

# C County Determines Property Tax Rates

by Doris Cherry

Local governing bodies ultimately determine ad valorem tax rates on taxable properties in their jurisdictions by the amount of funding they need for operation of their governments.

Once again, the county's governing body—the county commission—is developing its general operation budget for the next fiscal year which begins on July 1. The amount of money commissioners dedicate to the general fund will

ultimately affect the property tax rates in the county, even though the property tax rates are set by the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). DFA establishes these rates based on a number of factors, including how much the county needs for its operation.

The public can comment on how county commissioners plan to spend those property taxes during a budget workshop set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, in the commissioners room in the courthouse in

Carrizozo. A closed session is scheduled at the start of the workshop with the open workshop to follow.

A large portion of the county budget is the general fund. This fund finances salaries for all employees and elected officials and such "needed" programs as the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

By state law counties are allowed to impose up to 11.85 mills for operation of county government. Lincoln County commission has imposed 8.85 mills. According to the Lincoln

County Treasurer's office, the 8.85 mills would have generated a maximum of \$2,341,519 in 1996, if they had collected 100 percent of the taxes mailed out. Instead, the treasurer's office collected about 93 percent or about \$2 million. That \$2 million all went to the county general fund in the 1996-97 budget.

The ad valorem, or property taxes, are first based on the valuations determined by the county assessor's office. Every two years, the assessor's office is charged by state law to


reappraise properties, to update valuations.

The greatest property value increases from this reappraisal were in the Ruidoso area. Some properties experienced increases as high as 50 percent. Assessor Patsy Serna had explained to *THE NEWS* that these values are determined by sales of similar properties and other criteria for developing fair market price, and some increases are due to improvements, or additions to existing improvements on properties.

Included in the property taxes paid by land owners to the county treasurer's office each year are any additional mills imposed by the county for special projects such as

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**THE DRIVER OF THIS PICKUP WAS CRITICALLY INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT APRIL 15** at the dangerous intersection of Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo. The driver was removed from the pickup on a backboard and transported to Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso where he was stabilized and airlifted to Albuquerque. Two other vehicles were involved in the accident. Carrizozo ambulance crew member Sammy Roper (left) uses a pry bar to open the passenger door, assisted by Johnnie Johnson, and Kathy Williams, an EMT-IV Tech, who is behind Johnson.

## People Want C'zozo Tennis Courts Repaired

by Barbara Culler

On April 22 the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees held their regular meeting at city hall.

The meeting was opened to audience participation after roll call (all the trustees were present), approval of the agenda, and approval of two regular and three special meeting minutes.

Carrizozo resident and bowler Ann Burns told the council that three women and one man, all from Carrizozo, would be going to the New Mexico State Senior Olympics to compete in bowling. They are Ann Burns, Suzi Fern, Fabian Valderama, and Barbara Ward. Burns asked the council if the recreation center would be open so that the competitors would be able to practice.

Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel assured Burns that it would be open. (The trustees awarded the contract to manage the center to Christina Full and Johnny Culley. The contract should be finalized by the end of the week.)

Carrizozo resident Louise Brooks presented the trustees with the petition of signatures requested by Ruth Armstrong at the last council meeting showing the interest in having the tennis court at the golf course repaired. There were three pages of signatures expressing the wish to have a place to play tennis for those interested in doing so.

After accepting Mac McDougal's resignation from the Carrizozo Lodger Tax Committee, Kuhnel recommended Christina Full, of the Tain't Fanci Campground, to fill McDougal's remaining two year term. The trustees approved the recommendation.

The Capitan School will be able to use the Carrizozo Golf Course on May 13, 14, and 15. The Board of Trustees gave their approval and about 30 students will have a field trip to play golf during school hours at the golf course. The board also decided not to charge Capitan School for this.

Resolution 97-3 was approved. It increases the 1996-1997 Budget by \$2,779.43. This is to cover the cost overrun on the police/court complex improvements. This money will come out of the town General Fund and be paid to Roberts Construction of Alamogordo.

The trustees approved putting on the next meeting agenda a resolution to transfer temporarily \$1,000 from the General Fund into the Law Enforcement Fund. The Law Enforcement Fund has \$410.24 in bills to be paid and no money left until the new budget of July 1, 1997. When the new budget is in effect the General Fund would be reimbursed the \$1000.

The temporary transfer will enable the police department to pay the outstanding bills

and through the next two months make repairs on their vehicles and do any training if necessary.

The department has separate funds for salaries and gas and these funds are not affected by the Law Enforcement Fund shortage.

Several things were discussed to try and find out how the Law Enforcement Fund went into the red. Carrizozo

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## Capitan School Money Is Increased

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Board of Education rehired most current year staff during its five-hour-long meeting April 17.

After a three and a half hour closed session for discussion of personnel, the board accepted the recommendations of superintendent Diana Billingsley to re-employ the following teachers: Elementary--Betty Adcock, Beverly Blank, Becky Borowski, Katheryn Bush, Wayne Ellison, Becky Huey-Schultz, Cindy Jackson, Ruby Johnson, Laura Jones, Leecha LaMay, Dottie MacVeigh, Tiffany Menix, Betsy Peralta, Idy Schweitzer, Mary Shanks, Linda Turnbow, Joanne Washburn; Middle School--Sherri Cox, Ed Davis, Linda Fuchs, Chad Ghormley, Liz Hofacket, George Holman and Dale Jackson; High School--Rick Berglund, Cheryl Bowman, Nell Davis, Sidney Hammontre, Kimberly Jose, Jan LaRue, Buddy Little, Bryan Masse, Gerald Montes, Todd Proctor, Jerry Rice, Diane Riska, Mike Rogers, Duwayne Shaver, Pat Ventura, JoBeth Vinson and Myrum Whitaker.

The board accepted resignations from middle school teachers Dionne Hardin-Lewis and Marcia Bertramsen, elementary teacher Kristin Sultemeier at the end of the school year, and instructional assistant Lori Roberts effective April 25.

From now on, anyone wish-

ing to directly address the board about a situation must do so by written request which will require the requestor to follow the "chain of command." The board at its last meeting requested some type of formal request procedure, because of a situation which occurred with some parents. Billingsley presented the form which requires the individual(s) to fill it out and submit it to the superintendent five working days before the board meeting, which is normally held the second Thursday of each month. The document requires the requestor to write how the problem was communicated through the chain of command from teacher, principal, superintendent and finally what expectation from the board. Also Billingsley said she would visit with the individuals before the meeting to make sure they followed the chain of command.

The form carries a disclosure at the end, telling the individual that "Capitan Board of Education must comply with the Family Rights and Privacy Act," and cannot discuss personnel or students in open session, and parents who wish to address the board can speak only about their own child(ren).

There was no public left at the meeting when the board got to the item "1997-98 school year budget input". Teachers, principals and members of the Capitan Mu-

sic Boosters left the meeting unable to wait out the closed session which ended at 11:15 p.m. There were no members of the public there to hear

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## Rock Used To Gain Entry In Taster Freez

Early Wednesday morning, Carrizozo Taster Freez employee Debbie Swift came in as usual to open up for breakfast.

What she found was glass shards from a broken window, and \$450 in rolled quarters, dimes, and sorted small bills gone. Swift called Carrizozo police at 5:30 a.m. Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson responded, and upon investigation found a rock used to break the small side window next to the drive-up.

Vinson said the perpetrator gained entrance through the small window.

While he has no suspects at this time and the case is still under investigation, Vinson asks citizens to be on the look out for anyone trying to pass lots of change or small bills.

Vinson also asks citizens to call 648-2341 to leave a message for him if they have any information, or saw anything suspect at the Taster Freez after closure late Tuesday night, and opening Wednesday morning.

## ESSAY

Colt's winning essay: "My Friend Woody. Woody is a big tree in my backyard. Woody is a very special tree. My family sit under him when we are sad, mad and happy. In the summer Woody gives shade so my family can rest in his shade and also our animals like Woody's shade. Woody is very helpful to birds. Birds build nests and rest on Woody when they have flown a long way. Woody also makes the backyard very pretty when he blumes his leaves. In the Winter Woody shields us from strong winter winds and blowing snow. In the fall Woody sheds his leaves and we can play in the leaves. Sometimes when me and my brother have free time we climb and play on Woody. The cats like him to play on to. Woody is a good friend. There is no other tree like him. He helps us in good and bad weather and always lends a helping branch. To my family he is the best tree in the world."



**NEW MEXICO'S FIRST LADY** Dee Johnson (left) awards Capitan 5th Graders Colt Freemole (in hat) for his third placed essay in the State Forestry Tree Appreciation writing contest during Arbor Day ceremonies at the Plaza in Santa Fe last Friday. With Colt are his teacher Tiffany Menix and his mom Shirley Freemole. Colt received \$50 and his entire 5th grade class got a free trip to Santa Fe to see him receive the award. Photo by Regional Forester Barbara Luna.

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roads and hospital, mills imposed by conservation districts, and mills imposed by voter-authorized bonds for school districts. Properties in municipalities also have additional taxes to pay for operation of the municipality, and to pay off any municipal bonds authorized by voters. In addition to any county or municipal taxes, are state property taxes which are based on the payoff of state bonds for projects such as senior citizens center improvements, state library and so on.

Since the notices of valuation were mailed to property owners early April, the assessor's office has been flooded with calls from concerned citizens.

So many were the complaints that county commissioner Wilton Howell called for a "town hall" meeting. Held the evening of Wednesday, April 16, citizens filled the room at Ruidoso Convention Center to voice concerns about the new valuations and to hear what they could do about taxes.

New Mexico Property Tax Division director Leo Barraza and his assistant Tom Garcia Jr. and DFA Senior Budget Analyst Julian Grace were at the town meeting and tried to explain the way the state establishes tax rates.

While Grace only spoke on yield control, Barraza explained that there are two parts to property taxes—the valuation and rate development. "The county assessor is charged by law to appraise and value the property," Barraza said. "Then DFA

develops tax rates based on local government budgets."

