

Board Of Finance Is Highlight Of County's Two Day Meeting

by Doris Cherry

For two days in a row, the Lincoln County Commission met to discuss money.

Monday, January 8, commissioners called a board of finance meeting. Chairman Monroy Montes said the county is growing, and is going through growing pains. He also said county politics are reflecting the "serious change in attitude toward politics" on the national level.

But the board of finance segment of the Monday meeting became only a short part of the day-long session that included reports on the wants and needs from each department head.

For county manager Carolin Cooney, the two days of meetings were her last official work as the manager of Lincoln County. Cooney's last day was January 12. She resigned to take a position with the County of Santa Fe.

During the board of finance, county treasurer Joan Park reviewed the December financial report in detail. She commended her bookkeeper Glenna Robbins for completing the report for the month of December. Parks said she wanted to address the board of finance because of the questions about the county's "excess" funds. "I feel pretty good about the county investments which are about 45 percent," Park said. Although interest

rates did lower to 4.71 percent, Park said she was not alarmed, mostly because she has some six month certificates of deposit which are dedicated at a higher interest rate. "But I can't predict what will happen in the second half of the year," Park added.

In compliance with state statute, all county financial institutions have been offered and have their share. She said some of the banks do not want county investments because they must pledge collateral. Ruidoso State Bank has the county's operating account, which fluctuates as revenues come in. Park said December is a very busy month as property taxes are collected and she commended the bank for

working with her department.

Park showed commissioners how her office totals all revenues on a month basis, then that figure is compared with the total expenditures figured by finance officer Punkin Schlarb. The difference between the figures reflect the outstanding warrants.

Park also told of how she tries to invest county money in accounts that are pledged at their market value, to increase their security.

The financial report also showed only 65 percent of the total property taxes billed to property owners had been collected by December 31. This is due in part to a change in how mortgage companies pay property taxes,

or y at the request of the property owner. In the past the mortgage companies paid all property taxes in December, now they can pay in halves, Park said.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said he appreciated the detailed review of the financial report, and apologized for putting the monthly report on the "consent agenda" which rarely gets review. "I do have faith in your department," Howell told Park.

Park also displayed several flow charts which show revenues and expenditures on a graph. By examining flow charts from the last several years, Parks said she can arrange certificates of deposit so they will mature at the

time when the county needs cash for such things as major purchases.

"Instead of haphazard capital purchases," said Montes, "the treasurer can coordinate with the manager's office."

Park said there has been an "unwritten" communication between her office and the manager's office about big expenditures. "If we plan better, we can be better, more prudent fiscal agents," Park replied.

In December 1995, Lincoln County had major purchases,

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Doris Cherry Goes To Santa Fe For State Legislature

Once again reporter Doris Cherry is following the call of the state legislature.

Beginning next week, Cherry will be working for the Democratic Leadership of the House of Representatives at the state capitol building in Santa Fe.

LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS has given Cherry a leave of absence to do public relations for the House Democrats, where she will be working directly for Democratic Whip Ben Lujan from Santa Fe and Majority Leader Michael Olguin from Socorro.

Cherry will not forget THE NEWS while she is gone, however. THE NEWS will carry Cherry's weekly "Roundhouse Report" column which will try to keep THE NEWS readers up to date with the happenings in the state capitol building during the 30 day session. The column will feature the activities of Lincoln County's state senator Pete Campos and state representative Dub Williams, and on any other legislation that will be of interest to the readers.

Cherry will be back on the beat for THE NEWS the week of February 19.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Elected Vice President Of SNMEDD For 1996

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) elected officers at its annual meeting Jan. 12. Dexter Mayor John M. Reid was elected SNMEDD president, Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst was elected vice-president and Al Snipes, a member of the Chaves County Commission was re-elected treasurer.

SNMEDD is the largest planning district in New Mexico covering 26,000 square miles in the five southeastern counties of Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero. The district is the second largest in population, serving more than 250,000 people.



MAJOR MALPAIS MOVEMENTS are happening daily as Mountain States Construction muscled a new roadway over the lava flow west of Carrizozo. The four mile new stretch of Highway 380 is estimated to cost \$4.4 million and is expected to be completed in September.

Ruidoso Approves Lease for Chamber

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce plans to begin remodeling and adding to its offices this summer, a project that will relieve the chamber of a more costly ground lease with the village of Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Village Council during its meeting January 9 approved a lease with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce that requires the chamber pay a \$1 a year lease fee if it agrees to begin \$100,000 of improvements to the office facility within a year.

Lacking a real lease for 16 years, the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce had just continued an agreement with the village for the use of the property on which the chamber offices sit on a yearly basis for a \$1 a year fee. After the situation was pointed out to councilors, discussions began between chamber representatives and the village to draft a new lease agreement.

Chamber president Danny Sisson and chamber executive director Joan Bailey were present at the meeting and reviewed the terms of the proposed contract with village manager Gary Jackson, and attorney John Underwood. The proposed lease required the chamber to pay a reasonable rent to the village (\$300 a month) for the property on which the chamber office sits until the chamber can show a certificate of occupancy for \$100,000 of improvements to its facility within two years. Once the certificate is shown the chamber would pay \$1 a

year for the next 30 years, with options to extend for an additional 20 years. If the contract is terminated, the property improvements will revert to the village.

Sisson however, asked the draft contract be changed to

allow the chamber to go with the \$1 a year lease fee if it has obtained a building permit for \$100,000 of improvements within the first year of the contract and the certificate of occupancy be given to

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Carrizozo Accepts Bids For Surplus Equipment

by Ruth Hammond

Obsolete equipment that had been sitting in the Town of Carrizozo yard for a long time was auctioned to the highest bidder during the January 9 town council meeting.

Sealed bids were accepted for the equipment. Bryan Wetzel of Carrizozo bought the 1979 Ford LTD for \$10, the 1982 Ford Fairmont for \$10 and the 1979 GMC TC for \$10; Gerald Rasak of Corona bought the 1963 Ford fire truck for \$2,196; Elton Matthews of Carrizozo bought the 1981 Dodge for \$110; Henry Vega of Carrizozo bought the 1968 International for \$850; Don Ward of Capitan bought the 1965 Galion, 503 Auto Patrol with small blade for \$3,000; and G. L. Tucker of Tularosa bought the 1955 GMC water truck for \$400.

In other business the board of trustees heard a report from Jay Santillanes with Engineer's Inc. that the town has about \$8,000 left to spend on the current street improvement project.

Santillanes said the money

Grand Jury To Convene Friday

The Lincoln County grand jury will convene Friday, January 19 in the 12th Judicial courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

District Judge Robert Doughty III will preside over the closed to public grand jury, which was called in early December to investigate allegations of misconduct by the Lincoln County Sheriff's office and a deputy. Doughty had received a request from the attorney general's office for the grand jury.

Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane in December told THE NEWS that he received notice of the request for grand jury in a letter from assistant attorney general Richard J. Klein. The letter also was sent to Alan Morel, Lincoln County attorney.

Last fall the Lincoln County Commission had requested the attorney general's office investigate the sheriff's office after allegations were made by an individual against the sheriff and some of his deputies concerning the handling of a case of alleged "contraband" in the jail.

The commissioners had made the request for investigation of the incident and the sheriff's department after they received a notice of impending lawsuit from attorney Gary Mitchell delivered during a county commission meeting.

In December McSwane told THE NEWS the (special state police) investigators and the assistant attorney general were "very professional" in their investigations.

"The grand jury will review the evidence acquired by the assistant attorney general and investigators, then make a decision as to the probable cause of any criminal charges," McSwane added.

McSwane would not disclose the name of the deputy who will be investigated by the grand jury.

All proceedings in a grand jury are confidential and records are not public, unless the jury hands down an indictment. If an indictment is handed down, the case will be filed in district court.

Carrizozo School Wants Papponi For Two Years

by Doris Cherry

It took the Carrizozo Board of Education less than an hour to decide it wanted to keep superintendent Paula Papponi.

Tuesday, school board members Gary Hightower, Nick Serna, Jody Ventura and Pat Vega unanimously voted to give Papponi a two year contract. Member LeeRoy Zamora was absent due to illness.

Papponi told THE NEWS that she was very pleased because now she will be able to complete some projects begun during her first year.

Beginning next month, the school board will begin its meetings at 6:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. The 6:30 p.m. start-

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OUTGOING COUNTY MANAGER Carolin Cooney (center) is applauded by county employees, and elected officials during a going away pot luck luncheon at the courthouse Friday, January 12. Cooney resigned as Lincoln County manager to take a job with the County of Santa Fe.

Board Of Finance Is . . .

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unusual for December. Park said the two bridges, which were unexpected payments, ambulances and vehicles were paid for in December. Park said there currently is a problem with the county funding of capital projects. "Many of the departments sit on the purchases until almost July, which is a bad time to spend major money," Park said. "Capital projects need to be done in the period of collection (November and December)," Park said.

