

Fort Stanton Proposed As A Living Resort Fort

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners endorsed a proposal to make Fort Stanton a "living fort" with a resolution adopted at their meeting Tuesday.

Sally Burkstaller, former Roswell resident now Lincoln County resident, presented more information about an idea she presented to commissioners at their meeting last month—to turn Fort Stanton into a "living fort" resort and

conference center. She also requested commissioners endorse the idea to make it more credible to the public and to state officials who are proposing to make the facility into a penal institution.

"Let's save Fort Stanton," Burkstaller said to commissioners.

Burkstaller said the Fort was a perfect place to make a resort conference center and living fort like Fort Robinson in western Nebraska. Park

visitation at Fort Robinson has grown from 170,000 in 1976 to 377,000 in 1981 to more than 400,000 anticipated this year. "And our Fort is 14 years older than Fort Robinson, and 5,000 acres bigger," she said.

Like Fort Robinson, Burkstaller said Fort Stanton would be a family oriented place, and unlike Fort Robinson, Fort Stanton could have year round activities because of our mild climate. "This

would create lots of employment and enhanced standard of living in Lincoln County," she said.

Burkstaller said Lincoln County already has lots of national exposure for its history, and it would be easy to promote the living fort. In her information packet to the commissioners, Burkstaller included a summer schedule and visitor services guide from Fort Robinson, which is state owned and operated.

Fort Robinson features overnight accommodations in several of the restored officers and enlisted men's quarters as well as cabins, camping and RV parking. Fort Robinson also features meeting facilities, a melodrama playhouse, horse rentals and stables, rodeos, trail rides, jeep rides, stagecoach rides, tours, chuck wagon cookouts and swimming.

Fort Stanton has several buildings which could be con-

verted for overnight accommodations, meetings and dining as well as plenty of outdoor space for camping and RVs, Burkstaller said.

Burkstaller also said sever-

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County Commissioners To Meet With Wendell Chino Today At 2 p.m.

Lincoln County Commissioners have been invited by Mescalero Apache Tribal President Wendell Chino to meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, (today) August 8 at Mescalero Inn (former Carrizo Inn) on Carrizo Road near Ruidoso.

Ruidoso village councilors and mayor have also been invited to the meeting. During the Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday, commissioners speculated on the purpose of the meeting, which was not specified in the invitation from Chino.

County commissioner Wilton Howell said that he will not stay at the meeting if it is not open to the public.

Open Meeting At Fort Stanton Sat., August 17

State Forester Toby Martinez invites the public to attend an open meeting at Fort Stanton Saturday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. in the dining hall.

Martinez will present an overview of the proposed New Mexico inmate work camp program. Attending the meeting will be representatives from Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, Office of the Secretary, representatives from the governor's office, and from corrections department to address and answer any questions or concerns the public may have about the proposed inmate program.

New Mexico's state and federal land management agencies are searching for methods and opportunities to improve the declining health of forest and natural resources and mitigate problems caused by the increasing urban wildland interface areas in the state.

This program is designed to carry out conservation projects to improve natural resources that will have beneficial impacts for Lincoln and Otero counties and other areas throughout southeastern New Mexico if such a camp was located nearby.

Public input and thoughts on the proposed program are important.

Let's Go To
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LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS meet with Senator Pete Domenici in Fort Sumner where they received notice of award of a \$130,000 federal grant to help construct an arena at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. From left are county manager Frank Potter, Sen. Domenici, commissioner Wilton Howell and commission chairman Monroy Montes. In back is Glen Barrow from the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs.

County Accepts Grant To Build Indoor Arena

by Doris Cherry

After rejecting a proposal to lease the Glencoe Rural Events Center, Lincoln County Commissioners rescinded the request for proposals process and accepted a \$130,000 federal grant for the first phase of construction of an indoor arena at the center.

Meeting Tuesday in Carrizozo, commissioners on a three to two vote rejected the proposal from Owens Spice Company to lease the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Stirling Spencer voted to award the lease to the spice company, but they were outvoted by commissioners Monroy Montes, Wilton Howell and Ray Nunley. The vote took place after a closed session to discuss pending litigation, limited personnel matters and sale of real property.

After the failed vote, commissioners discussed and accepted the \$130,000 business development grant from the US Department of Agriculture, which was awarded to the county to help construct an indoor arena at the Glencoe Events Center.

County manager Frank Potter said the next step is to complete the formal application for the grant with a preliminary design and intent for spending the money, which will be forwarded to the Farm Home Administration.

The agency had already done an environmental assessment for the county on the project.

Glencoe Center manager

Linda Wallace said the \$130,000 grant will put in an arena, bathrooms, lights and a small number of bleachers. Wallace said it will take about \$550,000 to cover the arena. She hopes to apply for future grants to enclose the arena.

Wallace said the arena will so enhance the center she should be able to start leasing it immediately after construction is completed.

Wallace said she applied for the grant about a year ago. Only five projects in New Mexico received funding, including the Glencoe Center.

However the Glencoe center did not receive all \$130,000 in the first round. Congressman Joe Skeen requested money that was not used elsewhere to fill the grant to \$130,000. "He did us a tremendous favor," Wallace said of Skeen.

Commissioner Ray Nunley said that the public should know the arena project will not impact the Lincoln County Fair in Capitan.

Team roper Gerald Tully said the arena will be a tremendous opportunity for Lin-

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Capitan School Board Will Consider Discipline Policy

Capitan Board of Education has imposed several dress codes this school year. Students will not be allowed to wear articles of dress which represent gang membership, present violent, sexually explicit or obscene messages, or the tobacco or alcohol industry.

This dress code was added to the student discipline policy with public hearings. However, a new policy will be added at the start of school, which was not discussed and considered during public hearing. The Capitan Board of Education will consider an addition to its student discipline at its meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, (Thursday) August 8 in the board room.

According to superintendent Dianna Billingsley the board will consider and adopt an addition to the discipline policy that allows only a single earring or item of jewelry

to be worn in either or both earlobes. No other rings or jewelry in pierced locations on the student's body other than the earlobe will be permitted. Billingsley told THE NEWS that a board member requested the policy be enacted after the member saw some Capitan students with body piercing at the Old Lincoln Days events. (The Old Lincoln Days event is not school sponsored and the students were not part of a school sponsored group at the event.)

The board is expected to adopt this temporarily to begin school, and will hold public hearings to permanently add it to the student discipline policy at a later date, Billingsley said.

The board meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the school administration building (the old elementary).

IRS Sends County \$48,000 In Refunds

by Doris Cherry

Last week the Lincoln County manager's office received another notice from the Internal Revenue Service.

This time the amount indicated that the county owes the IRS is "none."

"This is very, very good," county manager Frank Potter told THE NEWS. "They forgave everything."

Inside the IRS notices were statements of refund or applied credits of \$41,269.33, everything the county had paid in penalties and what the IRS claimed was late taxes.

The statement with the highest refund figure was for \$21,435.14. For the tax period ending September 30, 1995, the refund included \$11,095.25 for a decrease in the tax and \$9,390.67 for penalty decreases. IRS returned \$432.71 in interest and \$516.21 in reduction of interest previously charged.

IRS first notified the county it had unpaid taxes in July 1995 after it found an unrecconciled difference between the quarterly reports from the county's computer and the reports from payroll records from the same pay period. On May 14 this year, the fourth IRS notice arrived advising

that its was assessing another \$1,800 in penalties.

Early July this year, Lincoln County Commissioners instructed a strongly worded letter be sent to the IRS about the penalties, which IRS claimed the county owed on tax periods as far back as September 1994. Commissioners made the decision after the books were reviewed by the county auditor, and county staff, and it appeared the problems started when there was a tax underpayment in September and December, 1994. To correct the underpayment the amount was added to the next report. But IRS only detected a discrepancy and sent a notice to the county, which did not respond at that time.

It was that lack of response that got the county in debt with the IRS.

Once the county responded things happened quickly. "We kind of hammered on them," Potter said of the IRS, "but they have been very good to work with."

"Writing the letter was the key," Potter went on to say. "If you ignore the IRS it will not do you well, if you respond, it'll do you well."

Potter said IRS usually sends refund checks soon after notices are mailed.

Campers Find Badly Decomposed Body In Boy Scout Mountain

Campers in the Boy Scout Mountain area near Pine Lodge on the east end of the Capitan Mountains discovered a badly decomposed body last weekend.

Lincoln County Sheriff Jay McSwane told THE NEWS that he and three deputies went to the site about 9:30 p.m. Sunday after his office received notice of the find from the Chaves County Sheriff's Office. Campers at the area had seen the Ford pickup behind some trees in a field off from a primitive road off the Boy Scout Mountain Road since Friday, August 2. Because the vehicle was in the same place for so long without any activity around the campers investigated and found the body, McSwane said. The campers, who were from Roswell, called the Chaves County Sheriff's Office when they returned home from the area. Chaves County Sheriff's Office then called the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

McSwane said he and the deputies found the body which was so badly decomposed they

were unable to identify it. Nearby they found a purse, with a driver's license, money and other personal effects. Also they found 186 empty blister packages and a nearly empty bottle of rum near the body.

"Everything was laid out neatly," McSwane said, "there was no sign of struggle or foul play."

McSwane would not confirm the identity of the body, stating he would wait until the autopsy report from the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) in Albuquerque before making a positive identification. However, he said he was 99.9 percent positive the body was that of a woman who was missing from Roswell.

According to published reports, the body was that of Marilyn Elaine Boyd, 38, of Roswell who has been missing for about two months.

McSwane speculated that the reason the body had not been found sooner was it was located on national forest which had been closed from May until early July.

County Accepts Grant

Lincoln County, and the state of New Mexico, because it will draw people from everywhere. County resident Margaret Lahey said the horse show industry is huge, and she thought people would love to come to Lincoln County to show or see horses.

Jane Tully said the county needs to enclose the arena to make the facility more leaseable.

