

Gas Meeting Is Set For April 22

by Doris Cherry

Zia Natural Gas Company's request for franchise in the Village of Capitan was denied by Capitan village trustees Monday after Zia was accused of telling lies and falsehoods.

But tired of the dispute and the costly litigation between Zia Gas and Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Association (CCNGA) trustees approved a motion made by

Lamoyne Carpenter to hold a meeting of the Capitan and Carrizozo trustees, the CCNGA board and representatives from Zia Natural Gas Company of Ruidoso. "It's time this thing comes to a head," Carpenter said. "And put a stop to it without going to the courtroom."

The joint meeting with the Town of Carrizozo and the CCNGA board members has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Capitan Village Hall on

Monday, April 22.

Trustees began discussion about CCNGA when mayor Norman Renfro was reappointing members to various village committees. When Renfro came to the CCNGA board appointment he chose to leave the group as it is until its current issues are resolved. Recently, in an effort to protect the gas association by giving it a five mile radius service area around Capitan and Carrizozo, the

trustees from the village and the town approved joint powers agreements (JPA) to dissolve the CCNGA and make it a regional gas cooperative.

Capitan attorney Robert Beauvais said for all purposes CCNGA does not exist because the articles of dissolution were filed with the state corporation commission, and the JPA with the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. The New Mexico Corporation Commis-

sion will consider the articles on May 28.

The gas association has been at issue with Zia Natural Gas Company which bought out the natural gas service in Ruidoso in the late 1980s. Zia more recently purchased from CCNGA the major transmission line which now provides gas to Zia and to the gas association. Trying to expand its service area, Zia had approached the Capitan trustees late last year asking

for a franchise to allow Zia gas lines to be installed within the village rights of way. Trustees gave Zia no answer then.

After discussion Carpenter also made the motion to deny the franchise for Zia. "I don't

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Four CDBG Grants Awarded In County

The Village of Capitan, the Town of Carrizozo and the County of Lincoln were awarded Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

The Village of Capitan received two grants, \$300,000 for street improvements and \$25,000 for planning.

The Town of Carrizozo received \$279,409 in a CDBG Colonias grant to do water filtration improvements. Colonias grants are awarded to communities which are within 150 miles of the Mexican border and which meet other criteria.

County of Lincoln was awarded \$290,000 to remodel/expand the Carrizozo Health Clinic.

The grants were awarded at the State Community Development Council CDBG allocation hearings in Albuquerque on April 4. The council took testimony on applications from county and municipal governments which were competing for \$14 million in funds.

CDBG funds come from the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Since 1983, when the state

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Hearing Is Scheduled In Case Against Vega

The grand jury case against Lincoln County sheriff's deputy Angelo Vega is inching toward trial.

On April 16, District Judge Sandra Grisham, who has been assigned to preside over the Lincoln County case, will consider two motions being filed on the case scheduled to be heard all day in the Ruidoso Municipal Court room on Wingfield Drive in Ruidoso.

According to Judge Grisham's office, a motion to quash and a motion to strike will be considered during the hearing.

No actual trial date has been set for the case which has resulted from the grand jury indictment against Vega handed down on January 31. The grand jury indicted Vega on two counts of extortion and two counts of intimidation of a witness.

Vega pleaded not guilty to the charges at a hearing on February 9 before District Judge Richard Parsons, who later recused himself from hearing the case.

Historical Board To Be Re-appointed

by Doris Cherry

With the validity of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Ordinance and its preservation review board under fire, Lincoln County Commissioners took action to re-appoint all board members and clean up the ordinance to make it enforceable.

The action brought a nod of support from New Mexico Secretary of Cultural Affairs Gary Morton who also attended the meeting Tuesday in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Morton a former Lincoln resident served on the Historical board about six years ago.

"There is a misconception by residents who've pointed angrily at us for invalidating the ordinance," commission chairman Monroy Montes told a group of Lincoln residents who attended the county meeting Tuesday at the courthouse in Carrizozo. "We didn't invalidate it, we found a weakness."

The weakness was found by county attorney Alan Morel who in doing research on a violation of the preservation ordinance concluded the ordinance could not be enforced because the county lacks any kind of comprehensive zoning. Morel then suggested two options of incorporation or a special district to protect the historic area.

Montes said the commission

Woman's Club Plans Southwestern Style Show And Dinner

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will host a Southwest Style Show and dinner Friday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Woman's Club building in Carrizozo.

Southwest clothing will be modeled from the collections of Lincoln County designers, dinner will be southwestern fajita chicken salad, dessert and drink, and door prizes will be awarded.

Music will be by Tiofilo Martinez of Albuquerque, a 1967 graduate of Carrizozo High School. He retired from the University of New Mexico two years ago and continues his hobby of music that began in high school in Carrizozo.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased in advance at Norwest Bank, Kin's Food Mart, Eileen's Hair, and Hoofs, or from any Woman's Club member or at the door.

will try to resolve the situation and not let it go to the "friendly lawsuit" he had heard about. "I don't want to take our problems before Judge Parsons."

County commissioner Stirling Spencer agreed. "The county has a great responsibility to protect the heritage and history of Lincoln," Spencer said. "We need a long term solution. I don't care to put the county in jeopardy over a lawsuit."

Later David Lee, Lincoln resident and member of the newly formed Lincoln steering committee, said his group had no intent to file a lawsuit against the county. He did say it is possible individuals could file suit. The steering committee consisted of five members, elected from a pool of 10 nominees. "Enforcement of the ordinance is a real problem," Lee said. "We want a solution."

The solution commissioners provided was their unanimous vote to re-appoint all five members of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Review Board, and to hold public hearings to take input on modifying the Lincoln Historic Preservation Ordinance. They took the action when they came out of closed session which was held after a lengthy discussion from Lincoln residents and Morton.

"We are asking for the resignation of all members," commission chairman Monroy Montes said. "And we will re-appoint."

Ray Nunley asked that members be reconsidered, if they have written support

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STATE FREE THROW CHAMP JOSH VEGA of Carrizozo shows the trophy he won by making the most free throws at the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest held at Silver City. The 13 year old hit 20 of 25 throws from the line to win his age division. Vega won a gold medal at the Roswell regional free throw contest, sinking 22 of 25 shots. His free throw scores will now be judged on a national basis. Josh is the son of Pat and Edward Vega Jr.

Capitan Accepts High Bid From C'zozo Police Dept.

by Doris Cherry

Motorists receiving traffic tickets in the village of Capitan will be paying higher fines.

There was little public comment about the proposed changes to the village traffic

code during the public hearing portion of the Capitan Village meeting April 8. During the regular meeting trustees approved the ordinance which adopts by reference the New Mexico Uniform Traffic statutes and provides a list of penalty assessments.

The new assessments will increase the cost of traffic tickets issued in Capitan by \$10 overall to a minimum of \$25 for most violations. The ordinance also requires the payment of an additional \$15 in court costs if violators choose to appear before the village judge, rather than just pay the fine.

The new code includes a \$25 penalty assessment for violation of the restriction on people riding in the back of pick-up trucks which was imposed in February.

Trustees also included in their vote on the ordinance to consider the insurance and reckless driving fines separately at a later date.

The village can impose fines higher than those set by the state by adopting an ordinance that amends its traffic code to reflect the higher fees.

There was some concern expressed about persons having no insurance on their vehicles. Although the state motor vehicles division (MVD) tried to enforce mandatory insurance laws by requiring actual proof of insurance at

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CAPITAN FFA HORSE JUDGING TEAM of (from left) Amanda Bird, Julie Barham, Courtney May and Ashley Millar show the third place plaque they won at the recent State FFA judging contest. Bird was first high individual at the District FFA judging competition, where the Horse team placed second.

Hopper Announces For Sheriff

Connie J. Hopper has announced that she will run for election to the office of Lincoln County Sheriff on the Republican ticket.

Hopper is a native of New Mexico, born in Roswell and graduating from Roswell High School in 1961.

Hopper went to work for the Roswell Police Department in 1973 as a meter maid, then became a traffic motorcycle officer. She was certified as a New Mexico police officer in 1974.

Hopper was on the patrol division of the Roswell Police Department before moving to Lincoln County where she worked as an officer with Ruidoso Downs police department, Ruidoso police department and Lincoln County Sheriff's office.

Hopper has held her private investigator's license and was a partner in a uniform security company. She taught the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Program) for the last two and a half years she was with the Lincoln County Sheriff's department.

She resigned from the Lincoln County Sheriff's department in October 1994 to become Lincoln County Emergency Services coordinator.



CONNIE HOPPER

Hopper Capitan Mayor Pro Tem and has been a Capitan Village Trustee for two years.