Taking less than an hour Montes closed the board of finance, all commissioners satisfied the county's finances are secure and accounted for.

Also on January 8, commissioners discussed and approved the \$525 one time merit pay for all classified county employees. The merit pay will not be given to chief deputies of each department, or contract employees who receive less than 50 percent of the salary from the county.

There was considerable discussion about raising the salaries of chief deputies to be at least 90 percent of the salary earned by the respective elected official. Currently, all chief deputies except the undersheriff receive 82 percent of the elected officials salary. The undersheriff position receives 91 percent of the sheriff's elected salary which is higher than elected officials such as the clerk, treasurer or assessor.

The elected officials argued their deputies serve in their capacity when they are gone and should receive just compensation. Citizen Frank Swenor said he thought the 90 percent for chief deputies was only equitable, because in some cases the chief deputy does most of the office management.

But when the motion came to allow the chief deputies to receive the \$525 merit one time increase, commissioners tied. Commissioner Ray

Nunley was absent, so there was no one to break the tie and no action as taken.

Commissioners spent the afternoon of January 8 doing the mid-year budget review and discussing the need to update the county's current salary "matrix" before the next budget process. The budget review showed the current revenue from taxes to be \$169,000 below the budgeted amount of \$2,200,000 as of January 1, 1996.

The budget was also adjusted to show actual amounts of grant awards, some of which were more, others less than budgeted. For instance the forest service reimbursements were \$3,400 less than budgeted, and sale of county property totaled \$5,000 less than budgeted.

Overall, the total general fund reserve was decreased by \$121,356 for transfers to other departments. The road fund revenue was adjusted to reflect higher amounts received for three state highway cooperative road projects. Other funds which received more funds than budgeted were the cigarette tax increase of \$620, a \$9,000 reimbursement: \$3,870 to Bonito Fire Department for refunds and interest, \$2,523 to Fort Stanton Fire Department, \$5,817 to Hondo Fire Department, \$1,169 to Lincoln Fire Department, \$1,407 to Nogal Fire Department, \$728 to Glencoe Palo Verde Fire Department, \$23,003 in additional funds from the State DWI Grant to the county.

Sheriff's seizure resulted in \$6,000 additional. EMS was reduced \$1,385 because its grant came in \$4,200 less than budgeted.

In Senior citizens, which is currently paying its own way, a \$100 donation for fuel at Corona Center was added, as was the \$16,800 grant fund for meals equipment which came from the state and \$498 for the Capitan center roof.

The Alto Paving Debt Service was increased up \$721 to reflect late fees.

The Enhanced 911 Act shows the largest increase of \$250,837 to show revenue from grants to fund purchase of E-911 equipment.

The grant total of adjustments in revenue was

\$341,731.83. Year to date receipts (as of December 31) for the fiscal year were totaled at \$4,497,618.54. The entire year's revenue was budgeted at \$7,316,774. With the increase the budget was adjusted to \$7,658,505.83.

Commissioners also adjusted the original budget expenditures of \$8,398,501 to \$8,953,607 which leaves an actual adjusted cash balance of \$3,026,594.

During the day, commissioners discussed the possibility of providing a tax cut to property owners. They agreed however the appropriate time for a tax cut is in the later part of the summer.

Commissioner Stirling Spencer took the opportunity while discussing a tax cut to ask the county attorney to research what it will take to turn the county back to a three member commission.

Carrizozo Accepts Bids . . .

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meeting which will give the town time to find out from the state what expenses will be allowed.

The board adopted amendments to the town ordinance setting water rates for construction companies. The rate may be the set rate or can be negotiated.

Action was tabled on the state highway department water contract.

There was no input during the first public hearing to enact an ordinance authorizing the municipal judge to suspend sentences, grant probation and require community services.

Municipal Judge Bill Meeks said the proposed ordinance would be the same as the state ordinance but through an oversight had never been adopted by the town. Another public hearing will be held.

Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson reported 16 letters have been sent in reference to code enforcement.

Vinson also reported the damage done to the luminarias Christmas Eve. The out of town vehicle has been identified.

The town has a \$7324.70 balance from the last airport grant, with matching funds available from the state aviation department. The state would pay 90 percent and the town would pay 10 percent, and the money could be used for fencing, striping, etc. The town will consider at the Jan. 23 meeting how to use the money.

Town clerk Carol Schlarb announced the results of the survey that was mailed out with the water bills. The survey asked whether taxpayers would prefer the town purchase a street sweeper, or spend approximately \$30,000 to hire two full time employees at the Rec Center.

One comment the town received was that there were too many prisoners and the town should buy brooms.

The estimated budget for the Recreation Center was discussed. The Brunswick mechanic school (for bowling machines) is held in three week classes beginning April 29 and ending November 15. The cost to send an employee to the three week school would be \$1,250 for the three weeks, not including transpor-



CARRIZOZO PARK FUN. Mild weather on Martin L. King Jr. Day January 15 brought out county employees Leslie Samora and Loree Vallejos. Their sons Carlos Samora and Aron Vallejos were just a bit camera shy. Mild weather also brought out a several fisher people who were trying to catch trout stocked in Carrizozo Lake. The park also features a nine-hole golf course.

tation, meals, motels, etc.

Schlarb said the board needed to decide where the money will come from to pay an employee at the Rec Center, approve a resolution, and then get approval from the state department of finance and administration (FDA) before making reservations at the bowling machine mechanic school. The resolution is to be placed on the Jan. 23 agenda.

The board did decide the Rec Center will be open to the end of May. Town crews under the supervision of town foreman Faustino Gallegos are working at the Rec Center

on league nights. The town's priority list for the state Legislature was approved as being the same as the town's ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) which was approved Sept. 12, 1995.

Negotiations continued about the lease for the Carrizozo Historical Society to put a museum in the old ice plant located on 12th St. behind Four Winds Restaurant, near the overpass. The lease is to be negotiated again at the Jan. 23 meeting.

A closed session was held for pending litigation. No action was taken.

* * County Happenings * *

Immunization Clinic To Be Held At Corona School Friday, Jan. 26

An immunization clinic will be held at Corona Elementary School Friday, Jan. 26 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The immunization clinic is open to the public.

Tourism Council To Meet Monday

The Lincoln County Tourism Council, rural economic development through tourism, will meet Monday, Jan. 22 at Texas-New Mexico Power in Ruidoso from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss Expo '96 which will be held April 18 at Glencoe Ru-

ral Events Center. Expo '96 will showcase and promote partnership among tourism related facilities, attractions, and resources in Lincoln County.

For further information contact Virginia Jones at 505-354-2316.

Program Will Be Held For Parents Of Title I Students In Carrizozo

A special performance of America's Education Goals 2000 will be held in the Carrizozo School multipurpose room at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25.

Parents of children in Title I are invited to attend. After the performance Title I school parent compacts will be discussed and signed.

Lincoln County Republican Party ANNOUNCES ITS PRECINCT MASS CONVENTION & PRE-PRIMARY COUNTY CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1996 10:00 A.M. LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE CARRIZOZO, NM

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
 —Adult singles group meets at the Marie Laveaux Restaurant at 1214 Mechem in Ruidoso for no host dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 258-3246 or 354-2635.
 —Preschool Story hour from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Carrizozo Public School library.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

—Financial aid and scholarship information seminar in Carrizozo Schools boardroom at 6 p.m.
 —Wildfire hazard reduction program at 7 p.m. in Texas New Mexico Power Company meeting room in Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board meets at 10 a.m. at the authority offices in Ruidoso Downs. The meeting was rescheduled from Tuesday.
 —Enchilada supper at Carrizozo School Cafeteria from 4:30-7 p.m. to raise funds for the Grizzly athletic program.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

—Free Gospel music program at Evangelistic Assembly Church, 711 E Ave. in Carrizozo at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

—Knights of Columbus youth free throw championship for boys and girls ages 10 to 14 at Ruidoso High School gymnasium at 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

—Lincoln County Tourism Council meets at 10 a.m. at Texas-New Mexico Power Company office in Ruidoso. The April 18 Expo '96 will be discussed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

—Senator Pete Domenici's staff will be at Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 —Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

—Lincoln County Chapter of AARP meets at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center in the rear of the Ruidoso Public Library. Drew Comber will be guest speaker. Potluck luncheon to follow meeting.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

—Health care needs forum at White Oaks School at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

—Immunization Clinic from 8-11 a.m. at Corona Elementary School. Open to the public.

Applications For Rental Assistance To Be Taken In Ruidoso Downs 26th

Representatives from Region VI Housing Authority will accept applications for Section 8 Rental Assistance programs (certificate/voucher) for Lincoln County Friday, Jan. 26 at the Ruidoso Downs

Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals unable to apply in person Jan. 26 must contact the authority before Jan. 26 for further information at 505-622-0881.