Glen Barrow from the Museum of the Horse said the museum would like to help with the arena project and would be willing to provide a staff member to sit on a board to oversee the operation, and to rent the facility in the future for horse shows. "I think it will pay," Barrow said. "The bottom line is to

bring in money. Tourism is our industry."

Commissioners liked Barrow's idea of a committee to oversee the project, and will appoint a group at their next meeting.

Commissioners Spencer said

there are two sides to each issue, and he thought the money from the grant could have been used to support other work in the county. Spencer and Schwettmann voted no on accepting the grant for the arena.

Grant Money Is Awarded To The Capitan Chamber

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce met August 5 with the primary business being what to do with a \$900 matching grant from the New Mexico Department of Tourism.

Gordon Ross was asked to come up with a commercial directory which would contain pertinent facts about each

business in the village. Virginia Jones and Bonnie Halland will contact a local publication concerning advertising Capitan.

Chamber members discussed moving certain highway signs to help motorists find Capitan a little easier.

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce spent in the vicinity of \$800 producing the July 4 Smokey Bear Stampede Parade.

Consider Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo. There is money to be won, fun to be had, and the chamber spends the profits on the community. Bingo is every Thursday night, 7 p.m., at the chamber building.

By Bartley McDonough

Sen. Domenici Staff Will Be In Capitan Aug. 14

Staff members of U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici will be in Capitan at the Capitan Chamber of Commerce building, 103 West Second Street, Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Anyone who would like to convey a message to Sen. Domenici is welcome to do so.



SANTA RITA FIESTA '96 QUEEN Holly Schlarb (center w/flowers) and her court posse for group picture after being crowned fiesta queen at fiesta mas by Fr. Dave Bergs. Included in photo with Schlarb is her escort Josh Candelaria; fiancée Rael and escort Jason Candelaria; Melanie Whittaker and escort Sid Ortiz; Amber Vallejos and escort James Verdugo; Libby Sambrano and escort Rodney Zamora; plus little princesses Chrishanda Zamora and Anissa Aguilar.

Fort Stanton Proposed

all people have signed petitions in support of the living fort concept and she asked that the commissioners do a resolution to also support this for Fort Stanton.

Commission chairman Monroy Montes said he had a recent letter from the governor's office about how there is not funding for the fort under the General Services Division which has control of Fort Stanton. Also the letter stated the other state agencies will seek legislative support for their proposed use of the fort as a prisoner environmental work camp. Montes told Burkstaller and the several supporters of the living fort concept who were at the meeting, about an open house at Fort Stanton on August 17.

The open house will be held by state forester Toby Martinez of the New Mexico Energy and Natural Resources Department, who will again present to the public the proposal for the prisoner camp. "Maybe we need more pressure," Burkstaller said. "I feel there are a lot of people who want to use Fort Stanton like Fort Robinson."

County commissioner Wilton Howell said that now was a prime time to send a letter and resolution to the governor reminding him of his commitment to turn Fort Stanton over to Lincoln County.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann also endorsed the idea. "We have to give this constant support...to stay or delay the state's present plan to turn Fort Stanton into a penal institution. This would be more than wonderful."

Schwettmann went on to say he had been asked to research the deed that was given to the state from the federal government in 1956 to transfer the ownership of Fort Stanton, to find something that would not allow the state's current proposed plan for a prison camp. The original resolution and deed was dated June 15, 1956 between the United States and the State of New Mexico. The resolution contains a short paragraph which reads that for 20 years from the transfer of title, the facility shall be utilized continuously for health purposes. "Unfortunately that has expired, so the state can do what it wants," he said.

Schwettmann said that 40 years ago, the Fort Stanton facility was valued at \$822,000.

"Your idea is wonderful," Schwettmann told Burkstaller. "We need to go to Santa Fe and pound, pound, pound."

County commissioner Ray Nunley also agreed there needs to be a process to lobby the governor's office, because he believed if a penal institution is placed at Fort Stanton it will be a "short term endeavor."

Nunley said because of Fort Stanton's history with Buffalo Soldiers, "Black Jack" Pershing and other events there is a lot of national support for Burkstaller's concept. Nunley proposed the resolution to support the idea.

County commissioner Stirling Spencer said the county does not have the financial ability to do the living fort proposal, but it could be a mechanism. He suggested Burkstaller go to state senator Pete Campos to get the fort turned into a state park, look into and apply for grants, seek help from U.S. Senator Pete Domenici

and Congressman Joe Skeen in obtaining federal funds for the project, and go to R.D. Hubbard who has a foundation and has great interest in horses.

At the conclusion of Burkstaller's presentation, Montes invited her and all supporters of the living fort concept to attend the August 17 meeting at 2 p.m. at the Fort Stanton dining hall and voice their opinions about the proposed inmate work program.

Commissioners voted unanimously for the resolution which expresses their support for the living fort concept.

Hammond Wins Stock Car Race At New Race Track

Carrizozo was represented at Sertoma Speedway Friday, August 2 when Josh Hammond won the first heat race in the hobby stock class. Josh was driving car #7 owned by Dennis McMaster of Tularosa.

Sertoma Speedway is located four miles north of

the 3/8 mile dirt track.

Sertoma Speedway will feature the Arizona Outlaw sprint cars tomorrow night, August 9. It will be their first time at the new racetrack. Racing starts at 8 p.m.

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Carrizozo Chit Chat

92nd Birthday Party

Dorothy Simmons attended her mother's 92nd birthday party August 1st at Betty Dare in Alamogordo. Dorothy's mother is Lucille Porter, former resident of Corona. Dorothy's husband Obie, a resident of Betty Dare, also attended the party.

Mrs. Porter's other children attending were son Pete Porter and his wife Helen of Roswell, daughter Vivian Gail Buxton of Roswell, and son Johnny Porter and his wife Nancy of Tularosa.

Additional guests were Leah King of Tularosa, Robin Phifer of Corona, Johnny Faye King of Corona and Effie Mulkey of Alamogordo.

Later in the day Dorothy's son, O. B. Simmons and his family arrived; O. B. and his wife Marilyn, their daughter Kimberly Sue and her fiance Kevin, their son Bruce and his wife Nicki and Dorothy's great granddaughter Tiffani Rose, age four months.

Dorothy said they took a five-generation picture during the big day that included two parties.

O. B. and Marilyn are teachers in Deming where they live with daughter Kimberly. Bruce and his family live in Las Cruces.

Patty English Visits

Patty English, daughter of Fred English and a graduate

Keri Shafer Is New Junior Member Of American Angus

Keri Shafer of Carrizozo is a new junior member of the American Angus Association. The national organization is headquartered in St. Joseph, MO.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association and take part in association sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

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Great American Duck Race In Deming 22-25

The 17th Great American Duck Race will be held in Deming August 22-25. Events will include the Tournament of Ducks Parade, the Great American People Race, and the Great American Horse-shoe and Washer Pitching Contest.

Publicity Quacker for the Great American Duck events is Dave Johnson. For information about events contact the Deming-Luna County Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-848-4955.

Other scheduled events include: darling duck pageant, theatre presentation, live duck exhibition races, duck stick races, golf tournament, hot air balloon rally, green chile cook off, slow pitch tournament, red chile cook off, balloon glow, tortilla toss, and the duck mart.

of Carrizozo High School, visited in Carrizozo Friday, August 2. Patty is a doctor of veterinary medicine in Chile. She was in the United States attending a veterinary conference.

Former Minister Visits

Wayne and Sue Buchtel of Phoenix, AZ visited with Johnson and Margaret Stearns recently. Wayne was the Presbyterian minister here 30 years ago.

High Bridge Scores

Vernelle Hightower hosted three table bridge in the Norwest Bank hospitality room last Friday. Winners were Margaret Stearns and Ruth Armstrong.

The Lincoln County

News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vaca-

tions, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

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

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 257-2505 or 258-3201.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

—Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Committee meets at 2 p.m. at city hall.
—Lincoln County Commissioners will meet with Mescalero Apache Tribal President Wendell Chino at 2 p.m. at Mescalero Inn, (former Carrizo Inn) on Carrizo Road near Ruidoso for a public meeting.
—U.S. Air Force scoping meeting 6-10 p.m. in Carrizozo City Hall.
—Capitan Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the administration building.
—Ruidoso Chapter #65 OES meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Ruidoso Masonic Hall.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

—Blood drive, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

—Capitan Trustees meet at 7 p.m. in village hall.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

—Carrizozo Town Council meets at 6 p.m. at city hall.
—Ruidoso Village Council meets at 6:30 p.m. at village hall.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

—Sen. Pete Domenici staff will meet with public from 10-11:30 a.m. at Capitan Chamber of Commerce building on Second Street.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

—Lincoln County Democratic Party pot luck meeting at 6 p.m. at the home of Bob and Thelma Stephens west of Capitan. Call 354-2329 or 257-7558 for more information.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

—Public meeting at Fort Stanton at 2 p.m. in the dining hall with state forester Toby Martinez about the proposed inmate work camp.

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BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, August 13:
Corona Post Office..... 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Carrizozo Otero Electric..... 4-6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, August 14:
Carrizozo Otero Electric..... 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Nogal Post Office..... 8:45-10 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe..... 10:30-12:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m.
Lincoln Post Office..... 2-3 p.m.
Hondo Store..... 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Swimming pool closed

By Ruth Hammond

The Carrizozo swimming pool closed for the season in July. Not that there is anything different about it because it seems every year the pool is closed early for one reason or another. A few years ago when our grandchildren were planning a visit early in August we told them the pool would be open. Guess what happened? The pool closed the day they arrived.

Rumors are that several years ago the Carrizozo swimming pool was opened by Memorial Day and was kept open through the middle of September and even longer if the weather was warm. We even heard that the school took students to the pool for their P.E. classes during September. Now we are lucky if the swimming pool is open for a full month during the summer.

Regardless of the excuses given by our elected city officials, it is a disgrace for Carrizozo not to have the swimming pool open ALL summer. Each year there is a different excuse for closing the pool early but excuses are only excuses, they are not solutions. The thing for our elected officials to do is to start right now preparing for next year. They need to arrange for not only one certified lifeguard but for two lifeguards for next year.

