 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The purpose of the workshop is to train volunteers to tutor people in the community who would like to improve their literacy skills.

The workshop is sponsored by the churches of Lincoln County, Prison Fellowship, and ENMU Ruidoso. Cost will be \$5 per person. Seating is limited. Contact Margo Clemins at 505-257-4688 to register and for more information.

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No Freebies Trash Troubles Trustees

by Doris Cherry

Now that the Capitan landfill for yard waste and construction debris is closed, Capitan Village Trustees and residents don't know where to take that kind of trash.

"There are no freebies anymore," said Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority manager Jerry Wright to the Capitan trustees during their meeting Monday.

Trustees queried Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) manager Jerry Wright and Dr. Bernhard Reimann, the village's representative on the LCSWA board, about the future of LCSWA and where area residents can dispose of yard waste and construction trash.

Of most immediate concern was where to get rid of yard and construction wastes in the Capitan area now. Wright said LCSWA will pick up such waste, but will charge for the service. Residents wanting a pickup should call the LCSWA office and a representative will come out and make an estimate. "There is no more free dumping," Wright said.

Construction trash and yard debris may also be taken to the LCSWA transfer station on Gavilan Canyon. It will cost per yard to leave the trash there, and the station is open to the public only from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Trustee Leroy Montes suggested the station be open on weekends. "We need to accommodate the people who are

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CAPITAN PARADE GRAND MARSHAL Congressman Joe Skeen takes a moment before the parade for a picture with Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor (left), Parade Grand Lady Mrs. Mary Skeen and Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse member Mark Forlano (right).

Ruidoso Will Conduct Hearings About Wells

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council will conduct meetings to provide information on the rights of domestic well owners within the village limits, and it will cooperate with the county on a water study.

When Ruidoso Council approved a water contingency plan that included restrictions on the use of domestic water wells that are within the village limits, councilors were seeking ways to assure there would be adequate supplies of water during drought times. But many well owners saw it as an infringement on their right to pump water from the wells, and they let the mayor and councilor know how they felt.

During the Ruidoso Village Council meeting Tuesday,

Mayor Jerry Shaw said she got many calls, including the hate calls left on her answering machine, about how much water well owners are entitled to pump.

Village attorney John Underwood said he also got calls from people who said the village cannot control their domestic wells. But Underwood said that according to the state engineer Tom Turney, the village does have local jurisdiction over well permits. Underwood, and the attorney for the City of Santa Fe and other city staff and staff from the County of Santa Fe met with the state engineer about the well issue last month when Santa Fe and Ruidoso were experiencing extreme water shortages. As a result, the county and city of Santa Fe are planning to

place meters on domestic wells to assure that no more than three acre feet will be pumped.

Underwood said that according to state laws governing domestic well permits, a person who owns land may apply to the state engineer to drill a well. If the permit is granted the water can be used for households, watering livestock and irrigation not to exceed one acre of water for noncommercial trees, lawn or garden. Underwood said the one acre of water rights is equal to about 2.78 acre feet of water, and he assumed the three acre feet referred to in the state laws was derived by rounding off numbers.

The state engineer issues permits based on local ordinances, Underwood said.

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Ruidoso Could Abolish Forest Protection Code

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso residents will have opportunity to voice their opinion about proposals to abolish the existing village Forest Protection Code, or modify it to remove many of the restrictions and permit requirements during a public hearing set for July 30.

Proposed changes to the code, that will be reviewed on July 30, will include three sections. In the first section citizens will not have to have a permit, inspection or site plan to remove immature (which have a diameter of 10 inches or less when measured at four feet from the ground) or dead trees. In the second section removing mature trees, including diseased, in an area beyond six feet from a structure will require a permit, sketch plan and field inspection, and a "basal" area calculation of at least 40. Variances will be covered in the third section. Property owners will still be required to be responsible for any damage from removing trees.

Councilors also will review a proposal to abolish the Forest Protection Code, to allow property owners to do as they wish with their trees.

Ruidoso Village Council voted Tuesday to continue the public hearing on the proposed changes to the Forest Protection Code after many citizens spoke about the published proposed amendments. Members of the Forest Health Coalition and other citizens said the proposed amend-

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BEST DECORATED PARADE BICYCLES won Courtney (middle) and Bradley Cummins first place in the Capitan Smokey Bear Stampede Parade on July 4. Coty Williams (left) won third place.

Capitan Needs Money To Complete Paving Project

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Trustees accepted the low bid of \$305,366.43 from Armstrong Construction of Roswell to do the Second Street repaving project during their meeting Monday.

The cost of the bid will leave the village short about \$50,000 to complete the repaving of all downtown streets. The downtown repaving project has been financed with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Funding for Phases I and II was enough to include Fourth and Third Streets and two blocks of the side streets. The Third Street phase is underway at this time, although slowed by

rainy weather.

The village received a \$300,000 CDBG for Phase III, which was to repave Second Street and side streets to Smokey Bear Blvd. (Highway 380). Even though the village will match that with \$21,500, and it will receive about \$18,000 from New Mexico State Highway Department co-op funds, that will not be enough to repave Second Street, and the rest of the side streets. Mayor Norman Renfro said he had hoped the contractor for the Third Street project would have bid, at a lower rate, on Phase III because the company and its equipment are already here.

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School prompted state officials to accelerate the plan to build a juvenile boy offenders camp to Camp Sierra Blanca by August or September of this year.

Billingsley told Capitan trustees that she was unsure how the juvenile camp will affect the village police department, because Springer has at least two or three run-aways a month, and also some juveniles may come into Capitan on "R&R". She also was concerned about who will be required to provide educational services to the juveniles, and where the CSB employees' children will go to school because Capitan Schools are already full.

Beauvais said if elected officials from the school, county and village get together they would be a formidable opponent, especially if they press the "health, welfare and safety issue." He also said the three entities would most likely be able to get a judge to slow the process down with an injunction until all issues such as security are resolved.

"In Springer, people said 'build a fence', it is not unreasonable to ask for that," he said.

Beauvais said another big problem at CSB will be the kids with nothing to do, un-

less the state gets programs going immediately. At Springer the boys have access to an Olympic size pool, farm and other programs. At CSB, there is a wood shop which is not OSHA approved for juveniles.

"I think we'll see serious problems when bus-loads of kids arrive (at CSB)," Beauvais said.

Beauvais acknowledged CSB is state property and the state can do with it what it wants. He also said it could be a positive windfall for the community because of the jobs and payroll created.

Beauvais advised the trustees to attend the meeting and voice their concerns. But that same night, trustees are scheduled to have a special joint meeting with the Carrizozo Town Trustees about the Natural Gas Association. After discussion, trustees agreed they should send police chief Carroll Durbin to the meeting with Wilson, to say how his department will be impacted by CSB.

The meeting will be open to the public, and begins at 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria building at Fort Stanton. The Cafeteria

building can be reached by going west on the road to CSB through Fort Stanton. The

cafeteria, and its parking lot, is on the south side of the road just west of the church chapel.

Lisa Hightower Pillar Receives Bachelor Of Science Degree At UW

Lisa Hightower Pillar of Madison, WI received the Bachelor of Science degree in human ecology with honors at spring commencement at University of Wisconsin in Madison May 19.

Lisa is the daughter of Gary and Beth Hightower of Ancho and is a 1990 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

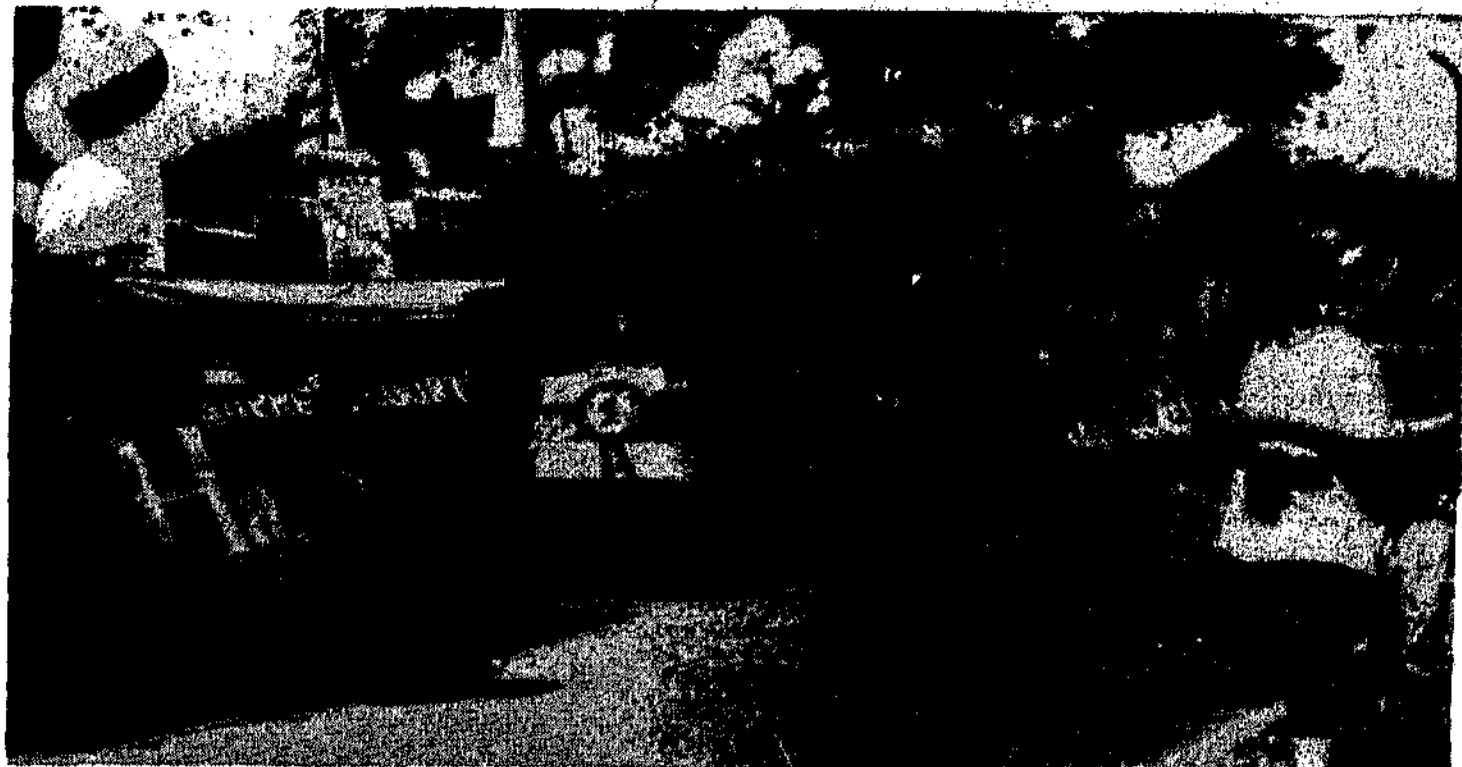
While at the university Lisa was a member of University of Wisconsin Madison Council on Family Relations.

Ruidoso Could Abolish

ments were not lax enough, and did not reflect the hours of input made during previous meetings. "We need a proactive method to get land owners to manage their lots," said coalition member Ross Dingman.

Forestry experts have been telling Ruidoso residents since at least 1978 they need to manage their forests to avoid a disastrous forest fire, coalition member Max Roberson said as he read from a 1978 article written by now mayor Jerry Shaw. Roberson said the coalition does not advocate clear cutting. "We love our trees. We want to keep our forests, but keep them happy," he said.

Roberson said the only responsibility the village should have in the forest management is providing a place to dump the slash and debris from the thinning and clean up. Recent rains will not solve the long-term problems in the



FIRST PLACE HONORS in the organization category went to the Lincoln County Republican Party float. The float featured Republican elected officials, candidates, and party members. The Capitan Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual July 4 Smokey Bear Stampede Parade.

forests, Roberson said and he suggested it might be necessary to do an ordinance to require people to cut their trees. "It's not a question of how it will burn, rather of when it will burn," he said.