Dance Festival To Be Held In Alamogordo

The Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo will provide a free showcase of traditional ethnic dances performed by area elementary school children Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

Dances to be performed will include the Mambo, Hispanic, Russian folk dances, Apache dances, hula, and dances from India, Germany, Belgium, and Philippines.

Card of Thanks

The Hightower family graciously acknowledges all the kindness shown John Allen during his illness. Your prayers, words of encouragement, calls, tributes and food have been overwhelming during our bereavement. THANK YOU!

Vernelle, Gary - Beth, Bill - Susan, Lisa, Cheryl, Katie & Mollie, Bryan, Patrick & Erin

Card of Thanks

Thanks

To everyone for your prayers, thoughts, cards, flowers, telephone calls. We surely have appreciated all of your help. It means a lot to us.

Margaret and Johnson Stearns

Special LCSWA Meeting Will Be Held Tomorrow

The meeting of the Lincoln County Waste Authority (LCSWA) Board was not held Tuesday, January 16 as posted.

Only five of the nine total members showed up for the regular monthly meeting, during which was scheduled the audit report about last year's finances. But the beginning of the state legislature, and various meetings being held for New Mexico Association of Counties, and the Municipal League, and other business took enough LCSWA members away to prevent a quorum Tuesday.

Chairman Frank Cummins and members Gary Jackson, Jerry Wright, Bernie Reimann and Cecilia Kuhnel waited until 10:30 but no more members showed up. Cummins then declared a special meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 19, at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs. The meeting will have the same agenda as the canceled Tuesday meeting.

Along with the audit report, LCSWA will hold a budget discussion and make mid year budget adjustments. With total revenues at 49 percent of what was projected in the budget, most departments are staying at or just under 50 percent expended. Overtime continues to run high, with 73 percent of that fund expended for the transfer station personnel.

To offset the expenditures above 50 percent, LCSWA manager Corlis Dobson will propose LCSWA amend its budget with transfers from departments with extra funds to personnel and other operating funds.

An update on the Capitan Landfill will be given, with new figures showing a lower cost to close the construction debris dumpsite to assist LCSWA in providing an alter-

native for the construction materials after the landfill is closed, LCSWA applied for and received a grant from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). Of the \$200,000 total grant amount, \$155,000 is dedicated to the transport system, and \$45,000 for the landfill closure. The award is 65 percent of what LCSWA requested in its grant application.

The grant award will enable LCSWA to purchase a transport tractor and two transport trailers each holding 115 cubic yards, and a used backhoe. The \$80,000 requested to purchase a tub grinder for the recycling system was not funded.

Dobson in a letter to LCSWA board members, stated that NMED will allow LCSWA to use any left over funds from the landfill closure for the transport system. "This shows a great willingness on the part of the state to assist and be flexible, without placing undue restraints on us for these funds," Dobson wrote.

In old and news business, Wright asked that the board discuss discontinuing the joint meetings with the Otero County Solid Waste Authority (OCSWA). The practice began when LCSWA and OCSWA were negotiating over the regional landfill, co-owned by both authorities. Since then,

the joint meetings have been called for what some LCSWA members consider to be "routine" business which could be handled by the separate au-

thority boards. The 10 a.m. meeting Friday, is open to the public and will be held at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.

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There is no charge to participate in the program which will feature country/western and contemporary gospel music. For more information call Dr. C.L. Fulton, pastor, at 648-2800.

Bird Club To Sponsor Program On Wildfire Hazard Reduction

The Lincoln County Bird Club will sponsor a wildfire hazard reduction program in conjunction with the New Mexico State Forestry Division today, January 18 at 7 p.m. in the Texas New Mexico Power Company meeting room.

This will be an opportunity to learn about the forest fire threat in Lincoln County. For more information call 257-5352.

Sen. Domenici Staff Will Be In Carrizozo On Tuesday, Jan. 23

Staff members of U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici will be in Carrizozo Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Lincoln County Courthouse from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Anyone experiencing difficulty with a federal agency who would like Senator Domenici's assistance is welcome to visit with the Senator's staff.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Super Bowl for County?

By Ruth Hammond

Gambling may or may not be legal but it's a sure bet that many people are wagering on the Super Bowl that will be held Sunday, January 28. Last Sunday the conference championship games held the attention of sports fans around the world.

It would be nice if the games played by governor Johnson were as simple as the national football playoffs. That way the people being affected could put on their helmets and shoulder pads and square off against the governor in face-to-face combat.

Officials such as line judges, referees and umpires could call infractions for unsportsmanlike conduct (taking the word of non professionals instead of assessing the facts) and personal fouls (using state policy for personal revenge) and clipping (dumping state employees with little advance warning) and the officials would have the final say as to whether each team played fair.

The officials would have to be from another state, preferably people who had been in similar circumstances and were aware of the consequences resulting from each action taken by a team member. This would help eliminate cost for training officials because each official would have personal experience.

The captains of each team would be selected by members of the team instead of being elected by the people in the state. This would put both teams on the same playing field instead of the governor standing on the podium while the other team was in the audience listening to the empty speeches being spouted.

Most of you are aware that the game in question is the game being played by governor Gary Johnson against former state employees, those from the Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School and most recently the workers at Camp Sierra Blanca.

The Fort Stanton workers are waiting for word of what will be housed at Fort Stanton. Proposals for leasing Fort Stanton are to be sent to the state by Monday, January 22. Only one proposal was submitted the last time and the state rejected that proposal. When the state re-issued the request for proposals it was with the hope that other proposals will be submitted.

Workers at Camp Sierra Blanca are in a similar situation. They were told January 8 that Camp Sierra Blanca would close in September and the workers would be given the opportunity to transfer to another job location. Last week the workers were told they had to commit to a transfer within 30 days and there was no assurance of any state help with moving expenses.

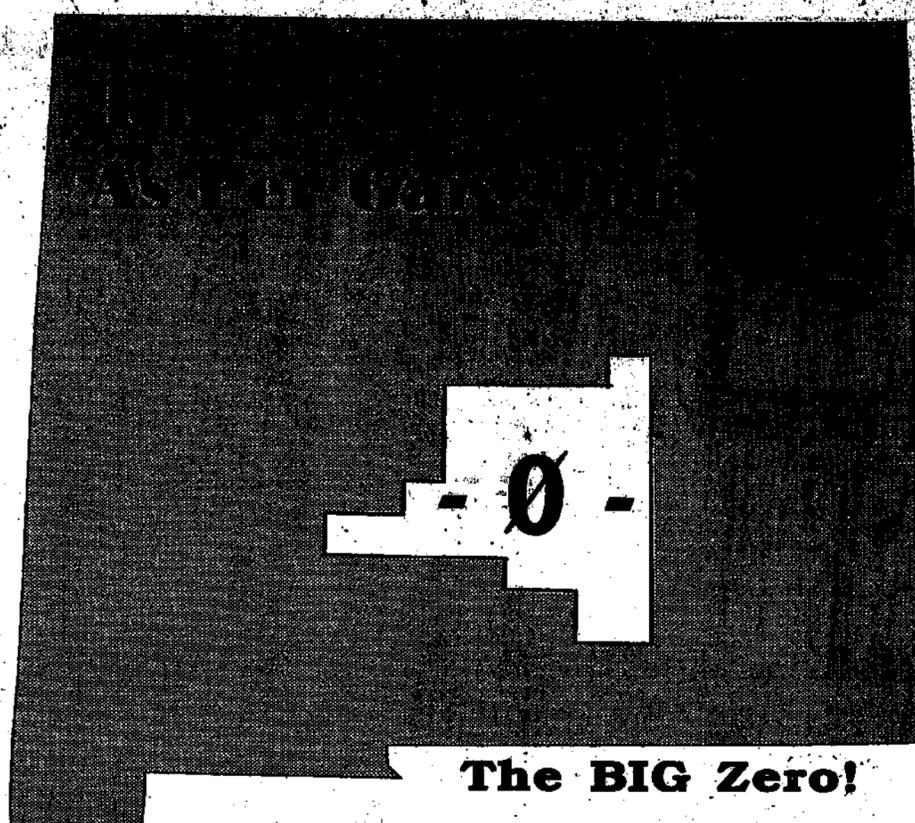
While governor Gary Johnson probably had no problem with the expenses involved when he moved to Santa Fe the Camp Sierra Blanca workers are in a different situation. The Camp Sierra Blanca workers will have to use their own money to pay for travel expenses for trips to find homes, pay utility deposits, make down payments or rental deposits on homes, and then will have the expenses of moving their household belongings. Added to that will be the pay lost for days off to make the trips.

It will be difficult for the workers because many have lived in Lincoln County all their lives and were content with their way of life in peaceful, quiet Lincoln County near their families.