It only makes sense to have two lifeguards because that would eliminate having to close the swimming pool if the lifeguard was sick or had an emergency. Not only that but the swimming pool could be kept open seven days a week and possibly even for more than five or six hours a day. Lifeguards and cashiers at the swimming pool are paid by the hour and more hours worked a week would mean the lifeguards would be able to make enough money to make it worth their time to be certified lifeguards.

Money shouldn't be a problem because this year the first few days and for many other days the swimming pool was filled to capacity. If the pool capacity is 125 and each swimmer pays \$1 that means the town took in \$125 on many days. That should have more than paid the wages for the lifeguard and cashier. And if the swimming pool was filled to capacity it seems the town would want two lifeguards to help watch 125 swimmers.

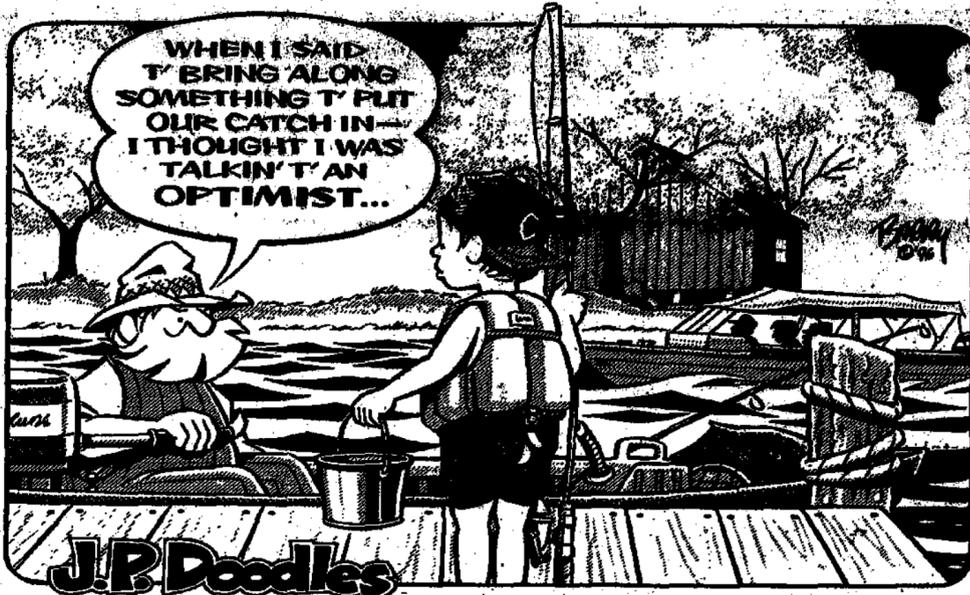
Yes, we know there are other expenses at the swimming pool. It takes electricity to operate the pumping system for the filters and lighting and there are costs for chemicals and water as well as cleaning supplies, equipment, maintenance, etc. Just as with other recreation facilities provided by the town, income at the swimming pool needs to help offset the operating costs.

Several times this summer a bus loaded with youngsters came to the swimming pool. That income had to have helped with the costs of keeping the swimming pool open. The elected officials need to remember that there were many swimmers this year when making plans for next year. The main thing the elected officials need to do is start planning now instead of waiting until the middle of May next year to decide what to do about the swimming pool and deciding when to advertise for lifeguards.

Many college students need summer jobs and many of these college students would welcome the opportunity to spend the summer at home with their families if they knew they would have a job, even if the wages were low. It would help if these college students could be assured the number of hours they would be working each week, if not at the swimming pool then at one of the other recreation facilities owned by the town. The main thing is that these college students can't wait until the end of May to look for a job. The town can't promise anyone a job in advance but the town could advertise now for lifeguards for next summer. The requirements for certification could be arranged and it would eliminate the problems the town has each May.

Yes, our elected officials have other business to conduct but providing summer activity for our youngsters is important too.

Preparing for swimming season



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—As the standoff between White Sands Missile Range and the Victorio Peak treasure hunters continues, additional information is beginning to come out about coverups of unauthorized government entries into the caverns that supposedly contain gold bars, coins, jewels and artifacts.

In the early 1950s, when the military decided it was going to make the World War II bombing range into a permanent missile testing site, it chased Ova Noss and her crew away from the peak that her ex-husband "Doc" Noss had explored until his death.

In the late '80s, Ova Noss heirs formed a partnership to gain access to the peak and find the truth about whether the peak ever contained treasure. The military never was cooperative with the effort so the Noss family finally went to Congress and secured authority to re-enter the peak. In the legislation that passed, Congress also directed the treasure hunters to report on any unknown entries into the peak.

WSMR's reluctance to help out the Noss family may have been because the search would be inconvenient to the base's main mission. Or it could have been that some people knew the findings would prove an embarrassment to the government because of evidence left behind.

The evidence now is strongly pointing to military personnel having spent much time digging there. Originally WSMR denied everything but now it is beginning to acknowledge some entries that never went reported.

The first known military entry was in 1958, by a Captain Leonard Fiege and some military and civilian companions. They found a narrow tunnel leading to a small chamber containing gold bars that may have been stashed there by Doc Noss. The Noss family says he had many caches both inside and outside the mountain.

According to a memo by former State Land Office attorney Oscar Jordan, Fiege

took a gold bar to the judge advocate at Holloman Air Force Base where he was stationed. Jordan advised that office that the bar be turned over to either the U.S. Treasury Department or the Secret Service.

Fiege probably wanted to get some type of government approval to go back in, but it wasn't granted. There now is some evidence that the military went back in later that year and removed the cache of bars Fiege had found.

Three years later the Treasury Department, accompanied by Capt. Fiege, went to the peak on an expedition, which was abandoned after just a few days of unsuccessful hunting. The military is just now starting to acknowledge that little treasure hunt.

There is some evidence that the Treasury Department returned to the peak without Fiege later that year and did considerable digging. No one is admitting to that one yet.

Soon after re-entering Victorio Peak on the congressionally authorized search in 1991, the Ova Noss Family Partnership discovered evidence of very recent military

activity in the area. It wasn't long before a group of WSMR military police indicated to the Nosses that they had been conducting a treasure hunt of their own beginning in 1989. WSMR still is insisting that incursion never happened.

Stories abound of numerous other government expeditions to the peak. The most interesting ones involve former presidents Jack Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. Those accounts are still taking shape.

More could come to light soon. While digging at the peak, the Noss family had to be careful about not revealing any of the evidence it found that would embarrass the government since the searchers were at the mercy of the military. But now that a confrontation has arisen over billings by WSMR, the Nosses may be more willing to talk.

It doesn't appear the standoff will end anytime soon. The Army insists it isn't required to provide itemized bills to explain why its charges have been as high as four times more than it originally estimated. We may see the issue back in Congress or the courts.

NMSU Dean's Honor Roll Spring Semester

New Mexico State University (NMSU) announced the names of more than 950 students who were named to the spring semester 1988 dean's honor roll.

The six students from Lincoln County were: John Denver Bailey from Corona majoring in range science; Amelia Joy Cline from Capitan major unclassified; Nathan Carl Fuchs from Capitan majoring in range science; Meghan Marie McGrath from Lincoln majoring in music; Tamela Dawn Payne from Capitan majoring in animal science; Lydia Collins Serna from Carrizozo majoring in elementary education.

To be named to the dean's honor roll a student's grade point average must rank within the top 15 percent of the college enrollment.

AARP Annual Picnic Will Be Held Aug. 20

The Lincoln County chapter of AARP annual summer picnic will be held Thursday, Aug. 20 at Fort Meigs in San Patricio at 3 p.m. The event will include a potluck picnic and art gallery tours.

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LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR: To set the record straight, I consider myself a Liberal — which to me translates into "Open to Change".

Twenty years ago I worked hard, as a volunteer, to implement the Senior Citizen programs. At that time there were many old people who had worked hard and trusted that their families would be there to care for them in their final years.

But times changed — young people moved away to get jobs — the families no longer lived close by — and more and more old people were isolated. So Senior Citizen Centers were an answer. We established meeting places and put the meals programs into place as a way to not only make sure that people were eating, but as a way to socialize and avoid depression. Transportation was a problem for people unable to drive or even afford an automobile, so we developed the van system.

Senior Citizen Centers became hives of activity as elders came out of their shells and became socially active.

But now too many of these centers have simply become vehicles for staff jobs. It is not unusual to find that a staff of three or four is serving five or six seniors. The program too often has turned into a welfare program for people over sixty who are entirely capable of caring for themselves. How many isolated, hungry, socially-deprived old people do you know?

And with all the recent stress on "Values" I think it is time to recognize a blatantly fraudulent practice at almost every center. I have been guilty in the past, but I no longer sign my name when I happen to walk in to look around. The list of "clients" is inflated by well-meaning people who stop by and sign their names to show their support for the center when in actual practice they never use the services. When people eat lunch or ride the van, etc., their names should be recorded, but it is dishonest to claim the inflated figures that are currently being reported.

It is time to divide the cost of this program by the actual count of the senior citizens using the program. Yes, I consider myself a Liberal, but that doesn't mean that I approve of inefficiency, waste, and outright fraud. It is time to re-evaluate the program and find a way to supply truly needed services.

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HUD Awards Money To Build Apache Homes

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded \$707,260 to the Mescalero Apache Tribe to support the building of new homes for low income families. HUD also awarded \$1 million to Jicarilla Apache Tribe to build 19 new homes.

Snow Play Area Proposed For Eagle Creek Sports Complex

by Doris Cherry

Little was said of the recent Eagle Creek Inter-community Water Supply Association Board meeting during the Ruidoso Village Council meeting July 30.

Problems in that group were hinted at during a discussion of a request from Tom Dorgan to put in a snow play area at the Eagle Creek sports complex. Dorgan requested the village lease him one of the ball fields during the winter so he can put a portable ice skating rink on the field. He also wanted to lease some land on the slope adjacent to the ball fields for a snow tubing area.