Most citizens who commented however wanted less municipal control. "I don't want an ordinance to control our properties," said land owner Ernie Powell. "It's absurd to assume we can micro manage a forest this large through an ordinance." Powell wanted the ordinance to allow clear cutting up to 30 feet around a home to create a fire break, and would allow cutting without permits or site plans.

Carrizozo Chit Chat

Welcome to Carrizozo

Tom and Mary Joy are new Carrizozo residents. They bought the Alton Talley property on E Ave and moved in April 21.

Tom and Mary Joy have three grown children and two grandchildren; son Dwayne Joy and his wife Jo Ann and their two sons Travis and Jared live in Corona; son Michael Joy and his wife Amy live in Roswell, and daughter Kayla Joy lives in Farmington, which was the former home for Tom and Mary Joy.

While Tom and Mary lived in Farmington Tom was a truck driver in the oil fields for six years. Mary worked at Bonnie Dallas Senior Center in Farmington. She helped in the kitchen and taught craft classes.

Before moving to Farmington Tom and Mary lived and worked on ranches. They were on the Henry Townsend Ranch east of Corona for almost 10 years and for 15 years were on different ranches in Lea County.

Mary's parents are Lily Norton and the late Chalk Norton. The Nortons lived on the Armstrong Ranch north of Capitan on Pine Lodge Road for 30 years.

Tom and Mary plan to have horses on their property here in Carrizozo and maybe later goats. Mary also plans to continue working on her craft projects.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

Please call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

Resident Genevieve Sewell said she had a right to have defensive space and should not be limited by measurements.

Cap Negley said the council was "completely paranoid of clear cutting." He cited an example in southern California where many homes burned because land owners could not remove brush around their homes because it was home to an endangered kangaroo rat. "That's stupid, and your ordinance is stupid." He said most people will not clear cut because of the cost, which can run up to \$1,000 to remove a large old growth tree and \$1,000 a day for a crew to thin a lot.

Citizen Gene Kurtz gave calculations of how much water large trees use and said the ordinance should allow variances to remove large trees overhanging structures.

Citizen Van Patton said changes should make it easy for people to remove diseased trees because there are many trees dying from beetle infestation. However, he said the restrictions on commercial development should remain to avoid situations where there is just pavement.

State Forestry expert Bill Duemling provided some technical advice saying the 40 foot "basal" requirement was the bare minimum, that 10 inches was reasonable for a mature tree and the village needs a policy to target hazard trees. Hazard trees are dead or living leaning trees big enough to fall on a structure, parking lot or play area.

Councilor Robert Donaldson suggested hazard trees be addressed in the village nuisance ordinance. But he did not want changes that would do away with the required sketch to remove mature trees, because many lots in Ruidoso are poorly defined and owners often don't know where their boundaries are.

Councilor Bob Sterchi was the first to suggest abolishing the existing Forest Protection Code, except where it applies to commercial development. "Realistically, we'll have less than 100 people clear cut because of the cost," Sterchi said.

Village attorney John Underwood said it was a policy decision to be made by the council. He did not believe there would be any liability, rather the Forest Protection Code was passed to maintain an aesthetic quality. "An

ordinance is valid, but no ordinance is also valid," Underwood said.

Mayor Jerry Shaw said the Forest Protection Code was passed in 1988 after an incident of clear cutting, and the village had no means to stop or require the developer to return any landscaping.

But councilors Bill Chance and Leon Eggleston were advocates of private property rights to do what you want. "I should be able to cut a tree, just because I don't like it," Eggleston said.

Donaldson however said some people are afraid to come forward who are concerned about changes to the Forest Protection Code. "If we talk getting rid of the ordinance, this is a major shift," he said. Donaldson suggested continuing the hearings to review changes to the code as outlined in the manager's summary, and an ordinance to abolish the code. "So we can have both groups here for informal discussion," he said.

Vacation Bible School Closing Service Sunday

The Mountain Ministry Parish will conclude its Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 14 with a closing worship service at 11 a.m. at the Ancho Community Presbyterian Church followed by a potluck dinner. Everyone is invited to attend.

There will be no church service at the other parish churches July 14 and no church service at the other parish churches July 21 in order for people to attend the Ranchmen's Camp Meeting on Nogal Mesa.

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- * FREE Fiesta Street Dance / 8:00 p.m. to Midnight w/Music by "Mulefoot".
- * Fiesta Walk-A-Thon / 5:00 a.m. or whenever your group would like to do their walk).
- * Basketball Tournament / Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. — Finals will be on Sunday, starting at 9:00 a.m.

***** Sunday, July 21 *****

- * 11:00 a.m. Mass / with Music by The Sangre de Cristo Singers of Taos.
- * Fiesta Chili Bowl Dinner in Santa Rita Parish Hall / following Mass.
- * Horseshoe Pitching Contest w/Traveling Trophy.
- * Basketball Tournament Finals / 9:00 a.m.
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THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.

—Adult singles group meets in Ruidoso at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 257-2505 or 258-3201.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

—Ruidoso Arts and Film Board meets at 4 p.m. in village hall.

—Special public meeting with Children Youth and Families Secretary Heather Wilson about Camp Sierra Blanca juvenile camp at 7 p.m. at the Fort Stanton Cafeteria.

—Lincoln County Democratic Party meet at 6:30 p.m. at Louise Babers home in San Patricio. Bring pot-luck dish and chairs. Call 257-7558 or 653-4533 for information.

—Capitan Board of Education will meet at the special meeting with Sec. Wilson at Fort Stanton cafeteria.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

—Vacation Bible School at Ancho Community Presbyterian Church will conclude with a closing worship at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck dinner. Church services will not be held at the other parish churches.

MONDAY, JULY 15

—Ruidoso P&Z meets at 2 p.m. at village hall.

—Ruidoso Extra Territorial Zoning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in village hall.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

—Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee meets at 10 a.m. at village hall.

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 2 p.m. in the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.

—Carrizozo Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the board room.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

—Ruidoso Parks and Recreation will have a joint workshop with the village council at 5 p.m. in the Convention Center.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

—Friends of Smokey meets at 1 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.

—Ruidoso Village Council will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. for final budget approval.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The rural bookmobile will be in the county next week. The following is a schedule of stops:

TUESDAY, JULY 16:

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17:

Carrizozo Otero Electric..... 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Nogal Post Office..... 8:45-10 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe..... 10:30-12:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m.
Lincoln Post Office..... 2-3 p.m.
Honda Store..... 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Ranchman's Camp Meeting Begins July 17

by Dorothy Guck

The 57th Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's Camp Meeting will begin on Wednesday, July 17, with the evening meal at 6:30 and tabernacle service at 8:00 p.m.

This interdenominational Christian camp meeting in Lincoln County is the oldest of a dozen held in the southwest. It is a 'down to earth' experience for families to again enjoy the life style of the earlier west. If you have never attended one of the days of Camp Meeting, it is an enriching western experience you don't want to miss.

The basic accommodations and friendly togetherness make for an opportunity for all to forget the disturbing problems of the world and renew a faith in the values our forefathers fostered, and in our fellow man. The wooded grounds on the mountain mesa, with its panoramic view of the Tularosa Basin and Carrizozo flats and beyond, provide 23 acres of camping space for four days to all who attend the tabernacle services. Three wood-fire meals are served chuck wagon style everyday, with all costs defrayed by free-will volunteer donations. Non camping daily attendance is also welcome. The Camp is four miles on a dirt road from paved turn.

It is an inspirational four days to revitalize the spirit. One cowboy said, "I got enough good thoughts from the preachers and my friends to last me all year."

The severe drought has been a great problem for our ranchers and other land users this year, but the Mesa has had enough rain now to start greening the grass. Young people who have had their usual summer activities curtailed by the dryness, will enjoy the outing here with family and friends, and may even be welcome helpers in kitchen duties, and join the choir. There are also games, bonfires, hayrides, and story telling to enjoy.

This year, the Saturday afternoon Memorial Service will especially eulogize one of the first members of the Nogal Mesa Camp Meeting, Chloe Peters, who died in February just before her 94th birthday. She and her late husband Gil had, from the very first Meeting, put in more hours of work on the Mesa than anyone else. Now, that work is carried on by son LaMoynes and wife Opal; granddaughter Glenda Armstrong and husband Leslie; and great granddaughter Renee Grant and her husband Kevin. Another long-time worker, Dude Copley, will be remembered along with a roll call of other names submitted for the Memorial records.

The preachers will be John Barrett, Lovington, and Woody Stevens, Clovis. Music leader, John Walker, Roswell, youth leaders, Greg Horst, Capitan, Kevin Grant, Muleshoe, TX, and Jonathan Stockstill, Santa Ana, CA. Daily services in the

tabernacle will be at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Meals are served at 6:00 to 8:00 a.m., 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Group prayer meetings are at 5:00 p.m. Memorial 3:00 p.m. Saturday. Business 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Please register at the booth which will list schedules, directions, simple rules, and give information. There are some copies of the Nogal Camp history published in the Lincoln County News in 1995.

Bring sleeping accommodations. Water, restrooms, and electricity are furnished. Children must be sponsored. Warm clothing and bedding is necessary at the 7,000-foot altitude for cool nights and rain.

Direction signs are posted on US 380 west of Capitan and east of Carrizozo, and on State Road 37. For more information, call LaMoynes Peters,

(505) 354-2302, or write: HC71, Box 1060, Capitan, NM 88316.

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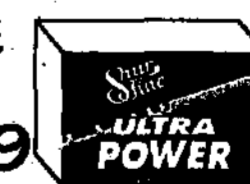
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Bond Receives National FFA Scholarship

The national FFA organization presented Debbie Bond of Carrizozo the Carrizozo HS-FFA Chapter with a Wal-Mart scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Bond plans to use the funds to pursue a degree in ag communications at New Mexico State University. Her parents are Lerry and Martha Bond of Carrizozo. Her FFA advisor was Randall Robbins.



THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Water rights or wrongs

By Ruth Hammond

Water is precious here in New Mexico and owning water rights can put a person in a position of power. We all know the stories of the old west where the mean dude cut off the water supply to the people downstream and forced them off the land. This gave the mean dude the opportunity to increase the size of his property and eventually own vast spreads. (That's western cattle talk from the old B movies we watched as children.)

People back east and in the Ozarks especially don't know what it is to fight for water rights. Missouri is a classic example with high humidity and regular rainfall. People in Missouri seldom need to water their lawns and more often than not are looking for ways to drain the water off their property instead of trying to bring water in for thirsty cattle and dry pastures.

Lincoln County has had its share of water problems and now the county is planning to do a water study. We can only hope the study will be complete and all the facts will be brought out for the people to know what is actually happening in the battle for water in various parts of the county, especially subdivisions.

Apparently the Fort Stanton property, which is owned by the state of New Mexico, includes original adjudicated water rights from the 1850s. That means that those water rights will take precedence over all water rights issued in later years.

Can you imagine what would happen if the state decides to sell Fort Stanton and chooses to retain the majority of those water rights? If Fort Stanton were sold to a privately owned business or to an individual for development into a dude ranch or a private country club not all the water rights would need to be sold with the property. A small portion of the water rights would be adequate for a dude ranch, country club or museum.

Then the state would be able to sell the remaining water rights. These water rights could be bought by investors or by developers to be used in building subdivisions, or even be bought to be used in existing subdivisions. Being able to offer adequate water would increase the costs of the properties being offered for sale and would mean more profit for the developer and investors and construction companies building homes there.

Could it possibly be that governor Johnson had this plan in mind when he closed Fort Stanton suddenly soon after he took office? Could it possibly be that governor Johnson was more interested in selling those water rights than in preserving our historic Fort Stanton? Could it possibly be that governor Johnson wanted the water rights to be sold more than he wanted the state to keep its promise to find a good use for Fort Stanton?