If the former Fort Stanton workers and the Camp Sierra Blanca workers could settle their difference with governor Johnson on a field of combat with impartial officials making the decisions that will affect their lives, the entire situation would probably be different than it is being played by governor Johnson's rules.

Anytime one person has the power to destroy people's lives such as Hitler did when he tried to eliminate the Jews it is not only an infraction of the rules, it is morally unjust. Anytime one person makes decisions about how and where another person should live it is not only a personal foul, it is a crime against all of us. But as we all know, life is not a super bowl football game.

Playing game by governor's rules?



The BIG Zero!

Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—Gov. Gary Johnson will keep a scorecard and post it in his office to update New Mexicans daily on whether his budget and the legislature's are getting closer together or farther apart.

Technically, the dollar difference between the two already is close. Johnson has recommended a 2.8 percent increase and the interim Legislative Finance Committee has a 2.9 percent proposal—a difference of \$5.3 million out of a \$2.85 billion budget.

But within those totals is plenty of room for feuding. Johnson is heavy into construction: two new prisons, new juvenile detention facilities, new schools, and billions for highways. Although the legislature authorized two new prisons last year, there's been talk of cutting back to one or even none.

Children, Youth and Families cabinet secretary Heather Wilson is a big favorite of Gov. Johnson. She gets her entire "Restoring Juvenile Justice" program funded in the governor's budget proposal. But Wilson doesn't enjoy such popularity with lawmakers. It is very possible that they won't approve any of her hefty expansion request.

Public school buildings normally are financed by local bond issues. Every year the legislature appropriates a few million for critical needs that local districts can't afford. Johnson wants to up that to \$33 million.

The Governor's Citizens Highway Assessment Task Force identified over \$3 billion in construction needs. Johnson is proposing a \$1.5 billion building program financed by 20-year bonds secured by \$90 million the governor plans to divert from the general fund to the road fund during the next four years.

Johnson calls his program "Highways For Jobs." He says it's a tremendous economic development effort of which he is "most proud." Lawmakers are not expected to be quite as proud.

And there will be other areas of feuding. In order to finance his many construction projects and cut back state government, something has to give. Johnson's answer is to reduce state jobs and to provide no salary increases for the remaining employees. The Legislative Finance Com-

mittee has proposed two percent increases.

College tuition hikes will be another hot item. Although Johnson wants to increase the state budget 2.8 percent, which is the amount inflation is expected to rise, he wants to up college tuition by eight percent. The LFC recommends no increase.

After revealing his ignorance about colonias during the '94 campaign, Johnson decided to sign the subdivision bill passed by the '95 Legislature. But he's had second thoughts after developers told him it will cost them hundreds of millions of dollars. The governor says he'll submit amendments to the law, which doesn't go into effect until July.

Some rollbacks in spending for the current year will be necessary to offset a projected \$60 million shortfall. Lawmakers want to make surgical cuts. Johnson is sticking with his 2.5 percent across-the-board reduction. Albuquerque District Attorney Bob Schwartz, a Republican, has called Johnson's method "cowardly." Many lawmakers

are expected to agree.

Members of the House and Senate finance committees reported for work Jan. 8—eight days early—to begin their budget deliberations. House staff members went on the payroll in mid-December. Gov. Johnson had his budget documents available over a week earlier than previous governors.

So the '96 Legislature won't be starting from scratch. Both sides have gotten into shape at spring training and are ready to go. And this year we'll even have a scorekeeper in the governor's office to keep us up to date on the game.

And as long as Johnson is keeping score on budget developments, he should have someone in the dugout preparing a scorecard for the 20 days following the session when the governor will be deciding on vetoes. That is when records are set.

Not only did Gov. Gary double the previous state veto record last year, the National Conference of State Legislatures reports that it also was a national record for the '95 season.

There Is A Better Way To Resolve Our Differences

by State Senator PETE COMPOS

LAS VEGAS, NM—This is a good time, as the 1996 legislative session starts, to consider the role of government in our lives and in our state. I believe the role is one of balance, mutual trust and a commitment to communication.

A balance must be struck among government, the business community, our schools and our quality of life. We must also seek balance among the various levels of government (federal, state, county and city) that impact our lives and in which we participate. From this balance comes cooperation, better communication and the ability to accomplish the things that need to get done in New Mexico.

I believe our approach must be prudent and take the long-term view. We must break away from the tendency to think in terms of daily contests in which there are win-

ners and losers, in which someone must give up something in order for someone else to get something. It is that sort of crisis-to-crisis competition, typified by the budget battle in Washington, D.C., that contributes to the public's distrust and cynicism toward government.

There is a better way to resolve our differences. It requires us to set aside personal differences and seek common solutions to common problems.

Our schools need to be improved, both in terms of how and what our children are taught and in terms of the quality of the buildings in which they are taught. Our roads and highways need to be improved, particularly in rural New Mexico, so that our residents are connected to each other, businesses are connected with customers and our borders are connected to one another.

As our population ages,

Agriculture May See Gains With 104th Congress

by BOB ELLISON

When the gavel came down to start the 104th Congress, many in agriculture saw an opportunity to advance issues that had long been stifled. They saw chances to lighten regulatory and financial burdens and give farmers more freedom in planting decisions. But as the second session of this Congress begins, there is still no Farm Bill and hopes for tax and regulatory reforms languish in deadlocked budget negotiations.

Does this mean this Congress has been a bust for agriculture? Not necessarily, says American Farm Bureau Federation Executive Director Richard Newpher, who adds there were significant legislative successes for farmers in 1995, such as estate and capital gains tax reform, increased expensing of farm costs and health care deductions for small businesses and farmers. Of course, these measures are bogged down in the stalemate between congress and the President, but Newpher says it is a good sign that they have made it this far. "While not signed, sealed, and delivered, they are at least more realistic possibilities than they've ever been before," Newpher says.

Additionally, Newpher says 1996 holds a great deal of promise. He is optimistic that issues like private property rights, endangered species legislation and Delaney Clause changes will make progress this year. "While we might not get them all, I think we will see some of them become law," Newpher says, who also sees further gains on fiscal issues like a balanced budget amendment and additional tax reform.

But the most significant changes created by this Congress may not be legislative but philosophical. "The fact that the discussion with regard to a balanced budget is considered realistic by most of Congress signifies some success," Newpher says. He says farmers should be cheered that Congress is giving serious consideration to many issues important to agriculture. For too long, Newpher says, Farm Bureau was "the lone voice in the wilderness" on issues ranging from the Clean Water Act to private property rights. But now these issues are what New-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR: I would like to commend Albert Hernandez and his crew at the Lincoln County Road Department for their work during the last snow storm. It was a difficult time for several days. The winds were blowing so hard in some places that roads that had been cleared were covered in an hour and a half. I talked with Mr. Hernandez several times and his crews were out very early in the morning until late at night. Even with the two hour delay for Capitan Schools and their continuing efforts, the School Buses had a difficult time. Had it not been for their persistence, dedication, and commitment to keeping the roads clear, particularly school bus routes, many students would have not been able to attend school or even worse, would have been stranded or involved in an accident. All parents and drivers should be very appreciative of this service. This is a large county and maintaining its roads is no easy task.

FRANK SILVA,
School Bus Contractor
Capitan, NM

EDITOR: It looks like back to the future when you read the gaming stories in the newspaper. An Indian war because the Indians need to go back to poorer times, no jobs, scrambling around under the handout process. Those dependent on the racing purses for a living need to take what they can get, pay as much as ever for the fees, licenses and privileges to do business and be glad they are legal. The fraternalists, now exposed to the light of day, need to find some other way to entertain their members and give money to charities. And the ever once in a while revelers at Casino Nights should just forget they wanted to dress up, be cheery and raise money for their favorite cause.

I am waiting until someone says only pickups with four wheels are the limit, videos at home are too high tech and there are too many food choices.

No wonder we have to explain we're in the United States.

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Letters to

States.
Is it possible we can keep moving forward? Was it only talk and ink spilled when our leaders and the teachers and the thinkers said we need self-determination, working for a living and controlling our own destinies to bring dignity to New Mexicans?

Must have been. Because the Indians used gaming to move in that direction, the horse farms and their employees said add electronic gaming as an addition to our live racing and we'll use the growth in purses to keep our industry going and the fraternalists said just leave us alone and we'll do our best to keep raising money.

But no. Everyday's paper and newscast is the doom and gloom of gaming. It is cannibalizing New Mexico. Businesses are going under, less is being purchased, the mental health picture is getting worse. It could even be the cause of the Taos hum.

Seriously, folks in New Mexico expressed their opinion when they voted for a lottery and certain games of chance. The compacts started the ball rolling and the race horse people said OK, we see the future and we'll make the adjustment to stay in business if you will let us.