But the village does not own the property where Dorgan wants to put the snow tubing area, Eagle Creek

Inter-community Water Supply Association, Inc. does. And recently relations on that board have not been so good.

Mayor Jerry Shaw explained to Dorgan that Eagle Creek Association is made up of three members from Ruidoso and three from Capitan. Village manager Gary Jackson told Dorgan that the village could not buy any of the Eagle Creek land for the proposed play area, rather it could do a "flow through" lease on behalf of Dorgan.

Dorgan said he met with Eagle Creek Association president Benny Coker who recommended Dorgan go to the village parks and recreation. "He had no interest in leasing the land," Dorgan said.

Jackson said the subject was discussed at the Eagle Creek association meeting in May. At that time, the association board said the village could make request to acquire the property. "But we don't want to buy," Jackson said.

Jackson also pointed out that the village will have to present the request to the Eagle Creek Board, and not rely upon deputy manager Alan Briley or councilor Lepp Eggleston who are members of the Eagle Creek Board.

Several other questions were asked about how the ice

rink will impact the ball season, because the high school is planning to use the ball fields early next year for its new baseball and softball program. Also there were concerns of damage to the ball fields.

Dorgan said the issues will only apply to the first year, because the new village owned sports fields will be completed, and the high school will have a place to practice. Dorgan proposed to open the winter play areas from Thanksgiving to Easter.

Councilor Bill Chance asked where Dorgan will get the water to make snow and for the ice rink. He said he hoped to be able to buy water from a nearby well the village drilled but is not using, or he can obtain water from the owner of a nearby motel.

Eggleston asked what will happen if Eagle Creek does not approve the lease. Dorgan said that he will not do the project if he cannot have the snow play area, because that is what will make the venture profit.

Councilors voted unanimously to endorse the project concept and will take the request for lease of the property to the Eagle Creek board.

"It would be suicidal to attempt to entertain buying the property," Shaw said.

Reporter Attends The World Premier Opera

by Doris Cherry

Santa Fe Opera's world premier of its commissioned opera Emmeline was wonderful.

Casting, scenic and costume design combined with Tobias Picker's complicated modern score and J.D. McClatchy's libretto were excellently executed, and carried great passion. The music was delightfully original except for a few measures in one scene which were far too reminiscent of Disney's Pocahontas.

But Disneyesque was soon forgotten because of the powerful performances of three artists in leading roles who made their Santa Fe Opera (SFO) debut. Patricia Racette did a masterful job of playing Emmeline. Challenged by a role that required her to be a 13-year-old girl, to a 33-year-old woman lost in a personal hell, Racette was expressive and right on cue. Making her American and SFO debut, mezzo-soprano Anne-Marie Owens was fabulous in the role of Aunt Hannah. American audiences will likely see more of this talented performer from Jarrov, England.

Making his SFO debut was tenor Curt Peterson, who plays Matthew Gurney. Peterson was an apprentice artist at SFO in 1989. The audience gave its approval to third year apprentice soprano Melanie Sarakatsannis who did a wonderful job with her role as Sophie, an older mill worker who befriends Emmeline.

The story, set in the mid-1800's, is based on the 1980 novel "Emmeline" by Judith Rossner. Emmeline Mosher, a poor farmer's daughter is sent to work in the mills to help earn money for the family when she is 13. There she is seduced by the mill supervisor, and becomes pregnant. She goes to her Aunt's to have the baby, which is taken away to a family without her seeing it. Twenty years pass during which time Emmeline has cared for her mother, during which time she had grieved over news of her child, whom she imagines is a girl. Then one day a young railroad worker Matthew Gurney comes to board at the house. Because he cannot read, she teaches him and as a result falls in love with him and they marry.

The tragic ending of the story unfolds when Aunt Hannah comes to the funeral of Emmeline's mother. When Aunt Hannah learns Matthew's last name, she is concerned and questions his background. Amidst the crowd of the funeral, Aunt Hannah reveals that Matthew is Emmeline's lost child.

In the final two scenes, Emmeline loses not only her lover, but her child and her family, who have accused her of sin and have cast her out by not allowing her to attend her mother's funeral. She refuses to leave the house she and Matthew were building and performs a final aria where she recalls scenes from her life, and a passionate ending as she disappears into the dark totally alone.

Emmeline's tragic story of innocence lost goes well with this year's repertory of Madame Butterfly, Daphne and even in part to Don Giovanni and Rake's Progress.

Robert Israel's scenic design for Emmeline was stark and surreal which totally fit the story by emphasizing the stark harsh reality of the physical and emotional poverty in Emmeline's life. The clever hinged sets allowed the chorus to easily move walls to create a new illusion for the next scene. Lighting design by Anne Appleyard completed the illusion. Chorus Master Gary Wadlow was master as usual with his direction of the

large cast.

Emmeline is worth seeing. The last live performance of Emmeline will be on August 9. However, millions will have opportunity to see Emmeline on Public Broadcasting Station (PBS). The July 27 world premier of Emmeline was taped for the program "Great Performances" which can be seen in New Mexico on KNME channel 5 from Albuquerque or KENM channel 3 from Portales. Emmeline will air sometime this winter.

The 40th Santa Fe Opera season will conclude with the Grande Finale Fiesta performance of Madame Butterfly on August 24. Other performances of Butterfly are on August 3, 6, 12, 16 and 21. Performances of Daphne by Richard Strauss are on August 2, 7, 15 and 22; Rake's Progress by Stravinsky are on August 8 and 14; Don Giovanni by Mozart on August 5, 10, 13, 17, 20, and 23.

The 1997 Santa Fe Opera season will feature performances of Verdi's La Traviata, Mozart's Così Fan Tutte, Handel's Semele, Strauss' Arabella and world premier of SFO commissioned opera Ashoka's Dream by Peter Lieberson.

OBITUARIES

BOBBY J. CHAVEZ

Funeral service for Bobby J. Chavez, 48, of San Patricio, was Aug. 1 at St. Jude's Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Catanach officiating. Burial followed at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Chavez died July 29 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He was born March 27, 1948. He married Lydia Polaco Feb. 26, 1971.

He is survived by his wife Lydia of the home; son Dwain Chavez; daughter April Chavez; step-father Ralph Rodela Sr., and a grandson, all of San Patricio; five brothers, Lawrence Chavez of Albuquerque, Anthony Lucero of Albuquerque, Ralph Rodela Jr. of San Patricio, Franklin Rodela of Ruidoso, and Christopher Rodela of Ruidoso; and two sisters, Leanne Lucero of Albuquerque and Yolanda of San Patricio.

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

TROY FARUS

Funeral service for Troy Farus, 56, of Ruidoso, was Aug. 1 at Ruidoso Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Joyce and the Rev. Randy Widener officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Farus died July 29 at his home. He was born July 26, 1940. He married Nancy Armstrong June 3, 1963.

He is survived by his wife Nancy of the home; son Tracy Farus of Ruidoso; daughter Sheri Bremer of Hudsonville, MI; brother Milton "Red" Farus of Ruidoso; sister Karen Farus of Ruidoso; and three grandchildren.

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

IN THE SERVICE

Hans P. Hausler has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of Captain. He is a weapons instructor director at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City.

Hans is a 1985 graduate of Captain High School and a 1988 graduate of Florida Community College at Jacksonville, FL. He received a bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Montana, Missoula, Montana. Hans is the son of Greg Hausler of Captain.

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CAPITAN NOTES

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

Attention Mr. Emmett Downes: Last week I promised I would sit and listen most faithfully to your program and not move until you gave the final hurrah. And now for the Mea Culpas and the reason for the same.

I had just ensconced myself in a comfortable chair along with some badly in need of mending and thought I would kill two birds with one stone, so to speak and no offense intended. I had barely gotten the thread through the needle, a feat for me to accomplish in my dotage, and was awaitin' eagerly for your lovely Irish voice.

My daughter-in-law Pat came in with a purchase she had gotten for me and I followed her out on the porch when she said, "Oh look!"

And what should loom up to my wandering eye was a sight to behold. Someone had driven a double wheeled vehicle into my rock wall and left but few tracks in the shambles of scattered rocks. By the tracks extending from the highway probably someone in one of those big semis could not negotiate the quick turn onto the highway.

I have sat almost mesmerized several times out on my front porch and held my breath as some of those huge transports made the turn just by the hair on their chinny chin chin.

Anyway, getting back to my original intended apology, the rest of the afternoon was spent on the telephone notifying the city police, my insurance company, not to mention trying to notify offices on Saturday afternoon when there is not even an answering service.

I most definitely wanted to go on record that the accident was reported within a reasonable time for all intents and purposes. To make the story sound more plausible, I truly did want to listen to your program from beginning to finish. My humble apologies, I beg you to accept because I was unable to do so.

Anyway, I do have one more Saturday before Elaine Beaudry and I embark on the first leg of our journey to the Land of the Leprechauns and the Wee People, namely Ireland. And before I forget, please accept our thanks for the literature and if you can remember, offer a bit of a prayer that we not only arrive to the Emerald Isle but we also return safely to Capitan.

Let me give you friends of Dorothy Spies her new address in Las Vegas, Nevada. She looked wonderful and just as full of Irish sassafra as she always was. She is using a cane some but like me, more for protection than actual need.

Anyway she would love to hear from some of you in the old church gang, and so here it is: Dorothy Spies, 2001 E. Tropicana Ave., Apt. 1106, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. Her telephone number is 702-262-6204. Be nice and send her a card.

Circumstances found me in Ruidoso last week and I had some business to transact at Norwest Bank. I was fortunate to have the lovely and most informative Debbie Shafer handle my case. She was informed, up to the minute on the latest in money transferring to another country and was most patient with an old lady that wasn't sure part of the time whether she was still in the United States or whether she had accompanied the wire to Brazil.

Anyway, thank you Debbie. You said that you once worked at the bank here in Capitan. We are most fortunate here also to have lovely girls take care of us and our business.