All these possibilities must be considered when the facts are presented. The state first said Fort Stanton would be used by another state department. It didn't happen. The state made a grandstand show of trying to lease Fort Stanton but included clauses in the proposed lease that would discourage anyone from wanting to lease the property. While it may look to you like these things "just happened" it looks to us like it was all part of a devious plan for someone in authority to cause Fort Stanton to sit empty long enough to be able to justify selling the facility. That is to sell the property but it's a good bet that when Fort Stanton is offered for sale it won't include all the water rights.

It was 18 months ago today that governor Johnson's decision to close Fort Stanton was announced. It was 18 months ago next Tuesday that state health secretary Alex Valdez came to Fort Stanton and made promises that have not only not been kept but have been ignored by all state officials, including the governor.

Could it possibly be that selling state owned water rights was the reason retarded and elderly people were tossed out of their homes? They won't know the difference, but we do. For shame.

Water rights or people rights?



J.R. Doodles

Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Here's some updates on recent columns.

In response to a crack I made about Rio Arriba County being consistently late in reporting its election results, Bob Trapp, editor/publisher of Espanola's Rio Grande Sun, writes that the county clerk gets his votes tallied by 10 p.m. on election night, which is when the Sun gets them.

The problem, says Trapp, is that the "lazy, spoiled, arrogant Capitol press corps" never bothers making arrangements to have someone funnel the results to them. They expect it to happen automatically, and that's not good reporting. Bob doesn't mind saying what he's thinking. Hope someone's listening.

A recent column on the Johnson administration coming apart at the seams predicted the reassignment of state Personnel Office director Jody Hooper because of her confrontative style and her inability to accomplish some of the changes desired by Gov. Gary Johnson. On July 1, Hooper was transferred into a job at the General Services Department. She is the wife of the 1994 "Democrats for Johnson" coordinator.

On June 28, Marianne Woodard resigned as director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division, citing a lack of resources to regulate the liquor industry and charitable gaming (the only gaming in New Mexico that is regulated). The biggest problem, she says is with inadequate computerization of files that has caused the division's databases to be insufficient to detect hidden ownership of liquor licenses and to distinguish between businesses and charities under the state liquor and gaming laws.

We recently noted that Santa Fe's tourism director was fired for doing his job too well. One of the first actions of new director Gil Martinez was to pull an \$800,000 ad campaign designed to increase Santa Fe's declining tourism. Martinez said his concern was with the campaign's slogan, *Mi casa es su casa*, my house is

your house, an old Spanish welcome.

Martinez is worried that some Santa Fe natives will think the phrase means that their houses are now owned by people new to town who have driven up property values so high that the locals no longer can afford their homes. It's a stretch, considering that every Santa Fe native is familiar with the phrase and knows what it means. Besides, the ad campaign wouldn't have been seen by Santa Feans anyway.

To me, the phrase is a beautiful expression of Hispanic hospitality and would have been just the thing to start changing the image created by Mayor Debbie Jaramillo's comments about natives being mad enough to put guns to tourists' heads and burn down the houses of new residents. But apparently we don't want to change that image — or Santa Fe's declining tourism.

In 1991, I reported heavily on the "Taos Tree," a living Christmas tree from the Carson National Forest that sat in front of our nation's Capitol

Building. Each year a different national forest is chosen to provide the tree, but New Mexico's offering was the first living tree ever sent. As a result, the National Aborted in Washington, D.C. offered to move the tree after Christmas from the Capitol to its nearby headquarters.

But now the tree is dead, a victim of difficult and fluctuating weather conditions. While it lived, it was used to encourage more tree planting. The Taos Chamber of Commerce already is talking about sending them another, smaller, native New Mexico tree.

It was the Taos Chamber that got the living tree movement started in '91. It raised money through fundraisers, private donations, and contributions from the town of Taos and Taos County to pay the \$25,000 cost of digging, transporting and preparing the tree and its 30-ton root ball. More than 2,000 ornaments made by New Mexican school children decorated the 60-foot blue spruce. It made New Mexicans at the Capitol a very proud bunch.

Fire Restrictions Lifted By National Forest And BLM

All fire restrictions were lifted on June 9 in the Lincoln National Forest.

Campfires, smoking and the use of grills, stoves and candles once again will be allowed at all campsites in the forest.

Fire management officials said six to eight inches of rain recently has reduced fire danger and the moisture levels have been stabilized by sporadic monsoon type rains.

The Lincoln National Forest and other government agencies in New Mexico have lifted their fire restrictions. BLM will allow fires, campfires, charcoal broilers and wood stoves in developed camping and picnic areas. However, use of such devices in areas outside of developed camping areas require a permit.

"We feel present conditions warrant termination of the

fire restrictions on the Lincoln National Forest," said assistant fire management officer Bob Pena. "As a prevention measure we kept the restrictions in place through the busy 4th of July weekend, but the potential for large fire activity has decreased and fire conditions are now moderate across the Forest."

Pena attributes the success of the restrictions to the cooperation and acceptance of the public. "Thanks to everyone out there, the fire closure was very effective. We have not had a single person-caused fire since April 18. This is very significant as April through early July is the season when we have the most of the person-caused fires. This year the forests were plagued by drought and a historic period of extreme fire conditions. People became aware and took care of their public lands," Pena said.

BLM still has some restrictions in place, including prohibitions against smoking except in a vehicle, developed recreation site or in a space cleared of debris. Chain saw use is prohibited without a permit, and use of fireworks is illegal on BLM and forest service lands.

EDITORIAL

Responsible Action Is Necessary For Proper And Safe Forest Code

by Doris Cherry

Fire and water. When we don't have water, we have fire, or worry greatly about fire. When we have water, worries about fire go away—until the grasses and weeds have grown up so greatly they become fuels for fire, in the next dry time, which is nearly always in either May or June every year.

Living on an island of trees and forests surrounded by arid lands of deserts and flat plains carries with it an added responsibility. Most of us came to the forested islands because of the forest—the trees.

When Ruidoso passed its Forest Protection Code in 1988, commercial development was going strong in Ruidoso. Large lots of land were being clear cut to make way for large all asphalt parking lots. Fearful the aesthetic and economic value of Ruidoso forests would be jeopardized by such commercial and residential development, the Ruidoso council passed the Forest Protection Code. It required site plans and permits for proposed removing of trees from private properties, and provisions that removed trees had to be replaced with new trees planted on the same property. Since then, most Ruidoso properties have retained most of their large trees with the exception of some commercial developments.

But years of neglect, dry winters and springs, added pollution from more vehicles, more development and a heavy infestation of bark beetles have taken the toll on Ruidoso's forests. Large areas of dead or dying trees can be seen from the vista on Snowflake Hill on Highway 48 north of the village. Some residents have organized and are speaking out for changes to rules to allow them to cut more of these trees.

Any time forests are thinned it is a major change. During the process it is often hard to watch as chain saws quickly take down trees, vehicles drive over native grasses, and rakes cut into the soils to remove all of the fuel overload. Only problem is when such activity is done without concern for the lands, rather, only concern for that check from the property owner.

While residents need to be encouraged to take a role in making their properties more

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR: Rumors persist that certain local people in both Carrizozo and Capitan are conspiring to sell the local gas company not for the good of the general public but for their own personal gain.

Normally, I don't place much credence in such stories since people with nothing better to do with their time are constantly spreading endless gossip and tales. In this case, however, it would seem that there is far too much smoke for there not to be some fire.

During my life I have lived in many cities and towns, "from sea to shingling sea", in this great land so I feel that I have some basis for comparison.

Since returning to Carrizozo in 1978, I have received nothing but quality service from the Capitan-Carrizozo National Gas Co. Their high-calibre employees have always been available come rain or shine, night or day, on weekends and holidays, not only for me but for all the people they serve as well. I know of no honest person who would deny this.

The rates we pay and the service we receive are better than anywhere else I have lived.

Anyone who believes that the rates will not increase and the service decline if the company is sold is either ill-informed or one of the few who stand to profit from such a transaction.

There is a ton of worldly wisdom in the saying, "If its not broken don't fix it."

I urge all of you to let the people responsible for making this decision know that we do not want OUR gas company sold.

DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, NM

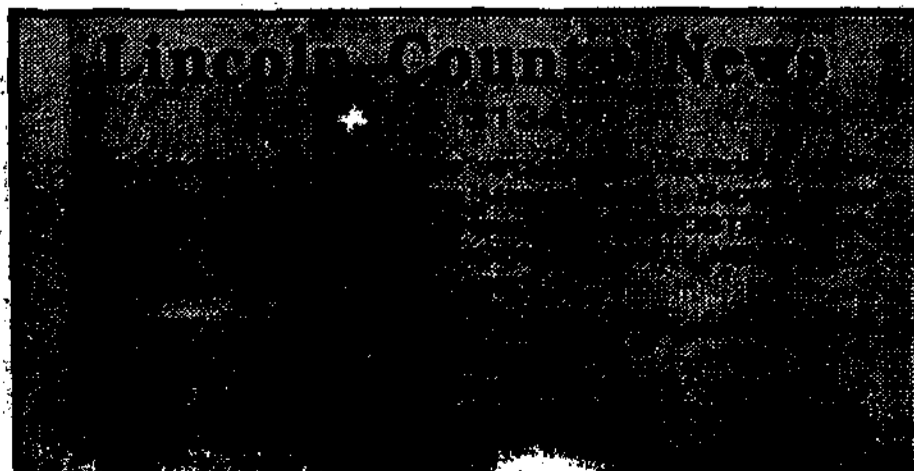
Summer Camp To Be Held For Children With Asthma July 28 - Aug. 2

The 16th annual Stephen Lopez Camp for Children with Asthma will be held at Sivall's Baptist Camp in the Sacramento Mountains 12 miles south of Cloudcroft July 28-August 2.

This is the only camp in New Mexico designed especially for children with asthma. The camp promotes self confidence and responsibility in the management of asthma. Campers are offered the exciting traditional summer

camp experiences plus the advantage of a qualified, responsive staff, trained counselors and instructors, and around the clock physicians and other medical staff who provide specialized care.

A few more campers will be accepted. Parents who are interested must call The American Lung Association of New Mexico immediately to reserve a spot for their child. Call toll free, 1-800-251-LUNG.



CORONA NEWS

The Fourth of July was a quiet day in Corona until evening with people gathered at the Simpson Sloan Park for fireworks, laughter and visiting.

Friends are planning a miscellaneous shower honoring Candice Byrd, bride-elect of Russell Roberts. The date is Sunday, July 14th at the Corona Senior Citizen Center at 1:00 p.m. The bride's colors are ivory and black. The couple received a kitchen shower in Clovis, home of Mr. Roberts.

Anna Garza enjoyed her time at Girls State at ENMU in Portales and is grateful to the American Legion Auxiliary of Beaver-Bond Post No. 35 for sponsoring her. She was a member of Cactus City and ran for representative but did not win that election.

The American Legion, Beaver-Bond Post No. 35 sent Philip Lueras and Rusty Reed to Boys State on the NM Tech campus at Socorro. We will get a report later from them.

Russell Lueras and his buddy, Jason Fulton of Chicago were here for the long weekend. They returned Sunday to Fort Sill, OK.

Volunteers are cleaning the old Brown Hotel which has been bought by the Village for a museum. It will be open during the summer festival for any visitors wanting to look at it and give ideas for developing the museum.

Guests of the Kesslers Sunday and Monday were Renee's mother, Mrs. Raychel

Ware, Santa Fe, and her grandparents, Mary and John Randle, Angleton, TX. They had attended a Randle family reunion in Monahans, TX.

Don Harrelson, spent Friday and Saturday moving the family belongings from storage to the new mobile home on Franklin Avenue.

Shelly Frost and sons attended her 20th class reunion at Cliff. Her nephew, Tanner Alsop, of Glenwood returned with them. He brought his motorcycle and the boys have several projects in the works.