I can't speak to the figures for other industries and their contribution to New Mexico and New Mexicans but I can tell you the race horse industry creates 10,000 jobs. That means people who pay taxes, buy stuff including food, clothes, vehicles, etc. and contribute to the rural towns that are part of the quality of life so vaunted when leaders allude to such things.

We also feel pretty proud of our numbers. In 1995, racing revenue to the state was \$1,128,890. We paid a pari-mutuel tax of \$361,964, a daily tax of \$223,600, a daily license fee of \$172,000, an inter-track daily license fee of \$95,036, occupational licenses fees of \$266,109.50 and occupational fines of \$30,191. In fact, as our purses fell and our participation fell, our payments remained steady to the state. Tax requirements were adjusted to keep the revenue payments constant.

If we are going back to the future, I could conclude now that we should not legalize anyone. After all, pari-mutuel betting is legal and in the good old days, as a race horse farm owner and horse breeder I was "taken care of". But Thomas Wolfe isn't the only one who knows you can't go back.

I would rather we get this straightened out, this session. Create the legality the Indians need, add electronic gaming to live race meets and let the fraternalists continue gaming for their membership.

And unlike the early days, for the one percent of us who have an addictive personality, there will be money set aside for professional treatment. It will be money raised by all of the gaming industry, paid just as taxes are and fees and licenses to the state for distribution.

In the back to the future days, we had less businesses, less hotels and fewer scheduled stops by airlines in New Mexico. But as you know, tourism is one of the most important segments of our economy and its growth brings revenue to New Mexico. Let's create as much atmosphere as possible. We can use the income.

And our children, Indian, farm, city and the receivers of charity will be glad we sought the future rather than give up in the past.

MICHAEL WEATHERLY
President NM Horsemen's Association
Mesquite, NM

EDITOR: During the early years of our nation, the Electoral College was needed. If our presidents had been chosen by the popular vote, it would have been possible for a relatively small, well organized, subversive, group to gain control of the Presidency. Today, although our society is still largely apathetic, our population is much larger and better informed and our communications are superb. Therefore the Electoral College is no longer necessary.

It is ridiculous that in our indirect (representative) democracy our presidents may be elected without receiving at least 51% of the popular vote.

Even more ridiculous is the fact that an entire branch of our federal government does not answer to the people. As a minimum, our Supreme Court justices should be elected by the people since judges are political. Since the federal judiciary does not answer to the people, it has become the dominant branch of government. Did our founding fathers make a drastic mistake or did they secretly intend for the judiciary to become the dominant branch?

Neither the U.S. Constitution nor the Judiciary Act of 1789 give the Supreme Court the power to rule against Congress or amend the U.S. Constitution through judicial interpretation.

Unfortunately, we New Mexicans ceded some of our power over our state courts when we passed the judicial reform constitutional amendment which dictates that state judges will run for re-election, unopposed. In addition, we remained silent when our State Supreme Court ruled against the people in the lottery/games of chance constitutional amendment case. The future generations will thank us for the above!

Note: I appreciated Mr. Queen's Jan. 11, 1996 accolades; however, I made an error in my Jan. 4, 1996 letter. The death penalty was reinstated in 1976 vice 1977. If "to err is human", I am probably more human than most people!

FRANKLIN L. BOREN
Tinnie, NM

Agriculture May See Gains . . . (Cont' from P. 4)
p/ or calls "front and center" in policy debates. When the 104th Congress came to town, many advocates probably thought there would be swift enactment of its agenda as opponents relented before what seemed to be an obvious mandate. But that is not the way our democracy works. Legislative change can move as fast as a glacier. What has occurred is a change in the focus of debate from not how much money to spend but how much less money to spend, from new rules and regulations to whether existing rules and regulations are really needed, and from new restrictions on land use to how much the government should pay for inconvenient landowners. As AFBF's Newpher says, "this is a monumental step on behalf of the farmers of America."

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

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

All nongovernmental entities (property owners) which claim to be exempt from the property tax must report their property and claim their exemption for 1996 if the exemption was not claimed in 1995.

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

If you made improvements to your real property and:

- 1.) the improvements cost more than \$1,000 and
- 2.) a building permit for the improvements was not issued;

you must report the nature of the improvements and their cost to the assessor not later than the last day of February. These reports must be on forms provided by that assessor.

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

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

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

If the veterans exemption was claimed and allowed in 1995 no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1995 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

If the head-of-family exemption was claimed and allowed in 1995 no new claim for that exemption is required to be filed. However, if that exemption was not claimed and allowed in 1995 and it is now claimed, claim must be made by the last day of February by filing with the assessor the form provided by the assessor.

Beginning in the 1982 tax year, taxpayers are responsible for declaring their property classification to the assessor, as residential or nonresidential. When the declaration is accepted by the assessor, it shall remain as such and need not be made in subsequent years unless the classification changes. If a taxpayer has not declared their property to be residential in 1995 and desires that classification for 1996 they must complete a declaration of residential classification and return the signed declaration to the county assessor's office by the last day of February, 1996.

Certain mineral property and personal property of contractors operating in more than one county are required to be reported to the Taxation and Revenue Department,

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There Is A Better Way . . .

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we must renew our commitment to ensuring that our elders' burdens are minimized. As our state grows, we must do everything possible to mitigate the escalation of property taxes.

Above all, we must work to motivate and encourage all New Mexicans to recognize and improve their self-worth. It is our job, as public officials, to provide the leadership necessary to help make this vision possible. The public places an enormous amount of confidence in us to represent them in Washington, Santa Fe, the county courthouse and city hall. It is a responsibility we take seriously. We accept your trust and we work to retain the confidence you have placed in us. We are in Santa Fe for you, the taxpayer. Our primary job, in my view, is to do

everything possible to make sure that your tax dollars are returned to you in the form of better schools, improved water and sewer systems, local law enforcement projects and other direct benefits.

We are aware of New Mexico's diverse needs and character. That becomes clear every time you look around the House and Senate chambers at the faces of 112 legislators from every corner of the state. Our strength comes from the diversity and it translates directly into benefits to you, the taxpayer.

So as the 1996 session begins, let's all do our best to communicate our concerns and our ideas to each other so that, working together, we can make New Mexico an even better place in which to live.

Obituaries

PATRICIA GAYLE MARTIN/COX HALL
Patricia Gayle Martin/Cox Hall, 55, died at her home in Santa Fe, January 9.

She is survived by her husband Wesley Hall of Santa Fe; her father Guy (Johnny) Martin of Capitan; sons Johnny Cox and Jay Cox of Capitan, and stepson Joshua Hall of Minnesota; daughters Vicki Taylor of Albuquerque, and Lily Payne of Los Lunas. Also six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Wilma Martin of Capitan.

A private service and interment will be held at the family ranch in Capitan.

DEWEY "Dink" GANN
Funeral services for Dewey "Dink" Gann, 74, of Alto were held January 13 at LaGrone Funeral Chapel. Officiating was Dan M. Smith. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Gann died January 10, in Albuquerque. He was born January 12, 1921 at Bisbee, AZ. He was a captain in the Air Force during World War II. He was a bomber pilot and flew on the D-Day mission. He moved to Ruidoso in 1946. He served as Ruidoso Police Chief from 1954 until 1956.

He married Virginia Tate on February 15, 1956 in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife Virginia of Alto; daughters Linda Kay McMahon of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Vicki Smith of Plano, TX; sister Jerry Anderson of Ruidoso; three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald and Mavis Reecer of Alto.

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

LINEOL WHITE
Funeral services for

Lineol White, 80, of Ruidoso were January 16, at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso. Officiating was the Rev. D. Allen Cearley and Jimmy Sportsman. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. White died January 12, in Albuquerque. He was born October 13, 1915 at Elkins, NM. He married Sarah Preston on May 28, 1937 in Roswell and she preceded him in death on July 12, 1990.

He is survived by three sons, Tom White of Ruidoso, Bill White of Twisp, Washington and Harry White of Tonsket, Washington; four daughters, Patsy Jensen of Freeport, TX; Nancy Richardson of El Paso, Louise James of Idaho and Vanita Misner of Show Low, AZ; three brothers, Dale White, Henry White and Johnny White; six sisters, Ruth Taylor, Margaret Garrett, Bobbie Jean Gumm, Betty Caudill, Versalee Pritchard and Doris Fairbanks, also 26 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

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All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1996 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship.

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International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions.

All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year more than 212,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,100 local competitions.

Participants will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Alan Morel at 257-2202.

Carrizozo Municipal Court Collects More Than \$1,000 A Month

The judicial activity report for the month of November submitted to the Carrizozo Town Council by municipal judge Bill Meeks included a total of \$1,777. fines and fees assessed with \$1,047 in fines and fees collected.

Balance due from fines and fees is \$686, judicial education fees collected \$21, court automation fees collected \$63, and \$210 in correction fees was collected.