Hopper has more than 600 hours of advanced law enforcement training and feels that training should never cease to be taken advantage of when it is available.

Hopper said she believes that as Lincoln County Sheriff

she can make a difference for the citizens of Lincoln County and their families. She believes that as Lincoln County Sheriff she and the deputies should protect and serve all persons living in Lincoln County and that she and the deputies should become involved in the communities in Lincoln County and do their best.

Hopper raised her three daughters in Ruidoso. Kristi lives in Albuquerque and is a wife and mother and a student. Sherri lives in Oregon and is a wife, mother and part-time student. Her other daughter is recently deceased.

Capitan To Receive More Money For Street Paving

by Doris Cherry

The Capitan downtown street repaving project will be completed this summer.

During the Capitan Trustees meeting April 8, village clerk Deborah Cummins announced that the village of Capitan was awarded a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Phase 3 of the downtown street repaving project. Cummins said she talked with the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) which advised that an

addendum can be filed so Phase 3 for repaving and curbing 2nd Street can begin concurrently with the second phase of the project which will repave and curb 3rd Street. "We should be able to start construction on both streets about June 3," Cummins said.

Cummins said the engineer for the paving project has been advised to start drawing specs on 2nd Street along with those for 3rd Street.

Mayor Norman Renfro said the village's CDBG application ranked third in the six top ranked municipalities seeking CDBG funds. About 50 municipalities had applied for grants. Renfro thanked Cummins and her staff for preparing the application, and doing the required public surveys. Renfro said at last week's CDBG hearing CDBG official Paul Romero told him that Cummins was the most efficient clerk he had worked with.

Cummins also announced that the village had been awarded a \$25,000 CDBG for planning, which will be used to purchase mylar maps of the village.

Another grant which Cummins helped prepare was also awarded. The village will receive a \$25,000 grant from the state highway department to purchase heavy equipment or trucks.

In other business, trustees: --Accepted the letter of resignation from village employee Jim Griego who is joining the Army, and approved the appointment of Steve Osborn, who was top in the list of recent applicants for village positions.

--Heard the mayor proclaim May 5-11 as Municipal Clerks Week, in appreciation of Capitan clerk Deborah Cummins.

--Heard the mayor proclaim April 21-27 Immunization Week to encourage citizens to immunize their children.

--Accepted the recommendation of the village Water Advisory Board to proceed with the 40-year water plan to be completed by Livingston and Associates. However, Cummins said the village now has no money to pay the \$17,500 for the plan, but it may be able to apply for state funds in about six months.

--Heard Eagle Creek Water Users Association member Benny Coker report the association's meeting that week was postponed until April 17 in Capitan.

--Heard new resident Richard Rumpf offer his services to start a public library, which he had helped the community of Edgewood do by obtaining a state grant. Rumpf also wanted to reactivate the Lions Club and invited interested citizens to call him at 354-4263 about the Lions Club or library.

Resource Advisory Council To Meet In Taos April 18 & 19

New Mexico's Resource Advisory Council will meet in Taos April 18 and 19 to discuss standards for rangeland health and guidelines for livestock grazing management for public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The public is invited to attend.

The meetings will begin at 8 a.m. each day in the BLM Taos Resource Area Office, 226 Cruz Alta Road.

The standards and guidelines are being developed specifically for New Mexico and are part of the grazing regulations that went into effect in 1995. The council is assisting BLM in this development.

For more information call 505-438-7514.

Gas Meeting Is Set . . .

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see how we can let Zia compete with our own gas company in the Village," he said.

Mercedes Wells with Zia Natural Gas made comment about the action. She said Zia wasn't there to fight about a franchise, rather Zia wants to provide gas services cheaper than CCNGA has been able to offer over the last few years. "I'm amazed at the amount of misinformation about raised rates in Hobbs (after Zia bought a company there)," Wells said. "It won't happen here, rather you'll see rates go down."

Wells said the jurisdiction issues go to the State Corporation Commission, which will make recommendation to the Public Utilities Commission to adopt, a process that could take one month to three years.

But Wells' assertion that rates would go down if Zia provides gas service to Capitan was challenged by CCNGA board member David Cummins who said, "CCNGA charges for actual use," while Zia has a basic rate plus usage. CCNGA clerk Kay Strickland said CCNGA is cheaper than Zia, to a point. "Bigger users pay less with Zia," she said.

Wells said the cost per gas unit with Zia is \$1.39 cheaper than CCNGA.

Beauvais said Zia gave testimony that if it improves service, it is going for a general rate increase for all of its customers. Beauvais also said Zia is not telling the truth. "They offer free connections, yet they tell the Public Utilities Commission they aren't," he added.

Beauvais also accused Zia of soliciting customers within the village limits, when Zia did not have a franchise to install lines in village rights of way. But Wells said Zia was just soliciting to determine how much interest was in the Capitan area, and told all potential customers that gas service from Zia was contingent to Zia obtaining a franchise with the village. "We recognize our duty to get a franchise," Wells said.

In other business, trustees:

Four CDBG

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local government division began administering the small cities community development block grant program, New Mexico has received and distributed more than \$163 million in CDBG funding assistance to 33 counties and 96 municipalities.

Since 1983, the five counties and 21 municipalities of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District have received more than \$35 million of the CDBG funding assistance.

All local governments in the state, except Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces, participate in the CDBG program which is geared to assist communities with low to moderate income populations.

--Approved the mayor's re-appointment of himself to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District; re-appointment of Dr. Bernie Reimann to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority; re-appointment of all current members of the cemetery board; re-appointment of Van Shamblin to the RC&D council; re-appointment of Debra Ingle and Benny Coker and appointment of Lamoyne Carpenter to the Eagle Creek Water User Association Board, which brought a comment from the audience about why trustee John Whitaker was not appointed as indicated at the last meeting. "We decided it would be in the village's best interest to appoint Lamoyne," Renfro said. Whitaker voted for the appointment.

--Also agreed to no longer appoint a planning and zoning committee, because the village does not have a zoning ordinance. Rather trustees agreed to establish a planning committee, that would have enforcement powers over land uses within the village.

OBITUARIES

WALTER A. BURNS

Memorial service for Walter A. Burns, 59, of Carrizozo was March 30, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. Officiating was the Rev. John Johnson of Carrizozo.

Mr. Burns died March 27, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born July 11, 1936 at Butler, Pennsylvania. He married Ann Schlatter on September 28, 1957 at Rahway, NJ.

He is survived by his wife Ann of Carrizozo; son, Scott Burns of Butler, PA; three daughters, Robin Burns of Butler, PA, Heather Allan of Pittsburg, PA, and Rachel Huggins of Ruidoso; three brothers, Dr. Thomas C. Burns, III of Camptown, PA, Joseph W. Burns of Houston, TX, and David Burns of Rocky Mount, NC; two sisters, Mary Ann Taylor of Boiling Springs, PA, and Susan Bradshaw of Evanston, Ill; eight grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, one great grandchild and one step-great grandchild.

FRANK A. POPE

Memorial service for Frank A. Pope, 80, of Wolf-orth, and a former resident of Ruidoso, was March 30, in the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso with Rev. Alan Cearley, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Pope died March 26. He was born February 18, 1916 in Abilene, TX. He married the former Dorothy A. Hunt on February 5, 1945 in Stamford.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; two daughters, Rave Anne Hawley of O'Leasa, and Faye Reeves of Lubbock; son, Phillip Dawson Chase of California; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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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 in Ruidoso 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, APRIL 11

—Capitan Board of Education meets at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

—Kindergarten registration and preschool screening from 9-12 a.m. at Capitan School.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

—Carrizozo Historical Society meets at 2 p.m. at the Women's Club.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

—Revival services at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Carrizozo, through Wednesday, April 17.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

—No school for Carrizozo students.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

—Kindergarten registration and preschool screening from 10 a.m. to noon at Corona School.
 —Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 2 p.m. at the LCSWA office in Ruidoso Downs.
 —Carrizozo Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the school administration building.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

—LaJunta FCE (extension club) meets at 10:45 a.m. at the San Patricio Senior Center.
 —Lincoln County Democrats will have a luncheon meeting at noon at Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo. Call 336-4772.
 —Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Association meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Capitan Village Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

—Kindergarten registration and preschool screening from 9 a.m. to noon at Carrizozo Elementary school.
 —Friends of Smokey meet at 1 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.
 —Lincoln County 1996 Tourism Expo from 5 to 9 p.m. at Glencoe Rural Events Center. Call 1-800-627-8972.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

—Kindergarten registration and preschool screening from 9 a.m. to noon at Hondo School.
 —Carrizozo Women's Club Southwest Style Show and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

—Public Land Use Advisory Committee (PLUAC) meets at 9 a.m. in the county commissioners room in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Ralph Romero Is Sheriff Candidate

Ralph Romero, a life-long Lincoln County resident, has entered the race for Lincoln County Sheriff as a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Romero presents a broad range of law enforcement experience, including service with both the Lincoln County and Chaves County sheriff's departments. Beginning in 1968 while still in college, Romero worked part-time on the staff of the Chaves County jail. He then graduated from the police academy, received certification as a peace officer, and joined the Chaves County Sheriff's office as a deputy. His investigative responsibilities there included everything from fraud to homicide.