Corona del Ray Chapter of Aglow will meet at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13 in the school auditorium. Everyone is welcome.

Rozanne Erramouspe has finished her EMT training. Her first ambulance run was Sunday morning, a bad wreck south of town involving seven people.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Manning went to Socorro for hamburgers and firecrackers Thursday. A teenage cousin, Erin Zingali, Garden Grove, CA spent about nine days with the Mannings and was introduced to marking lambs, branding calves, four wheeler and pickup driving.

The Festival Committee and Village Council have set Saturday, July 20 for a community cleanup day. Every one is welcome to bring hoas, shovels, rakes, mowers and lots of energy to make the place more attractive.

Miscellaneous Bridal Shower
 Honoring Candice Byrd
 bride elect of Russell Roberts
 1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14th
 Corona Senior Citizens Center
 Bride's colors: Ivory and black

Responsible Action Is . . .

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fire safe, and ultimately more healthy in the long run, residents don't need to be given a carte blanche to cut everything in sight, including mature healthy and non hazard trees.

Ruidosoans will have a chance to say what they want in this respect. Their councilors have voted to hold another public hearing, considering more lax changes, or no ordinance to regulate the cutting of tree.

No ordinance to regulate tree cutting could result in a mess. Even though the forests were alright before 1988 without the code, that was then. This is 1996. There are more permanent residents in Ruidoso now than in 1988. Commercial development is poised on another surge, already we have seen commercial developments that removed some trees, a lot of dirt, just to default and leave a huge mess.

Another problem is where this debris will go. Bark beetle infested trees can be used for firewood only if the wood is covered to prevent the beetles from leaving the cut tree and going to the other health trees in the lot. That means many large trees will be burned up in an incinerator, or will show up on forest roads and in back country now that the Capitan Landfill is closed.

Ruidoso needs to clean up its woods; it needs to thin out its toothpick thin trees

standing six inches apart. It needs to take some concern for the trees it has left. But no regulation is not an answer. Just as one would get a permit to build a porch or deck, residents should be required to get a permit to remove any large tree. Because once that large tree, which can be up to 200 years or older for some species of juniper, is gone, we cannot replace it in a lifetime. The chain saw can remove in minutes what nature took hundreds of years to grow.

To abolish the forest protection code will give property owners total freedom to do what they wish with their trees. But with total freedom comes the ultimate cost-responsibility. Unless property owners are willing to take the responsibility to not degrade their lands by over cutting, such freedom is worthless. Because over cutting will result in problems, not answers.

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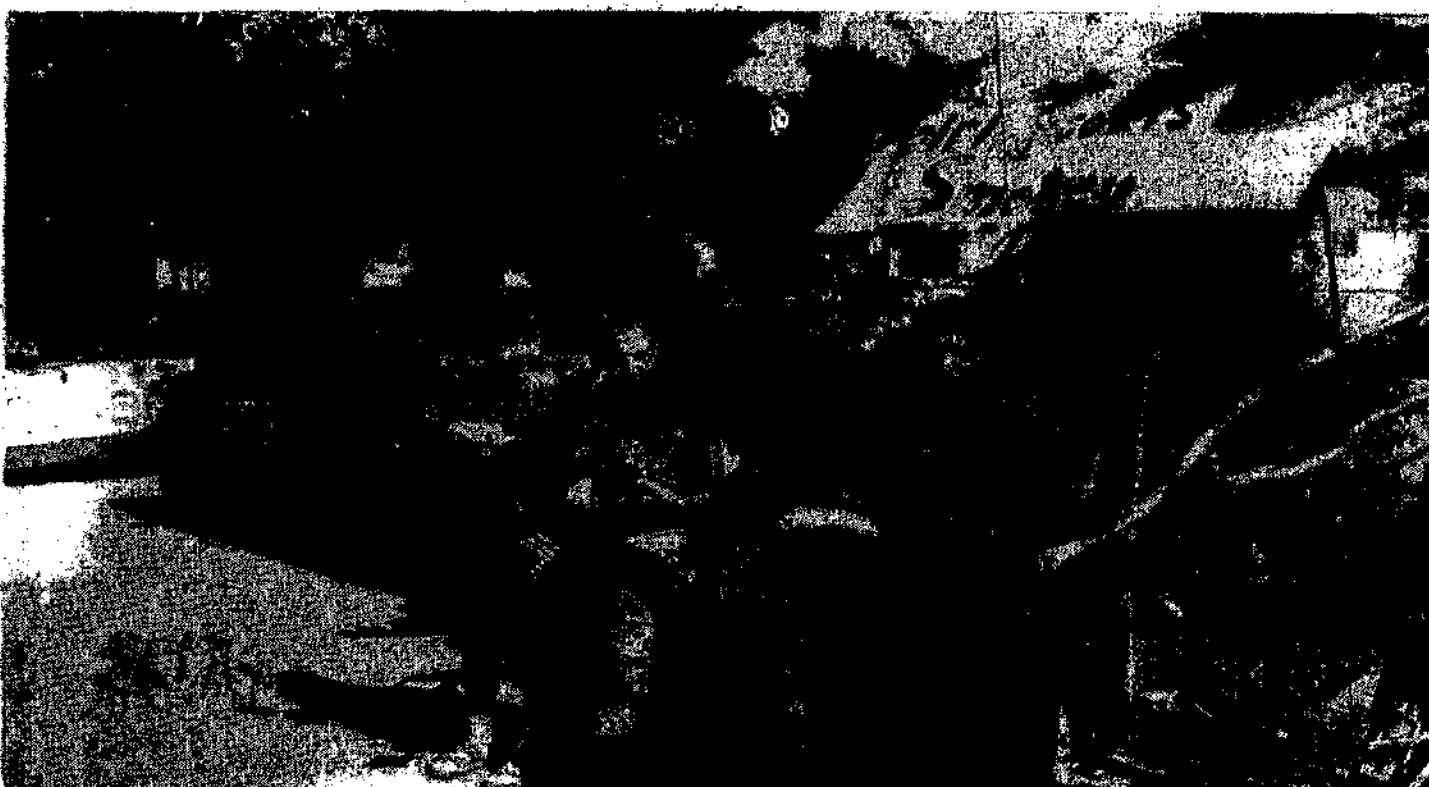
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CAPITAN NOTES



FIRST PLACE FLOAT. Capitan Junior Girl Scouts Troop 20 show off the first place trophy they won for their float in the Capitan parade. Troop members are from left Jayla Townsend, Cassie Ary, Raycel Zamora, Troop Dad Joe Zamora, Cheyene Udell, Kate Cherry, and Amber LaMay in back.

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

The weeks must be getting shorter. Why??? Because it seems I was just sitting here at my machine writing about the parade we were all anticipating for the glorious 4th of July.

Well, the parade has come and gone and I think most folks enjoyed it with all its music and fanfare, the beautiful horses and riders of the sheriff's posse, and our distinguished first gentleman and lady of Lincoln County and New Mexico, the Honorable Joe Skeen and his lovely wife Mary.

I did not take notes but some of the highlights, for me that is, was Ruth Hammond dashing thither and yon on her bicycle. Quite a lady that one!

Of course I admire anyone that can ride a bicycle. I never did manage to 'balance the doggoned thing, but I have had problems with being "out of" or "off of" most of my life and the advancing years have not updated my talents in the least regarding aforementioned conveyance.

So my congratulations to you Ruth for still looking and acting like a teenager!

Am happy to report that Frankie Silva is home from the hospital. Bless him. He received so many beautiful cards and notes telling him that they were thinking of him and praying for him.

He sounded in good spirits, said to tell you he still had a good heart, but his legs hurt and that is understandable after all he has been through. So all of you that took time from your busy lives to write him, he did appreciate it and quoting him, "God bless every one of them."

Stopped in to visit a moment with Lou on my way back from city hall. Lou is a great guy. He and I get along just fine. We think alike on lots of things. However I was saddened to see his lovely daughter with her pretty face all scarred up. Seems she stopped during the parade to make over a little dog that was left in a car with the window rolled down a bit and she stuck her head in to visit. The dog welcomed her visit with several bits on her lovely face. I asked her if she learned a good lesson and she certainly replied loud and clear, "YES!!!"

Dogs left in a hot car like that are not "happy little campers" as the saying goes. Folks should just leave their pets home and do all of us,

themselves and especially the dogs, a big, big favor.

Want to welcome Dakota Crawford to Capitan and hope his summer visit here with his folks Ronnie and Rita Crawford will be so pleasant that he will decide to stay in Capitan instead of rushing back to Santa Rosa, California. Ronnie and Rita Crawford are the owners and operators of 3 Bar D Hardware and Mercantile at 108 East Smokey Bear Blvd. here in our little city of Capitan.

Went between the rain drops to pay my gas bill. This month I very deliberately wrote the checks and took care of my monthly indebtedness as soon as the statements arrived to be ahead of the game for once.

Then they were sort of kinda pushed back too close to another pile of unanswered correspondence and lo and behold finally realized the due date on the gas bill had come and gone. So had to dial their office and request they put me on hold until I could make my way down to their office. They are a great bunch down there and believe it or not, actually look forward to trekking down there.

Then back via the water department and had the pleasure of visiting with Gerald and Mary Dean as well as a quick hello and good-bye with Debra Cummins. Netta was so busy on the far side of their office she did not even look up and did not get a chance to exchange pleasantries with her. So Hi Netta.

Did see Bob Stephens at the city hall. Gosh Bob you looked 10 years or more younger than you did the last time I saw you. What is your secret, or do you just prefer to keep it a secret? Perhaps Thelma's terrific cooking has something to do with your good looks. Tell her hello.

This has been the most difficult epistle I think I have ever written, namely because my thoughts are not really on it.

And in case you are wondering where they really are, will tell you. At this very moment my one and only daughter Dr. Patricia Sullivan is flying back to Omaha, Nebraska from Kamloops, British Columbia. She had to fly there Sunday night and had to appear Monday and Tuesday morning as an Expert Witness for the Crown!

Does that throw you? It did me. Guess that is what they refer to when they mean the government of British Columbia. And my retort for that is

Thank God we won our independence from the Crown of England when we won the Revolutionary War. Nuff said.

An apology to Emmet Downes and his lovely wife. Last Sunday we left services before you did. My wonderful friend Agatha had to hurry and deposit me at home so she could attend the bronc riding or sit in or rather sit on the critters. She was not the one participating, it was her grandson!

Haven't seen Agatha to talk to about whether or not Josh won but just caught her wave a few minutes ago as she drove by in a hurry like she always is.

And so for now will bring this bit of this and not too much of that to a close with a Bit of the Irish. As you probably know, you will be receiving a bit of the Irish each week from now til the 15th of August and then from then on "Ad finitum" after I return.

May the fill of Irish laughter
Lighten every load.
May the mist of Irish magic

Shorten every road.
May you taste the sweetest pleasures
That fortune 'ere bestoweth,
And may all you friends remember
All the favors you are owed!

And Sayonara and adios to each 'o you and may God keep you in the palm of His hand.

Smokey Bear Stampede Parade Winners Named

Glencoe Fire Department received the Chamber Award for their entry in the 40th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede Parade held July 4 in Capitan.

Sponsored by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, the parade was led by grand marshal Congressman Joe Skeen and grand lady Mrs. Mary Skeen. The parade also featured several floats, trucks from four fire departments, decorated bicycles, and many horses and riders.

Kersti Davis was selected Best Dressed Cowgirl and Seth McElheney was the Best Dressed Cowboy.

Buffalo Gals received the Most Original award for their entry.

Other awards were:
Floats: 1st, Capitan Girl Scout Troop 20; 2nd, Corriente CowBelles; 3rd, Alamo Pipe & Supply.

Musical: Capitan High School Band.
Antique/classic vehicles: 1st, Chester Ross; 2nd, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse; 3rd, Ray Baker.