Barraza was away from his Santa Fe office when *THE NEWS* called, but *THE NEWS* was able to talk to Garcia who explained the process. He said the state property tax division does not set tax rates. Instead the tax rates are set by DFA, which calculates the "yield control" formula and sets the maximum tax rates. The yield control limits the amount the new rates can increase over the prior year's rates to five percent. "Yield control limits the amount of new money a government entity can gain with a reappraisal," Garcia said.

Garcia said reappraisal is done to equalize property values.

Normally tax rates are figured by taking the tax base defined as the total net taxable value for the county, less exemptions divided by amount of funding needed for the portion of county budget that uses the ad valorem (property) taxes. In Lincoln County all of the ad valorem taxes go to the general fund.

"Typically in a maintenance year (re-appraisal)," Garcia continued, "Values go up equally, and often result in actual mill rates going down, because of yield control on the maintenance portion."

However, yield control does not apply to new construction. "These new constructions require that new services be paid for," Garcia said.

As property values increase on the re-appraisal, the overall value of the county increases and as the values increase, actual tax rates on property can go down.

Lincoln county assessor's chief appraiser Paul Baca said that in 1986 in Ruidoso, some properties doubled in taxable value after reappraisal, because the previous values were so low. But even with the doubled value, the actual tax rates on properties were lowered to half, because of the increased overall valuation.

"Just because the valuation increases, does not necessarily mean the taxes will increase," Baca said.

Aside from prudent budgeting, local government boards can do other things to control tax rates. DFA sends the

limits of tax rates to the taxing entity—the county board of finance in the county's case—which determines what rates to accept. "Local entities should check some things on the tax rate documents from DFA," Garcia said. "They should make sure the rates include the right tax base numbers and whether there were surpluses from the prior year's collections. If the county accepts the rates without checking these things, then the taxpayers carry the burden."

At the town hall meeting, Howell told citizens to contact their lawmakers about taxes. "We need to say no," Howell said boards need to determine which programs that are funded with taxes are worthwhile and eliminate those programs that are not so needed.

"We also need assurances that values don't go up 100 percent because Ted Turner moved in next door," Howell added.

Howell said he will ask his commission and every municipal government in Lincoln County to pass resolutions to ask the state to set the lowest taxes rates possible. "We've got to start somewhere," he said.

During the town hall meeting, Baca explained to the citizens that two thirds of the property taxes in Ruidoso go to programs and projects, including village and school district, approved by the voters.

Citizens commented that the community has to grow to accommodate full time residents, part time residents and visitors. One even said that to say no was a closed minded attitude.

In response to Howell's questioning the indigent hospital fund and other programs

financed with property taxes, Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Valerie Miller said the hospital receives funding from the 4.25 mills authorized by voters last in 1992. Even then the mills did not increase taxes because it was a continuation of the millage originally passed by voters in 1982.

Last year the levy provided about \$200,000 for the Carrizozo and Corona Health Clinics, and \$390,000 to offset operational costs at LCMC in Ruidoso. Miller said it is primarily goes toward nurses salaries. When the agreement was made in 1992 LCMC, which is operated by Presbyterian Health Services, was not using all the mill levy money, so it made an agreement with the county commission to pay the county's portion of the state-mandated indigent fund contribution to Santa Fe, as long as the hospital could afford it.

In 1996, LCMC gave away more than \$1.2 million in free care. "That's with a hospital with gross revenues of \$12 million," Miller said. And now, Miller said she is concerned LCMC can no longer afford to provide that contribution on behalf of the county from the mill levy funds.

While most comments at the town meeting were complaints about the high values, Ruidoso resident and real estate agent Ovella Estes made several constructive remarks. She urged the citizens to attend the Ruidoso village council budget hearings on May 12 and May 27. "They want input to the budget," she said.

She asked the citizens why they no longer wanted to support the hospital, which she considers vital to the community.

## NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

### Courtney Perez Is Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Courtney Perez of Corona has been named a United States National Award winner in history and government. Courtney will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook which is published annually.

Courtney was nominated for the national award by Ronnie Dunsworth, teacher at Corona High School.

Courtney attends Corona High School and is the daughter of Leo and Cathy Muniz of Corona.

### Ruidoso Club Hosts

The 85th annual convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) - New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs (NMFWC) will be held in Ruidoso April 25 and 26. GFWC-Ruidoso and District IV will serve as the hostess club and hostess district for the two day convention, chaired by Charlotte Jarratt, state president, of Ruidoso. Convention co-chairs are Andy Griffith-Patterson and Cecile Kinnan, members of the Ruidoso club.

Carrizozo, Glenwood, Silver City, Truth or Consequences/Hot Springs, Crescent Anthony, and Woman's Aladdin/Anthony clubs are hostesses for the Friday night banquet.

### Jazzercise In Area

Franchised instructor Kim Cook will begin leading Jazzercise classes in the Capitan Schools cafeteria on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. starting Monday, April 28.

Jazzercise is a combination of exercise, jazz-dance movements and popular music and offers a package of fitness and fun. The workout conditions every part of the body from the cardiovascular system to the muscles. For more information about Jazzercise contact Cook at 336-8216.

### EMS Awards Presented

Emergency Medical Services Corporation Region III honored Jim Biggs of Ruidoso with its 1997 Emergency Medical Dispatch Instructor of the Year Award and the Ruidoso Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with its 1997 Systems Excellence Award during the annual conference held in Ruidoso April 9-13.

Biggs has worked in the Emergency Medical Dispatch field for more than 10 years, having been a dispatcher and patrolman for the Ruidoso Police Department from 1979 to 1994. At that time he was promoted to detective.

He has maintained his EMT-Basic license since 1979 and became a MegaCall instructor last year. He has taught six MegaCall courses, certifying approximately 60 emergency medical dispatchers. He also serves as a First Aid and CPR instructor.

The Ruidoso EMS provides the highest level of patient care to a 4,200 square mile area in Lincoln County. Their staff includes seven Special Skills Paramedics, four EMT-Intermediates, and one EMT-Basic, all of whom are nationally registered, bringing more than 80 years EMS experience to the community.

The service responds to more than 2,000 calls annually, with personnel trained in special skills allowing them to provide a more advanced level of patient care than most paramedic-level services.

**Oryx Problems To Be Discussed**  
Ranchers having problems with oryx are invited to attend a meeting Thursday, May 1 at the Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. building on 12th Street in Carrizozo at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held to help identify the extent of the oryx problems and discuss potential solutions. The Mayhill Depredation Committee, which was organized by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has sched-

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**WARNING TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS**  
If you value your private property "rights" as opposed to the socialist global takeover plans (read that Comprehensive Land Use Plan) you should attend the special Lincoln County Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee meeting at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo on April 29, 1997, 9:00 A.M.  
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# Carrizozo Chit-Chat



## THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous, 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2813 for information.  
—Adult singles group, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso. For more information call 354-2635 or 258-4680 or 257-5077.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 24

—Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Planning Council quarterly meeting, 4 p.m. Ruidoso Schools administration. Call 257-5189 for information.  
—Lincoln County Planning Commission 7 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
—ENMU-Ruidoso Orchestra concert and NMSU Jazz Band 7 p.m. Christian Church in Ruidoso.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25

—Kindergarten registration and pre-school screening 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nob Hill Early Childhood Center.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26

—Lincoln County Senior Olympics shuffleboard 9 a.m. Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.

## MONDAY, APRIL 28

—TOPS, 5:30 p.m., Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 29

—NMSU Cooperative Education Service Food and Nutrition Education Program Class, 2-4 p.m. Corona and San Patrio Senior Centers.

—Carrizozo Little League signups, 3-4 p.m., Carrizozo mid-school multipurpose room.

—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

—NMSU Food Class 2-4 p.m. Carrizozo and Ruidoso Downs Senior Centers.

—Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.

## THURSDAY, MAY 1

—NMSU Food Class, 2-4 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.

—Friends of Smokey 5 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.

—Butaud Dance School recital, 7:30 p.m. Carrizozo Schools old gym.

—Public meeting to discuss problems caused by oryx and other large game animals, 6 p.m. REA office in Carrizozo.

—Capitan Schools Music Department Pops Concert, 7 p.m. multipurpose building, admission.

### Katie Hightower Wins

Carrizozo High School senior Katie Hightower was a winner at the New Mexico Science and Engineering Fair held on the New Mexico Tech campus in Socorro.

Katie's science project in senior zoology was *Creep Feeding - Is It Worth It?* She received a \$50 cash award from Diamond L Ranch, \$1,000 scholarship to college of her choice from The Lovelace Institutes, certificate of achievement from the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau Ag in the Classroom Project, full tuition scholarship renewable for four years from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, and honorable mention from the Senior Zoology.

### Little League Sign-Up

Sign-up for the Carrizozo Little League will be held Tuesday, April 29 at the multi purpose room in the mid school building from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Parents should remind children to drop off the signed parent consent form along with a \$5.00 entry fee on this day. Children must be 8 to 12 years of age prior to July 16, 1997.

Games are scheduled to begin the end of May and will last through mid July.

### Senior Citizens News

There will be a program April 25 at the Carrizozo Zia Senior Center. This program will be presented by Susie Fern, Louise Brooks, Mary Lou Webster, and Evelyn Sidwell. It is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Medical personnel are at the Carrizozo Senior Center every Thursday morning at 11 a.m. to check blood pressure.

Line dancing continues to be popular every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Dorothy Patterson, Dolly Ward, Gwenneth Petty, Wayne Withers, Ada Hendryx, Carl Holden, Esther Pino, Connie Morales, Tom Hughes, Albert Hernandez, Hippolito Monreal, and Dorothy Forsythe are Carrizozo seniors who celebrated a birthday in April. Ice cream and cake will

## OBITUARY

### MARGARITA S. SALAZAR

Funeral Mass for Margarita S. Salazar, 96, of Lincoln was April 23, at St. John's Church with the Rev. Dave Bergs officiating. Burial followed at the Lincoln Cemetery.

Mrs. Salazar died April 20, at Casa Maria Nursing Home in Roswell. She was born February 22, 1901 at Lincoln and had lived in the Lincoln area all of her life. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan and was a homemaker.