Other statistics from the report for November: six warrants issued for arrest, three orders issued for "show cause" and "summons to appear," four driver's license pulled, one summons issued, one warning letter for penalty assessment, 35 cases docketed, and two marriages performed. Judge Meeks also sentenced 40 hours of community service to be served prior to Jan. 1, 1996.

Judge Meeks said the amount of fines and fees collected has increased to about \$1,000 a month.

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CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from the Omaha, Nebraska side of the road.

We have part of another chapter of *Trailing Around with Traylor* by H. L. Traylor this week.

The Death of Dr. Walker
The Coalora coal mines were terminated in 1904. Immediately after they shut down most employees, equipment and buildings were sent to Dawson, New Mexico.

The employees wishing to remain in the area had started to work at the Marine Hospital or had homesteaded on a portion of public domain land the government had opened on the prairie 15 miles north of Capitan. By 1914 there were 80 families within a radius of 20 miles from the center of the area where a store, post office and a school had been built. At first it was called Paradise Valley, later, the post office was named Deseo.

The doctor reasoned that it would be profitable for him to settle in the middle of the area, providing he could find open land. After scouting the locality with the help of a homesteader, named Calvin Hare and after several visits to the U.S. Land Office, he located on 40 acres a mile and a half from the school house.

He filed on the land and built a two-room frame house, one room above the other. The lower room served as office, living room, dining room and kitchen. The upper room was the bedroom and was entered by a ladder from inside the lower room.

After four or five months, the neighbors decided it was to their advantage to fence the 40 acres, dig and plaster a water cistern, rather than to haul water and be constantly looking out for Brownie, Dr. Walker's horse.

By 1915, the doctor was caring for sick people in the areas of Corona, Capitan and Arabella. Frequently, he was gone for two days on his trips.

He was very efficient and people admired and trusted him. He was especially proficient with pneumonia cases, which were very prevalent at the time. He was good at setting broken bones and was adept at delivering babies.

His only vice was his addiction for alcohol. As far as I

recall, he attended to his patients before imbibing. Usually, after attending a patient in the area of a saloon, he would tank up and when the bartender closed, he would help the doctor on Brownie and the horse would take him home.

I recall one incident that happened after the doctor had been on a call in Capitan. Apparently he was very drunk when he left town. After riding 15 miles, he was in great need of a bracer.

He rode up to the wood pile where my father was cutting stove wood and said, "Neighbor, don't you keep a bottle of snake medicine at your house?"

My father answered, "Why yes, doctor, have you been snake bitten?"

"Well, no," the doctor replied. "But I saw a snake and it licked its tongue out at me." (This was in the winter with snow on the ground, as I recall.)

Many times the doctor would be too inebriated to unsaddle Brownie after arriving home and the little horse would remain in the enclosure until the doctor sobered up or a neighbor noticed him and came to unsaddle and water him.

The doctor served the people from 1914 until February 1917, when a family who lived in Rabentone sent for him to attend a child sick with pneumonia.

According to the parents, he arrived at their place about 5 p.m. He attended to the sick child, left for home (or the cantina). The fellow who ran the bar closed at 11 p.m. He tried to get the doctor to stay the rest of the night with him, as he thought the doctor was very drunk.

The doctor insisted he was able to ride and that he had to go home. The bartender helped him on his horse, checked the saddle, cinches, tied a knot in the end of the reins so the horse would have ample room for maneuvering his head without the end of the reins too tight on his mouth.

The third day after the doctor left Rabentone, a neighbor noticed Brownie at the tub, where the doctor watered him, with his saddle on. The neighbors in the im-

mediate area were notified and a search party started back tracking the horse's tracks toward Rabentone.

They found the doctor lying in a small arroyo about three miles east of Rabentone, frozen. The Coroner's Jury indicated the doctor had been dead for three days, and had met his death from a fall off his horse and freezing.

He was taken to a neighbor's house, where he was left over night and prepared for burial the next morning. A neighbor, probably Jeff Gardenhire, built a pine coffin and the community buried him in the Encinosa Cemetery.

Several months later, the sheriff of Lincoln County sold the personal belongings of the doctor at a public auction. The faithful little horse was purchased by a fellow for his young daughter, who cared for him until she left for college. He was more grey than brown by that time. Not too long after she left, he met his final reward. I recall, during the flu epidemic of 1918, how the people deplored the loss of the doctor.

I have for the last 50 years wanted to visit the Encinosa cemetery. It is in a rather remote area on the flats, about a mile and a half west of Encinosa. The summer of 1988, Bill Edgar took me to visit the cemetery.

Either I vaguely remember people talking, or it was a premonition that the doctor was buried in the southwest corner of the cemetery.

We went through the area that had been taken up by later descendants and in the southwest corner there were several graves whose markers and crosses had long ago deteriorated. I wondered which was Doctor Walker's grave. For a second as I gazed at the graves, I was in a one room adobe school house, where the people met on Saturday nights to play games and sing. There was a crowd gathered around an old air-pedaled organ played by my mother or a young girl by the name of Bessie Sellars (later Bessie Cummins). They were singing, Oh Bury Me Not On The Lone Prairie.

Next week, more of Herbert Lee Traylor's book.

Another installment of Ma Mae Payne's autobiography:

Another lasting memory we had - how little Smokey-the-Bear came to be. The kids and I were alone that day. It really scared us when we saw that big smoke cloud coming our way. At first I thought it was a grass fire, but Vernon soon came home and told us it was a forest fire on our side of Capitan Mountain.

I don't remember how many days it burned. The fire fighters thought they had it under control once, but a spot escaped them, crowned and burned right back over the area where it had been burning through the underbrush. It was a terrible feeling to watch it. At night we'd go out on the hill to watch, when it looked like a big city with its many lights.

Every available person was helping fight fire. Vernon and Bud had trucks and hauled water to where it was needed. Fighters from other states were there. Some one found the cub bear in a tree, with badly burned feet, and crying like a baby.

They took the cub to Capitan, where folks took care of it till it was well again. Soon he was chosen as a living symbol of Smokey Bear, and lived out his life in a zoo in Washington, D.C. When he

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Capitan School Extends Superintendent Contract

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Schools Superintendent Diana Billingsley will continue to run the district for another year.

At the end of a lengthy meeting January 11, Capitan Board of Education voted unanimously to extend the superintendent's contract for an additional year to Billingsley.

One of Billingsley's immediate goals is to help the district obtain its share of funds from the upcoming New Mexico State Legislature. All five Capitan school board members approved a resolution which asks the legislature and governor to make public education their number one priority. Billingsley said the New Mexico School Administrators Association, to which she belongs, is asking all of its member districts to approve similar resolutions so it can present a "united" front to the legislature.

At issue is money, and how much districts will receive from the state department of education for operational costs and projects. Next year's state funding for education is basically a no-growth budget, Billingsley said. An estimated two percent will be provided for districts with growth enrollments.

It is still uncertain if the state will cut back the "slush funds" for districts which have higher than project enrollments this school year.

Board member James Hobbs said he has learned that the state board of education does not involve the community as much as it should. "Send us the money and let us educate our kids," Hobbs said. "Instead of telling us from afar."

Member Tim Worrell said support for the school from the local community is shown by the \$75,000 of non-state money raised by the students and various booster groups. "It shows we believe in the kids and the school," Worrell said.

Capitan Schools also will be represented at the state legislative session by teacher Dottie MacVeigh, representative of the Capitan Association of Classroom Teachers (CACT). She told board members she plans to visit with the governor in his office at the capital building in Santa Fe on January 29-30 to lobby for education. "If you don't say anything, nothing will happen," MacVeigh said.

The New Mexico Association of Classroom Teachers (NMACT) main platform this year is to change the state education funding formula so all students receive an equal amount.

Capitan Elementary Honor Roll

The following Capitan elementary students achieved the A Honor Roll for the second nine weeks. Students with an * were also on the first nine weeks honor roll.

Third Grade: *Jennifer Bartley, *Katrina Johns, *Tonia Neal, *Cory Nowell, *Brian Smith, *Hanna Switzer, *Javier Trost, *DaLana West, *George Boese, *David Griego, *Justin Griffin, *Ashley Osborn and *Samantha Yetley.

Fourth Grade: *Tommy Aldaz, *Meghan Booty, *Alena Borowski, Katrina Phillips, *Rebecca Armstrong, *Kate Cherry, *Matthew Cline, *Colt Freemole, *Chance Huddleston, *Amber LaMay, *Candle Turner and *Stephen Silva.

Fifth Grade: Seth Adcock, *Alison Hendrix, *Lucera Monte, *Bo Sparks, Jessica Tully-Mitchell, *Sarah Monks and *Josh Osborn.