Decorated Bicycles: 1st, Courtney and Bradley Cummins; 2nd, Ashley Baker; 3rd, Coty Williams.

Fire Departments: 1st, Fort Stanton; 2nd, Nogal; 3rd, Capitan.

Equestrians: 1st, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse; 2nd, Lincoln County Rodeo Club; 3rd, Lincoln County Junior Posse.

Tractors: 1st, Gerald Emmons; 2nd, Rick Emmons.
Horse Drawn Entry: 1st, Gene Moberly; 2nd, Lincoln County Junior Posse.

Organizations: 1st, Lincoln County Republican Party; 2nd, Lincoln County Democratic Party; 3rd, Carrizozo Rotary Club.

Pedestrian: 1st, Shirley Baca.

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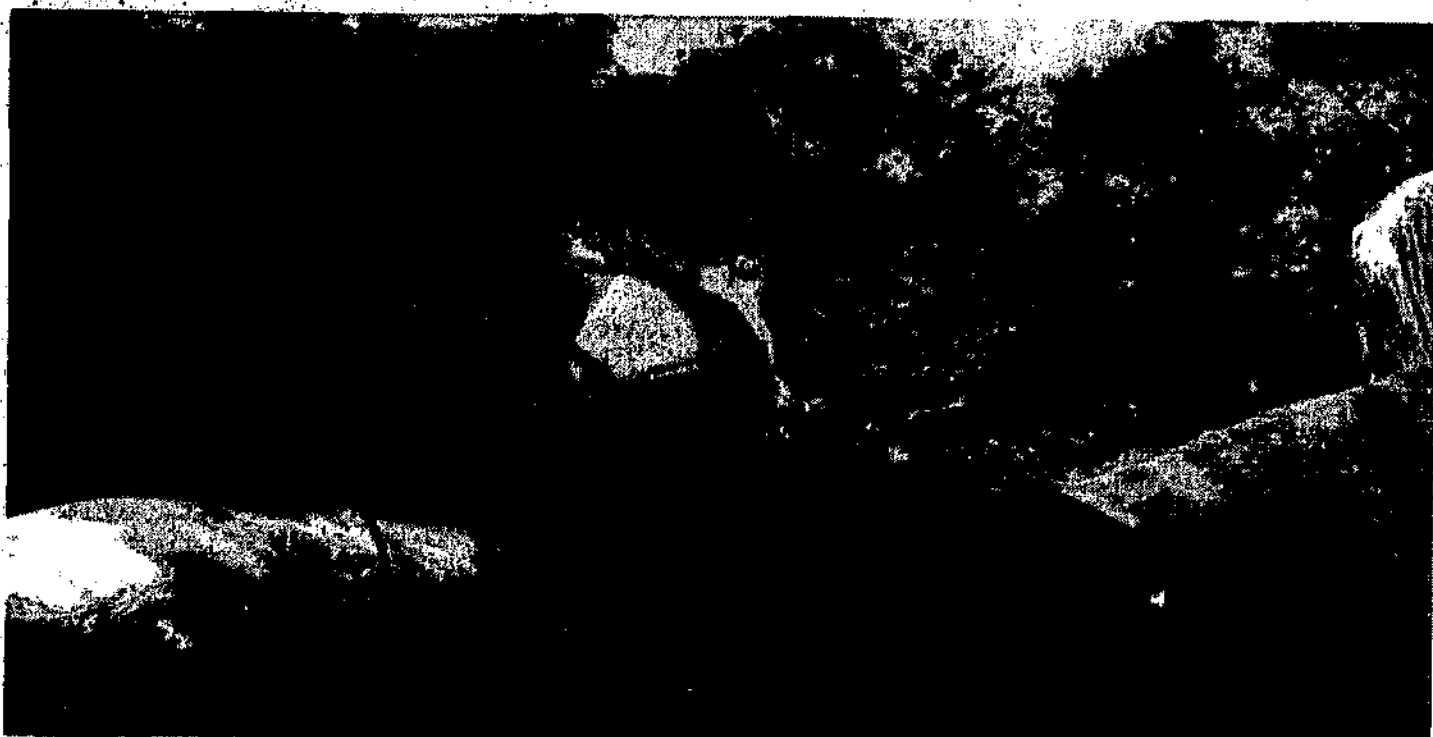
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FORT STANTON POST OFFICE MAY STAY OPEN INDEFINITELY

Several people are hoping the Fort Stanton Post Office will continue to deliver mail to 20 or more patrons. This part of our county is a part of history that hopefully won't be lost along with all of our other losses. Anita Sambrano has been very instrumental in contacting many people in hopes of getting their help to hold on to the Fort Stanton Post Office.

If any are interested in writing letters, please contact Joe Skeen, Julius Fitzner (c/o Postmaster), Tucumcari, or Charles Davis - MSC Manager - Main Post Office, Albuquerque, NM.

The two meetings held at the fair building and at the Alto Country Club to have the communities voice their opinions on the juveniles coming in, have been that the public is very much against these options. Everyone says they would rather have the older inmates than the young juveniles. On July 11, a meeting will be held at the Fort to see what input the commissioners have received at these other meetings. Try to attend.

POST OFFICE TIPS

Nearly a month into my

new job, it is still taking a lot out of me. For the first time in 20 years I attended only one performance on the fourth. Just a few things to help one and all postal workers save time (our greatest enemy) is if everyone will sort their mail into "in town" and "out of town" and put a rubber band around the letters before dropping them in the slot. Also all businesses that haven't set up their computers systems, if when you start a mailing system, put the list of box numbers in sequence, this is one of the best things that can happen to us, when the mail arrives in order of box numbers. Also if any way possible have the correct street address or box number on the envelope and a return address! For instance if we have six or eight boxes with Jones, Smith or Brown, this saves lots of time and helps you get your mail sooner. It will help us put it in the right box and it will help us to sort faster. We used to know everyone, but that is not the case anymore. I am amazed at the many, many people I have no knowledge of who or what they do.

The newest stamps have been the O'Keefe one, the tiger, animals, buffalo, James Dean, and the folklore ones. We hope to soon have the 1996 stamp cards to give away

when you come in to buy our products. Another little helpful hint is to clean out your boxes as often as is possible. Full boxes are hard to place mail in. Once again thanks to one and all for your patience!

Last Monday Mike gave Robin an appreciation folder for all of her work and dedication and Linda Curran and Mary Gourley dropped in with some goodies to share with all of us. No one deserves this award more than Robin. You will be seeing her helping out at Alto soon when needed there also.

The Ruidoso Downs post office open house was a big success with Shirlene Roberts doing a lot of interesting things on that day.

Coffee, cookies and punch were served last Wednesday here at our post office for open house too! Capitan pins were given to many customers too. Thanks for your business from all of us at the Capitan Post Office. To all that don't know I am a PTF clerk now. Mike is and will remain the Postmaster. That is the only comment I have had a lot of is "what happened to Mike?" As a friend remarked to me last week, "There are not two better postmasters anywhere than Mike in Capitan and Mary in Alto". I have to strongly agree.

PONY EXPRESS MAIL RUN COMING SOON

Be looking for your letter to send by pony express! Time is moving too fast and it will be here before we know it. The letters are out at different places of business in each town. I found about 800 3¢ stamps to add to the 29¢

legends and the envelopes are very colorful with the ghost riders on them. The pictorial cancellation will be placed on the envelope to date it with the 1996 date. The posters will be a great keepsake too. Not many riders outside the sheriff posse group have signed up but a fun time is planned by the 50 riders belonging to the posse. With all this wonderful rain, we should all have lots of fun! Come and join us.

JOINERS ENJOY REUNION

Exactly 50 of the Joiner clan were all together at the Glencoe building last Saturday. Edie Lawrence from Iowa planned this event and a great one it was. Louise Joiner, her five children, Della Bonnell, Pat and Patsy Racher; Ruth Lawrence and Edie Lawrence with their families and kids were all together for lots of talking and remembering. Three of the youngsters all did a quilt block with the results very amazing. April and Britt, and Stephan all colored a block with the embroidery paints and this will be added to my large quilt collection.

Those attending the reunion were Ruth and Krystyn Bradley, Spring, TX, Paul and Marie Bonnell, April and Cerina, Albuquerque, Audrey and Kersti Davis, Corona, Ron and Teresa Joiner, Meade, KS., Jayme and Brent Avery and two from Socorro, Danny and Dana Racher and Daci and Dana from Arizona, Trich and Brad Marr and four from Los Lunas, Ruth and Ed Lawrence, Roswell, Matt and David and Janetta and two from Albuquerque, Perry and Robin Lawrence from Crowley, TX, Parker Lawrence from Iowa, Kelli and Keff Konrad and two from Iowa, Johnny Bond and Mack and Betty Ann Bell from Corona, and Bessie Jones from Capitan. A friend of Della and David's cooked the meat and potatoes and the food was excellent! Most left for their homes in all parts of the USA on Monday.

PARADE GOOD FOR 1996

The Fourth of July parade was once again enjoyed by many a spectator, but the number of floats was way down this year. We were all involved with Miss Kersti, wondering if she would follow through with their "practicing" riding her Mom's big grey horse. Sure enough as soon as the parade marshal took off she got on and was having a great time looking at all the people along the route. Eddie Davis, her dad, riding his new horse "Venture" has to be given lots of credit for finding the little saddle, and all the other stuff that is done for these happenings! Mom made the little vest and creased the black hat to where she thought she was Miss Rodeo America of the year 2018. The plaque she won for best dressed cowgirl is already a keepsake! Chad and Chase Williams kept her occupied from 9:30 til the parade got under way. They both won in their category. They were driving golf carts and had their prize dog with them. Courtney and her little brother were all dressed up with costumes riding their bikes. The cowbells had a great float and so did the LCRA Club. The many riders with this organization made for a great parade. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse also looked very sharp with their matching uniforms. All the fire trucks from all the surrounding towns brought up the end of the parade. The band added to the parade too.

Tracy Herd, Wendy Tate and all of their class mates had their class reunion during the fourth. Has it been 10 years for this group?

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO Case No. CV-96-31

BANK OF THE SOUTHWEST, a state banking institution, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN LUNSFORD aka JOHNNY LUNSFORD and MARY LUNSFORD, husband and wife, and FRANK BRIONES, d/b/a BRIONES CONCRETE, LATH AND PLASTER, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 24th day of July, 1996, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the East Entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse Carrizozo, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will sell all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants, John Lunsford, aka Johnny Lunsford and Mary Lunsford, husband and wife, in and to hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, near Capitan, New Mexico, and is more particularly described as:

A tract of land, being a portion of the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the NW corner of said Section 24 (a GLO Brass Cap in place); THENCE South 02 degrees, 10 minutes, 03 seconds West, 917.81 feet to a point in the center of an existing Road; THENCE North 72 degrees, 16 minutes, 03 seconds East, 389.4 feet; THENCE North 54 degrees, 31 minutes East, 217.3 feet; THENCE North 38 degrees, 53 minutes East, 428.1 feet; THENCE North 66 degrees, 21 minutes East, 235.6 feet; THENCE North 88 degrees, 10 minutes East, 180.7 feet; THENCE South 54 degrees, 00 minutes East, 160.1 feet; THENCE North 02 degrees, 15 minutes, 24 seconds East, 341.25 feet; THENCE South 89 degrees, 47 minutes, 46 seconds West, 1821.46 feet to the Point of Beginning.