She married Bernardo Salazar on February 5, 1927 in Capitan and he preceded her in death in January, 1981.

She is survived by five sons: Joe Israel Salazar of Lincoln, Jimmy Ruby Salazar of Tularosa, Alexander Gene Salazar of Salt Lake City, Utah, Rogerio Salazar of Ruidoso, and Elias Salazar of Santa Clara, Utah; five daughters, Esther Laura Perkins of Harlingen, TX, Alice Salazar of Lincoln, Flora Maria Hill of Vidalia, GA, Viola Marin of Long Beach, CA, and Ida May Nichols of Bishop, TX; 26 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

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

be served in their honor on April 25 after the noon lunch.

The blessing at lunch is usually offered by Don or Joan Means who continue to serve the senior center in other ways.

### Food and Nutrition Classes

The food and nutrition education program classes will begin Wednesday, April 23 at Carrizozo Senior Center. The FREE classes will be held each Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call the Lincoln County Extension office for more information.

### Fire Department Report

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department report for March: responding to three emergencies for a total of 78.4 man hours, a training meeting held March 17 which was also attended by the White Oaks Fire Department, a film on foam proportioner was shown, working on the specifications for the new fire truck, Fred Padilla and David LaFave attended the monthly drag races, Paul Baca and David LaFave opened the fire station March 1 for the animal clinic, the enchilada dinner March 28 was a great success, and Nick Serna from the U.S. Postal Service donated a used copier.

### Municipal Judge Report

Carrizozo Municipal Judge Bill Meeks reported the following judicial activity for March: six warrants for arrest issued (bench/criminal), 17 summons issued, all types, 49 cases docketed, two marriages performed, six licenses pulled, and no jail time used.

Financial summary for March: \$1,485.00 general fund fines levied and \$560.00 court costs levied, \$1,496.00 general fund collections, \$546.00 court costs collected and \$365.00

community service worked. Amounts owed: \$108.00 time payment, \$897.00 unpaid March assessments and \$190.00 community service owed. Fees paid to town for disbursement: \$390 correction fees, \$117.00 court automation, and \$39.00 judicial education.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit

Items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column: including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

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## Capitan School

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how next school year Capitan Schools could get about \$109,000 additional, new money from the state. Next year the school will receive a set amount of funds, instead of the extra funding provided after the legislative session based on enrollment which exceeded the projection for the 40th day of school.

But the board heard Billingsley say she had met with principals and teachers who want to spend the new money on raises, increases in the increments paid to staff who are involved in activities and athletics (such as FFA, FHA, Mock Trial, Music, Coaches) and more money for instructional supplies. There was no one from the public to provide any input about spending the state funds. The board will again consider the preliminary budget at its May 8 meeting. However, the budget then must be delivered to the state department of education in Santa Fe by May 12.

This school year, Capitan schools exceeded their projected enrollment and received \$18,545 increase in equalization. The board approved the money to be spent: \$2,770 for testing gifted and special ed, \$2,500 to scoring services,

\$2,500 legal services for water rights, \$500 for travel for the superintendent, \$250 for superintendent training, \$250 for business office travel and \$150 for business office training, \$1,500 for trash service, \$4,000 increase for natural gas, \$500 for track coach and girls sponsor, \$300 for benefits for athletic salary; \$825 for drivers ed salary benefits, \$700 to lease drivers ed car and \$500 for fuel for drivers ed.

In other business, the board:

—Rejected a proposed policy on Board Protocols on Roles and Lines of Communication because the board already has such policy and directed that its policy be reviewed and revised. "This policy is so restrictive no one could talk to us," said member Tom Trost. "We can't promise anything, but we can listen and direct to proper channels."

"I don't want people to be afraid to talk to me," said board member James Hobbs.

—Heard from the first placed middle school Odyssey of the Mind team which will travel to Baltimore, Maryland in June to compete in the national competition.

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**THOUGHTS**

Back the Editor's Desk

**Setting Tax Rates**

By Ruth Hammond

We never thought it would happen but one of the Lincoln County Commissioners agrees with us. During the "town hall" meeting that was held in Ruidoso April 16, Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell said boards need to determine which programs that are funded with taxes are worthwhile and eliminate those programs that are not needed. Thank you very much Mr. Howell. We appreciate your concern about weeding out programs that are funded with taxes that are not needed.

We do have one concern about the "town hall" meeting. Why wasn't it a "county hall" meeting? The front page story in The News April 10 was about a "County Hall" meeting but before it was held it was changed around to be a "town hall" meeting.

We have no problem with a "town hall" meeting but we do ask our county elected officials to be aware they represent the entire county, not just one select district. Every vote taken at the county level affects each and every person in the county, not just the people living in one specific district. Even though we are allowed to vote for only one Lincoln County Commissioner, we have been told that ALL the Lincoln County Commissioners represent ALL of Lincoln County. That is the way it should be.

Everyone responsible for tax rates was invited to attend the "town hall" meeting and from the information provided, the five people most responsible for the property tax rates in Lincoln County are our five county commissioners. The amount of the county operating budget, which has to be approved by the county commissioners, is the major determining factor when property tax rates are set by the state. The amount of money the county needs for its operation is used to establish property tax rates.

We agree that lawmakers should be contacted about taxes. We agree that taxpayers should say no to increased taxes. We agree that boards, specifically the Lincoln County Commission, needs to determine which programs that are funded with taxes are worthwhile and eliminate those programs that are not needed. We agree that we, as taxpayers, need to start somewhere and the first place to start is with the Lincoln County Commission.

We need to ask the Lincoln County Commissioners to justify programs that are to be funded with tax money that will benefit a select few people. Programs that cost millions of tax dollars should provide services for people across the county, not only the people in one area. Programs that will deprive the majority of the people while providing unnecessary services for a select few should definitely be eliminated. Yes, Mr. Howell, we agree.

The main reason for the "town hall" meeting was for people to get answers about taxes and the increases in valuations. Even though the value of some property was increased drastically, the information given during the "town hall" meeting was that the property taxes for the entire county could be lowered when the tax rates are set by the DFA, and those tax rates will be set according to the county operating budget. We can only hope the operating budget will reflect the needs of the entire county.

As for property taxes being increased in proportion to the amount of valuation, state law limits the amount the new rates can increase over the prior year's rates. Property taxes are not allowed to increase more than five percent per year. The term used is "yield control" and it limits the amount of new money the county, or any governmental entity, can gain when property is reappraised. The reappraisal is mandated by the state but the state law limits the amount of increase in taxes even if property is valued much higher than it was the previous appraisal.

We agree that the "town hall" meeting provided necessary information about property taxes. Now we the people need to ask county commissioners to explain some budgeted programs.

Please explain budgeted programs.

**Opinion:**

**Boards Should Spend Less Time Behind Closed Doors**

by Doris Cherry

Local government bodies - boards and councils - which are overseen by the state are required by state law to conform to certain rules on giving the public notice about items to be included in upcoming public meetings. They are also required to set and publish a list of regular meeting dates, times and locations.

This came about by laws pushed by such public advocate groups as Foundation for Open Government (FOG) and the New Mexico Press Association.

But state and federal laws continue to protect some areas of government from the prying eyes of the public. Boards can recess from public meeting into a "closed, or executive session" which excludes the public, unless invited in with the board. However the board must announce what the executive session is for and vote for it to recess. Boards are instructed to never take action, or come to a decision during the closed session. Boards also cannot set policy within closed session.

Most closed sessions are called for what is called, "limited personnel matters." This is interpreted to mean discussion about the performance of individual persons. Every year school boards deal with re-hiring teachers and other staff. Other councils and boards also hire and re-hire but not on the same level as the schools.

Most re-hiring/hiring by school boards are based on recommendations by the school superintendent, who makes these based on a number of factors—recommendations from principals, teacher evaluations. It is usual for school boards to hold closed sessions to discuss these lists before taking action on them.

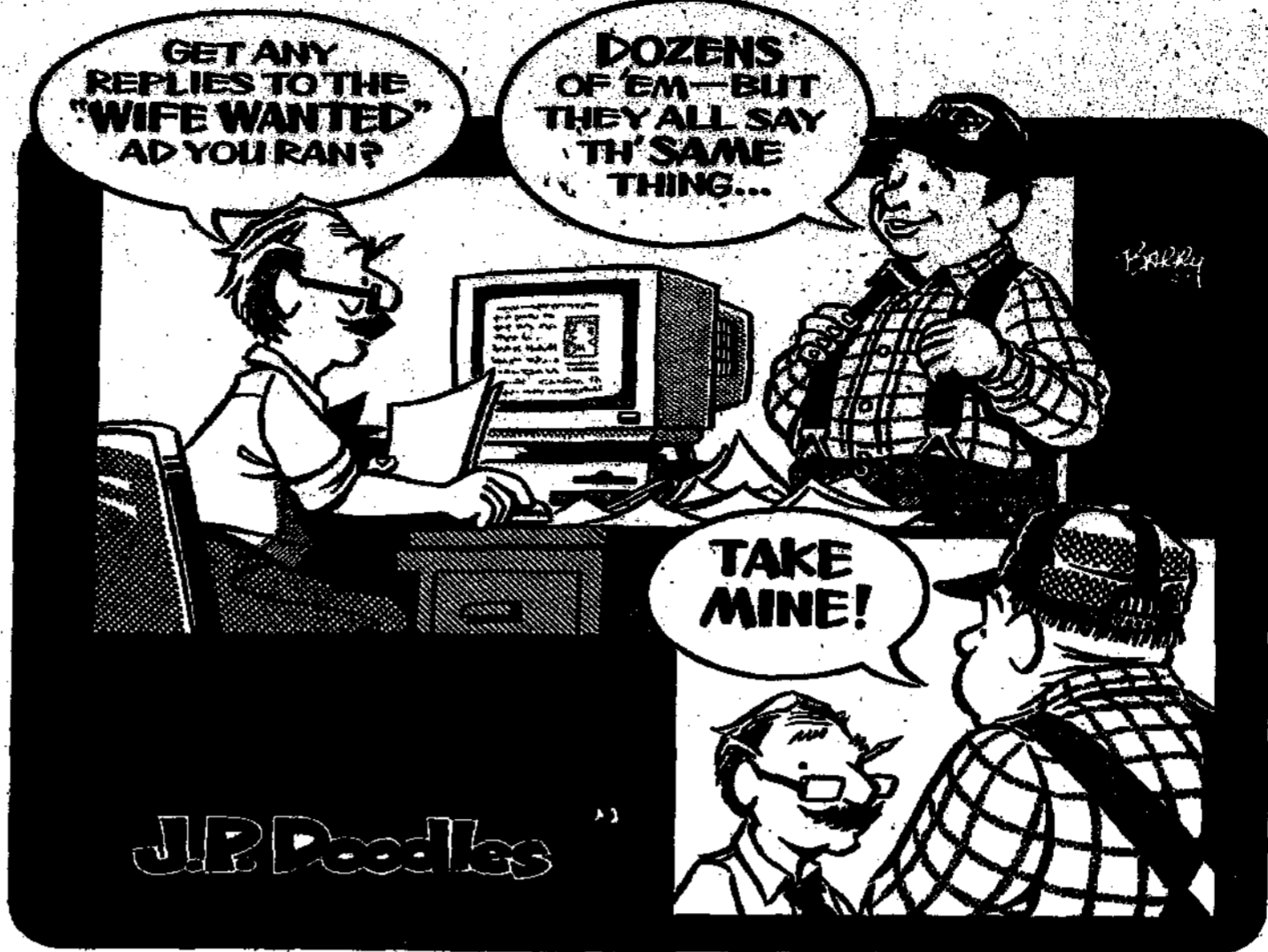
But three and a half hours in a closed session in a meeting which was precluded by an hour long work session is too long. Capitan School board spent three and a half hours in its closed session for "limited personnel matters" during its April 17 meeting. Teachers, principals and booster members who were waiting to find out who was rehired, and who wanted to comment on the agenda item for budget input, left before they ever had a chance to make comment, and long before the agenda item for public comment.