MacVeigh, and other teachers at the board meeting, said the NMACT members, all classroom teachers, speak directly to the legislators when they are in Santa Fe.

The teachers said they think is more effective than having lobbyists who are not teachers.

School officials plan to be in Santa Fe on February 8-10.

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

January 8:
 5:19 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker for a moving truck with an out of service alternator at mile marker 139 on Highway 54. A wrecker was dispatched.

9:42 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a person with ulcer problems. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

January 9:
 4:55 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 66 year old man with unknown problems. Capitan ambulance and police responded and the patient was transported to LCMC.

8 a.m. a caller requested an officer for an accident without injuries in a parking lot in Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

11 a.m. a caller requested an officer to take a report on a dog which killed four sheep at a residence west of Capitan. A deputy responded.

12:20 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a possible cardiac patient. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance responded.

A caller from Alto requested a deputy to take a report of someone stealing a flag pole with a Dallas Cowboys flag on it. A deputy responded.

3:39 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a patient on a backboard. Alto ambulance responded.

4:01 p.m. a caller reported a stolen gun at a lodge in the Alto area. At 5:05 p.m. the caller called back and advised he had found the gun.

7:43 p.m. a caller reported four head of cows in his yard in Palo Verde Slopes.

7:54 p.m. an anonymous caller reported a possible drunken driver on Highway 48 toward Capitan. Capitan police were notified, but made no contact with the vehicle.

10:11 p.m. a deputy advised he had arrested a subject at a trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.

January 10:
 4:06 p.m. a caller reported a burglary at a residence south of Highway 380 west of Capitan. The caller requested a deputy to take a report of someone stealing a \$1,200 vacuum cleaner, three bales of

hay and also took a screen off a window. A deputy responded the following day.

January 11:
 8:22 a.m. a caller reported someone stalking. A deputy responded.

8:46 a.m. Capitan School requested an ambulance at the art class for a student with an airway problem. Capitan ambulance responded.

10:26 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of a report of a grass fire off Highway 380 just east of a house on Indian Divide. Nogal Fire Department responded and put out the fire by 11:46 a.m.

11:41 a.m. a caller reported someone shot, butchered and hauled off a yearling heifer, but left the head at a location east of Hale Lake on County Road 443. A deputy responded.

3:20 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location on 2nd Street for a man who was diabetic. Capitan ambulance responded, then requested RALS meet them.

5:41 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident without injuries on Highway 70 east of Tinnie. There was a dead cow in the road. State police were notified, but state police was busy at another location and requested a deputy investigate. Before the deputy could respond, another state police officer was on route from Ruidoso.

9:04 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance at a location on Cedar Road in Capitan for a man who had fallen and hurt his back and his wife could not lift him. Capitan ambulance responded and trans-
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 February 1, 1996
 Carrizozo, New Mexico

Lincoln County will conduct a public hearing on February 1, 1996, at 10:00 A.M. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the 1996 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and to advise the communities of the program goals, range of eligible activities and other pertinent information. Eligible program funding categories include Community Infrastructure; Housing Rehabilitation; Public Service; Capital Outlay; Planning; Economic Development; Emergency and Colonias. All interested parties are invited to attend and submit project ideas and provide supporting data and testimony. For information, contact Marth Guevara at 648-2385.

NOTICIA DE AUDENCIA PUBLICA
 Febrero 1, 1996
 Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

El Condado de Lincoln, tendra una junta publica el dia 1 de febrero, 1996, a las 10:00 de la mañana, en la casa del condado, situado en la sala de Comisionados, en la Calle Central numero 300, Carrizozo. El proposito de la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del Conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las comunidades del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Las categorias de fondos publicos elegibles incluyen Infraestructura para la Comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Publico; Planificacion; Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos que apoyan a su testimonio. Para mas informacion, favor de hablar a Martha Guevara en 648-2385.

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Sheriff's Report

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January 12:
12:31 a.m. a caller requested a welfare check of her mother at a location in Capitan. Before the deputy could respond, the mother showed up.

11:46 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for an elderly woman in San Patricio. Hondo ambulance responded, then requested Roswell Advanced Life Support (ALS) meet them. Roswell ALS responded.

2:50 p.m. Ski Apache requested Alto ambulance. Alto ambulance responded.

5:37 p.m. a caller on a cell phone reported a one vehicle accident at mile marker 23 on Road 244. At 5:39 p.m. the caller called again and advised that a subject did have head lacerations, and an am-

bulance was requested. At 5:39 p.m. the dispatcher advised Mescalero Police of the accident.

A caller reported a burglary and theft at a location on Cedar Creek. A window was broken, the screen on the door was torn and the TV and vehicle were gone. A deputy responded.

January 13:
9:20 a.m. a caller reported vandalism to all signs through Alto and on the golf course itself. A deputy responded and the state highway department was notified.

1:48 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a person with knee lacerations. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

2:33 p.m. a caller reported solicitors from a semi truck at Highway 54 in Carrizozo. The

solicitors were selling hay and were tossing trash on the caller's property. Carrizozo police responded.

2:25 p.m. an officer advised of a hit and run accident on Carrizo Canyon Road. A woman was at the sub office in Ruidoso to make a report. The accident was referred to state police.

4:12 p.m. a caller reported criminal damage to property in the Ski Apache parking lot. A vehicle was broken into and a purse was taken. A lock was removed from the passenger door. A deputy was assigned.

5:03 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a report of illegal dumping in the Gavilan Canyon area. A deputy was assigned.

5:13 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of reckless drivers on the Ski Run road. A deputy responded but made no contact with described vehicles.

5:34 p.m. a caller reported a possible structure fire west of Highway 48 at the top of

Angus Hill. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised it was a control burn.

January 14:
10:54 a.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a woman with a possible cardiac. RALS responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

12:05 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a patient with a head injury. Alto ambulance responded, but the run was canceled by Ski Apache.

2:45 p.m. Ski Apache requested an ambulance for a 22 year old man with a dislocated shoulder. Alto ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

3:49 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries at mile marker 111 on Highway 54. A vehicle hit a guardrail. State police were notified.

4:02 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a structure fire/possible arson at a location in Palo Verde Slopes. Glencoe Fire Department, a deputy, and Ruidoso Downs fire department responded.

11:12 p.m. Carrizozo police advised of livestock on Highway 380 near the Malpais. A bull was on the highway. State police were notified and dispatch tried to find an own-

er with no success. State police made no contact with the bull at the location reported.

11:09 p.m. an officer advised of a DWI arrest on 13th Street in Carrizozo.

January 15:
9:01 a.m. a caller reported a broken door and window in Riverside. A deputy took a report.

10:38 a.m. a caller requested animal control in Nogal for a sick cat. A deputy responded.

10:47 a.m. state police requested a wrecker at mile marker 127 on Highway 54 to impound a vehicle. A wrecker responded.

11:38 a.m. a 911 caller requested animal control at Hondo Post Office and dumpsters for a stray dog which had been there for days. The assigned deputy advised he would handle the situation the next day.

1:16 p.m. a caller reported someone tried to break into the water machine at a grocery store in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police were assigned.

A 911 caller requested a deputy to pick up drug paraphernalia from the church camp grounds in Angus. A deputy was assigned.

1:43 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested a wrecker on

Highway 380 for an out of service vehicle which was to be towed to Ruidoso. A wrecker was dispatched.

Eastern New Mexico University In Roswell Releases Dean's List

Three students from Lincoln County were named to the Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell for the 1995 fall semester:

Jerry G. Story from Capitan, Catherine J. Perez Muniz from Corona, and Judith D. Romero from San Patricio.

To be named to the dean's list students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

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No. PB-85-72
Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY R. PARNELL, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to pre-

sent their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative or his attorney, Lee Griffin, of Legal Services Inc., P.C., 1206 Mochem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court Clerk, Twelfth Judicial District Court, P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

DATED: January 10, 1996.

Delbert Ray Parnell
Personal Representative of

The Estate of
Dorothy R. Parnell, deceased
P.O. Box 566
Ruidoso Downs,
New Mexico
88348

Lee Griffin
1206 Mochem Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico
88345
Attorney for
Personal Representative

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carriz-

ozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 1996 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 94-14, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, (300 Central Ave) P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 3:00 P.M., Friday, February 2, 1996, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposals received after the above mentioned date and time will be retained unopened.

RFP NO. 1995-16: LEGAL SERVICES

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 6, 1996.