SAVE AND EXCEPT

A tract of land described as follows: BEGINNING at the NW corner of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.; THENCE South 02 degrees, 10 minutes, 03 seconds West, 917.81 feet to the point of beginning of this tract;

THENCE North 72 degrees, 16 minutes, 03 seconds East, 389.4 feet; THENCE North 54 degrees, 31 minutes East, 217.3 feet; THENCE North 38 degrees, 53 minutes East, 428.1 feet; THENCE North 66 degrees, 21 minutes East, 235.6 feet; THENCE North 88 degrees, 10 minutes East, 180.7 feet; THENCE South 54 degrees, 00 minutes East, 160.1 feet; THENCE North 02 degrees, 15 minutes, 24 seconds East, 30.05 feet; THENCE North 54 degrees, 00 minutes West, 152.0 feet; THENCE South 88 degrees, 10 minutes West, 204.8 feet; THENCE South 66 degrees, 21 minutes West, 236.53 feet; THENCE South 38 degrees, 53 minutes West, 430.78 feet; THENCE South 54 degrees, 31 minutes West, 210.01 feet; THENCE South 72 degrees, 16 minutes, 03 seconds West, 376.49 feet; THENCE South 02 degrees, 10 minutes, 03 seconds West, 26.58 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.92 acres more or less.

Said property may be subject to easements and restrictions of record, and is subject to ad valorem taxes for the years 1995 and 1996.

The property is located near Highway 48, and can be reached by traveling North from Capitan, New Mexico on said Highway 48, for approximately 3 1/2 miles, then turning right and going approximately 2 miles. The property is on the North side of the road.

The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause, which judgment was rendered on the 4th day of June, 1996, being an action on a Promissory Note and to collect a deficiency on an SBA Loan and seeking to foreclose the Mortgage securing said Note and SBA Loan, which Mortgage encumbers the above described property. The total judgment in favor of the Plaintiff, including interest and costs and attorney's fees to the date of sale is \$63,813.90. In addition to the foregoing, the bidder at such sale will be responsible for paying all costs of sale, including the publication costs and the Special Master's fee.

Any judgment creditor has the right to bid at the sale and to apply all or any part of the judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

NICK VEGA, Special Master

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 19, 1996, Ernest Sanchez, P.O. Box 116, Glencoe, NM 88324, filed application No. 0073 & H-2809 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change partial point of diversion of 21.12 acre-foot per annum of surface waters diverted from the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Pecos River via the Lower Chisos Ditch South which has a present diversion located in the NW/4 SE/4 NE/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to drill a supplemental well 12 inches in diameter and approximately 150 feet in depth at a point in the E/4 W/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the present point of surface water diversion for the continued irrigation of 6.6 acres of land located in part of the E/4 W/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The protest or objections shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

cc: Santa Fe C/RRR No.: P 382 824 070

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Village of Capitan for RFP No. A-001.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional Planning Services, for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Mapping Project No. 96-C-RS-1-632.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316, until July 12, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village Clerk at 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Deborah Cummins at (505) 384-2247.

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To incorporate onto a permanent map the Village utilities of water lines, sewer lines, fire hydrants, street lights and to set the Village Limit Lines to show

what services are available within the Village limits.

2. SCOPE OF WORK: The Offeror shall perform the following professional services: Provide standard Basic Design Services consisting of Mapping and/or Zoning; Periodic on site observation.

PURCHASING AGENT DEBORAH CUMMINS, Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Date: June 17, 1996.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-96-284

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, d/b/a FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Plaintiff, vs. BRIAN T. MARTIN AND CHERIE MARTIN, Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on August 8, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 4, BLOCK 1, OF CHEROKEE ADDITION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, JULY 24, 1995. The address of the real property is 116 Cherokee Lane, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pur-

suant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 30, 1996, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$49,819.96, plus interest from April 16, 1996 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.75% per annum, or \$9,189.00 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: June 28, 1996.

NICK VEGA, Special Master P.O. Box 253 Carrizozo, NM 88301 505/648-2217

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Lincoln County Medical Center's Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, July 18, 1996, at 9:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office, on Monday, July 15, 1996.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Labor Relations Board shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at the Eastern New Mexico University Center, 709 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to consider adoption of the proposed Lincoln County Labor Relations Board Rules and Regulations:

Section I: GENERAL PROVISIONS Section II: REPRESENTATION Section III: PROHIBITED PRACTICES Section IV: IMPASSE RESOLUTION PROCEEDINGS All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed Rules and Regulations may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 18, 1996. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo, N.M.

AGENDA I. CALL TO ORDER II. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 20, 1996 IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Replat of Lot 1, Replat of Blocks IRAM, Middle Cedar Subdivision, Jack and Teresa Gillespie B. Request for Replat of

Lot 16, Block 3, High Sierra Estates (High Sierra Townhomes) Dale Naron C. Replat of tract 2B, The Ranches of Sonterra, Unit I - Mr. Ted Conley D. Preliminary Plat Review - Kokopelli Subdivision - Mr. Ronnie Paulger, RUI, Inc.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the County of Lincoln, Post Office Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, for RFP No. 1996-6.

The County of Lincoln is requesting proposals for professional architectural services for the Carrizozo Health Clinic, CDBG Project No. 96-C-RS-1-634. Proposals will be received at Carrizozo, New Mexico until Thursday, July 25, 1996, 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the Request for proposals can be obtained in person at the Lincoln County Manager's Office or by mailed upon written or telephone request to Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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INVITATION FOR BIDS/PROPOSALS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids/proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 22, 1996, at which time and place the bids/proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids/proposals received after the above mentioned date and time will be retained unopened.

RFP NO. 1996-7: LEASE OF GLENCOE RURAL EVENTS CENTER. BID NO. 1996-8: WHEEL LOADER.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during a special commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 23, 1996. Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid/proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the bid/proposal to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold the final Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 1996/1997 at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, in Carrizozo. The meeting is open to the public and agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting.

MONROY MONTES, Chairman Lincoln County Commission

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a special Board meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, in Carrizozo. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at

least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Items on the agenda are: 1. RFP NO. 1996-7: LEASE OF GLENCOE RURAL EVENTS CENTER 2. BID NO. 1996-8: WHEEL LOADER 3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE FINAL LINCOLN COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996/1997

FRANK POTTER Lincoln County Manager

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Competitive sealed bids will be received by the owner, Town of Carrizozo for Project No. CDBG 96-C-RS-1-635.

Project: Street Improvements - 1996 at Town Hall, Town of Carrizozo, P.O. Box 247, 100 5th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until July 23, 1996 at 4:30 p.m. at which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Complete sets of the bidding documents may be obtained at the office of Engineers Inc., 1201 Highway 60 West, P.O. Box Y, Socorro, New Mexico 87801 (505) 835-2195. Prospective bidders should attend a Pre-Bid Conference which will be held at Town Hall, Town of Carrizozo, 100 5th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 on July 15, 1996 at 11:00 a.m.

The Project is funded in whole or in part by a Grant from the State of New Mexico Small Cities' Community Development Block Grant Program and is subject to requirements of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the funding agency.

Date: July 3, 1996

Purchasing Agent: CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AEE

Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

Town of Carrizozo Box 247 Carrizozo, NM 88301 (505) 648-2371

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons: On or about August 3, 1996 the Town of Carrizozo will request the Local Government Division-Department of Finance and Administration (LGD/DFA) of the State of New Mexico to remove environmental conditions and to release Small Cities Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-389) for the following project:

New Mexico CDBG Project #96-C-RS-1-644 Project Description: The repair and rehabilitation of the water filtration plant.

Name of Grantee: Town of Carrizozo, Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301. CDBG Grant Amount: \$279,409.00

An Environmental Review Record for the above-referenced project has been prepared by the Town of Carrizozo documenting the environmental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request.

The Town of Carrizozo will undertake the above-referenced project with Block Grant funds from LGD/DFA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Town of Carrizozo certifies to LGD/DFA and HUD that the Town of Carrizozo and the Honorable Cecilia Kuhnel in her official capacity as Mayor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, or actions. The Town of Carrizozo further certifies that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Town of Carrizozo may use the Block Grant funds and that LGD/DFA will have satisfied their responsibilities under the Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The LGD/DFA will accept an objection to its approval of the request for removal of environmental conditions and acceptance of the certification only if it is based on one of the following:

- 1. The certification was not executed by the Town of Carrizozo's Certifying Environmental Official. 2. The Town of Carrizozo Environmental Review Record or the project indicates an omission of a required decision, finding, or step. 3.) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR part 58) and may be addressed to one or both of the following. They must be received by the expiration date indicated below.

Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel Town of Carrizozo Box 247 Carrizozo, NM 88301-0247 Expiration Date: 7/18/96 LGD/DFA Bataan Memorial Building Suite 201 Santa Fe, NM 87503 Expiration Date: 8/3/96

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LINCOLN COUNTY Detention Center Report

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

July 1: Lanny Martin, 55, Carrizozo: held for court for issuance of worthless checks; no bond set by District Judge Richard Parsons; released July 8 to be returned to La Tuna Federal Prison. Ronald Lind, 30, Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB); state inmate held for CSB; released July 6 for transport to New Mexico Corrections facility in Grants.

July 2: Danny Leonard, 40, Capitan: probation violation; held until October 12 ordered by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.; arrested by Capitan police.

July 3: Ernest Torres, 24, Alamogordo: failure to appear for fishing without a license; held with \$181 cash bond set by Dean, posted and released same day; arrested by state police.

Patrick Samera, 24, Carrizozo: court commitment of 72 hours ordered by Dean; released July 5 time served.

July 4: David Datson, 33, White Oaks: violation of domestic order, assault on peace officer; no bond set by Parsons; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Marcella Sandoval, 26, Carrizozo: violation of domestic order; no bond set by Parsons; arrested by sheriff's officer.

July 5: James Willie Silva, 55,

Carrizozo: DWI 3rd; \$1,500 cash bond set by Dean posted and released same day.

Allen Fitzpatrick, 22, Carrizozo: protective custody no bond; released same day, time served. Charles Neiderstadt, 36, Carrizozo: turned self in to be transported to Western New Mexico Corrections Facility in Grants to begin serving sentence for distribution of marijuana; released July 9 for transport to Grants.

Rebecca L. Gage, 20, Alamogordo: court commitment of seven days by Dean; released same day by Dean. William Parrish, 19, Ruidoso: probation violation.

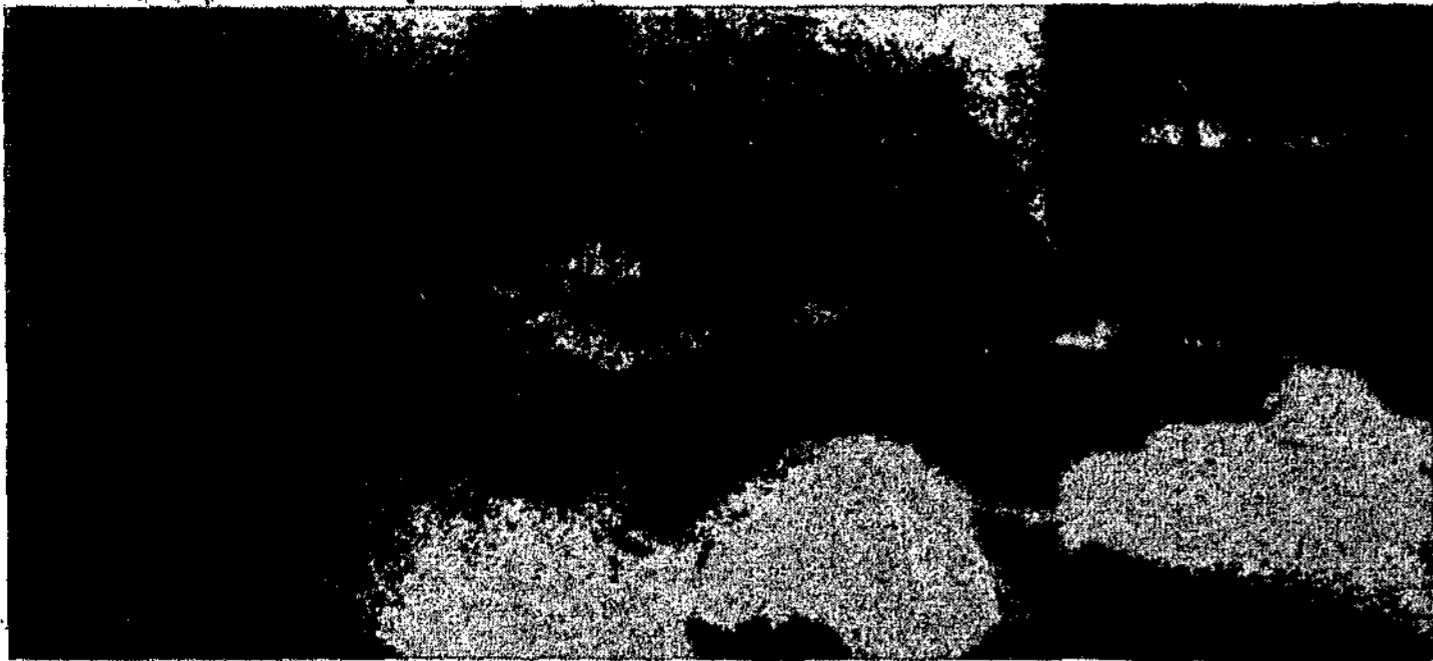
July 7: Richard Baker, 50, Gavilan Canyon; criminal trespass; no bond set by Magistrate Judge William Butts; released July 8 on orders from Butts.