Three and a half hours in closed session smacks of impropriety. It looks bad. It creates uncertainty with staff, who don't know what the board is saying about them, and makes the public wonder if there are internal problems in the school.

This time the long session resulted in excluding the public from commenting on the meeting agenda item for "1997-98 budget input". Instead only the board members heard a report on the next school year budget.

Next school year Capitan Schools could get about \$109,000 new money from the state, and the superintendent told the board that in meeting with teachers they want raises, increases in the increments paid to staff who are involved in activities and athletics (such as FFA, FHA, Mock Trial, Music, Coaches) and more money for instructional supplies.

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J.P. Doodles

**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE**—The Legislature's job is to appropriate. The governor's job is to administer.

That's how Gov. Gary Johnson explained his veto of the welfare reform bill to the YMCA Youth and Government Model Legislature that convened in Santa Fe a couple of weeks following adjournment of the 1997 Legislature.

But the student lawmakers had some questions. Why were they doing their practice legislating if their only job was to appropriate money? Was it really as simple as the governor presented it? What does the state constitution say?

It is one thing for the governor to unload his simplistic ideas about government on voters, but carrying it down to the kids could be a problem—except that a lot of them are smarter than us. They may have him figured out.

One thing Gov. Gary did get right is his remarks to the students was that he now understands there are three branches of government. That's a big concession over where he started two years ago. But he may not have read the next sentence in the constitutional article on distribution of powers that says: "No person charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any powers properly belonging to either of the others."

It is apparent that although Gov. Johnson now recognizes the other two branches of government, he wants to severely limit their powers so that the legislative and judicial branches become rubber stamps, similar to the operation of a banana republic.

Eleven years ago, former Gov. Toney Anaya referred to New Mexico as a banana republic because the Legislature refused to go along with some of his ideas for progress. New Mexicans didn't agree with Anaya's assessment at the time. But in retrospect, his description was prophetic.

The notion that the Legislature exists for the sole purpose of sending the governor money to spend as he deems fit goes back to the system of ruling by gubernatorial fiat that Johnson seems to have picked up as he worked his way toward a political science degree at the University of New Mexico. The chapter on Machiavellian politics must have impressed him

tremendously.

Maybe somewhere in his college readings, the young Gary Johnson came across a reference to the governor as "chief legislator." That is a common reference because the governor is meant to play many roles relative to the Legislature. Chief among these roles is making proposals for the Legislature's consideration. Most of the legislation dealing with the day-to-day operation of state government comes from the executive branch.

But it hasn't worked that way during the Johnson administration. In the crucial areas of gambling, welfare and Medicaid, the executive branch developed proposals for how those programs would operate. But instead of submitting them to the Legislature, Johnson sent them directly to the federal government agencies that were involved.

The gambling compacts

were rejected by five different courts on the grounds they required legislative approval. It is hard to imagine that a court challenge on Johnson's welfare or Medicaid reform plans would turn out any differently.

Following the first court rejection of the Indian gaming compacts, Johnson urged the Legislature to go into special session to approve the compacts. Apparently he wasn't aware that one of the limitations on legislative power in the state constitution reads: "No law shall be enacted legalizing the unauthorized or invalid act of any officer."

Among the powers granted the Legislature by the state constitution are authority over education, public lands, public institutions, agriculture, conservation, water rights, mining, the militia, the public peace, health and safety—and the power to impeach the governor for malfeasance in office.

**NEWS AROUND THE STATE**

**State Transportation Plan**

A citizen advisory group will present a long-range transportation plan to the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD) at the Roswell Community Center Wednesday, April 30 at 4 p.m.

The advisors will spend the morning asking policy questions of a panel of experts on transportation planning. Then they will deliberate through the afternoon on three different long range transportation policies that the State could pursue. At 4 p.m. they will make recommendations at an open press conference.

The advisors will examine three options for spending \$600 million

over a 15 year period. The first option uses the money to extend the life of thousands of miles of highways, the second option is to improve the capacity and safety of the most heavily traveled highway miles, and the third option is to improve the statewide public transportation system rather than improving the quantity or quality of state highways.

**Benefit Golf Scramble**

The eighth annual benefit golf scramble will be held in Las Cruces May 2, hosted by the Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, CSB, Bishop for the Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces. For information call 505-523-7577.

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**News Around Lincoln County**

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uled the meeting. The concept of the committee is to identify local degradation problems caused by big game animals and recommend potential solutions to the State Game Commission and the state department of game and fish.

**Capitan Dessert Pops Concert**

Sweet delights and the sounds of bee hop will fill Capitan Schools multipurpose building at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1 as the Capitan Schools music department presents its 7th annual Dessert Pops Concert.

The concert features performances of the band and choir and guest musicians Mack, Brenda and Josh Shafer and Lou Ann Ellison. Desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be served during intermission. Musical selections by the band are "Ashland Park" by Ed Huckleby, "Eagle Crest" and "Prelude and Energico" by James Swearingen and "Marche Militaire Fraicaise" by C. Saint Saens. The choir will begin on stage singing a selection in Latin, "Pie Jesu" by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, followed by "Love in Any Language" arranged by John Higgins and "Ragtime Band". Then, the singers hop into action out on the floor with a medley of 1950's favorites.

The Pops Concert is hosted by Capitan Schools Music Boosters. Admission will be charged.

**People Want Tennis . . .**

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Chief of Police Duane Vinson stated that it would not happen again. Vinson said that he had failed to cross-check his figures with the town clerk, Carol Schlarb on the new vehicle unit the department received. When he did check and realized the unit would put him in the red it was too late to stop delivery until July.

It also was realized that the town clerk needs to receive bills to be paid within two or three days of the police departments receipt of them.

During the Municipal Judge's general report, Judge Bill Meeks reported on the community service program. In new collections community service work was valued at \$365 for March, and community service owed was valued at \$190. Meeks explained about what services were provided by those sentenced to the community service program. This last month it has provided cleaning up at the golf course and some work was done at the Carrizozo Senior Center. Non-profit organizations are the recipients of the service and if there is a need they go and ask the judge if there is any service time available. Meeks says the main problem with community service is getting adequate supervision.

Other business conducted by the trustees:

- Approved the 1997-98 Fire Protection Fund Budget.
- Approved the request for \$300 from the New Mexico State Library.
- Approved \$6,567.99 for payment to Gemini R&D for computer equipment and hardware for the automated court management system.
- Approved town clerk Schlarb attending IMIC Conference in Buffalo, New York from May 17-23, 1997.
- Scheduled budget workshops for April 28, 29, and 30 at 10:00 a.m.
- Approved business registrations.
- Asked Vinson to check on property across the alley from Fred Chavez Park. The mayor received a letter stating there were several buildings falling down.

**Opinion:**

**Boards Should Spend**

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There was no one from the general public still at the meeting to comment on the proposals.

Budget time is serious, and now there is only one more chance for budget input—at the May meeting, only four short days before the preliminary budget for the next school year is due to the State Department of Education in Santa Fe. The public was given little chance to even find out where funds are to be allocated for next school year.

A suggestion to the board is to begin its meetings at 6 p.m. with officially-called "executive session" instead of a work session. Then the board can come out at 7 p.m., when it usually starts the meeting. Limiting discussion to only one hour will require the board to keep strictly to business.

By having the open portion of the meeting at a reasonable time, the public can be more involved, and "public comment" as an agenda item has merit, instead of being shelved to the last of a meeting that is too long to hold public interest.

Boards should not be exclusionary. Instead, they should invite public participation and comment on areas of the school that are everyone's business, especially how our tax dollars are spent.

Over the years Capitan school boards have held both short and long closed sessions. Certain groups of individuals tended to hold very long executive sessions, others held brief ones, sometimes all the boards had long closed sessions. Some hold their executive sessions at the end of the meeting, which has problems because no one is there to comment if action is taken.

If there are no problems with recommendations, and there are only limited internal problems, boards should not spend too long in these closed-to-public meetings.