In 1975 Romero returned to his home in Lincoln County and served for eight years as a deputy in the Lincoln County Sheriff's office. Since then he has founded and successfully operated Sierra Landscaping together with his Arabela Ranch and currently serves as chairman of the Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Commission. Born and raised in Arabela, Romero, 58, and his wife, Mary Garcia Romero, have raised six sons.



RALPH ROMERO.

promote and assist positive youth programs such as D.A.R.E.

Romero pledges cooperation with the county commission and other law enforcement agencies in the county. He will apply his law enforcement and business experience to establish integrity and

boost morale in the department and to restore confidence in law enforcement in Lincoln County.

Romero believes it is premature to name an undersheriff. If elected, he will formulate criteria for the position and try to name an undersheriff from within the department.

Historical Board

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from Lincoln residents. Montes said two members have already indicated they will resign for health reasons. "Another member has been accused and publicly chastised for not doing his duties as secretary," Montes added.

Commissioner Stirling Spencer commented about the validity of an opinion or decision given by just one member of a board. "It has to be a result of a decision given by the majority of a board," Spencer said. "That's the way government works."

Commissioners were referring to a situation where a single board member gave permission for a person to bring in a mobile home in the Lincoln historic zone. The home was brought in without full board approval. Montes said it appears that sometimes, "boards start believing they have certain regulatory, legislative or police powers."

While Morton offered expertise and mediation from his office, he said he could not solve the Lincoln issue. "The problem needs to be solved here," Morton said. After the commission action, Morton said the commission seemed to have taken responsibility for the ordinance. Morton encouraged Lincoln residents to send in written recommendations for appointments to the preservation review board.

Because of their action, commissioners also voted to reject a proposed moratorium on all building activity within the Lincoln Zone until the issues are resolved.

Carrizozo School

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and Steve Harkey representing the community and parents, and superintendent Paula Papponi, principal Randy Earwood, counselor Martha Payne and school finance officer Nenna Whittaker.

The group learned that the school funding formula for the next school year will be \$2,125.83 per unit, which is up from last year's amount. The district will base next year's budget on a projected enrollment of 201.

The board will hold two more budget workshops at 6 p.m. on April 23 and 25. The public is encouraged to attend.

Carrizozo Schools District's preliminary budget is due to the State Department of Education (SDE) budget analyst in Santa Fe by April 20. Carrizozo school district officials will go to Santa Fe on May 15 to review the budget. Once SDE gives tentative approval to the budget, the district will hold a special budget hearing for the public.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Monday is "D" day

By Ruth Hammond

The busiest day for long distance telephone calls is Mother's Day and the U.S. Post Office claims that there is more mail just before Christmas than at any other time but it would be a safe bet that Monday will be one of the busiest days in the entire United States. It will also be one of the heaviest days for the U.S. Mail. Why? Because it is D-Day. You know, April 15, the day when the "Dumb" income tax returns have to be mailed.

Somehow it doesn't make sense to have to pay tax on the money you make by working. Seems like the work you have to do for your pay would be taxing enough but Uncle Sam has an entirely different idea. This from an old man with red and white striped pants, a tall hat, a long white beard, and a blue jacket. You don't see him sweating for his money. He just sits there and lets Congress demand that we all pay not only for our daily bread but for our yearly income. He just sits there and rakes the money all in and then spends it on "important" things like studies as to how fast ketchup will flow out of a bottle.

Years ago a group of people objected to the taxes they were paying in England and they started their own country here in the United States with the guarantee that it wouldn't happen again. Wrong! While the federal government claims our tax dollars are being spent wisely there has been no hard proof. We keep hearing about millions of dollars being spent on pork projects and billions being sent to foreign countries. Sounds like the foreign countries are living "high on the hog" or something.

Not only do we have to send in our federal income taxes by Monday, we must send in our state income tax that same day. Now that is a pleasure! All that money going to the state of New Mexico, which of course will be spent to improve life here in our grand state. Oops, almost forgot, governor Johnson is the top man and he wants to run New Mexico like a dictatorship and have the ONLY say as to how the money will be spent. One of his priorities last year was to save Kirtland Air Force Base but as you will remember he didn't put forth the same effort to save Fort Stanton. But then again you must remember that he didn't know where Fort Stanton was when he closed it.

Paying taxes is not unlike having teeth pulled. It hurts at the time but there is the feeling of the loss of something after the pain is gone. We shouldn't complain though. Part of that tax money will be used for something useful such as paying for the state airplane to take governor Johnson to a concert in Las Cruces. Now that is important, and if you don't believe it, just ask the gov. He could probably come up with ten good reasons as to why attending a concert is important and if he couldn't think of ten good reasons he could pay a national advertising agency for their list. All with our tax money. Great!

There is one thing that is difficult to understand. We pay taxes on the money we earn and we pay taxes on the money we spend and we pay taxes on the money we save. That means that the money we earn is taxed when we earn it and taxed again when we spend it or save it. Isn't that double taxation? Does that mean we are getting double our money's worth?

Some people will be able to sleep peacefully this weekend because they haven't waited until the last minute to gather all their paperwork and begin the toilsome job of filling out their income tax forms. Others will be looking for each and every receipt, hoping to come up with the magic numbers that will result in a refund instead of a payment. Good luck!

Simplified tax forms may be designed sometime in the future but for now it's no fun, no fun at all. Seems like it would be easier for the forms to have one question: How much did you earn? Then the next line could state: Send it in.

Mail your income tax forms, now!



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — Should all of the state's fire fund be used for fire protection?

The state Legislature says it shouldn't, but fire departments, especially New Mexico's 331 rural volunteer departments that depend so heavily on the money, beg to differ.

Mike Disert, chairman of the Grant County Rural Fire Chiefs Association, is leading a charge to get more fire tax money to fire departments. Last year, Disert says, only \$15 million of the \$31 million collected went for its stated purpose. The rest went into the state's general fund to finance other governmental functions.

The fire fund comes from a three percent premium tax on homeowners' and renters' insurance. The statute levying the tax says only "surplus" money in the fire fund should go into the general fund. Unfortunately for the fire chiefs, it's the Legislature that gets to decide what is surplus. Disert says it amounts to taxation without representation.

Disert and other fire officials from Grant, Luna and Hidalgo counties presented their case to their area lawmakers before the regular session of the 1996 Legislature. They say they obtained commitments of support for an increase in the fire fund distribution by 20 percent each year until 80 percent of the money in the fund goes to the departments.

A bill to increase the fire fund passed the House but died in the Senate before it could be considered. Sen. Ben Altamirano, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, says he promoted the measure and found no strong opposition but that time ran out because of the many other issues facing lawmakers.

Altamirano says next year's longer session will be a good time to push the measure and that he wants to carry it personally if that meets with the approval of fire chiefs.

Why doesn't the Legislature agree to flow all the fire tax straight through to local governments? Lawmakers feel there are justifiable reasons. The fire tax isn't the only fund treated in this manner, because lawmakers don't like to see earmarking of any taxes or fees.

They say agencies receiving their money automatically tend to lose accountability,

and the people we elect to represent us in the Legislature feel they deserve to know exactly what is happening in every unit of state government before deciding how much money the agency should get.

Anytime you pay the state a special tax or a "user" fee for a license or a state service for which you have to dig extra cash out of your pocket, the money goes into a special fund. At one time, agencies got to spend their entire fund with very little legislative scrutiny. When challenged about their spending decisions, these agencies would counter that they raised all their own money so no outsider had the right to question their expenditures.

Needless to say, the Legislature saw reason for some checks and balances and began running many of those funds through its own budget. Sensing that increases in special taxes and user fees are more popular than general tax increases, lawmakers

began looking for those taxes and fees that would bear an increase even though they might not be needed for the agency collecting them. The remainder of the money would go into the state's general fund for less popular purposes.

Gov. Gary Johnson, while a candidate, picked up on one of those special tax increases that went into the general fund and rode it to victory. Remember the six-cent gasoline tax increase?