Specifications are available at the Office of the County Manager, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guavara at 505/648-2385.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant
County Manager

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Village of Capitan is accepting sealed bids for the following piece of equipment:
1991 Dodge Ram 4x4, Standard Transmission, V8 Engine, approximately 110,000 miles, White Color, New Tires.
Minimum bid \$6,000.00

Send bid proposals to Clerk-Treasurer Deborah Cummins at the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 248, Capitan, NM 88316. Please mark envelope with "Bid". For vehicle inspection, please call and make an appointment at 505-354-2247. The Village has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be accepted until January 25, 1996 until 4:00 p.m.
DEBORAH CUMMINS
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
Village of Capitan

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NOTICE is hereby given that on January 4, 1996, Jackie D. Atkins, P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202, filed application No. H-579 into H-680 & H-2501-Expl. et al with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place of use of 25.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-579-S	NW¼ NW¼ NE¼	30	10S	17E
H-579-S-2	NW¼ NE¼ NE¼	30	10S	17E

and ceasing the irrigation of 7.6923 acres of land described as part of the NE¼ of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-680	SE¼ SE¼ NW¼	35	10S	18E
H-2501-Expl-1	NW¼ SE¼	35	10S	18E
H-2501-Expl-2	NE¼ SE¼	35	10S	18E

for the diversion of 25.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of up to 7.6923 acres of land described as part of the NW¼ SE¼ of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 18 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.: Z 372 518 153

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This is a temporary application, with all rights to revert to the original place of use on March 1, 1997, subject to an earlier reversion by written request of the applicant. 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.

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First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, 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

REV. ROBERT BATTON
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 Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Evangelistic Assembly

REV. DR. C.L. FULTON, Pastor
REV. DR. WILLIE MAE FULTON, Missions Dir.
ELDER JIM MILLER
711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM, 648-2339
Sunday..... 2:30 pm
Bible Study..... 9:00 am

Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery

DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors
648-2650
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 / 338-4827
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM
354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

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CORONA NEWS

Corona High School students presented two plays at their dinner theater Sunday evening. The food from brisket to strawberry cheese cake was delicious and the service excellent. The plays were "Here We Are" by Dorothy Parker and "The Ugly Duckling" by A.A. Milne. There is much talent in that group and the audience responded with laughter and compliments. One hundred twenty people had made reservations but we counted many more than that number.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Vickrey left Sunday for El Paso to see his dentist and to visit some with cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bucky Min-ton and their three children came from Fort Sumner one day last week to help Nolan Vickrey with well work and to visit grandmother Katie Merritt.

Fred Lackey called to say that he has new tomato plants two feet tall. He said also that he is recuperating from bruises and aches suffered in a hard fall at his home. Scissors in hand he had climbed up on a half barrel to cut down a string.

Three coaches went down the county line road at noon today, Tuesday, carrying sheep men from the ASI convention in Albuquerque to the College Ranch for lunch.

Pauline McCloud and Madeline Shannon have been visiting with their brother, Frank Smith, in Las Cruces.

Martin Kelsey, Auburn,

Neb. was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Erramouspe.

Erdine Behunin spent a couple of days in Albuquerque last week to visit her son, Ken Kiefer and his family. She also visited friends at the State Highway Department District Office, including George Sanchez, Jr., formerly of Carrizozo.

Carrizozo School Wants

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ing time will continue until Daylight Savings Time begins in April, when the board begins its meeting at 7 p.m. The time change was part of the Open Meetings Resolution approved by the board. The resolution establishes when and where the board will meet, times, and notification needed for regular, special and emergency meetings.

Carrizozo library will join the 20th century with the help of a grant from New Mexico State Library. Carrizozo schools will receive \$3,700 in equipment and training to hook the library into the Internet, from a grant that was funded by the New Mexico State legislature. Papponi thanked teachers Alice Day and Dr. Glen Hawk for writing the grant application.

Carrizozo Schools will get another grant from Reading is Fundamental (RIF), a familiar program in the elementary school. The funds will be applied to program materials.

The board authorized the district to apply for a Systemic Initiative in Math and Science grant for professional development and other science and math needs.

Ruidoso Approves

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the village in the second year. Sisson said the reason the chamber asked for the building permit in the first year is due to the time it takes for an improvements project to be processed through planning and zoning.

Sisson also said the chamber plans to begin construction this summer.

Councilor Leon Eggleston joked with Sisson that the council had made the planning and zoning (P&Z) process more "user friendly."

Councilor Joe Gomez did not vote on the contract, citing a conflict of interest because he is a chamber board member.

In an attempt to make the planning process more user friendly, councilors also approved an ordinance which amends the village Zoning Code Text. Under the new ordinance distinction is made between major amendments and minor amendments to approved site plans. Major amendments to approved site plans, requests for variances and conditional use permits, will have to be re-submitted to planning and zoning. The ordinance adds a process for minor amendments, which are changes which do not require code variances or conditional use permits. Such minor amendments can be approved by the planning and zoning commission chairman or secretary, upon recommendation by the village planning administrator.

January 22-23.

Maintenance supervisor Chris Ventura was named staff member of the month.

The board also discussed a student situation during closed session. After the board returned to open session, members voted to allow the student be awarded a diploma upon completion of Individual Education Plan (IEP) objectives in lieu of required criteria.

At the beginning of the meeting a parent was concerned that the Carrizozo FFA had not hosted the annual meat judging contest. But another parent defended VoAg teacher and FFA sponsor Randall Robbins, saying it was uncommon for a first year FFA teacher to host such a large event.

The ordinance also removes a middle step in the appeal process of P&Z decisions by requiring all appeals to be filed on specified errors which are then taken directly to the council in an appeal hearing. Previously the council had to hold a hearing to determine whether allegations of error made by P&Z was sufficient to hold an appeal.

Councilors also waived a \$40 filing fee for appeals for the village.

In other business, councilors:

--Approved the transfer of liquor license to Allsup's Store on Highway 70. No protests were filed.

--Approved vacation of public rights of way for two lots in the Ruidoso Springs Subdivision, one of the oldest developments in the village. The vacations established clearly defines easements for the old lots which have been in question for several years.

--Accepted a lease agreement for \$1,200 a year with Intersect, Inc. for property at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport on which the company will build a 100 by 80 foot hangar for airplanes.

--Accepted a six months extension to the 18 months time period set for the completion of the Country Club Village in Cree Meadows Country Club Subdivision. The development is currently in foreclosure and the extension will allow time for the developer to make his intentions for the project known.

--Directed staff to draft a proposed ordinance to establish a standing committee for the Scenic Byways Project, which received a grant to construct an interpretive center and advertising. The committee will review all proposals and make recommendations to the council.

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died he was sent back to Capitan and buried in the land of his birth.

Yes, there were too many memories to tell them all. But one more which stays with me through all the years happened one summer night. The moon was shining, and I was riding from Pa Payne's ranch about 9 o'clock at night.

It had been raining, and there in the west was a perfect rainbow, almost ghost-like, as it had no colors. Just a big beautiful white rainbow, such a sight as one would likely only ever see at such altitude and such clear air and such moment... These are what memories are made of.

More of Ila Mae's story next week.

Sayonara and God's blessings to all.

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MAMA ROSA PIZZA	29-OZ.	\$2.43
KID PACK PIZZAS	14-INCH	2/\$4.99
	4-5	\$2.79

SHURSAVING HOMO MILK	GALLON	\$1.99
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KRAFT REG./LIGHT MIRACLE WHIP	32-OUNCE	\$1.99
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New Items

EGG ROLLS	6/\$3.69
KRAFT HONEY BBQ SAUCE	18-OZ. \$1.74
OG'S SALSA	16-OZ. \$2.69

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PREFERRED TRIM CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS	LB.	\$1.50
TENDERIZED BEEF CUBE STEAK	LB.	\$1.85
PREFERRED TRIM T-BONE STEAKS	LB.	\$2.26

SHURSAVING SALTINE CRACKERS	16-OZ.	59¢
POST BANANA NUT CRUNCH CEREAL	15-OZ.	\$2.69
KRAFT ASSORTED CHEESE SINGLES	12-OZ.	\$1.99
SHURFINE MEDIUM EGGS	1-DOZEN	89¢
CHARMIN WHITE TOILET TISSUE	4-ROLL	\$1.29
DEL MONTE MIXED VEGETABLES	14.5-OZ.	52¢
SHURFINE NO SALT & GOLDEN WK CAN CORN	15.2-OUNCE	2/89¢
SHURFINE CUT/WHOLE GREEN BEANS	14.5-OZ.	41¢
SWISS MISS ASSORTED COCOA MIX	10/12 PK.	\$1.79
SHURFINE REG./EL./PERK & DRIP COFFEE	13-OZ.	\$2.19
DUNCAN HINES ASSORTED CAKE MIXES	18.25-OZ.	89¢

CELLO TOMATOES	4-PACK	69¢
CELLO MUSHROOMS	8-OZ. PKG.	99¢
CELLO CARROTS	1# PKG.	3/89¢
JALAPENO PEPPERS	LB.	79¢
RED DELICIOUS APPLES	3-LB. BAG	\$1.59

STURGES VENTURE

4th & Central Ave. / CARRIZOZO / Ph. 648 2125