Voters put the members in their positions to create policy and hire. These elected board members need to realize the public deserves its chance to speak, not shut out by a meeting that lasts until the wee hours of the night.

**Hondo Honor Roll**

3rd Nine Weeks

**First Grade:**  
A Honor Roll: Brian Aragon, Janis Gonzales; B Honor Roll: Alysia Chavez, Amanda Gomez, Brenda Lucero, Patricio Sanchez, Trisha Yocum.

**Second Grade:**  
Superintendent's, straight A's: Morgan Thomas; A Honor Roll: Justine Candelaria; B Honor Roll: Viviana Marquez, Patrick Chavez, Pancho Ontiveros, Angelle Garcia, Maegan Parthely, Lawrence Gonzales.

**Third Grade:**  
A Honor Roll: Angelica Chavez, Maricela Noriega; B Honor Roll: Joseph Brady, Daniel Chavez, Fidel Hernandez, Eva Ontiveros, Patrick Montoya.

**Fourth Grade:**  
Superintendent's, straight A's: Humberto Lerma, E.J.

Sanchez; A Honor Roll: Airika Perez; B Honor Roll: Steven Chavez, Shane Coleman, Jamie Garcia, Dawn Salcido, J.C. Yocum.

**Fifth Grade:**  
Superintendent's, straight A's: Audrey Thomas; A Honor Roll: Samantha Gomez, Harmony Haun; B Honor Roll: Robbie Burchett, Elijah Chavez, Josephine Gutierrez, David Miranda, Loran Richardson.

**Sixth Grade:**  
B Honor Roll: Margarita Baca, Jessica Candelaria, Jackie Chavez, Dana Chavez, Randi Gomez, Patricia Montoya, Dominic Ortega, Sara Romero, Jon Torrez.

**Seventh Grade:**  
Superintendent's (3.7 & above): Stefanie Archuleta, Carlos Miranda, Sarah Sanchez, Tyler Sisneros; Honor Roll (3.0-3.69): Kalya Gomez, Amelia Herrera, Renee Lopez, Cynthia Lucero, Shannon McNatt, Ashley Osborn, Christina Sanchez, Fabien Sanchez, Tammy Sanchez.

**Eighth Grade:**  
Honor Roll (3.0-3.69): Chriselda Acosta, Kizzy Haun, Katherine Montoya, Manuel Noriega, Dave Perez.

**Ninth Grade:**  
Superintendent's (3.7 & above): Narcisa Montoya, Jessica Ann Sanchez; Honor Roll (3.0-3.69): Tashina Herrera, Ismael Miranda, Carmen Noriega, Martin Richardson, Jessica Renee Sanchez.

**Tenth Grade:**  
Superintendent's (3.7 & above): Joshua Candelaria, Christina Chavez; Honor Roll (3.0-3.69): Yadira Lerma, Karla Martinez, Melinda McTeigue, Sandra Medina, Bethany Sanchez, Patricia Sanchez.

**Eleventh Grade:**  
Superintendent's (3.7 & above): Jason Candelaria, Adam Herrera, Glen White; Honor Roll (3.0-3.69): Bismark Aguilera, Alejandro Lerma.

**Twelfth Grade:**  
Superintendent's (3.7 & above): Cassie Garrett.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN



CAPITAN ELEMENTARY ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM from left Dalana West, Stacey Trapp and Kate Cherry, front Keith Sultemeier, Brendon Osborn and Ryan Jackson placed sixth at state.

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

The hands on the clock read 20 minutes until four, and instead of getting right to the business of preparing this column, I have procrastinated and dabbled into this and a bit of that, including making a make-shift bird house for all my wonderful little feathered friends that love to play hide and go seek in my aged apple tree. Speaking of my old apple tree, it hasn't produced a decent apple since I took it over as my apple tree, but every spring it does produce absolutely beautiful blossoms.

And today I sat outside in my back yard and drank in the beauty of those fragrant blossoms and watched with curiosity and much interest the goings and the comings of these lovely little creatures. Don't tell anyone I said this, but years ago when I was growing up, bird watchers were considered a bit on the "looney side" and were often referred to with a snide remark. Welllll, guess I can qualify as being a bit or perhaps more than a bit on the looney side because this spring I have stationed an old chaise, too tacky for the front porch, with a discarded umbrella stuck in the top for good measure and I do not take a clock along with me.

I just sit and look around a bit and decide to sit some more. Cannot tell time by the sun because I have no sun dial and no sun sense when it comes to judging the time. I do know when it is sundown however.

Thank God for Louie Padilla. Do not know what I would do without him. He has been my friend in need ever since he came to the center and I know I do lean on him pretty hard. Today he had a bunch for me so will get to it. And to top it off he presented me with a little red heart pin engraved with *Volunteer, the Heart of Our Program*. Thank you Louie, thank you very much. At least I know now that someone appreciates my efforts in attempting to get this column out each week.

And so here's Louie's contribution: Capitan Zia Newsletter. Greetings from Capitan Zia Center.

Seems like we've survived another Capitan winter. Spring has finally arrived. Gone for a while are the winter colds, the flu bugs, icy roads, frozen water pipes, high heating bills (hopefully), all the discomforts of winter gone for a while. However our winter weather is mild and mellow compared to other

parts of the country, which is probably one of the main reasons for the large influx of new residents moving into the area.

The Lincoln County Co-op Extension Service is offering food and nutrition education program classes at the Capitan Center beginning on Thursday, May 1. You can learn about planning meals, buying, storing, and preparing food, saving money and food safety. These classes are available to anyone interested regardless of age and all classes are FREE. For more information and to register for class call 648-2311 then show up at the Center on May 1st at 2 p.m.

The week of April 13-19 was National Volunteer Week. Volunteers are an invaluable resource who selflessly give of their time, talents and skills to benefit our community. We at ALL the Zia Centers say a heartfelt Thank You to these special people that are our volunteers. Thanking you for sharing your compassion, your skills and your caring. We are truly grateful each and every day for all the fine work you do, Special People Indeed.

The Capitan Zia Center meal site serves a delicious, nutritious lunch at 12 noon. This service is very important to some seniors in the community.

To the seniors who are ailing, we wish you a speedy recovery. And to the seniors who are fit and healthy, we are happy for you.

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And now for the final scores in the pool tournament. Players from Ruidoso Downs, San Patricio visited the Capitan Center for tournament Friday. Winners are:

Ladies: Mollie Mason-first and Bessie Jones-second, Bobbie McDonald of Ruidoso Downs took the honors.

Mens: Capitan's Dick Beck took first place and Ed Payton scored second place and from San Patricio Victor Brooks walked off with first honors. And our congratulations to each and everyone of you fine folks.

And thank you Louie again and again for your contribution. It is especially appreciated today because of my bird watching and procrastinating.

Have lots more news about the Sullivans et al but will have to just high spot it for now. Tom and Pat Sullivan and Bill and Roxanne Butts went for a nice horseback ride last Sunday. Tom is trying to recoup with a broken rib or two. My grandson Paul, who is recovering from a big fall

off a ladder a few weeks ago just had another encounter with the hospital and doctors, this time for a cut on the side of his head.

Heavens I do hope and pray he does not follow in his father's footsteps in and out of the emergency rooms. Believe me when I say his trips were pretty hair raising and his father was rarely home when the occurred. Will submit more details next week. It is nigh onto closing time, the post office that is, and if I attempt to hurry will no doubt end up as another Sullivan statistic.

So for now will call it a day and hope to be around for another bit of news next week. And will close with a bit of the Irish:

# S&W Stewardship Week Observance

April 27-May 4 is the Soil and Water Stewardship Observance. The theme this year is *Backyard Stewardship*.

The Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) encourages everyone to practice individual stewardship in their own backyards.

Bill Hightower, chairman of the Carrizozo SWCD, said the *Backyard Stewardship* theme will have special appeal to an estimated 78 million adult Americans who are active gardeners. Common gardening practices can be considered sound conservation practices. Backyard gardeners can terrace or contour their gardens, use drip irrigation, mulch bare soil, add trees and shrubs for windbreaks or protection from the sun, and add a small pond for the benefit of wildlife.

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**Obituary:**

**William Levi Karn**

June 24, 1911 — April 19, 1997

William L. Karn was born in Tucumcari, Territory of New Mexico, the son of David William and Myrtle Elizabeth Karn. He graduated from high school in 1929 and spent 24 years in radio, advertising and television before retiring in 1960.

He and Thelma Gill of Miami, Texas were married June 16, 1936 in Sayre, Oklahoma.

An announcer, he was heard on KPDN, Pampa; KOMA, Oklahoma City; WFAA, Dallas, The Early Birds, Humble Oil Football and won the audition to be the first network announcer for Dr. Pepper.

He accepted Carr P. Collins offer to program XEAW, Reynosa, Mexico and organized and edited the W. Lee O'Daniel News. Upon O'Daniel's election as governor, he managed the Collins owned KWFT, Wichita Falls.

H.L. Hunt borrowed him from the Collins interest to manage the Hunt Anti-Roosevelt campaign. "I don't expect Wilkie to win, but spend whatever it takes to send Roosevelt a strong message."

WLW, Cincinnati, with one half million watts, was the major origination point for both NBC Red and Blue networks and he joined their staff that included Red Skelton, Andy Williams, Doris Day, Grandma Perkins, Grampa Jones, Ralph Edwards and others.

When Grant Advertising signed the Mars Candy account, he joined them as account executive.

He originated Missing Persons for Duncan Coffee Co., Houston and became their Advertising Manager. When WWII reduced coffee quotas, he donated airtime to Civilian Defense and coordinated their efforts from the offices of Governor Coke Stevenson. Similar time was

donated to an ex-Tucumcari neighbor, Governor John Miles of New Mexico.

Duncan released him from contract to be appointed Regional Information Officer, OPA, for Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Louisiana with a Civil Service rating of twelve.

Classified "limited" service, he was inducted, designated Air Corps, stationed at Sheppard Field, then sent to OCS, Miami Beach, Florida, where he became president of the Honor Council, Assistant Editor of Wings Up and graduated class of 44F. Transferred to the Air Transport Command, he was stationed with the fifth and sixth Ferrying Groups, Palm Springs and Long Beach, California.