July 8: Jimmy Ray Baca, 25, Ruidoso: probation violation; no bond. Joseph J. Trahan, 21, Ruidoso: probation violation; no bond.

Jose J. Nakashima, 41, El Paso: arrested on bench warrant for failure to appear, no insurance and failure to pay fine traffic citations with \$237 cash bond. Released July 9 on orders from Dean.

The following individuals were released: Juan Olvera, 35, Ruidoso: booked April 26 for probation violation; released July 2 on orders from Dean and probation officer. Steve Snow, 23, Roswell: booked June 29 for assault on

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LINCOLN RESIDENT COLEEN SALAZAR urges county commissioners to approve the new Lincoln Historic Preservation ordinance during their meeting July 2, while a large group of Lincoln area residents look on. Most there favored the preservation ordinance.

Historic Ordinance Is Approved For Lincoln

by Doris Cherry

The historical community of Lincoln now has a new historical preservation ordinance that makes it a misdemeanor offense with a \$500 fine for violations.

Lincoln County Commissioners took the action to approve the ordinance during their regular meeting held July 2 in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Prior to approval, commissioners heard from several Lincoln area residents, including ones who were not in favor of the restrictive Zone A regulations applying to Zone B.

"This is not a popularity contest and not a civil war between factions in Zone A and Zone B," said commission chairman Monroy Montes at the start of the hearing.

Because of concern by residents in both zones about the wording in the proposed ordinance about things that are "publicly visible" commissioners amended the proposed ordinance to specifically state that publicly visible is from Highway 380 only.

John McGrath, a resident in Zone B, which is located in a five mile area both east and west of the one mile zone which includes the actual town site, read off specific concerns he had compiled from talking with people from Zone B. McGrath said that residents wanted changes that will specify publicly visible from Highway 380, allow satellite dishes that area 24 inches or smaller, delete the gate requirements because many metal gates are put up by the highway department, fences in Zone B fences as Zone A can be wooden, iron or wrought iron, deletion of fines and consecutive charges for each day the violation occurs; allowing agricultural structures under 200 square feet if constructed of adobe or painted with earth tones; allow storage of RVs without being screened in Zone B.

"A lot of property owners in

Zone B want to be left alone and not dictated to by people in Zone A or anyone else," McGrath said.

Zone B resident Robert McIntyre said the last time he was at the county commission meeting, the commissioners had dropped their lawsuit and let the BLM "legally take valley we're so concerned about." He said he got a favorable settlement on May 31 to restore abandoned ditches and fire suppression system in the valley, because the extremely productive valley has turned into overgrown fire hazard. McIntyre said BLM has surveyed Sections 4 and 2 and 3, but other surveys are invalid as there is no warranty deed. "I don't want to throw mud clods at elephants, or anyone who tries to tell me how to live in my house. I'm out of sight and out of mind," he said.

Lincoln Historical Trust director and Zone B resident Colleen Salazar said the proposed ordinance needed to be approved now, not re-written as McGrath had indicated. She said the public view language could be amended later. County attorney Alan Morel said the public view language is right out of the state historic district landmark act. He said that part of the confusion in the past was different standards were applied. "That's why I used exact language out of the statute," he said.

McGrath said, "Lincoln is surrounded by public land, and you can see anyone's backyard from these public lands. I don't think the state envisioned a place surrounded by public lands when that statute was written."

After discussion whether the county could write ordinances that are more restrictive than state statutes, which it can, Morel said it could be interpreted that specifying Highway 380 as the public way in Zone B would be more restrictive.

Commissioner Wilton

Howell said the ordinance was too long and he worried about enforcing the new ordinance without the county having zoning.

Howell urged Lincoln residents to lobby the state for action to legally have a historical zone without zoning the entire county. "We need to get state officials to address historic areas, so we can pass an ordinance we can enforce."

Commissioner Stirling Spencer agreed, but said that anything they do will always be contested.

Commissioner Ray Nudley said the county already has a historical ordinance for Lincoln, but is trying to improve it.

"We decided to stick our neck out for Lincoln," said

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Free Film To Be Shown At First Baptist Church In Carrizozo Sunday

Pastor Hayden Smith and the congregation of First Baptist Church of Carrizozo invite the public to attend the free showing of the film *Power Play* Sunday, July 14 at 7 p.m.

Power Play is the newest dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The film features Marietta DePrima as Robbie Steele, an ambitious, aggressive attorney with a win-at-all costs mentality which leaves her with a reputation for cutthroat practices and lands her such nicknames as Ice Queen and the Terminator among her own colleagues, not to mention the competition.

Robbie's current challenge is getting the highest dollar possible for her client's sale of Vancouver's pro hockey team. Her ace card is recruiting retired star Cody Harris (Ken Olandt) to sign with the struggling team.

As the tension increases, on the ice and between her and Harris, and she battles with herself to remain in control, something she's always been able to do, she begins to realize for the first time that maybe winning isn't everything, maybe there's more.

There is no charge to see the movie. A free will offering will be taken.

Capitan Needs Money To

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Because there is no emergency funding available now to cover the cost of the additional paving, village attorney Robert Beauvais advised trustees to negotiate with the construction company on site to see if it will extend its contract. With that, and needed approval from the state Department of Finance and Administration as contingencies, trustees accepted the low bid.

The village received bids from C.H. Danley of Alamogordo for \$333,359.09; Pacheco Trucking of Tucumcari for \$307,960.32 and Armstrong.

Trustees also considered how the village could obtain more funds to finish the project, perhaps with another Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), or state funds. Clerk Deborah Cummins said state highway funds will not be available until July next year, and she preferred not applying for a CDBG for only \$50,000 to finish the repaving when the village has obtained CDBGs for around \$300,000.

Michael Vega is Capitan's newest police officer. Vega was selected by Chief of Police Carroll Durbin, who reviewed applications and interviewed

top applicants. Trustees approved the mayor's appointment of Vega as officer, after trustee Connie Hopper made some comments. She wanted the village to make an effort to hire experienced applicants who are either living in the village or are willing to. Vega lives in Carrizozo. Vega was a detention officer in the Lincoln County Detention Center in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

A public hearing is set for August 12 to allow the public comment on a request from Marvin Huguley to open the southern portion of White Oaks Ave. south of Fifth Street to obtain access to his property. Huguley had previously requested the village open the street which was never built, but is shown on the original townsite plat map. Trustees dismissed the request because the village had no funds to build a street.

Huguley returned Monday, represented by attorney John Underwood, who requested the village open the street, because Huguley agreed to pay for building the street and assuming all liability.

As a courtesy to the adjoining property owners, trustees voted to hold a public hearing, and to notify those owners by

certified mail. The hearing will be held before the regular meeting on August 12.

Trustees also:

-Voted to hold a public hearing on a request from Capitan Schools to provide non-potable water to the school from the Bonito Lake pipeline at reduced rates to water the variety and practice football fields, and the Dose' Baseball Park. The village has an agreement with the City of Alamogordo to buy up to 3.5 million gallons of the untreated water a month.

-Approved the annual \$500 agreement with Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) which provides technical assistance with grants.

-Heard a request for signs to be posted on the new streets to warn motorists to slow down, because more people, especially children, are utilizing the new pavements by walking, roller blading, bicycling and skate boarding.

-Presented certificates of appreciation to Dr. David Rouleau and L.C. Cozzens for their work with the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association board.



First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2958 (571/61) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community

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

Church of Christ

PAUL WETZEL, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

FR. A. TRIPP, priest
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-258-4144
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches

WARREN K. SCHOENECKER, pastor
Trinity - Carrizozo
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 257-5614
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Men Breakfast
2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am
United Methodist Women Every

3rd Wednesday..... 2:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month
..... 12:30 pm

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

Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery

DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors
648-2850

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth
Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, pastor
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Inter-denominational
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

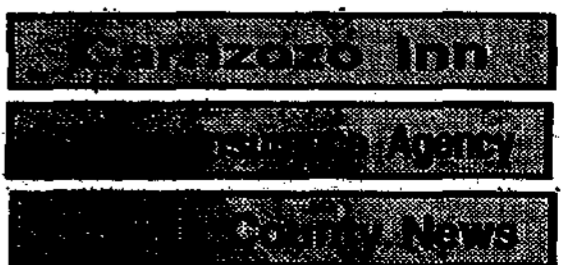
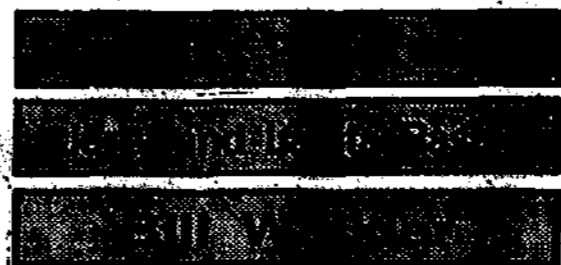
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
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Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

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No Freebies Trash Troubles

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paying the rates," he said. Wright said the reason for such limited hours was overtime, and no funds left in the budget for the fiscal year that just ended.

Another alternative for wooden, or burnable, waste is to take it to the "curtain destructor" facility located just east of Ruidoso Downs, near the Palo Verde fire department substation. The facility is operated by Sierra Construction of Ruidoso which was contracted with LCSWA. The facility is open daily, including weekends, and charges \$4 a cubic yard to dispose of wood products such as tree slash and construction waste.

Resident Bill Allred was concerned about having to haul the waste to the Ruidoso area. He suggested the village have its own site to dispose of that kind of waste. But even that would require a permit. And the large trash containers called "roll offs" also need a permit if they are permanently at a location, such as the transfer station in Carrizozo. Wright said Reimann is working to get a permit to put a roll off for

yard wastes in the Capitan area. But at this time, LCSWA has no more roll off containers.

Wright said he will be meeting with the New Mexico Environment Department on July 23-25 to get some changes made. Also LCSWA has a \$200,000 grant from NMED but has yet to receive the actual funding.

Allred said if something is not done to provide a place for the trash, there will be unsupervised dumps all over the area, including federal lands. He said he would rather have higher trash rates and get the yard trash picked up.

Trustees also were troubled about recent reports that Ruidoso is looking into the cost of doing trash collection and were concerned how Capitan will be affected if Ruidoso pulls out of LCSWA. Wright assured that Ruidoso is not pulling out of LCSWA, rather councilors wanted a rate study. "I personally don't think they will be very happy after their rate study, because their rates are so low," Wright.

Dr. Reimann said he was afraid LCSWA is in trouble

now because of the condition of old equipment. It had to buy from Ruidoso which has five of the 11 members on the LCSWA board. Also the last manager, who stayed only six weeks, spent up all the remaining maintenance funds in that short time, Reimann said.