Have lawmakers gone too far in using special fees for general purposes? Disert and friends think so. They'll be back next year to get a bigger percentage of the fire fund — and they'll have help.

Eric Serna, a member of the Corporation Commission, which administers the fire fund through the state Fire Marshall's Office, says commissioners previously have advocated an increase in the legislative allocation to fire departments and they can be expected to pitch in next year.

Ruidoso To Respond To BIA About Mescalero Land Gift

Late in March, the village of Ruidoso received a letter from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, advising of an application for acquisition of land by the U.S. to be held in trust for the benefit of the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

The letter advised that the village had 30 days to respond to the application.

Tuesday, at the end of the Ruidoso Village Council meeting, village manager Gary Jackson said he is having all department heads make response about how the acquisition of the old Carrizo Lodge by the United States for the Mescalero Tribe will affect the village. The property was donated to the Tribe.

Portions of the Carrizo Lodge have been annexed into the village, and village water and sewer services are provided at the property. "We are trying to identify all factors involved with city services and utilities, mainly water and sewer," Jackson said.

Jackson said he would like to attempt to meet with tribal officials to discuss the village's concerns about the utilities and other significant issues.

On the legal response, Jackson said village attorney John

Underwood and his assistant Chay Rennick are researching court cases relevant to the issue. Rennick said the issue is somewhat complicated, but there is some case law. Specifically he cited the case South Dakota versus the Department of Interior which went to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Similar to the Mescalero application, a tribe was seeking to acquire land that was partially in a municipal limit. The court held that the acquisition of the land by the Dept. of Interior was unconstitutional. As a result the Dept. of Interior blocked further applications for lands in trust for that tribe.

Rennick said New Mexico is in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, and is not bound by the decisions of the 8th Circuit Court. Rather the decisions of the other court are considered on an equal basis.

Village staff intends to have all responses put together by late next week, for a timely response, Jackson said.

Liking Jackson's suggestion to talk with tribal officials about the issue, councilors directed Jackson to send a letter to the Tribe requesting a meeting of the two governmental entities.

Citizens Asked To Write Letters To Elected Officials

by Doris Cherry

Plas for the public to contact elected officials about some local problems were made during the Capitan Village Trustees meeting April 8.

Although Friends of Smokey Bear Motel and owner of Smokey Bear Motel and Restaurant Debra Ingle was unable to attend the meeting due to her father's illness, mayor Norm Renfro requested public help in writing to Congressmen and state legislators about the recent problems with the Smokey Bear licenses.

Renfro asked everyone to write letters to Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, and Congressman Joe Skeen as well as state senator Pete Campos and Rep. Dub Williams to express concern about the U.S. Forest Service contract with a private firm in Richmond, Virginia which is apparently refusing to renew Smokey Bear licenses held by Capitan businesses, and by the non-profit group Friends of Smokey.

A committee has been organized to help get the community involved with the Smokey Bear issue, and it was requested that a member of the village council be appointed to the committee. Trustees approved Renfro's appointment of himself to that citizen committee.

Another issue which will affect the community of Capitan was brought up when Capitan School District Superintendent Dianna Billingsley gave a report on the proposed state Children Youth and Families Department (CYF) juvenile work camp at the current Camp Sierra Blanca state minimum security adult prison facility. Billingsley said no one from the state had contacted her about the proposed project. "They don't have a plan," Billingsley said. "They hadn't even talked with Capitan Schools."

Because of this, Billingsley contacted Heather Wilson, secretary of CYF, and state representative Dub Williams, who advised that no decision has been made about where the juveniles will be educated. They intend not to educate them in Capitan Schools, rather educate them at the camp, Billingsley said.

While the program is not expected to begin until as late as the 1997-98 year, Billingsley said she will believe what the state will do when she sees it happen.

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Letters to

Unfortunately some boundary fences were consumed in the recent fire. Fortunately the fire burned into pinon-juniper land where it was stopped. If the fire had been burning under extreme conditions in June or July it may have burned the pinon-juniper land and the homes on the east side of the Gallinas. Lives may have been lost. In Colorado in 1994 the summer conditions were so extreme that a pinon-juniper fire became a crown fire and killed 14 fire fighters.

Since no fire breaks were present along boundary fences the Forest Service faced a dilemma in March of 1996. Either they would go ahead with a risky fire or they would face the possibility of a truly catastrophic fire during the summer of 1996.

Private land owners must share in making fire breaks along boundaries and reducing fuel loads on private land or share the blame for catastrophic fires if they come.

BILL BRYAN
Corona, New Mexico

EDITOR: Once again a so-called burn, this time near Corona, has been allowed to get out of control. (Remember the Patos fire?)

What is going on here? The Corona burn was started even though the weather reports predicted high winds for several days.

Anyone with even the I.Q. of a chicken should know that you do not start fires when you know there are going to be high winds and blowing dust. Unless of course you are an arsonist or have deliberately planned for it to get out of control.

In both cases, and others, no human life was lost or dwellings destroyed, but they were too close for comfort.

I had intended to comment on this at the time it happened but held off to see if any new information would come to light. And sure enough the man who has accepted responsibility for the Corona burn has stated that it is Forest Service policy to let them get out of control and that many more are planned for the future. "We will expect a few of these types of escape each year." "They are dangerous. They are expensive", another Forest Service spokesman added.

Really? I would never have guessed if they hadn't told me.

Any policy that wastes \$500,000.00 of the taxpayers money (the estimated cost of the Corona burn) fighting deliberately set fires and in the process endangers life and property is patently wrong and should warrant a criminal investigation.

It is quite obvious to me that there is a deliberate policy to destroy all wooded areas (juniper and pinon) in the Southwest to serve certain special interests who envision flowing grasslands. This is unlikely to happen. They will more than likely end up instead creating a desert and caliche dust bowl.

I do not mean for this letter to be a criticism of the rank and file of Forest Service personnel. Those I have met have always been courteous and helpful and I realize that they are only obeying orders.

There is nothing wrong with our form of government. The problem lies in the fact that we have too many people in positions of authority who, to be quite honest, couldn't supervise the construction of an outhouse.

Our responsibility as citizens is to see that they are replaced by competent individuals who will carry out their mandate to serve ALL the people of this state and this country.

In a related matter, now that the courts have rendered a predictable decision against the crackpots in Nye County, Nevada, I suggest that our County Commissioners stop sending our tax dollars to them or any similar group in their quixotic attempts to overthrow the authority of the Federal Government.

Lincoln County is going through troubled times (hasn't it always?) and we can ill-afford to waste the taxpayers money in such a fool-hardy manner.

DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, New Mexico

Charlotte Jarratt To Be Installed As President Of NM Women's Clubs

Charlotte Jarratt will be installed as the president of the New Mexico Federated Women's Clubs April 27.

Her special project will be inter-generational Computer Connections, a computer literacy program for older Americans, in conjunction with younger computer literate students.

Charlotte and her husband William celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 6 and at that time contributed to the special project.

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CAPITAN NOTES



CAPITAN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND team of (from left) George Boese (as Olympian with javelin), Katrina Johns, Allison Hendrix, Justin Griffin (as Olympian with "discus"), Alena Borowski and Stacey Trapp show off the props they constructed for their skit which received a score of 186 out of 200 for third place at the state Odyssey of the Mind contest in Albuquerque.

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

What a beautiful spring day it is today and am having difficulty with myself. Part of me longs to be outside and enjoy the sun and its warmth and the other part keeps reminding me that there are things that must be done today and the two are in a tug of war for my attention.

We all welcome the spring season with all its freshness and its awaking natural beauty. Spring symbolizes hope, continuity, and above all faith and love of nature and its inhabitants.

So on with what news I garnered this morning. Just returned from our lovely hardware store and meeting the fine folks that are now enconced there. We hope they are here to stay. They say they love Capitan and from what I have gleaned from talking to others, the feeling is reciprocated.

Let me introduce you to Ronnie and Rita Crawford of the 3 Bar D Hardware and Mercantile Store. They are handling general merchandise, household supplies, and gift items, along with all supplies for contractors. They are presently residing in Glencoe and have one son

Daniel, age six, who is in first grade in school here in Capitan. They also have a 13 year old son and a 21 year old daughter who are not with them at the present time. And so Ronnie and Rita Crawford, we welcome you and hope you are here to stay.

And I especially want to welcome Dolores Cox, who happens to be my lovely new neighbor. Dolores is the mother of Deborah Cummins, the sister of very special Carol Reamy, who is a special friend of mine and the daughter of Myrtle Brink.