And on another note as usual, going to Ruidoso means also checking out the stores and goodies. As "me" and "me" cart were trying to find a proper exit where I would not have to wait too long in line, a very sweet young girl came around and out of the stall with the cash register and offered to help me. She then toted my cart into its proper mooring place and proceeded to unload it for me as she quickly tabulated my purchases and sacked them almost simultaneously.

Her staff is Cassie Garrett and I told her I would write a bit about how helpful and patient she was, and so on that trip I met two beautiful and lovely girls and I thank both of them for their courtesy and especially their patience.

As I am endeavoring to get ready for my eventful trip to Ireland, wanted to get as many loose ends tied up today as possible. I awoke at four o'clock and as I was wide awake, quickly made up my bed and dressed so I would not be tempted to flop back down and lose any valuable time.

First a pair of jeans and a sweatshirt and I was in business, almost that is. Had to start the coffee a brewin' which I did mighty fast like.

What is it about that first cuppa in the mornin' that is ambrosia with a capital A? So then I began on my stacked piles of paperwork to be done ASAP. That has been on top of those piles for at least a week or more. I did put a dent in them anyway.

Believe it or not I do have another life outside of this column. I love writing it and your kind words of encouragement now and then keep me going. The only drawback is

the deadline that must be met.

I am much too old to be regimented, never was too good at it, but with the advancing years am beginning to feel I am not as free and footloose as I should be. That is why I am submitting a lot of this and a bit of that this week and poor, dear Ruth will have to sift, sort and decide which of this and that she want to use for the upcoming dates that I will not be a worryin' about for a few weeks.

Boys And Girls Ranch Is Accepting Livestock Donations At L.C. Fair

Representatives from New Mexico Boys and Girls Ranches, Inc. will attend the Lincoln County Fair in Capitan Saturday, Aug. 10 to accept donations of any 4-H or FFA livestock.

Ranch children, house parents, and volunteers will attend the fair to provide transportation for any donated animals and to answer questions about the Ranch operations.

All livestock donations are tax deductible. For more information on purchasing or donating contact Cindy Davis at 505-684-2552.



BONNIE HALLAND, owner and operator of Buffalo Girls Bed & Breakfast, began her business in Capitan during the month of June. Bonnie is a horsewoman and especially enjoys trail riding. She comes to Capitan from Prescott, Arizona. Halland told the NEWS that she has always wanted to operate a bed & breakfast and loves the Capitan area. Bonnie invites you to stop and see her room decor which includes western art and antiques. She may even offer you a cup of coffee.

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There is much more to be written about Corona Day. We need a professional photographer and reporter to do justice to all the effort made by Corona citizens. There were more people than in other years and they were friendly and enthusiastic. There were tears and laughter at class reunions and many took time to go to the cemetery and stand for a silent moment by the graves of friends and classmates.

The FFA dinner was a big success, serving over 300 and raffling the heifer donated by Elmo Tracey and won by the owner of Bandito Burrito in Alamogordo.

The class of '71 headquartered in the Korges home. J.T. and Clint Roper parked alongside and did much of the cooking for the eight girls who had a talk marathon and slumber party. They were short Steve Keener, 20 years, and Lee Bagley, 13 years. Sponsor Randal Burke and Mrs. Barke, Trinity, TX joined in the reunion celebration.

The 1986 class met in the American Legion Hut. They think that all members are alive but have been unable to contact Belinda Crowhurst. Those present were: Pam Vickrey, Farmington; Lucy Herivol Costa, Dexter; Cindy Ellison Freeman, Socorro; Carolyn Yandell Mitchell, Rio Rancho; Claudia Sorrell Rogers, Lubbock; Dawn Tracey John, Albuquerque; Delia Sanchez Peckingham, Albuquerque; Jean Flores Chavez, Corona; James and Bonnie McCloud Lackey, Aztec; Allen Brunson, Stevensville, TX; Alvin Sparks, Lovington; and the former Linda and Earlie Binyon, TorC.

The Class of '56 gathered in the school reception room. Joe Karger Lovelace and husband Kent, Monteca, CA; Jo Evelyn Yandell Stroup and husband James, Bloomfield; Bob Proctor, Bloomfield; Lajuan Couch Barritt, Hendersonville, Tenn; Beverly Turner and Bill Bohay, Odessa, TX; Bill and Janet Wieland, Albuquerque; Betty Merritt Minton, Fort Sumner; Darrell "Butch" and Jackie Robinson, Edmond, OK; George Ryberg, Prescott, AZ; Elene Mulkey Means, Bronte, TX; Navalina Chavez and Gilbert Lucero, Estancia; Eloy and Nancy Nunez, Peralta. Navalina and Gilbert are parents of twelve, the youngest thirteen.

The class of '36, Frances Fuller and William Hamilton, Tucumcari enjoyed a cup of coffee and reminiscing.

4-H RODEO IN TUCUMCARI, JULY 26
 Charlie Tully: First place in steer stopping, first place in ribbon roping, first place in breakaway roping, Junior All-around, won 3 buckles and a saddle.
 Riley Tully: Second place in step-down roping (Novice).
 Victor Perez: Third place in step-down roping (Novice).

FESTIVAL ROPING IN CORONA, JULY 27
 First roping won by Pete Tully and Leo Muniz. Second was Pete Tully and a partner from Ft. Sumner.
 Second roping won by Rogene Alford and Leo Muniz. Second place was Charlie Tully and Leo Muniz.

Pam Vickrey left Wednesday for Farmington and her sixth grade class room after a

ten day visit here that included her class reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug McPheter have returned after a six weeks stay in Maine.

Weekend guests of the Kesslers included Billy Kessler, Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ware, Memphis, Tenn. who were enroute to San Francisco for a church meeting.

Merilee Bryan and Jessica Bennett spent last week at Camp Chimney Springs. They report the experience gets more meaningful each year.

Sandra Alford left Sunday for Lybrook and an Aglow mission to the Navajo Nation. The national president of Aglow and regional officers were expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Robinson have been at the ranch for a couple of weeks, helping with ranch work while preparing for his 40th class reunion followed last weekend by the family reunion for about 30 people.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bell were at Angel Fire for a long weekend. Betty Ann taught a class at the NM-IRA, New Mexico International Reading Association, leadership retreat. Mack spent the three days in his own retreat for paper work. They returned by Cimarron.

John James graduated last week from the Police Academy sponsored by the Grants police for whom he works. He is the youngest of the four children of Charlotte and the late George James.

Steve, Molly and Reuben Mulkey, Portales have been here on vacation.

Thomas Husband, Yucca Valley, CA has been visiting

his mother, Ruth Davidson and Jackie Davidson. Thomas etched the glass for the Senior Citizens that was won by Bernice McCard. David and Debbie Husband and children, Page and Michael, Desert Hot Springs, CA enjoyed the cool mornings and evenings here. Debbie called back on their return home Thursday to report a temperature of 119. Todd Carrol and friend, Ben spent a few days at the Davidson ranch before school starts.

Les and Bonnie Sharp, Arcadia, OK, Judy Williams and Shirley Heisch, Portales, and Mildred McLean, Hart, TX have spent a few days at the Sharp Ranch.

Crown CowBelles met Thursday, August 1 at the Crown Cafe for a lunch of stuffed sopapillas and hamburgers. Twelve members were present with three visitors, Minnie Belle Hudson, Buckhorn, Mary Chabernin, Tularosa and Tyra Davidson.

Crown president Lee Sultemeier met with the presidents of Canyon and Corriente on Monday following the July meeting to discuss rewards for those 4-H exhibitors at the Lincoln County Fair who breed and show their own stock. Letters were sent to all producers explaining the plan, one fourth of the amount collected to go to chickens and rabbits, three fourths to be divided equally between cattle, sheep, goats and pigs.

Crown contributed \$100 to this Cream of the Crop project. Winners of the Cream of the Crop will receive money, a nice certificate and pictures taken for future publicity and recognition of the project.

The president then asked for volunteers for the State Fair booth for the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 12. Six are preferred but four have volunteered so far, Sabra Davidson, Shelly Frost, Loretta Manning and Thomasine Romans. Other CowBelles are urged to sit in the meat producers' booth in Lujan Bldg. and visit with the passersby. Volunteers are wanted for tours of about two hours each, to take about 50 children and educate them about agriculture. The Beef Council is sponsoring these tours.

Loretta Manning reported on the cowboy poet and music program during the festival. She said it was well done and well received. Marvin Pounds, Benny Maves, Mike Joy cowboy poet. Crown signed thank you cards and enclosed a check for \$20 for each.

Registration college forms were shown for Shayla Marshall and Travis Joy. They were given scholarship checks ... also Lindsay Bonds for her book scholarship.

Claud Brown did not use his scholarship but married. He will return the amount so it may be used by another student. The president asked the secretary to write to Ag teacher for his agenda and ask about how much money and for what purpose they may be asking us. Betty Ann Bell proposed that exhibitors who donate their animals to Boys/Girls' Ranch should be given recognition, a certificate of appreciation, picture by professional at fair and published in the Lincoln County News. Mrs. Bell is chairman for this project.

Tyssa Davidson was designated "Crown CowBelle Junior member". The October meeting will be at the home of Muriel Pounds. The next meeting is September 5 at the Sultemeier ranch with Lee Sultemeier and Sebra Davidson do-nothing hostesses since that date is Lee's birthday and Sabra's wedding anniversary. This will be a true potluck lunch.

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FORT STANTON

Work! Work! Work! Tired, Tired, Tired! were the words most of the people organizing the second annual Sheriff Poase Mail Ride, were using when Friday came around and the ride was near its final stages. The ones who did the work at the camps and didn't get to enjoy the mishaps and the ride are the ones I salute. They made it happen.

Plans for this event were started over a year ago when Tom Carter and Clarence Leslie were chosen to be the two co-chairmen. Jo and Lucille were head of all the horses and finding the route. Over 25 members showed up at many meetings held to plan for licking stamps, hauling hay and water, prepare

lunches, find an artist for the cachet envelope, write up the rules and brochures, and get everything together. Around March Tom Carter asked to be dropped as one of the chairmen as he had taken on a job. Tina and Ronnie Ritter were chosen to take his place in the middle of planning. As it was, Tom's job will not start for a while and he and Blair had so much info to offer us, that had never been involved with the many things needed to have a successful ride.