After separation in 1947, he joined NBC Hollywood as producer-director assigned to Blondie, Fanny Brice, Your Hit Parade with Sinatra, Abbott and Costello and Amos 'n Andy.

As Executive Producer he directed the Screen Directors Playhouse that became the #1 rated program in the nation. It featured the screen directors and their stars and his scripts bear the autographs of John Wayne, Alfred Hitchcock, Jimmy Stewart, John Ford, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Fred Allen, Alan Ladd, Cary Grant, Gary Cooper, etc.

During the first National Defense Week, he directed Orson Welles in Wylie's "Tomorrow", the mythical atomic bombing of the United States. President Eisenhower opened the program that was broadcast simultaneously on all four major networks.

"The Big Tree" broadcast on NBC received critical acclaim and he was commissioned to convert it into a half-hour Christmas special for television. His "Constitution" for National Boy Scout Week featured Jack Benny, Van Heflin, Marshall Thompson

and Randolph Scott. It was adjudged to be the best public service program of the year and his episode on the NBC University of the Air won a Feabody award.

Mr. Karn entered television as Partner-Producer and directed all 39 Dangerous Assignments, all 26 Gangbusters and 13 episodes of the Schlitz Playhouse, where he directed former First Lady Nancy Reagan and "Storm Warnings" with Robert Stack that was nominated for an Emmy.

In 1954, in the Pentagon, he presented a format to Secretary of Defense Wilson the Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Radford Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Admiral Karney Chief of Naval Operations and General Sheppard, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps.

It's acceptance resulted in "Uncommon Valor", the official 26 episode history of the Marine Corps from World War II through Korea. General "Howlin-Mad" Smith was the host and technical review was by Admiral Turner Joy, chief U.S. negotiator at Panmunjom.

After months of preparation in the nations Capitol and a year of assembly in Hollywood, the series was previewed for President Eisenhower, the secretaries of DOD and Navy, the Joint Chiefs, their ladies and guests, and the national media.

He made a pilot with two-time olympic champion Bob Mathias, then donated his time and talents to the religious childrens series, "Thru The Porthole". 166 half hour episodes were shot at South Dakota State University, Brookings and were distributed nationally by the American Lutheran Synod. Telecast on WOR, it became the most popular childrens program in New York City.

The feature, "Ma Barker" rated an entire column by Hedda Hopper and was acclaimed by Army Archard, Time, Variety and other critics.

"Five Minutes to Live" featured the film debuts of Johnnie Cash and four-year old Ronnie Howard.

The last project was a co-production with Films Fortuna of Madrid, Spain. Financing would be with frozen peetas earned in Spain by General Tire and IBM, to be discounted and repaid in U.S. dollars. After months of negotiation and location selection in Spain, the project was abandoned when Generalissimo Franco refused to allow the reclassification of funds.

Mr. Karn retired in 1960 having produced 135 hours of film.

In 1952, Thelma Karn purchased acreage in Van Nuys and built Swansons Ranch School that became the fifth largest private school in Los Angeles. Upon her death, December 8, 1972 the Los Angeles City Council issued a Certificate of Achievement and adjourned Sine-Die in her memory.

Their son, William Lon assumed the school management but preferred to pursue a career in oil and gas leasing and construction in New Mexico, so father and son transferred some of their assets for the development of properties purchased in 1955 in Ruidoso. Mr. Karn divided residences until 1977 at which time he leased his home in the Hollywood Hills and became a full

time Ruidosian.

His only hobby was handicapping the races and in 37 years he never missed attending some portion of the Ruidoso Downs meet.

He was a "loner" and never belonged to any organization except the two compulsory unions: RTDG and Screen Directors Guild.

Mr. Karn will rest at the new Forest Lawn in the Hollywood Hills beside his beloved Thelma, wife and helpmate for 36 years.

He is survived by his son, the former Village Councilor and County Commissioner, William Lon Karn of Ruidoso.

Visitation was Wednesday, April 23, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso.

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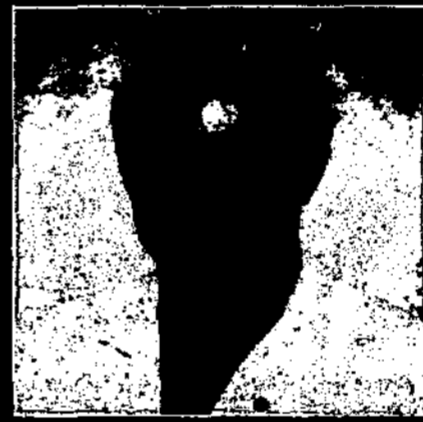
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# Sheriff's Report

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

April 14:  
8:32 a.m. a 911 caller requested

an ambulance at a location in Carrizozo to transport a patient to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

11:36 a.m. a caller reported a

grass fire at mile marker 305 on Highway 70 at the top of Border Hill. Hondo Fire Department responded, but the call was canceled after dispatch got information from state forestry that the fire was a controlled burn.

11:43 a.m. a 911 caller from Gavilan Canyon wanted to talk to a deputy about a domestic violence incident. A deputy responded, and later advised that the caller is under a doctor's care, and is a mental subject. There was no violence at the location, so subject was advised to go see the district court judge.

2:05 p.m. a 911 caller reported suspicious persons across the river near the turnoff to Bonito Lake. Some subjects were taking stuff and furniture from a cabin and the owners were away in Arizona. A deputy responded.

3:34 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries on High Mesa Drive. A yucky green colored sedan was in someone else's yard. A deputy responded, located the car, found the woman involved, but she did not want a report.

5:14 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in Carrizozo where a woman was choking and having problems. Carrizozo ambulance responded, but the patient refused.

6:21 p.m. Ruidoso ambulance advised they had received a request for Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance for a subject possibly having a heart attack, and they were transporting the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. A deputy also responded.

10:59 p.m. a caller reported an accident at the corner of Gavilan Canyon and Highway 48. Alto ambulance was paged, Bonito Fire Department and two deputies responded. A power line was down and fire department personnel advised a vehicle left the scene. The responding deputy advised it was a one-vehicle accident and the vehicle and victim were still at the scene. The electric company responded. At 2:38 a.m. the deputy at the scene advised the electric company was still putting up the pole, but it was not blocking the roadway.

April 15:  
8:50 a.m. a caller reported a larceny at a location on west Highway 70, someone stole about 16 trailer tires with very different rims. A deputy responded.

8:43 a.m. a caller requested a vehicle identification number inspection for a mobile home. A deputy was assigned.

10:15 a.m. a cell phone caller reported a traffic offense at mile marker 245 on Highway 60, a bicycle rider was causing traffic problems. Vaughn police department was notified.

12:44 p.m. Carrizozo motor vehicles department requested an officer to administer a road test. A deputy responded.

1:36 p.m. Carrizozo city hall requested an officer for a road test. A deputy responded.

2 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with injuries at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo. State police and Carrizozo ambulance responded. The injured were transported to LCMC.

April 16:  
1:56 p.m. a deputy advised he was giving a road test at Carrizozo city hall.

2:41 p.m. a caller reported a larceny in Corona, one a half cords of woods taken from a residence. A deputy took a report.

3:14 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on the north side of Capitan. Capitan fire department responded and state forestry was advised.

3:32 p.m. a caller reported a possible suicide/homicide at a location west of Ruidoso. A woman was threatening to kill herself and her children, and there were guns at the residence. The sheriff and a deputy responded, then advised the situation was turned over to another agency.

4:45 p.m. a caller reported a lost license plate on Highway 54. A deputy took a report and placed

the information on the NCIC.

5:40 p.m. a caller reported property damage at her home in Capitan. Juveniles were damaging flowers and pulling up small trees. Capitan police responded the next day.

10:27 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested animal control in Agua Fria. A man reported a dog snapped at him and he can't get the dog to leave. At 10:47 p.m. the responding deputy advised he had the dog in the kennel.

10:49 p.m. a 911 caller advised that a subject said he was going to Ruidoso and get a baby, and he threatened to kill the baby. Deputies located the subject outside of Carrizozo.

10:29 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of criminal damage to a business, a couple of windows were broken. A deputy took a report over the phone.

April 16:  
6:45 a.m. a business in Carrizozo reported damage to the sign in front of the business, a vehicle hit their sign the day before. A deputy was dispatched.

11:55 a.m. a caller reported a larceny at a location off Highway 37, someone stole railroad ties and fencing materials. A deputy tried to contact the caller by phone, but made no contact.

12:38 p.m. a caller reported loud music at a location on Broken Bow. A deputy responded.

7:21 p.m. a caller reported a traffic offense in Carrizozo, a small pickup was speeding in the neighborhood. Carrizozo police responded.

8:37 p.m. a security company advised of a residential alarm sounding at a location in Alto. A deputy responded, and advised the residence was secure, and there was an apparent malfunction.

April 17:  
7:20 a.m. Corona ambulance advised it was responding to request to transport a patient to Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.

11 a.m. a caller reported a cruelty to animals, she treated a six year old mare which was starved to death. A deputy responded.

11:47 a.m. a caller reported a violation of an order in the Ruidoso area and in the county. A

deputy responded.

5:59 p.m. a person walked in and requested a wrecker at Valley of Fires recreation area for an out of service vehicle. A wrecker responded and canceled the call after arriving at the scene.

6:41 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in Carrizozo for a 70 year old man choking on his medicine. Carrizozo ambulance and police responded. Upon arrival the man was breathing, he was transported to LCMC.

7:35 p.m. a person walked in and reported two men were poaching deer 35 miles west on Highway 380. A deputy was dispatched.

April 18:  
6:56 a.m. a caller requested an officer for a person who was locked out of a pick-up with a little dog inside. Capitan police responded.

7:59 a.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle at the old Lincoln school house. The vehicle had driven into the yard the night before then left, but was back again. A deputy responded, and checked the vehicle, and advised all was okay, it was two young girls.