Dolores moved to Capitan from Goldthwaite, Texas, in order to be closer to her mother, sister, daughter and grandchildren, and as of yesterday when I stopped by for a minute, she just loves Capitan. We hope sincerely Dolores that you will always love our little village. We that have lived here for a number of years, 15 for me, love it too. And so again welcome to our fair little city of Capitan.

Just had a nice telephone visit with Carol Reamy and she says their daughter is in her second year at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. It is difficult for me to believe that because it just seems like yesterday that I wrote about her graduating from high school.

How time flies and moves on. The things standing still in this mad rush called life is we old folks that, if we are not already down the hill, are on a steep slope heading that-away.

Congratulations Carol and Ken on your beautiful daughter. And Carol, as always, it was so nice talking to you.

While I was in the hardware store this morning, Bart McDonough was busy, as usual, with his work for the Lincoln County News, but did take time out to heckle me a bit. Bart is one of my very favorite persons. Please do not, and I reiterate DO NOT tell Bart I said that. He spends so much of his time trying to make me think he doesn't give a continental darn about anything or anybody and could care less what anyone thinks about him, but he doesn't fool me. Under that facade is one heck of a swell guy, and I believe a most wonderful and true friend. I like Bart, I have always liked Bart and if you will pardon the repetition, I will always like Bart. So there.

Sunday, around the early afternoon went outside to look at the beautiful blue sky and

when my vision descended from the sky was met by an avalanche of dusty leaves and twigs of all shapes and sizes.

Reluctantly I returned to the house for the leaf rake, broom and dust pan and plastic bags. Was sweeping up a storm when my favorite neighbor strolled over. As she was on duty at the shop, we had to sit on the ledge so she would not miss any customers as Dick was "out of pocket" at the time.

After a few laughs about nothing, at all Emmeline opened up with, "Is that a cow coming down that there hill over yonder?" I replied that I did not have the faintest notion whether it was a cow standing on yonder hill, or in fact, whether there was even a cow on the horizon in any direction.

We sat in silence for a moment or two when Emmeline popped up with, "Look at those two little black goats."

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Capitan Odyssey Of The Mind Wins 3rd At State Contest

Capitan Elementary Odyssey of the Mind team of George Boese, Alena Borowski, Justin Griffin, Allison Hendrix, Katrina Johns and Stacey Trapp received third place in the state for their skit on "Amusin' Cruisin", a trip to the Olympics in Ancient Greece to modern Atlanta.

The team, coached by parent Liz Boese, and three other Capitan elementary Odyssey teams competed with 100 other groups at the state Odyssey of the Mind contest held March 30 at Manzano High School in Albuquerque. The Capitan team coached by Mozie Sparks won fourth place in their category.

With the "Amusin' Cruisin" problem, the third, fourth and fifth grade students were required to build a vehicle that performs five tasks and travels to two attractions with an entertainment value. Odyssey rules require the students to think up solutions and construct their own props. The girls in the team said they came up with the idea for the Olympics when they were talking about the difference between boys and girls one day. While discussing how in ancient Greece women were "nothing", the team members decided their two attractions could be the Olympics in ancient and modern times. "What made our project good was we gave facts," said team member Alena Borowski. "It was fun," they all said.

Members of the fourth placed team were Seth Adcock, Brittany Adcock, Josh Osborn, Ashley Osborn, Brendon Osborn, Bo Sparks and Kelly Spierwait. Their problem was "great impressions" and they chose to do a game show as their solution.

Nancy Hail coached the other higher level elementary team of Anna Hail, Javier Trost, Matthew Neal, Tonia Neal, Candle Turner, David

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Cotton was born April 21, 1902 in McKeesport, PA. He and his wife P.J. were married in 1925 in Ft. Worth, TX. In 1944 he moved his family to Albuquerque where he was a pioneer in the electrical industry.

Cotton and P.J. retired and moved to Capitan in 1973 and returned to Albuquerque in 1988 to be near family. They have resided at West Mesa Health Care Center since Aug. 1995.

He was preceded in death by three of his four children, Jayne, Thomas and Jerry. He is survived by his wife of 71 years P.J.; daughter Bev; daughters-in-law Kay and Dene; sons-in-law Burt and Ted; nine grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 9500 Constitution NE in Albuquerque Friday, April 12 at 11 a.m. with pastor G. White officiating.

Sheriff's Report

A brief bit of wet snow dampened the forests in Lincoln County over the Easter Weekend, lowering fire danger enough that camp fire restrictions have been lifted in the national forest, for now.

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

April 1:
7:52 a.m. a caller requested an officer to take a report of stolen parts. A deputy responded.

10:10 a.m. a caller reported a truant child in the Bonito area. The woman caller advised her daughter wasn't in school, and the girl wasn't at home. The girl had left that morning for school with a driving friend. At 5:09 p.m. the mother called back and advised that the girl was still not home. The woman talked with a deputy. At 6:11 p.m. dispatch called the woman's house to get a physical description of the girl. The woman wasn't home, but the girl was.

April 2:
12:23 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fire at mile marker 137 on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. Carrizozo Fire Department responded and stayed with the fire until 11:13 p.m. Two deputies also responded.

12:26 p.m. a caller advised that a vehicle was being towed. Two deputies responded.

12:42 p.m. a caller request-

ed a deputy to escort a subject to magistrate court in Ruidoso. A deputy responded.

April 3:
A caller advised she had hit a deer and needed a report for insurance. A deputy was assigned.

1:23 p.m. Hondo School requested an ambulance. Hondo ambulance transported a patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

9:34 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious subject at a location west of Capitan. The male subject on the property had scared the kids earlier. Capitan police responded.

11:34 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on Highway 70 east of Tinnie. Hondo Fire Department responded and had the fire out by 1:02 a.m.

April 4:
2 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious person at a location west of Capitan. The suspicious person left a note on a vehicle at the location. A deputy responded but the subject had left the area in a pick-up.

12:30 p.m. a caller reported an accident outside of the Capitan School gates. There were no injuries, just a fender bender. State police responded.

5:52 p.m. a caller reported a loose horse. A deputy responded.

7:27 p.m. a caller reported criminal damage to property at a location east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy took a re-

port.
10 p.m. a caller reported an abandoned vehicle at the end of a road in Fawn Ridge. The vehicle had hit a tree, and there was a lady's purse inside. A deputy responded.

10:56 p.m. a caller reported damage to property at a location on Central Ave. in Carrizozo. Someone had thrown a bottle through the window from the outside. Carrizozo police responded.

April 5:
3:49 a.m. a 911 caller advised she had tried to call a subject four times, and someone kept hanging up. The caller had contacted Carrizozo police about the call. The dispatcher tried to make contact several times until finally the dispatcher was able to speak with a woman who advised that a male subject had assaulted her daughter earlier at a local lounge.

9:58 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of an accident with no injuries at a location off Paradise Canyon in Ruidoso. State police were notified.

12:32 p.m. a caller wanted to talk with a deputy about problems he was having with Ruidoso Downs Police Department. A deputy responded.

12:26 p.m. a caller advised he was locked out of his vehicle at a business in Carrizozo. A Carrizozo police officer responded, then requested a locksmith be called because he couldn't help.

2:20 p.m. a caller reported a fire in Palo Verde Slopes. A cat tractor was on fire. A deputy and Ruidoso Downs Fire Department responded.

4:23 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance at a location in Carrizozo for an elderly man who needed transport to LCMC. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

9:46 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in the Alto area for a male subject on high blood pressure medication. Alto ambulance transported the subject to LCMC.

April 6:
4:04 a.m. a caller requested a welfare check of a subject in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

10:01 a.m. a caller requested a welfare check of his mother who lives at an RV park in the Ruidoso area. A deputy responded.

10:32 a.m. a 911 caller was attempting to locate a three year old boy who walked away from the deck of a house in Alto. A deputy responded and spoke with the grandparents. State police were notified at 10:35 a.m. At 10:53 a.m. the child was found and he was okay, state police were notified.

11:10 a.m. a one vehicle roll over was reported on Warrior Drive in front of Ruidoso High

School. Ruidoso Police were notified.

1:11 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fire at a residence in the Nogal area. A control burn got out of control. Nogal Fire Department and forest service responded.

April 7:
1:17 a.m. a 911 anonymous caller reported a possible drunken driver on Highway 48 between Ruidoso and Capitan. State police and a deputy responded.

6:56 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic incident at a location on old Fort Stanton Road. A deputy called the subject. At 12:55 p.m. the man called back and advised that the woman was there and she wanted her clothes, and he wanted her out. At 1:03 p.m. the man called and advised that the woman had left, and tore up his front door screen, and he wanted her picked up and filed on. At 1:32 p.m. the responding deputy he had arrested the woman.