Know I will leave out some of the most important people, but want to write about as many as I can.

Roland and Verla Caster, president and his wife were the ones who spent time preparing articles to advertise this ride. They made sure certificates for all who donated money or supplies were accurate, kept everyone else going, made goodies for the meetings and too many other things to mention.

Holly and Dolores Hollingsworth were the two responsible for convincing their friend Mr. Seaborn to do the envelopes and poster painting. Donating his free artwork was the only way this could have even started to break even.

Mary Dell Jones went through many hurdles finding entertainment, but did a super job and was also helping anywhere she was needed. At the lunch lines we were all happy to see her when we would come in so hungry.

Mary Dell found out that there was much local talent right in the posse bunch. Next year think she will only have to ask the members and she will find more than anyone could believe.

Blair Carter was very good at yodeling and helped Marc and Curtis Payne. Phil Borman, Walt Birdsong, Mariah Smith, Tonya Reynolds, and Mary Dell's son gave us many more minutes of good old country music on the second night. Enjoyed all of you participating.

A.D. Powers and his chuckwagon gang were so good at the cooking that the first night the food was gone before anyone could say it was ready. They were told to prepare for 50 people and when about 85 showed up there was no way you could stretch food that far. Another success, A.D., when that kind of thing happens. All of his crew was very friendly, helpful, and served a good meal of brisquet, beans and cole slaw, good breakfast both mornings and a real meal of stew, cornbread, vegetables and homemade ice cream at Bonito Club. This was another big part of the ride being such a success.

Jim Matzler made sure the hay was at each stop so the horses could be fed and the many people would have a place to sit around the camp fire.

Freda McSwane and Leon Livingston were at the right place everytime helping the riders to get their vehicles to the other end so when they arrived at the end of the trail they wouldn't have to go back to get their trailers.

Ruth Birdsong was head of the group of White Oaks Fire Department and fed many of the group and friends on the first morning. Ruth was responsible for the artwork of the cancellation. She and her son started the ride from White Oaks but had to pull out at the first stop. She hurt her already bad knee when she stepped off of the horse. Let me tell you it is not easy to get off or on when you have ridden that far.

My two partners, Mike Currin and Cherie Hobbs helped me out a lot. Mike insisted I take the old saddle bags that he had bought from Mr. Marcum last year. I hated to take them as I was afraid they would not come back in one piece, but was so glad to have them in Lincoln when Lucille and Joe carried the mail into Lincoln. A horseshoe made from rebar that Robin had given me was carried the whole ride in the bags and know this along with the Gideons giving us each a bible at the start of the ride was the reason we never ran into any stormy weather. It was cool and sprinkled a couple of times but it was such a nice cooling off, and the rains only come at the first camp as we got to Weddige and had all just unsaddled our horses. As we sat in the vehicles and watched it rain so glad we weren't 10 miles back.

Cherie made sure the cancelled stamp was obtained from our lady in Albuquerque and was there to receive the mail on Sunday. Most all of the riders got to have their pictures made with the saddle bag in front of the post office as they were riding down to the other end of town to get ready for the parade. Do not know who was helping Carol Benham take pictures but hope to know for next week. That was the one disappointment of my ride. As I started to take pictures on that first morning, my camera wouldn't wind. Wanting to cry and run away I just kept hoping it would work. After a while I asked Pat Sullivan if she



RUTH PRATT opens a box she received at a recent gift shower at the Carrizozo Senior Center. Pratt lost almost everything when her home was destroyed by fire. Shown from left to right are Dorothy Leslie (Ruth's sister), Pratt and Frances Degner.

might loan me hers. More than willing she let me use it for two days. Pat you made my days. Thanks so much! If any one of you know of a camera that is fool proof for things like this please let me know what kind it is.

Wranglers Blair and Tom Carter, L.D. Jamison and his wife, Pat Joiner, Curtis Payne, and Ronnie and Tina Ritter made sure that the riders were doing okay. One time coming across Preston's when we thought we could take a short cut we ended up in some bad brush, rocks and some deep draws. Jo was very upset with himself for this but this is what makes the ride fun. When no one was hurt seriously going thru the rough afterwards it made for a great story. Think our sheriff candidate had it the roughest on the whole ride. Tom, maybe this was preparing for what is ahead.

Once again the ranchers, Floyd Goodloe, Billie Weddige, Tom Sidwell, Preston Stone, and Mr. Slayton were another BIG part of this ride. Without their permission to cross their land we would never have attempted this again as riding down the road is just too hot and boring. The country we crossed and with the rains this year it was absolutely beautiful.

The caretaker of Fort Stanton had promised we could use the Bonito Club and electricity would be furnished for that day. It wasn't turned on for some reason and so Mr. Reynolds someway hooked up the lights to A.D.'s generator. Once again they made a hand.

The many people who allowed boxes to be placed in their businesses, such as the Chamber of Ruidoso, the Stagecoach in Lincoln, the Smokey Bear Museum in Capitan, the Crafty Cage in White Oaks, the drugstore in Carrizozo and the Capitan Post Office were a big help in

distributing the envelopes. The same for all of you who sold the posters too. Do not know where that list is.

Texas NM Power Co. let us use their building for all meetings and Pete Coca was always so helpful there along with being at the camps and helping take riders to their trucks, serving food, and directing traffic. Whatever needed doing he did. After being told the wrong direction by two or three he thinks we need a few signs for newcomers and us oldcomers if we attempt this again.

Tom and Helen Wolf were responsible for making sure the places selling envelopes had enough and they were also helpful in clearing the trails with the Carters and Jo and Lucille and the Ritters. As the sun rose over White Oaks on Friday morning August 2, and the ride was underway, we were all wondering would we be soaked before nightfall and we wondered what time would we arrive at the first stop.

Pat and I arrived about six o'clock with Jane Livingston's horse. We all saddled up and then made our way to the garage behind Ruth's store to eat breakfast and divide up the mail so everyone could carry some of the four or five hundred letters I had canceled and put into penalty envelopes. Saddlebags full of goodies, canteens with water, and slickers for those big old white threatening clouds

were on the saddles with the 35 riders that left White Oaks at 9:00 a.m. The first mile found saddles turning with the cinches loosening up, people dropping items that weren't tied on and other minor problems, but shortly we were all together and started up the steep climb that we were unaware of. With the climb and the humidity making it a little warm, we found the first mud hole and several horses stopped to drink, but Jane Livingston's horse decided it was bath time and layed down with her. Just a little embarrassed and a little wet she was at once "back in the saddle again" and on her way. Another appaloosa horse was acting up a little and didn't want to do what his owner wanted. She walked several miles before getting to our first lunch stop at a place right above O Bar O. Many posse members and spouses

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Fort Stanton Facts and Fiction

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were at the stop with drinks, sandwiches and fruit, all ready for us to dig into. Boy was it good! After a little scare when one of the horses uprooted an old forest service sign and started for the lanches and another loose horse tried to run throughout the tied ones, we all got a sandwich and enjoyed the short rest. With clouds building and thunder rolling we headed out for "goat springs" with one less rider. With some more beautiful scenery and another steep climb, we rode into the Weddige camp at about 4:00. The U.S. flag flying over the chuck wagon and the green meadow in the background made for a spectacular sight!

Just as we all got to the vehicles a cloud "burst" for about an-hour, but it was just another cooling rain. As soon as it came it was gone and the many friends and riders were ready to eat the food. Most everyone enjoyed the music but were ready for that bed-roll, tent or trailer to lay down in and rest as they knew it would be sunrise way too soon. Tom Wolf once again was helping check horses all night and said he only had a couple wandering around. Singing "You Are My Sunshine" we left the campfire and were in bed and ready for another day.

Seemed we hadn't even laid down when six o'clock was once again waiting for the riders to eat the breakfast of eggs, ham, biscuits and orange juice. More prepared than the night before, A.D. and his crew were ready for all that wanted to eat. After saddling and getting things ready, the vans took the drivers to Bonita Corral where the many trailers were once again left for that evening. The beautiful morning found 39 taking off for the next camp. We had gained several and lost three. Ruth Birdsong, her son, Jans Livingston, and JoAnne Day stayed in camp.

The one part of the trail no one scouted was the most interesting. Leaving the highway about 3 miles below Encinoza we rode across Preston's with beautiful mountains and the "Castle Rock" near by. As we got too close to the base of the mountain and wandered into too thick of brush, we were all a little scratched and scared. But afterwards it was the best part of the whole ride.

We waited at a stock tank for one rider that had high centered and finally once again we were all accounted for. We went over the gap with no problems and into Lone Bible Tree Camp just a couple of hours later than planned. Once again that good food was ready for all, served by many dedicated members. We didn't stay too long and were headed on down Fort Stanton way when the two lead horses spooked at a rattle snake. When Joy started to shoot it, Pat stopped him just in time. We would have still been finding horses and riders if that gun shot would have went off. Curtis and Jo killed the snake and cut its head and rattlers off. One of the paid riders put it in a plastic bag and carried it into camp.

Another beautiful afternoon with those white billowing clouds and thunder and lightning were all the way thru the way across to the pavement just past Rodeo Bar. Hurrying to cross two creeks, we didn't make them any too soon.

The longest part of the second day was when we entered the gate into Fort Stanton. Everyone went separate ways and I cannot believe this country that is between here and Fort Stanton. We rode and rode and rode and rode! Last year I pulled out at Rodeo Bar and

this year I rode it all the way, never realizing just how far it was.

Once again tired, cranky and arrived at Bonita Club about 5:00. The rains were all above us and as we brought Dollar and Leo into town the creeks we had crossed were running bank to bank.

Back to the pavilion, we all enjoyed the stew, home-made ice cream and were really ready for the bedroll that night.

Having to leave earlier to make it to Lincoln before the parade, we were all asleep a little sooner than the night before.