But could LCSWA survive without Ruidoso? LCSWA might survive without Ruidoso, but it would be a "gigantic step backwards to disband the authority," said Capitan village attorney Robert Beauvais who helped organize LCSWA and worked as attorney for the group until this year. LCSWA has been touted as a model for the state and many counties have gone with the regional solid waste concept.

Although Wright and Reimann said LCSWA could require higher tipping fees at the regional landfill for Ruidoso if it went on its own, Beauvais said that because every municipality and the county had pledged a certain percentage of "environmental gross receipt tax" toward the construction bonds for the regional landfill, Ruidoso in effect owns a part of that dump and could not be charged higher tipping fees.

Reimann said when LCSWA members start talking about raising rates, the Ruidoso representatives "go through the ceiling" even though they have some of the lowest rates in the county.

Wright said he thought Capitan was "paying its own way" with the current trash collection rates.

Montes said LCSWA is doing a good job on collecting household trash, but it needs to provide a convenient place for the other trash.

LCSWA meets at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.



LINCOLN COUNTY JUNIOR RODEO PRINCESS Amber Goodloe smiles for the camera just before the Smokey Bear Stampede Parade on July 4. Goodloe is 12 years old and the daughter of Connie and Floyd Goodloe.

Ruidoso Will Conduct

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In the next six months the state engineer's office will conduct hearings to determine if the three acre feet should be modified or metered, especially during drought conditions.

Underwood suggested the village council hold its own hearings about the use of wells and invite experts to provide information about how wells affect the local aquifer, and the village's water rights, and if well use should be enforced.

"All water in the state belongs to the public, represented by the state, and well permits are granted as a privilege," Underwood quoted from state statutes.

But now there are questions whether allowing domestic wells within a community with a water supply is an unalienable right, especially in a drought. "The village of Ruidoso has no desire to take away rights, we just want to assure we have an adequate water supply," Underwood said.

county on a water study. All councilors but Eggleston voted for the motion. Eggleston, who owns a well, said it was not because he was a well owner, rather he did not say why he voted against the motion.

Shaw said the village will conduct hearings once the information is compiled.

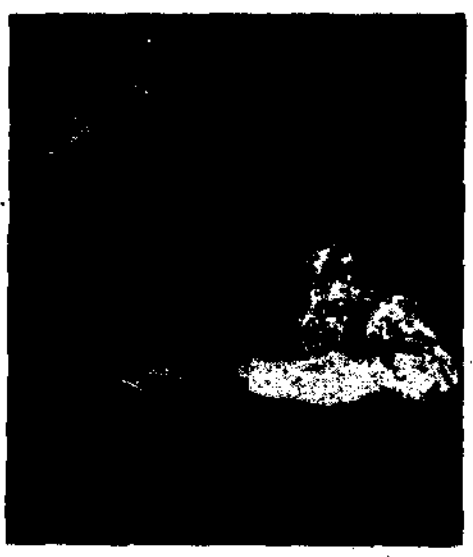
In other business, councilors:

- Approved notifying the Hubbard Foundation the village intends to accept its proposal for an interpretive site for the Billy the Kid Byways.
- Accepted the proposal for a Corridor Management Plan from Seely and Associates contingent on the resolution of issues with the state Scenic and Historic Byways Program office.
- Voted to review a proposal from Al Ackerman to lease

space at the airport to construct t-hangers after the final budget review at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

- Okayed a re-plot that will separate the K-Bob's restaurant property from the adjoining motel property.
- Approved the vacation of public right of way on Lot 90, Block 1, Ponderosa Heights to correct an egress problem.
- Approved the mayor's appointment of Bill Henschfeld to the planning and zoning commission.
- Heard the deputy manager report that the village is still in the Phase 5 of the water contingency plan which allows no outdoor watering. However, since the July 4 holiday, the water level in the storage tanks has been increasing, which might allow the village to go into Phase 4 which allows limited outdoor watering.

Coody - Lindsey Wedding



Kathy Coody and Mike Lindsey will be united in marriage August 3 at 7 p.m. in the Grace Methodist Church in Alamogordo.

Kathy is employed as science teacher in Estancia High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coody of Alamogordo.

Mike is employed as loan officer in Estancia and Mountainair branches of Norwest Bank New Mexico. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lindsey of Corona.

Fort Stanton . . . Facts and Fiction

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Craig Whipple and Brent Sultemeier did a great job at the rodeo performances keeping the arena in tip top shape. Waddy Hobbs and Mr. Sanders, arena director also helped put on some good rodeos for this year. The team from T or C came out the winner of the ranch rodeo. The Turkey Track team was leading from the first day but lost out on the second day. This bunch is looking forward to going to a national ranch rodeo sometime in November in Amarillo.

Lu Parker enjoyed her family reunion in Dubuque,

Iowa last week. Flying into Chicago was a big thing. Then they drove two hours back to Dubuque. Lots of activity and fun was had by her family. John Parker came up for the fourth and spent a few days with Lu and Gene. Saw Ronnie Sanchez too!

As I sit writing this, looking out over the little town of Capitan and see those big rain clouds, what a big thanks we all sent to the ONE UP ABOVE. Peoples' attitudes changed so much since this moisture has fallen. Hope it continues!!!

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Sheriff's Report

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5:30 p.m. a deputy advised of gunshots south of Capitan off Highway 48. A man heard some high powered rifles. A deputy responded.

6:14 p.m. vandalism was reported behind a store near Bonito Lake, someone had punctured a propane tank nose with an ice pick. A deputy responded.

10:27 p.m. an accident was reported on State Road 55, a woman's car hit a deer and the car was messed up pretty bad. State police were notified.

July 6:

12:14 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of a suspicious vehicle by a motel on Highway 70. A deputy responded.

6:55 a.m. a caller reported a mule at a location off Highway 380 west of Capitan. Dispatch contacted a possible owner, with no luck.

10:04 a.m. criminal damage was reported at a house behind a store near Bonito Lake. Two deputies responded.

10:27 a.m. a caller requested a Game and Fish officer. The assigned deputy later advised the Game and Fish officer had contacted the caller and advised he would check the area.

An ambulance was requested at a residence in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

3:27 p.m. illegal dumping of construction waste was reported on Forest Road 120. Forest Service was advised.

5:04 p.m. a gas skip and possible drunken driver was reported by a convenience store in Capitan. A person in a brown truck paid for the beer but left without paying for the gas. A deputy and Capitan police responded.

8:21 p.m. the detention center requested an ambulance at the jail for an inmate who fell and hit his head.

Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

July 7:

5:18 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported on Highway 285, 35 miles south of Vaughn. The one vehicle rolled and was leaking gas. Two male subjects needed an ambulance. State police in Roswell were advised.

6:54 a.m. state police advised of an accident with injuries at mile marker 139 on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance responded and later met with RALS which transported the injured to LCMC. Corona ambulance also responded and transported the injured to LCMC.

9:49 a.m. RALS advised they had received a request for an ambulance at a residence in Capitan. RALS transported the patient to LCMC.

10:40 a.m. criminal damage was reported at a residence behind a store near Bonito Lake. Someone had damaged a vehicle's radiator by puncturing it. Two deputies responded.

6:07 p.m. criminal damage, trespassing was reported at a location off Gavilan Canyon. A manic depressive subject with tendency to be violent was trespassing, throwing items and breaking things. Two deputies responded and arrested two individuals.

7:44 p.m. a 911 caller reported harassment at a location south of Highway 70. Two males in a red vehicle were throwing rocks at cattle. A deputy handled the situation with a phone call.

9:08 p.m. a caller requested a deputy because juveniles had passed his residence two times then stopped. When the caller went to check on the juveniles, because he thought there was a problem, they left. The caller advised that one of

the juveniles had a pistol pointed at another young male who was staying with the caller. The caller advised he had tried to contact Ruidoso Downs police before calling the sheriff's office but no officer was available. A deputy responded.

9:26 p.m. a caller requested an officer to do peace keeping while he picked up the kids on a court ordered child custody. He was worried there would be possible problems when she shows up. A deputy was assigned.

10:41 p.m. a 911 caller requested a deputy because an ex-roommate who was not wanted was at the location and had hit the caller. A deputy responded.

10:58 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a report of suicide threats from an individual at a trailer park on Highway 70 near Ruidoso. The caller's brother was at the location and was threatening to harm himself with a weapon. A deputy responded.

July 8:

12:53 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a trailer park near Ruidoso Downs for an 85 year old woman with chest pains. RALS transported the patient to LCMC.

9:54 a.m. a caller requested a case number.

11:08 a.m. a 911 caller made an unknown emergency call up after pausing. The subject then called back and hung up again. Capitan police were notified and later advised that a child was playing with the phone.

11:27 a.m. a 911 caller requested a deputy make a vehicle identification number check. A deputy responded.

11:36 a.m. state police reported a grass fire at mile marker 143 on Highway 54. State forestry advised later it was a controlled burn.

3:28 p.m. state police requested an ambulance one mile north of Corona for a one

car rollover. Corona ambulance responded.

5:16 p.m. Ruidoso airport reported seeing smoke from the Rancho De Sonterra area. Bonito Fire department responded and advised it was a well drilling rig.

5:31 p.m. Carrizozo police advised of a NCIC entry, a juvenile runaway.

6:04 p.m. a 911 caller reported shots fired in the Buck

Trail area. The responding deputy made no contact with anyone shooting.

10 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Capitan for a 67 year old man with chest pains. Captain ambulance responded and requested to meet with RALS.

July 9:

2:50 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a

residence in Carrizozo for a woman who was in labor with her first baby. Carrizozo ambulance transported her to LCMC.

9:38 a.m. Bonito Lake supervisor advised he had found a femur and jaw bones that looked like human bones. A deputy and a medical investigator responded.

Historic Ordinance Is

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commissioner Bill Schwettmann. "We decided we were going to accept challenge, so go let's ahead and pass it."

Lincoln resident David Lee said the ordinance is important to the area and Lincoln County. He said that 45-50,000 people pass through Lincoln every year and drop some money in county on the way. He said the ordinance has been in effect since 1972 and many property owners who invested in land thought they were covered by ordinance. "It's important we adopt the ordinance and if it goes to court we'll take our chances. Don't drag it out for three meetings, that would be ridiculous and ludicrous and would do more to pulverize the community."

Detention Center

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household member; released to Chaves County Sheriff's Office on July 2.

Anton Godac, 19, Ruidoso Downs: booked June 21 for probation violation; released July 5 on orders from probation officer.

Manuel Gutierrez, 20, Ruidoso Downs: booked April 24 for probation violation; released July 5 on orders from Parsons.

Morel said he was the one who created the problems, because he questioned the enforceability of the old ordinance. The new ordinance will correct the problems with appeals and due process, he said. "I attest to legal sufficiency enough to put my name on it," Morel said. "I believe it is enforceable, but I don't guarantee it."

Commission chairman Monroy Montes was concerned that the historic preservation board members be people from both Zone A and Zone B. He said it will be a responsibility of the county commission to appoint people from Zone A and Zone B, not those with property in both zones.

Schwettmann called for a show of hands of those in favor of the ordinance. With only two against the proposed ordinance, Schwettmann made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1996-2. Nunley made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to include the public view as Highway 380, which all commissioners approved. Then commissioners approved the ordinance with the amended language.

Spencer said it will now be up to the historical preservation board to come to the commission with issues and problems with the ordinance in a timely manner, so those can be addressed. A new preservation board will be appointed after the new ordinance goes into effect, probably at the next meeting.

Current historic board chair Francis Gallegos requested the county send copies of any and all correspondence sent to people in violation of the ordinance.

"There's been a lack of communication both ways," Montes said. "Although we live in the same county it seems we're in two worlds, and only see each other when there are complaints or a crisis."

Copies of the new ordinance are available from the county manager's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

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