11:29 a.m. Bonito Lake ranger requested a deputy to take a report of stolen fishing rods taken from a camp site at the west lake campground. A deputy responded.

8 p.m. a 911 caller requested the Bonito Fire Department because someone had put some dry ice in the sink and it put out clouds of smoke, and the individual was worried if she should put water on the dry ice or not, because it might put off gases. Bonito Fire Department responded.

Capitan Accepts . . .

(Con't. from P. 1)

the time of vehicle registration, that policy has since been scrubbed because of legal problems. Now MVD clerks are instructed to not require the actual proof of insurance at time of registration.

Village Clerk Deb Cummins said the trustees will most likely wait until July to act on changing the ordinance relating to fines for no insurance and reckless driving, after the newest state traffic codes are issued.

Cummins said police chief Carroll Durbin thought the village fines were low, and since the police department is really enforcing traffic laws, then why not get more money from those citations.

Speeding tickets in Capitan will cost from the minimum \$25 for speeding up to 10 miles per hour over limit to \$210 for more than 35 miles per hour over the posted limit. Careless driving fine is \$65, not stopping for school bus \$70, child not in restraint or safety belt \$50, unfastened safety belt \$35, open container first offense \$50, destructive or injurious material on roadway \$110.

In other business, trustees accepted the high bid of \$7500 for its 1990 Dodge Ram, from the Carrizozo Police Department. Included on the written bid was a request that Carrizozo Police Department be allowed to make two payments for the vehicle, one now and the rest after July 1.

Capitan Odyssey Of The Mind . . .

(Con't. from P. 6)

Griego and Tommy Aldaz. Their problem was "Tall Tales of John Jivery."

The primary team members coached by Laura McInnes and Marsha Bertramson were Brian Taylor, Brett McInnes, Aleah Topper, Michael Wilson, Ryan Jackson, Staci Stanbrough and Joshua Dale Castaneda.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international program of competition that seeks to bring out the creativity of children while focusing on fair play and good sportsmanship.

8:06 p.m. a 911 caller reported criminal damage to property in White Oaks. The caller requested a deputy because a woman had kicked in a door and took the caller's dog. A deputy responded.

April 8:
12:20 a.m. a 911 caller requested a deputy at an R park east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded and arrested a subject. State police also responded.

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LEGALS

PROCLAMATION

National Infant Immunization Week
April 21 through April 27, 1996

WHEREAS, The New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Childhood Immunization Coalition, Mayors and other local officials have joined together to promote infant immunization, and

WHEREAS, At least 90% of all New Mexico's children under age three are not properly immunized against childhood diseases, and

WHEREAS, The tragedy of vaccine preventable outbreaks costs New Mexico lives and the vitality of its future work force, and

WHEREAS, Parents need to be educated about the necessity of immunizing their children as early in life as possible, and

WHEREAS, Immunizations are among the most vital and cost-effective medical interventions available, and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a goal to fully immunize 90% of our children under the age of three by 1996.

Now, Therefore, I, Monroy Montes, Chairman of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 1996 as:

National Infant Immunization Week

and urge all parents, caretakers and health care providers to check children's immunization records and make sure they are up to date. By taking these few simple steps, we will ensure our children have an early start on a healthy and happy future.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1996.

MONROY MONTES

ATTEST: Martha M. Proctor
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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS OF SPECIAL ELECTION HELD APRIL 2, 1996 IN THE CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED

QUESTION 1: General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

FOR.....182
AGAINST.....68
TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED.....250

QUESTION 2: Public School Capital Improvements Tax

FOR.....190
AGAINST.....52
TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED.....242

This publication made in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

By MARTHA M. PROCTOR
Lincoln County Clerk

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RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCION ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 2 DE ABRIL DE 1996, EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO NUMERO 7 DE CARRIZOZO

VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS

QUESTION 1: Bonos del Distrito Escolar en La Cantidad Principal Agregada A No Exceder \$450,000.

FOR.....182
CONTRA.....68
VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS.....250

QUESTION 2: Sobre Impuestos Para Mejoras de Las Escuelas Publicas

FOR.....190
CONTRA.....52
VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS.....242

Esta publicacion hecha segun la Seccion 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

By MARTHA M. PROCTOR
Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 3, 1996, Jackie D. Atkins, P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. H-579 under H-680 & H-2501-Expl. et al (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily 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	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 follows:

Subdivision	Section	Township	Range	Acres
Pt. NE¼	30	10S	17E	XXXX
Pt. SE¼	19	10S	17E	XXXX
Pt. NW¼	29	10S	17E	7.6923

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	13E
H-2501-Expl-1	NW¼ SE¼	35	10S	13E
H-2501-Expl-2	NE¼ SE¼	35	10S	13E

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 Pt. NW¼ SE¼, Pt. SW¼ NE¼, Pt. NE¼ SW¼, Pt. SE¼ NW¼, all in Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

This is a temporary application, with all rights to revert to the original place of use on May 1, 1997, subject to an earlier reversion by written request of the applicant, or will become permanent if so requested in writing by the applicant prior to May 1, 1997.

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

cc: Santa Fe
C/RRR No.: P 382 824 151

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 29, 1996, Robert B. Blackstad and Alice C. Blackstad, P.O. Box 175, Honda, NM 88336, filed application No. 02673 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place of use of 3.52 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of the Rio Escondido presently diverted via the Storm Ditch located in the SW¼ NW¼ NE¼ of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 1.1 acres of land located in the NW¼ NE¼ SW¼ of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., and commencing the use of said 3.52 acre-foot per annum of surface waters for the irrigation of 1.1 acres of land located in the SW¼ SE¼ NW¼ of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M.

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

cc: Santa Fe
C/RRR No.: P 382 824 160

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 14, 1996, Thomas T. Jr. and Sadie L. Mann, 5312 Noreen Dr., NE., Albuquerque, NM 87111, filed application No. 01404 & H-208 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place of use of 4.226 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of the Rio Benito by ceasing the diversion of said waters via the Providencia Ditch presently having a point of diversion located in the NW¼ NW¼ SW¼ of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental well H-208 located in the SW¼ SW¼ SW¼ of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 1.30 acres of land located in the NW¼ SE¼ NW¼ of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of either a river pump, to be located in the NW¼ NW¼ SW¼ of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., Hubert Spring located in the NW¼ SE¼ NW¼ of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., or shallow well H-794 located in the SE¼ SW¼ NW¼ of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the purposes of diverting up to 4.226 acre foot per annum of surface waters for the irrigation of 1.30 acres of land described as follows:

Subdivision	Section	Township	Range	Acres
SW¼ SW¼ NW¼	34	9S	16E	0.65
NW¼ NW¼ SW¼	34	9S	16E	0.65

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
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LEGAL INFORMAL PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Probate No. 1690
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
RIA LEE SIDWELL,)
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 present 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 at Carrizozo, NM, or filed with the Probate Court, County of Lincoln.

DATED: March 26, 1996.

EWELL W. SIDWELL
Personal Representative of the Estate of Ria Lee Sidwell, deceased

Carrizozo, New Mexico, Lincoln County
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LEGAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE PROBATE COURT Probate No. 1689
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
KENNETH D. McNEIL,)
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 present 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 at 601 Poppy Ave, Corona Del Mar, California 92625-2513, or filed with the Probate Court.

DATED: April 1, 1996.

MARVIN G. McNEIL
Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 96-3 PENALTY ASSESSMENT FEES

The Village of Capitán Board of Trustees did hold a public hearing on April 8, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg. to discuss regarding Ordinance 96-3 relating to penalty assess-

ment fees, establishing Ordinance 96-3 establishing a penalty assessment program, defining penalty assessment misdemeanor, establishing listed schedule of penalty assessments. Ordinance 96-3 was adopted on April 8, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Village Hall Bldg.

By DEBORAH CUMMINS
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Village of Capitán

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has received the following road review requests:

1. REQUEST TO VACATE PART OF CLUB CIRCLE DRIVE IN DEER PARK MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, UNIT 15. REQUESTED BY RUI, INC.
2. REQUEST TO VACATE MARNIE LANE, UNIT 3 OF PINES OF GAVILAN SUBDIVISION. REQUESTED BY DOUGLAS L. SIDWELL.

Pursuant to Section 67-6-9, N.M.S.A., the Board of Commissioners has appointed a Road Review Committee which will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 29, 1996, in front of the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, in Alto, and proceed from there to the sites to be viewed, in the order listed above.

The report of the Road Review Committee will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Anyone wishing to make comments or recommendations may do so at either of the two above mentioned meetings.