Twenty-seven riders left for Lincoln about 7:00 a.m. on Sunday with five more coming along a little later.

Carol Barham took some pictures of the last day ride with the White Mountain in the background and those clouds covering it. Hope these turn out. Nothing more beautiful to me, it looked like a painted picture.

Hating to leave our President Roland Caster, Tom Carter, our co-ordinator, two of our friends we had met from El Paso behind, due to tired horses we once again were on a "well" marked trail that had been scouted a week or so before by several of the posse. With Jay McSwane ponying a colt and L.D. riding a rough paint we arrived in Lincoln way ahead of schedule.

Hurrying to change into their parade outfits, everyone was scurrying around. Roland gathered the mail in a plastic bag, and the rest into the "old" mail bags. We delivered the mail to Cherie at 10:35 a.m. on Aug. 4. Another mail delivery accomplished. After the parade Mr. Seaborn was present to sign envelopes and posters. We all went our separate ways, happy we had rode a ride of a lifetime, glad it was over, some disgusted, some give out, but several wishing we could continue on. Knowing we would each carry a different story we left Lincoln much richer for meeting new people.

Thanks to all who did a lot, all who did a little to help and all bystanders. Til next time "May your letter arrive real soon!" Just think it was with one of us thru all three days! Next week will be about the riders making the ride.

Misty Williams and Lacy Jo Brazel were contestants last Saturday for the LCRC queen. Misty couldn't make the ride Saturday for doing this.

Audrey went to see the orthopedic surgeon today to see about her knee. The baby is doing good, dad's feeling better, and hopefully she will have her knee fixed real soon.

Ralph Montes was thrown by a horse last week and broke his collar bone.

Thomas and Renie came to shoe three of our horses for the ride.

Pat hung Sam Donaldson's sign last week. Looks really good.

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Major Shelley D. Christian has assumed command of the 375th Communications Squadron, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, IL. Her parents are James F. and Vera Wood of Ruidoso.

Thomas K. Nichols III has joined the United States Army under the delayed enlistment program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Santa Fe. He is the son of Thomas K. Nichols of Ruidoso.

Sheriff's Report

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

July 30:
10:06 a.m. a caller requested a VIN check. A deputy responded.

11:20 a.m. an ambulance was requested at Carrizozo Health Clinic for a male subject with a possible broken wrist. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

4:23 p.m. a caller advised that he was cutting down a tree and it fell on a propane tank at a location in the Alto area. Bonito Fire Department responded.

4:58 p.m. a caller wanted a phone tap. A deputy responded.

7:13 p.m. a caller requested a deputy make a welfare check of a pregnant woman who was walking down Gavilan Canyon Road. A deputy responded but made no contact with the woman.

7:35 p.m. a breaking and entering was reported at a location on the Ski Run Road. A deputy responded.

9:32 p.m. a caller from California was attempting to locate a subject and needed a welfare check of the individual at a residence in Gavilan Canyon. The phone was busy or off the hook. The responding deputy advised that all was okay, the phone was off the hook.

July 31:
A Children, Youth and Families officer requested a case number.

10:15 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 75 year old man with stomach problems. Alto ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

12:36 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

2:22 p.m. a caller reported an abandoned vehicle on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. A deputy and state police responded.

2:41 p.m. a woman reported a boy with a BB gun. Capitan police responded but made no contact with the boy.

5:40 p.m. a caller reported two dogs stolen at a location off Highway 48. At 6:59 p.m. the responding deputy advised that one had come back and the other was still gone.

6:07 p.m. a caller requested a message be delivered to an individual in Capitan that her husband wouldn't be able to make it home that night. Capitan police delivered the message.

6:48 p.m. an anonymous female reported a man pointing a gun at a location in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

10:15 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a drunk pedestrian at a location on Carrizo Canyon Road. The male subject was walking down the middle of the road. A deputy responded and arrested the subject.

August 1:
12:20 p.m. a father reported his 16 year old son ran away, but he did not want the son's name put on the NCIC. The next day, at 10:03 a.m. a deputy had just made contact with the boy.

1:40 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 68 year old woman. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

3:12 p.m. a caller reported receiving annoying phone calls. A deputy called the individual.

4 p.m. a 911 caller reported lots of smoke in the Alto area. Bonito fire department responded and advised the smoke was from a controlled burn.

7:46 p.m. a 911 caller reported receiving a scary phone call. Capitan police and a deputy responded.

August 2:
10:26 a.m. a deputy advised of criminal damage to property at a location in Sun Valley.

7:03 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of an individual who believed someone was poisoning his dogs. A deputy responded.

August 3:
10:16 a.m. a caller reported theft/larceny on private property in White Oaks. A deputy responded.

10:45 a.m. a larceny was reported at a rental cabin in Cedar Creek. A deputy is investigating.

11:37 a.m. a deputy requested an ambulance at a business in Ruidoso for an individual who was having seizures. RALS responded.

3:30 p.m. a brown cow was reported on Highway 70 at mile marker 274.

6:09 p.m. an ambulance was requested at the county detention center for a prisoner who was beat up the day before who was complaining of pains. Carrizozo ambulance trans-

ported the patient to LCMC.

6:20 p.m. a caller reported a domestic problem/threats and requested a deputy. A deputy responded.

7 p.m. a wrecker was requested for a broken down car on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. A wrecker was paged from Ruidoso Downs because a local wrecker was not available.

7:33 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 70 year old man who had a possible broken ankle or foot. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

8:52 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in Carrizozo for a 77 year old man. Carrizozo ambulance transported the pa-

tient to LCMC.

August 4:
2:30 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident and requested an ambulance at mile marker 106 on Highway 380. A male subject had a bloody nose from the accident and wanted to be checked out. Hondo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

10:11 a.m. Tularosa Police advised of a careless driver of a semi-truck southbound on

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Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)	JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186		Sunday School..... 10:00 am Worship Service..... 11:00 am Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Santa Rita Catholic Community	FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853		SATURDAY: Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm C'zozc Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm SUNDAY: Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am C'zozc Santa Rita..... 11:00 am Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm
Church of Christ	PAUL WETZEL, minister Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996		Sunday School..... 10:00 am Worship Service..... 11:00 am Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
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United Methodist Churches	WARREN K. SCHOENECKER, pastor Trinity - Carrizozo 1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 257-5614		Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am Worship Service..... 11:10 am Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm United Methodist Men Breakfast 2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 2:00 pm Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
Capitan Church of Christ	LESLIE EARWOOD, minister 5th & Lincoln / 338-4827		Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle	ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor 209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 354-2025		Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm Sunday School..... 10:00 am Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm
Trinity Southern Baptist Church	700 Mount Capitan Road Capitan		Sunday School 9:45 to 10:45 Morning Worship 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Men's Wednesday morning prayer meeting 6:30 a.m. Pastor Floyd Goodloe 354-2044 or 354-3119

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Highway 54. The trucker was running vehicles off the highway. State police were notified.
 11:55 a.m. an officer advised he had made an arrest of a subject on a warrant in Lincoln.
 12:27 p.m. an accident without injuries was reported at a roping arena in the Hondo area. State police were notified.
 12:28 p.m. Roswell police reported a runaway in Lincoln. The 17 year old girl was reportedly with a 23 year old man camping in Lincoln. The call was canceled at 2 p.m.

because the girl had returned home.
 12:46 p.m. a caller reported receiving threats from an individual in Lincoln. The assigned deputy advised dispatch to call the caller and advise he should file a criminal complaint with the magistrate judge.
 3:19 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of an illegal dumping at the Hale Lake area, with description of the vehicle at the scene. A deputy was assigned.
 5:25 p.m. Capitan police advised of an accident with no injuries. A motorist advised of

a two ton pick up which went into an arroyo when its brakes failed at mile marker 83 on Highway 380. State police were notified, Capitan police responded.
 August 5:
 9:45 a.m. a walk in reported criminal damage to property, someone shot the locks off the gates of a property north of Carrizozo. A deputy was not available.
 10:09 a.m. criminal damage to property was reported in the Hale Lake area, a fence was cut. A deputy was assigned.

Capitan Municipal Schools Calendar of Events

Capitan Schools open for class on Monday, August 19. Several activities take place before classes begin and are listed as follows:
 Thursday, August 10:
 Dr. Seidel will give free athletic physicals in the new gym at 4 p.m.
 Monday, August 12:
 Students can pick up or make changes to schedules at the elementary, middle school and high school. New students may enroll at this time and must bring their birth certificates and immunization records.
 Volleyball practice begins and will take place at 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. in the old gym each day. Football practice will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Tuesday, August 13:
 Substitute teachers in-service training at 6 p.m. in the administration board room.
 Monday, August 19:
 All students return to school. Monday and Tuesday, August 19 and 20 will be half day sessions with students in class from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Busses will leave after lunch.
 Cafeteria prices for lunch and breakfast will remain the same as last year. Breakfast for all students will be 75 cents, lunch for students in K-5 will be \$1.25 and lunch for students in 6-12 will be \$1.50.
 Student insurance applications will be sent home the first day of class.