10:35 a.m. a cell phone caller reported an injured deer at Hull

and Gavilan Canyon. A deputy responded and advised it was an accident without injuries.

10:38 a.m. a caller requested to speak to an officer about animal control in Alto where there had been six complaints about dogs running loose, and possible retaliation about dogs running loose. A deputy responded.

12:13 p.m. Corona ambulance advised they were transporting a patient to Presbyterian in Albuquerque.

12:41 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a man laying in the east bound lane of Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Ruidoso Downs police were notified.

2:15 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire south of Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs. Glencoe fire department responded, then requested assistance from Ruidoso Downs fire department. State Forestry and US Forest Service (USFS) were notified. USFS sent a tanker. A forest service officer was requested at the scene for possible arson, a deputy also responded as the fire was in the county.

2:13 p.m. a deputy advised he had arrested a woman at a location in Ruidoso, and requested a transport unit, also the deputy request-

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# CORONA NEWS

Now that it is spring the hummingbirds have returned, and the school children are enjoying field trips to the Albuquerque Zoo, Museum of the Horse and White Sands. They appreciate the big bus.

Mrs. Wayne Lindsey called to say that she regrets the time and invitation having been omitted from the announcement of the coming wedding of Waynette to Marc Polosky. All are invited to attend the 2:00 p.m. ceremony, April 26, Eastern Hills Baptist Church.

Novella Beaver Sorrell writes of the death of a cousin,

Calvin Pruitt, 78. Calvin was a native of Corona, the son of the late Willis and Viola "Dink" Pruitt. His mother preceded him in death in 1992. Calvin, dead of congestive heart failure, is survived by his wife Marge of Baldwin Park, CA and by a daughter, Denise of Valinda, CA.

Margaret Laney spent Wednesday night with Johnnie Bond. She was enroute to Iowa, a three day trip, to visit daughter, Lori Lee, and family.

Victor Perez has joined the Vaughn Eagles Pee Wee Basketball team. They played Mountainair on Wednesday.

April 9 and had a tremendous win. They played in a tournament in Santa Rosa on Friday, April 11 through Sunday, April 13. They lost the first game against a Santa Rosa team by three points in the final seconds. They beat another Santa Rosa team 34-17 in their second game. They went on to take 4th place in the tournament with a win over Tucumcari. The final score of the game was 29-27, with Victor scoring the winning basket in the last 20 seconds of the game.

Wednesday Renee Kessler, accompanied by daughters Julie, April and Amy and nephew Brian McCarty, drove to Broadview to have lunch with her uncle, Ray Ware. Later they went to Muleshoe, TX to see her brother and wife, John and Courtney Ware, who were visiting Mrs. Ware's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown. John was on leave from the US Navy and is stationed at Norfolk, VA.

Mabel and Jim Jeffers of Carthage, MO stopped by Wednesday trying to find relatives. They had visited his terminally ill brother in Phoenix and were enroute home. They had a copy of a will with the name "Mary DuBois, Corona" on it, and Mrs. Jeffers was busy taking notes for over two hours.

Erdine Behunin has returned home after a hospital stay made necessary by a drug interaction.

Services for David Wyche were scheduled for Tuesday. He died from an inoperable brain tumor. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Wyche, former Corona ranchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Washburn were in Datil Saturday to attend the memorial service for a sister-in-law, Nancy Wellborn. She has lost her battle with cancer, the disease that had troubled her over a period of 20 years.

Mrs. R.L. Sharp returned from a visit with the Leslie Sharps in Oklahoma in time to go to Portales Saturday to attend funeral services for a sister-in-law, Daphne Heisch. Her husband, Pete died after a long illness just three weeks before his widow suffered her fatal heart attack. This double loss has been a shock to the family, especially for the couple's two sons.

Mrs. A.J. Gibbs went to El Paso last week to spend a few days with son, Ken and Noel.

Trish and Shad Cox are the parents of nine lb. 21" boy, Cutler Farrell, born April 21 in Albuquerque.

Mrs. and Mrs. Wayland Robinson and small son came from Oklahoma to spend the weekend with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Tracey have bought some blocks embroidered in the 30's and intended for a friendship quilt. The names are mostly from the Varney community. Mrs. Tracey will set them together for a wall hanging for the Corona Museum.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harelson included Peggy Harelson and son Jonathan of T or C, Tony and Ruth Biebel, Flo Marret of Los Alamos, and an aunt and uncle, Treleta and Tim Cockrell and son John Cockrell of Anson, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burton were special guests when the five children of Dale and Joyce Vandiver honored their parents with a festive anniversary dinner party at the Rio Grande Hotel in Albuquerque. The Burtons were the attendants when the couple eloped from Clovis to Fort Sumner 40 years ago. Many of the guests had not seen each other for 25 or more years.

Mrs. Frank Sultemeier is out of the hospital following knee surgery. She will remain in Roswell for a few days of therapy.

Lee Mulkey went to Portales Saturday and brought grandson Reuben home with him. Reuben will stay here for a few days while his mother Molly gets over the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bradley of Alamogordo and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sullivan of El Paso, came to help Alvin James celebrate a special birthday. Many friends and relatives gathered at the James home for talk, food and laughter. It was suggested that in lieu of gifts guests should bring a toy suitable for a later charity. We noticed adults in the floor playing with these toys. Daughter Tana was a late arrival. She is a graduating senior from McMurray University and had remained in Abilene to attend an awards luncheon. She had earned a certificate of excellence from the college for nursing. Many more years, Al!

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Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188

Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

**SATURDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
C'zoze Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm

**SUNDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'zoze Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
PAUL WETZEL, minister  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996

Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
Rev. CYNTHIA WORTHINGTON  
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 258-3226

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**United Methodist Churches**  
WARREN K. SCHOENECKER, pastor  
Trinity - Carrizozo  
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Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Men Breakfast  
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United Methodist Women Every  
3rd Wednesday..... 2:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
..... 12:30 pm

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor  
Capitan (South on Highway 48)  
354-3119

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11 a.m.  
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

**CAPITAN**

Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
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Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:  
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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Corona Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study & Youth  
Fellowship..... Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

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ED VINSON, pastor  
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Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

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LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
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Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

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## Sheriff's Report

ed a Children Youth and Families officer, who responded.

3:22 p.m. a deputy advised of two grass fires at two different locations at Carrizozo golf course. Carrizozo fire department responded.

A caller requested an officer for a lock-out at Smokey Bear park in Capitan. Capitan police responded.

6:16 p.m. a 911 caller reported an unsecured business building in Capitan. Capitan police responded, and the building was secured by the owner's daughter.

6:22 p.m. a 911 caller reported a possible drug load dropped in Philadelphia Canyon near Bonito Lake. The caller advised a cardboard box had been set out beside a vehicle, contents were unknown, but were first reported to be explosives, then later changed to drugs. A deputy, a forest service officer and a state police officer converged on the scene, but all they found was an empty box, said undersheriff Cliff Macsas.

7:16 p.m. suspicious subjects were reported on Highway 380 east of Carrizozo. The two men were sitting on a guard rail for about an hour. The responding Carrizozo police officer made no contact.

8:09 p.m. a 911 caller reported two lightning fires in Water Canyon east of Carrizozo. Carrizozo fire department responded but found no fire.

9:31 p.m. a caller requested a message be delivered to her brother in Capitan. Capitan police delivered the message.

April 19:  
2:27 a.m. a 911 caller reported domestic incident at a location in Capitan. Capitan police responded.

10:57 a.m. a 911 caller requested a VIN inspection at a location east of Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

11:01 a.m. a caller reported a runaway senior at a location on Gavilan Canyon. The caller requested help from an officer for a male subject who was disorderly and had left the residence. A deputy responded, found the subject in a bar, then took the subject back to the residence, advising he was unhappy, but it was the best they could do.

11:06 a.m. an ambulance was requested at the fairground in Capitan for a subject with a possible dislocated shoulder. Capitan ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

1:48 p.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle with four teenagers up Cedar Creek. A deputy responded but made no contact.

4:32 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Carrizozo where a woman was having a possible heart attack. Carrizozo ambulance responded, then requested RALS paramedic to meet them for transport to LCMC.

6:48 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a report of a breaking and entering and criminal damage to a summer home, doors were open. The responding deputy advised all was okay, nothing appeared missing and he was trying to locate the owners to secure the house. The owners

were notified in Richardson, TX.

7:12 p.m. a 911 caller reported a drunken individual with a weapon.

8:17 p.m. a 911 caller reported an attempted suicide at a residence on Gavilan Canyon. Two deputies and a state police officer responded. The officer requested an ambulance which transported the woman to LCMC.

April 20:  
4:44 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident without injuries involving an 18-wheeler at the Highways 70 and 380 intersection in Hondo. The rig was in the roadway. State police were notified.

7:50 a.m. a caller requested an officer for peacekeeping at a location in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

8:50 a.m. a caller requested a VIN inspection at a location east of Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

8:54 a.m. a caller requested an officer for a lock-out in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

11:21 a.m. Camp Sierra Blanca at Fort Stanton, requested a deputy for a man who was trespassing and wouldn't leave in his jeep. The subject was being detained by some guards. The responding deputy advised the subject not to come on the premises again, because there will be a summons to court.

10:57 a.m. a caller requested an officer for peacekeeping at a location in Capitan, so he could pick up his water tanks. Capitan police responded.

1:38 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a horse with a rope around its neck running down Highway 70 east bound near Agua Fria. A small truck was following the horse. The responding deputy talked with the subject in the truck, who had caught the horse.

4:50 p.m. state police requested Glencoe Fire Department to help up at an accident with injuries at mile marker 281 on Highway 70. Glencoe Fire Department responded.

April 21:  
10:27 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Enchanted Forest for a 74 year old woman who fell the night before. Ato ambulance was paged, but no one responded, so RALS responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

12:27 p.m. a cell phone caller reported an accident with no injuries on Gavilan Canyon road. Ruidoso police were notified.

A deputy advised of two burglaries at two neighboring residences in Cedar Creek.

12:51 p.m. a caller reported the loss of a cell phone at a location in Alpine Village. A deputy responded and took a report.