MONROY MONTES,
Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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The staff at the Corona Senior Center is excited about improvements in the landscaping courtesy of Howard Shanks and his ASCS Committee. He brought a fir and a pinon tree and put them in the ground with the assistance of Tim. Mr. Shanks brought material for a chain link fence around the property. A.J. Gibbs then built the fence for which the staff wishes to express appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Alford, Cheyenne, OK are the parents of 9 lb.-14 oz., C.W. "Clint Ward" born Sunday evening, April 7th in Elk City, OK. C.W. has a brother, Tyler and a sister, Jaci. We have no doubt four year old Jaci will hold her own against two brothers and four Alford cousins of the opposite sex. Mr. and Mrs. Rogene Alford are paternal grandparents.

Cotton Yancey is here from Bloomfield visiting with his brother and wife, Byron and Cathy, and seeing friends while trying to catch a few rattlers. We hear the catch Monday was zero.

Tommy Mulkey remained hospitalized in Alamogordo Tuesday morning, his third hospital visit since his meningitis diagnosis.

Ed Grant, Los Lunas, stopped overnight with the Yanceys. He was enroute to La Luz for the funeral of his longtime friend, Jack Jones.

Betty Minton and Buddy Foote, Fort Sumner, came to check on Mrs. L.K. Merritt, Betty's mother who was not feeling good. They returned home Friday.

Lanita Rasak and Wanda Duke were in Albuquerque Friday, March 29th for a DAR Cameo Club organization meeting at Holiday Inn. Mrs. Rasak was organization chairman and later was elected president. Vice president is Wanda Duke and Lavern Rodriguez, Gallup, is historian. Other officers are from Ruidoso and Albuquerque. There are 43 charter members for this mother-daughter club.

Graveside memorial services for Durward Jack Jones were held Friday, April 5 at La Luz. Mr. Jones, 67, a former area resident died March 20 at his home in Grand Junction, Co., after a long illness with emphysema. The cremains were interred by the graves of his parents, Alyne and Durward Jones. He is survived by one daughter, Theresa Rakstraw, and one granddaughter, Tana, both of Craig, Co.

Lanita Rasak and her father, Curtis Duke, took a Sunday through Sunday trip to visit relatives in Texas. They stopped first at Snyder for overnight with her cousin, Tommy and Shirley Pate, and then on to Houston to see Mr. Duke's two younger sisters, Gladys and Curtis Collins and Lily and Ira Faulkner. Mr. Faulkner is recovering from a stroke. In Tyler, Texas they visited Lanita's sister-in-law, Mary Mahfood, and her husband Emil. Mr. Mahfood is recovering from a stroke. Mary's granddaughter and son-in-law came to see them there. Mrs. Rasak returned with roses and azaleas and a bouganvillea.

Corona del Rey Chapter of Women's Aglow will hold its regular meeting, Saturday, April 13 at the school. Teach-

ing and Sharing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., regular meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Carol Matthews of Albuquerque, owner of Families Plus is the speaker. Joining Carol will be Debbie Dye of Socorro. For more information Sandra or Joanne will be glad to help.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, April 22, 1996. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

AGENDA

I. PUBLIC HEARING Citizens' Input on Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

IV. ADJOURN - 9:00 p.m.

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, April 11, 1996.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, April 18, 1996. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo, N.M.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 21, 1996.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Preliminary Plat Approval Ranches of Sonterra - Unit 3. Mr. Jim Powell.

B. Request to vacate a portion of plat in The Pines of Gavilan Subdivision, Unit 3, Lots 1 through 13, Block 6, and vacation of Marite Lane, cul-de-sac.

C. Request for Replat of a portion of Block N, Middle Cedar Subdivision-Paul Bryan Harvey

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo have been invited to a Joint Special Meeting with the Village of Capitán and CING Board Members, to be held on Monday, April 22, 1996 at 6:30 p.m., Village Hall, Capitán, New Mexico 88316 for Executive Session.

CAROL SCHLARR, CMC/AE Town Clerk Carrizozo

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo is seeking proposals for joint venture operator for Town of Carrizozo Municipal Airport. Please direct inquiries/proposals to: Town of Carrizozo Mayor and Board of Trustees P.O. Box 247 Carrizozo, N.M. 88361

Deadline for inquiries/proposals, April 22, 1996 at 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo has scheduled a budget workshop for Monday, April 22, 1996 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88361.

CAROL SCHLARR, CMC/AE Town Clerk Carrizozo

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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo is now accepting applications for a Cashier for the Jane Turner Memorial Pool. Job descriptions and applications may be obtained at City Hall. Deadline for applications is May 9, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. The Town of Carrizozo is E.O.E. in Compliance with ADA Title II-A.
CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AAE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo is now accepting applications for an Administrative Secretary for the Carrizozo Police Department. Job description and applications may be obtained at City Hall. Deadline for applications is April 18, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. The Town of Carrizozo is E.O.E. in compliance with ADA Title II-A.
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HELP WANTED: Cooks and bartenders. Outpost Bar and Grill in Carrizozo. 648-8994.
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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
 Lincoln County is now accepting applications for two positions of **TEMPORARY CLASS I OPERATOR** with irregular hours with the Lincoln County Road Department. Must work hard and be able to perform minor maintenance on equipment. Must have a Class A driver's license. Obtain applications at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or the Capitan County Road Yard or by calling (505) 648-2385, or 354-2922. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., April 19, 1996. **LINCOLN COUNTY, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, TITLE II-A.**
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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
 Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of **FULL-TIME DISPATCHER** in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Obtain application at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling (505) 648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 1996. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.
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Capitan News

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Surely you can see them, can't you?" They had gotten away from the folks at the feed store and were frolicking in the middle of the highway.

However the friaky goats were not aware that a car was fast approaching or didn't give a darn, but the car did stop and the owner of the goats caught up with them and corralled them back behind their gate.

With a sigh of relief, Emmeline rose and said, "Well now put that in your column." And so folks the town is very quiet today, nothing so far exciting has happened. I know the above sounds trite, but a beautiful blue sky, a sunny Sunday afternoon, two precocious little black goats and a descending or ascending cow on yonder hill did make the newspaper. So thank Emmeline for the suggestion.

And such is the life in the fast lane of an elderly lady trying to cope with the oncoming century when she is still trying to cope with the beginning and end of the present one. And so it goes...

I spend half of my time trying to find what I have done with something and the other half trying to remember what it is that I am trying to find. Life in the fast lane or whatever, and by the way, how was your week?

Another installment of Ila Mae Payne's autobiography: Ma Payne had fallen and injured her hip before I went to Germany. From then on her health declined. She fell again and broke the hip.

After leaving the hospital, the doctor wanted her to go to a nursing home, for she needed constant attention. She had a heart problem too.

June came from California and she and I looked at several rest homes in San Angelo, decided on Baptist Memorial which seemed more "homey" than any others.

Ma Payne adjusted pretty well, was soon involved in domino games, etc. When she was getting around well, we arranged to have her come home over a weekend now and then, which made her very happy, but also made her want to be at home again to stay.

More of Ila Mae's story next week.

FORT STANTON

FACTS & FICTION

by BETTY LOU JOINER

EASTER EGG HUNTS EXCELLENT

The Lincoln County Sheriff Posse members hid over a thousand eggs for all the little Easter Bunnies, April 6, at the Country Club in Carrizozo.

The 1 thru 3 age groups hunted eggs in the baseball field. With no rain to make grass, it made it easy for the little ones to find the eggs. You could even see all the colored eggs from the highway. Jo Smith was in charge of this age group. He took Kirsti by the hand and off they went to find an egg, until she looked up, and it wasn't Mommy!

Verla and Roland Caster and Jane Livingsten were greeting the many families as they entered the road up to the Country Club. These, along with many more sure made for a great day for many Lincoln County kids.

At the Smokey Bear State Park, the Friends of Smokey group had refreshments ready for all who came to their hunt.

The Capitan Fire Department and Friends of Smokey, also hid many eggs for groups from 1 thru 10. Prizes in the big eggs were Smokey items, such as, Smokey pins, bandanas, and license plates.

Everyone enjoyed the two big hunts of the day. What fun it is to see those little ones be so thrilled with just "an egg"!

Debra Ingle and Larry Bandy were busy taking polaroid pictures of Smokey, the Easter Bunny and anyone wanting a picture. The Easter Bunny was greeting visitors out in front of the Capitan Country Store on Friday, handing out chocolate eggs. Willie called me and I hurried down to get a couple of pictures of that. Thanks to all who assisted in the activities.

Easter Sunrise Services were held at 7:30 at the school auditorium, and was attended by many from all around. A beautiful snow that just covered the ground and melted right away sure made for a beautiful morning.