The following are lists of supplies for the various grades:
 Kindergarten: one regular size box of tissues, one box 8 basic color crayons, 8 color water colors, large glue stick, small plastic school box, scissors, smock, backpack with child's name, five fat pencils-five #2s, pillow, one plastic water bottle.
 First Grade: 16 count crayons, 15 glue sticks each semester, large box of tissue, pointed scissors, regular size school box, 10 #2 pencils each 9 weeks, (No Trusty brand please!), 10 pencil top erasers, one large eraser, watercolor set, box Ziploc sandwich bags, backpack. At home must have 8 count crayons, glue and pencil.
 Second Grade: 20 plain yellow pencils, large eraser and 5 pencil top erasers, large

box of crayons, pointed metal scissors, large bottle of white glue, large box of tissues, 1 cigar sized school box, box of watercolor paints, box of Ziploc sandwich bags (20-25 count), 1 folder with pockets, backpack. No binder notebooks, please. Needed at home 8 count crayons, pencils, scissors.
 Third Grade: 2 folders with brads, 2 sturdy pocket folders, notebook paper, 2 spiral notebooks (70 page one subject) no perforated paper, crayons, large white glue, pointed scissors, 2 pkgs. yellow pencils (no mechanical), 2 red ball-point pens, 2 pkgs. of pencil top erasers, plastic school box, 2 large boxes of tissues, backpack, primary colored pencils, box of Ziploc quart size freezer bags, ruler with standard and metric measures, Sharpie pen (black or blue), plastic water bottle.
 Fourth Grade: 2 #2 pencils at school at all times, pair of pointed scissors, 1 ruler with metric/english measurements, large bottle of Elmer's glue (not school glue), colored pencils, 2 pens each semester for grading, school box, large box of tissues, loose leaf notebook paper, 24 count crayons, 1 spiral notebook, Trapper Keeper and one 3-ring binder, package of subject dividers.
 Fifth Grade: #2 pencils (lots), several packages of loose leaf notebook paper, Large box of tissues, 1 pkg. of 300-3X5 note cards, 1 pair of large pointed scissors, ruler with metric/standard measurements, 1 pkg. of subject dividers, map color pencils, 3 three-ring binders (1.5" to 2"), 48 count crayons, large bottle of Elmer's glue, 3 folders with pockets, water based magic markers, 3 Sharpie permanent black markers, 2 rolls of Scotch tape. Spell checker if possible.
 Middle School Basic Supply List: Loose leaf notebook paper, white only wide-ruled, #2 pencils, black or blue pens, ruler with metric measures, 2 large boxes of tissues, large 3 ring binder, 2 combination locks (one for hall, and other for locker room). Spirals, folders and other supplies may be required by individual teachers.
 High School: Supplies for high school students will be determined by the individual teachers, but students should have pencils, pens and paper for start school.

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Kindergarten: scissors, crayons (8), back pack, Kleenex (2 boxes), watercolors, #2 pencils (2), Elmers glue, towel or small blanket, glue sticks, markers.
 First grade: crayons (24), glue, scissors, Kleenex (2 boxes), folders with pockets (6), erasers (2), #2 pencils, spiral notebooks (2), watercolors (set of 8), markers, ruler, glue stick (2).
 Second grade: glue sticks (2), #2 pencils, crayons (24), glue, scissors, red lead pencils (2), folders with pockets (6), Kleenex (2 boxes), pencil erasers, loose leaf wide rule notebook paper (2), spiral notebooks (3).
 Third grade: #2 pencils, loose leaf wide rule notebook paper, crayons, glue, scissors, Kleenex (2 boxes), ruler, erasers, one subject spiral.
 Fourth grade: colored pencils, Kleenex, #2 pencils, spi-

als (2), loose leaf notebook paper, ruler (cm. and in.), glue, scissors, crayons.
 Fifth grade: loose leaf notebook paper, spiral notebooks (2), crayons (24), blue or black ink pens, #2 pencils, scissors, folders (5), Kleenex (1 box).
 Supplies for 6th, 7th and 8th grades: large 3-ring binder (1), loose leaf notebook paper, 5 pocket dividers for 3 ring binder, pencil pouch for 3 ring binder, #2 pencils, pens (black or blue), red pencil or pen (1), pencil sharpener, scissors, glue, crayons or markers, Kleenex (1 box), composition notebooks (2), ruler (cm. and in.), thin spiral notebooks with holes to fit 3 ring binder (2).

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State Subdivision Law Affects Lincoln County

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County property owners of 100 acres or less who wish to sell, lease or convey a portion of their land, now must go through a process which was once reserved for developers of subdivisions.

Complying with an order from the state attorney general that any property to be split, whether it be in a subdivision or raw land, Lincoln County Commissioners during their meeting Tuesday in Carrizozo approved a resolution creating a "summary review process." The new review process will be used until the county can amend its current subdivision regulations which could take up to four months to complete.

Commissioners voted to hold the first public hearing at their September meeting to amend the county's subdivision ordinance to reflect the changes in the state subdivision law. The state legislature in 1995 adopted the changes that make stricter requirements on property owners who wish to split lots in existing subdivisions or on property owners of 100 acres or less who want to split out a portion of their land. Santa Fe, Dona Ana and Bernalillo Counties came under the new rules on July 1, 1996 and remaining counties in the state will fall under the new rules by July 1997.

County attorney Alan Morel said that prior to July 1996, anyone who split out and sold less than four lots was not considered a subdivider. But now anyone wanting to sell, lease or convey a portion of their land will be considered a subdivider, and must comply with several requirements.

There was considerable discussion among commissioners about why the changes to the state subdivision law

should affect Lincoln County now, since the new changes were to have affected only Santa Fe, Bernalillo and Dona Ana Counties in 1996, and the rest of the state's counties in 1997.

But Morel said the AG had issued the opinion about the new state subdivision law, and added that to violate the law will make a county subject to a \$10,000 penalty.

The summary review procedure will be used when property owners wish to subdivide five or less parcels of land. The property owner, or subdivider or agent, must first schedule a pre-application conference with the county manager and county planning officer. The subdivider must provide a sketch plan which shows the proposed layout of streets and lots, with estimated dimensions and other site information. Also required will be the name and address of the subdivider and the designated agent (if any), name of owner or owners of land to be subdivided, written description of the proposed subdivision, description of surrounding land uses and accessibility of the site to roads and utilities.

The new procedure will also require an administrative fee, something the county has not done previously.

Once the application, fees and supporting documentation are received by the county manager and county planning officer, they shall review all materials to determine if the preliminary plat is ready to begin the review process. If there are no deficiencies the summary review plat will be deemed complete for review by written notice to the subdivider within 30 days after the date of application. If the summary review plat is in-

complete or doesn't comply with submittal requirements the subdivider will be notified and given 30 days to correct the deficiencies.

Summary review plats will be approved or disapproved by the county at a public meeting within 30 days of the date the summary review plat is deemed complete. "The Board of County Commissioners has delegated to the county manager and county planning officer the authority to approve any subdivision under summary review," reads the resolution.

If the county does not act on a summary review plat within the 30 days, the subdivider must give the county commissioners written notice of the county's failure to act. If the commissioners fail to approve or reject the summary review within 30 days of such notice, the subdivider can demand the commissioners issue a certificate that the summary plat review has been approved.

The data subdivider must submit will include a summary review plat maps in waterproof ink on mylar or acetate which is drawn at a scale of 200 feet to one inch or larger and printed on sheets no larger than 28 by 36 inches. The map must include the title, scale, north arrow and date; name and mailing address of subdivider and/or designated agent; names of owners of land to be subdivided and of adjacent property; subdivision boundary lines, easement and right-of-way lines and property lines of all lots, with accurate dimensions, acreage measurements and identification numbers for each lot; location, dimensions and purpose of all easements; certification of a surveyor registered in New Mexico attesting to the accuracy of

the plat, and the date of the survey; and legal description indicating the range, township, and section within which the subdivision is located.

The summary review plat also must contain a statement that the land being subdivided will be done in accordance to the summary review plat, which will be acknowledged by the owner, subdivider, or authorized agents, in the manner required for the acknowledgment of deeds. A copy of the summary review plat must be provided to every purchaser, lessee or other person acquiring an interest in the subdivided land prior to sale, lease or other conveyance.

The summary review plat must contain a certificate stating the commissioners have accepted or rejected any proposed road before land is offered. Proposed roads must comply with county road construction standards. Sale of property on a summary review plat will not be effective until the plat is filed with the county clerk, or a resolution of acceptance by the commissioners is filed with the clerk.

Surveyor Tim Collins said the title companies in the county are in a quandary because they are unsure how to deal with properties which are in the process of being split. Collins said he thought the new regulations dealt only with splitting lots from "raw land."

But Morel said he interpreted the regulations to mean sale, lease or conveyance of any land, including properties in previously platted subdivisions.

Before commissioners approved the resolution Tuesday, they accepted the recommendations from the county planning and zoning commission to approve re-plat of Lot

16, Block 3, of High Sierra Estates townhomes as requested by Dale Naron to provide parking areas; re-plat of Lot 1, blocks I, K and M of Middle Cedar Subdivision as requested by Jack and Teresa Gillespie to make two lots, 1.1 and .8 acres each, from one 1.9 acre lot.

Commissioners tabled a request for re-plat of Tract 1B of Ranches de Sonterra Subdivision Unit 1 as requested by

Ted Conley until the September meeting. The property had previously been re-platted as a divorce settlement, but the owner requested re-plat of the remaining 31 acres into three lots. Commissioners were concerned about the availability of water on the property. Splitting of property as the result of a divorce settlement will be exempt from the new state subdivision regulations, Morel said.

Turnage Named To Top 30 For Second Year At Football Camp

For the second consecutive year Josh Turnage of Cloudcroft High School was selected as a "Top 30" achiever at the Jay Novacek Dallas Cowboys Football Camp.

Last year Turnage, as a sophomore, was the last person named to the top 30 club. This year, Turnage was second on the list, according to a press release. Boys who are named to the Top 30 are marketed to more than 500 coaches, colleges and universities.

"Josh started receiving letters of interest from college coaches last year," says Josh's father Jim Turnage.

According to Jim, there was a sour postlude to Josh's achievement last year when the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) sanctioned him for attending the camp, which the association classified as a "contact" camp. NMAA considered such camps as inappropriate for high school students.

After appeals to the NMAA executive committee and the State Board of Education, the NMAA finally changed the rule and removed the sanctions against Josh. Also, the ruling removed the cloud hanging over 21 other boys who attended the same football camp.

"It was the right decision," Turnage said. "There is a very delicate balance between parental authority and school

authority and we took the position that the education system had stepped over the line in this instance and we had to address the issue."

According to Josh there were more New Mexico boys attending the camp this year. "We also had some Cloudcroft boys attend other camps, which would have been illegal prior to the new ruling," said Josh.

Josh is a junior at Cloudcroft High School and plays offensive fullback and defensive linebacker for the Bears.

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