2:22 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of an accident without injuries on Gavilan Canyon Road. A vehicle was in the ravine, but there were no injuries. Two deputies responded.

2:38 p.m. state forestry requested Hondo fire department check out a report of smoke six miles east of the reservation south of Highway 70. Hondo Fire Department responded, traveled the area, but found no sign of smoke.

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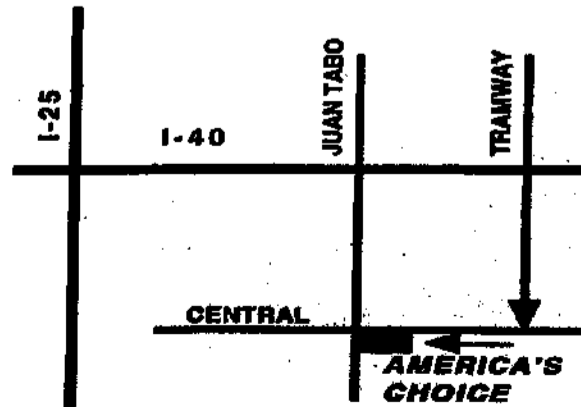
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# A Plain Ole' Cowboy • • • Alex Fambrough

(Part Two)

by Alexa Suenell Hooser

A hole in the ground was dug and covered with a timber and dirt roof to shelter the family between Jack's Peak in Arroyo Aspero and Jicarilla in the southern area of the Capitan Mountains. Called a dugout, it consisted of several steps going down into it, a dirt floor, no windows, and one door to enter and exit. Later, a two-room structure was built, and then in 1912 the homeplace, a seven-room house with a long porch across the front, was completed. The house faced east. The walls were made of native stone and were two feet thick. An innovative fireplace cut into the walls of the common corners of the four main rooms. The fireplace was fed from one room, but it had a common flue, and heated all four rooms at the same time. The new home was just one indication that the family was prospering. The house is owned today by Mel Gnatkowski, a great deal of it is in its original condition. Present day cowboys still welcome the sun from the long, eastern porch.

By 1914, Sam and Minda, with their brood of five boys and one girl, had succeeded in building up quite a large herd of cattle - probably 4,000 or more. In those days, the cattle ran wild and were available to anyone who could corral and tame them. Wild horses likewise could be broken and sold at good profit. Anyone willing to work hard for long hours could profit greatly, and Sam did. He built the family's furniture until finances allowed the purchase of heavy-duty, expensive furniture from El Paso for the seven-room homeplace. He made horse troughs out of a log and a chisel. His work days were fourteen to sixteen hours long everyday. Sam taught his children to work hard, and he allowed no one to waste time. He was strict and demanding, and Alex, for one, remembers the harsh pain of a horse bridle across his back.

All the boys were trained in ranch work. There was water to be hauled for the homeplace, herds to be driven to nearby wells or lakes for water when dry conditions existed, branding, round-ups, breaking broncs, milking, feeding livestock, and windmills to repair after wells were drilled.

Alex has one memory of an escapade with a windmill that haunts him even yet. He remembers standing on the top platform, probably thirty feet in the air, desperately trying to hold the wheel steady while Sam repaired the sucker rod below. When a strong gust of wind blew in, the wheel turned and Alex was stranded, spread-eagled, upside down, holding to the wheel with all his might until the wind died down and the wheel returned to its original position so he could again rest his feet on the platform. Then he regained leverage with his feet and held the wheel steady until his father completed the job. He was eleven

years old at the time. One another occasion, Sam lost two fingers to an errant sucker rod during a windmill repair job, but Alex was not present at that time.

In addition to the ranching activities, in about 1913, Sam commuted to Carrizozo to pursue a career in insurance. At another time he worked as the vice-president of the Citizens National Bank before he finally took over the Overland Car dealership. To be sure, Sam consistently found ways to make good money. He invested in stocks, savings bonds, and property in Carrizozo and El Paso, Texas. He also ran his own credit business and loaned money to other families in the area. He is known to have helped a good number of homesteaders in early endeavors. He was additionally blessed, during the early years at least, with the ability to hold onto money.

In 1920, an appraisal of the Fambrough's holdings approached \$85,000.00. Sam was a prestigious man partly because of the wealth he had acquired, and also because of the caring personality he exhibited toward others.

An example of Sam's kindness is shown in an incident that took place in February, 1917, when Sam discovered someone had stolen a sack of flour from his storeroom. The Carrizozo News gave the following report:

Some person helped himself to one hundred pounds of flour from Mr. Fambrough's storeroom a few days ago. Armed with a search warrant and the constable he soon discovered the guilty party, who lives in the Jicarillas. Justice Dawson gave him a light fine owing to the fact that there were several helpless babies to consider in the case. And Mr. Fambrough gave him the flour when he saw it was a case of the 'wolf at the door,' and very generously offered the man a job.

Sam was extremely intelligent and known as a person who was honest. He did not waste time participating in gambling, card games, or the use of alcohol. He was a hardworker and when he worked, he was all business. But when it came time for recreation, the family enjoyed rodeos usually held in the spring, and dances held all year round.

The dances, socials, and other get-togethers took place in local schoolhouses. The entire Fambrough family arrived in the family wagon, and while the adults and teenagers danced on the inside, the younger Fambrough children, especially Alex, languished under the wagon outside as they listened to the music and dreamed of being old enough to participate. Sam was known as an excellent square dance caller and Johnny Montoya and Romaldo Martinez are remembered as two musicians who played the fiddle and guitar. They were favorites at the community dances held at the Jicarilla Schoolhouse.

In later years, it was common knowledge that

Alex loved to dance. When Jack Hefker, a nephew of Alex, was informed recently that Alex's knees, hips, and legs were not in good shape, Jack promptly said: "Well, of course not, he probably danced them off years ago!"

Dances also took place in the homes. The Carrizozo News heralded a good time at the Fambrough ranch on March 31, 1916:

A big dance was given last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Fambrough near Ancho. A number of cars, loaded with terpsichorean devotees went from Carrizozo. But if we were to mention the hour of their return we might be called as a witness on a charge of Sunday violation.

But the music, dancing, and handsome young cowboys at the Jicarilla Schoolhouse enchanted fifteen-year-old Anna and soon wreaked havoc on the family, and especially her doting father, Sam.

Anna, an extremely hard worker, tended her three younger brothers, and helped with the cooking, cleaning, and laundry from an early age. She remembers rising at four in the morning to begin cooking biscuits for breakfast and cornbread for school lunches. Washing on a rubberboard came as second nature to this young girl who had been a surrogate parent since childhood. She believes some of the very hard work may have caused her appendicitis problem.

At thirteen, a severe attack of appendicitis caused Sam to rush Anna, via the train, to El Paso for surgery. Anna remembered the extremely rough ride when every bump sent knives of pain slicing through her abdomen. During her convalescence, Sam bought her a beautiful Pickering Piano. In later years, Anna always remembered her father as being kind and warm-hearted. But as she grew into a young lady, she became somewhat impatient with his "old-fashioned ways," when her attentions turned to dancing and young cowboys. Sam, like many parents, didn't want Anna to date until she was much older.

In 1915, a new ranch hand, Albert Ross, signed up on the Fambrough Ranch. As printed in The Lovington News in March of 1990, the story of Anna and Albert Ross was told:

As anyone new to the area would have done, this young man took stock of the pickings, and chose Anna - probably the prettiest, always well-groomed, a popular musician, and an excellent dancer to boot. It didn't bother Albert in the least that she was also the boss's daughter. Neither did it bother him that she already had a boyfriend. It did bother him, though, that he had to wait in line to dance with her. Guarded glances at the Fambrough dinner table where the ranch hands shared supper, sparked a romance on the dance floor on Saturday nights at the Jicarilla Schoolhouse.

Albert boasted that he would get the boss's daughter and 100 head of his best cattle. Discreetly, Anna and Albert courted and fell in love. Knowing her father would not agree to a wedding, Anna and Albert eloped. Anna's older brother, Bill, took her to the pre-arranged meeting place just outside of Jicarilla where Albert, and two friends waited. A local Justice of the Peace had been commandeered for the occasion. Not having the luxury of a traditional wedding, Anna wore blue jeans and boots as she and her Prince Charming were married near the buggy in the open prairie. They paid the Justice of the Peace \$1.00 of the \$9.00 Albert had saved. The date was July 16, 1916.

When Sam returned from a business trip four days later, he gathered his .765 millimeter Winchester and his brother-in-law, John Dale, and sped after the couple in the Overland car. When the honeymooners were found, he pleaded for Anna to come home. Anna, though her heart was grieving for her family and especially her mother, refused. Sam didn't use his gun, but neither did he give his blessing. Albert may have gotten his girl, but the one hundred head of cattle never surfaced.

Sam was angry and heartbroken, and some say, fell into a depression. He plunged into his work at the car dealership which garnered an award. He was selected Outstanding Salesman of the region and was granted a trip to the Overland Car Factory in Ohio.

In the household, one of the older brothers took over the cooking and household duties and the rest of the boys did the ranch work. Alex who was ten years old at the time was known to be an extremely hard worker. Sam came home from Carrizozo on weekends, and sometimes during the week when problems arose. Very shortly, a severe problem developed in the Capitan Mountains.

By 1917, newcomers to the valley had begun to pinch and squeeze the already diminishing grazing lands the early ranchers depended on. Skirmishes between neighboring ranchers erupted routinely. In one instance, an adjoining landowner deposited his cattle on Sam's property to make use of the greener grass. When Sam confronted him, the neighbor brazenly whipped Sam on the shoulders with his horsewhip. Sam, who was not known to be a combative person, simply walked back to the wagon and told his sons: "Well, boys, John Wilson tried to whip old Dad this morning." There was no other known engagement between the two, but the cattle disappeared. Sam was also involved in a gun battle with another rancher named Sam Woods. No one was injured, and it is unclear if anything was settled. But Sam crawled along the bottom of an arroyo for some distance to evade the flying bullets. It is no wonder some of the ranchers were discouraged. But it would get worse.

(Part Three Next Week)

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