FORT STANTON IS GREENING UP!

Watering all the lawns at the Fort, this past week, has it looking so pretty.

Talked to Ray Nunley on Monday and he says they just can't predict how much help will be given by the governor. Sherry LaMay, a 17 year Fort Stanton employee left last Thursday to go to work in Ruidoso. Others are looking for employment, and once again, a couple of us are not feeling up to par. A real merry-go-round!

The unknown and waiting is really tough!

Jim Griego came in and gave up the box his family had rented for 33 years. He had joined the Army, and would soon be leaving for South Carolina. Paul Griego was with him, and he said he and Marie were very happy. So glad they had made the move. Good to see you guys — good luck Jim. They also said Alice had retired that day, from Los Lunas. Know she is happy to be through working.

FIFTH ANNUAL LORD'S SUPPER

Postmasters, Judy Fletcher, Shirlene Roberts, Mary Gourley and myself, were very impressed with our three fellow postal workers who performed in the Lord's Supper. Mike Currin, Wayne Bradley (Matthew); and Shannon Fletcher were all very good. Leon Eggleston who played the part of Jesus was undescrivable, along with Cheryl Wozny, who played the part of Mary. The lighting, sound, costumes, set designs, and script so good it made you feel as if you were at the real "Lord's Supper". Bill Kennedy and Hoyt Graham (Thomas) were two of my favorites. A great job by everyone!

3rd CLASS NEWS

Truett Chico in Betay's class and Steve Ramirez in Ruby's class were the winners of the Smokey drawing. It will be in front of the post office in Capitan from 8:00 to 10:00 on Friday. Come see what the kids have done!

BRANDING NORTH OF THE MOUNTAIN

Grady Eldridge is nearly back to feeling good as new, after his bout with pneumonia. He was glad to have some help branding on Monday and Tuesday. Pa Joiner, Eddie Davis, Ashley and Rusty Martin, Mike and Ronnie Billa showed up to lend a hand. They couldn't have had any better weather. Unreal - no wind!

AIRPORT ROAD

The airport road is really coming along. It is graveled half way and they will soon be ready to pave it. The Spencer Theatre is also showing signs of construction. Lots of activity on Fort Stanton road.

There will be a benefit dance for Dana Huffman, on April 13, at the Texas N.M. Power Co. Dana is a 28 year old mother of 3 small children. She needs a bone marrow transplant. Sponsors are Shane and Missy Parker. The Lone Star Express will play from 8 to 12. Please come and have fun and help a good cause.

First Baptist Church Revival Next Week

The First Baptist Church of Carrizozo will hold revival services April 14 through April 17.

Revival services will begin with the 10:55 a.m. church service Sunday, April 14. Evening services will start at 7 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. The church will also host services and lunch from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Services will be led by Rev. Joel Horn. He has 23 years experience as a pastor. Last fall he resigned the pastorate to enter full-time evangelism. The public is invited to attend the revival services.

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NOTICE OF LINCOLN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY POST-PRIMARY CONVENTION

Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party of New Mexico, a Call is hereby issued for the election of Democratic Party delegates and alternates to the Lincoln County Post-Primary Convention. This Call is published to inform all registered Democrats of Lincoln County about the meetings to be held to elect delegates and alternates of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County.

All voting shall be done in accordance with the proportional voting method described in State Rules Appendix.

All precinct/ward meetings and county convention shall be held on Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club to elect 11 delegates from 13 precincts.

PURPOSE OF PRECINCT/WARD MEETING: The purpose of the Precinct/Ward meetings is to elect delegates and alternates to the County Convention, which will elect delegates to the Democratic State Post-Primary Convention, for selection of Delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention. Presidential Electors, and the adoption of the State Party Platform.

If you have any questions please contact: Cece Griffin, P.O. Box 95, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Ph. 257-7558 (Home) / or contact the County Vice-Chair: Charles Rennick, P.O. Box 804, Alto, NM 88312, Ph. 257-2635 (Home), 258-9090 (Work).

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Billingsley said if the state decides to require Capitan Schools to provide education for the juveniles, the school is willing to negotiate with the state to educate the juveniles at the camp. "Even if we have to hire teachers and send them there," Billingsley said. Billingsley was further concerned about the emphasis on vocational programs for the juveniles at the camp. "Our vocational programs are full, we can't even expand ours now," she said.

Additional students in the Capitan district would bring additional state dollars for operation of the schools. "Sure we'll get more money," Billingsley said. "But I'm not sure if it will be worth the type of students there."

Billingsley said a child cannot be denied education at Capitan schools if the child presents him or herself to the district for education.

The state's plan to use federal Chapter 1 money for delinquent/neglected youth to

fund the camp also concerned Billingsley because the federal dollars are drying up to the point the district does not meet its own current needs. "We'd rather take care of our kids we have now than new kids," Billingsley said.

Trustee Connie Hopper said in her experience with juvenile programs she found the state educates the juveniles on the site.

Billingsley also asked for and received a letter of support for a grant application with the state arts commission for money to finance employment of part time coordinator of a county wide schools arts program. Billingsley had requested financial help from the Lincoln County Commission for the county-wide arts in education program, but was turned down. The grant application will be heard in Santa Fe next week.

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Lincoln County

DETENTION CENTER REPORT

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

April 1:
Miguel Pineda, 30, Ruidoso: parole violation, no bond.

April 2:
Minnie Shanta, 32, Mescalero: DWI; released April 4 on orders from Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.; arrested by Capitan police.

Deborah Kaygahzinne, 43, Mescalero: court commitment of 12 hours for parties to a crime; released April 3, time served; arrested by Capitan police.

Nelson Kaygahzinne, 64, Mescalero: 12 hour court commitment for parties to a crime; released April 3, time served; arrested by Capitan police.

Hill Sago, 40, Mescalero: 12 hour court commitment for parties to a crime; released April 3, time served; arrested by Capitan police.

April 3:
Harlan Geronimo, 20, Ruidoso: domestic violence, battery/assault; \$10,000 cash bond set by Magistrate Judge William Butts; released April 5, on orders from Butts.

April 4:
Robert Lopez, 26, Albuquerque: failure to comply with conditions of probation; no bond set by District Judge Richard Parsons; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

Arlene Potts, 34, Ruidoso: DWI 2nd, three counts of child endangerment; \$16,000 cash bond set by Butts; released April 8 on orders from Butts.

Jack McGarry, 34, Nogal: driving on revoked license; \$1,000 cash bond set by Dean; arrested by Capitan police.

April 5:
David Longley, 45, Dexter: failure to appear; no bonds set by Dean.

April 7:
Donald Nickerson, 43, Fort Stanton: assault/domestic; \$5,000 cash bond set by Dean, posted and released same day; arrested by LCSO.

Marsha Nickerson, 40, Fort Stanton: assault/domestic; \$5,000 cash bond set by Dean, posted and released same day; arrested by LCSO.

Thomas Hill, 29, Ruidoso: trespassing, disorderly conduct, assault; \$6,500 cash bond set by Dean, posted and released same day; arrested by LCSO.

April 8:
Ernesto Prieto, 21, Ruidoso Downs: failure to pay fines, failure to attend DWI school/screening; held until \$247 in fines are paid; arrested by Ruidoso Downs police.

Adrian Dolan, 31, Ruidoso: court commitment of 30 days from Ruidoso municipal judge Mike Line for injury to public property, shoplifting, contempt of court and failure to pay fines.

The following individuals were RELEASED from the Lincoln County Detention Center:

Carl Hemby, 44, Ruidoso: booked March 28 for parole violation; released April 4 on orders from parole officer.

Arthur Silva, 30, Tularosa: booked April 1 to serve 10 days with good time for leaving the scene of an accident; released April 6, time served.

Henry Sanchez, 35, Peralta: booked April 1 to serve seven days for DWI, driving on revoked license; released April 8, time served.

Tina Rocha, 36, Ruidoso Downs: booked April 1 to serve 36 hours for aggravated

DWI 1st; released April 3, time served.

Steven Rodriguez, 41, Ruidoso: booked March 25 for improper sale/disposal/removal or concealing of encumbered property; released April 4 on orders from Dean.

Steven Aragon, 24, Carrizozo: booked March 26 for probation violation; released April 5 on orders from Dean.

Wayne Morris, 21, Ruidoso: booked March 30 for parties to a crime, open container; released April 5 on orders from Dean and Butts.

Steve Garrison, 18, Ruidoso: booked March 30 for DWI, failure to dim lights; released April 1 on orders from Dean.

William Gardner, 28, Ruidoso: booked March 25 for probation violation; released April 1 on orders from probation officer.

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