

County Budget Is \$10 Million

By Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners convened an 8 a.m. meeting in Ruidoso Convention Center Monday, July 28 to adopt the final 1997-98 fiscal year budget and to approve a new five-year lease management agreement with the Lincoln County Fair Association.

The major change made to the final budget, from the

preliminary budget approved in May, are the ending cash balances. The final budget reflects the actual cash balances from the 1996-97 fiscal year which ended June 30. Actual cash balances were \$1,008,585 higher than projected in the preliminary budget, with \$4,972,570 left over from last fiscal year. However, projected revenue of \$9,014,149 in the final 1997-98 fiscal year budget is lower

than the \$9,054,531 in revenue which was projected in the preliminary budget.

Total expenditures in the final budget of \$10,291,491 are higher than the \$9,937,946 in the preliminary budget. Some of the increases in expenditures are due to the carry over for the Carrizozo Health Clinic project, higher projected expenditures for Lodgers Tax, drug enforcement, and higher expendi-

tures projected for Lincoln and White Oaks Fire Departments.

As for the general fund, which is the basic county government operating fund, actual ending cash balance was \$300,000 higher than projected, but revenues are \$5,000 lower. Projected expenditures for the General Fund are \$3,216,841 in the final budget as compared to \$3,218,406 in the preliminary

budget. The projected final cash balance of \$1,306,795 is higher in the final budget than the projected ending cash balance of \$1,010,874 in the preliminary budget.

County manager Frank Potter said the road department showed expenses higher than the preliminary budget because some 1996-97 projects were not finished last fiscal year, and were carried over to the 1997-98 budget.

Changes to the budget that occurred between the Preliminary and Final budgets included: reduction in Worker's Compensation due to lower rates; reduction of Transportation and Extradition of prisoners revenues in the General Fund by \$5,000 by New Mexico Department of Fi-

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Old Lincoln Days This Weekend

Grab your parasols and petticoats, and head on down to Lincoln this weekend. It's time for Old Lincoln Days, August 1-3.

The highlight of Old Lincoln Days is the 48th annual performance of the folk pageant "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid" held at the pageant grounds just west of the old courthouse. Performances are at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, August 1, and Saturday, Aug. 2 and at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. The pageant features performers who are descendants of people involved in the Lincoln County War of the 1880s. The pageant is the story of Billy the Kid's escape from the old Lincoln Courthouse in 1880. It includes lots of live action with characters riding horses, and live shooting (blanks) in the open air pageant grounds.

Along with the exciting wild west action of the folk pageant, old Lincoln town will be alive with many other events. On Saturday, Aug. 2, a fiddler's contest is set for 1:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park and at 2 p.m. the Roswell Folklorico group will perform traditional Spanish and Mexican dances in the Lincoln County Heritage Trust visitor's center. Throughout Old Lincoln Days there will be living history demonstrations and encampments of Buffalo Soldiers and Cavalry groups located within the town. Vendors will sell food and crafts. For the kids there will be pony rides, and the Roswell Square Dancers will liven up the action before the pageant performances.

San Juan Church will be open at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, for Catholic mass. At 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, Episcopal service will be held at San Juan Church.

Sunday, the excitement kicks off at 11 a.m. when the annual Old Lincoln Days parade begins at the east end of the community. Long-time Lincoln residents Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap are this year's grand marshalls and will lead the parade which ends at the pageant grounds. Old Lincoln Days concludes with the final performance of The Last Escape of Billy the Kid at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

So come on down, and bring along your hat and an umbrella, because the rains often drench Lincoln at this time of year.



GOVERNOR GARY JOHNSON greets Ruidoso mayor Jerry Shaw while Joe Dan Lowrey, owner of the Lost Mine of Enchantment looks on during a reception to introduce the Enchantment turquoise at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce on July 24. Lowry presented the governor a bolo tie and the mayor a pair of earring set with Enchantment turquoise. Lowrey owns the Turquoise Museum in Albuquerque and has mining rights to the Lost Mine of Enchantment that is located in the Nogal mining district on forest service lands. Lowrey said he has an agreement with the forest service to not disclose the location of the mine, however he said the mine is close to some old gold diggings and was located with the help of an old 1880's map. The mine is considered the only viable turquoise mine in New Mexico. Lowrey also presented pieces of the rough turquoise rock to the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce where it is on display. After the reception Gov. Johnson attended a fund raising dinner in Lincoln.

Ruidoso Approves Banner Ordinance

by Doris Cherry

While a majority of the Ruidoso Village Councilors do not like banners, they approved a new ordinance which will allow the temporary signs within the village. But in six months the council will take another look at the ordinance and decide if allowing banners was a good idea.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, Ruidoso councilors approved an ordinance which amended the village code concerning signs and other advertisements on streets. The ordinance was the result of comments made during a public hearing held June 24, and from comments made by councilors Bill Chance, Robert Donaldson and Bob Sterchi who were appointed to a special committee to review the proposed sign ordinance changes.

The new ordinance was the result of conflicts between businesses and the village over the banner section of the village sign code. While banners were almost exclusively prohibited before, now businesses will be allowed to display banners four times a year in increments of up to 14 consecutive days, not to exceed a total of 56 days a year. Banners must be 32 square feet or smaller, and businesses must pay \$10 for a permit for each 14 day period. Banners must be attached flat against a wall of the business or be attached between the supports of a permitted free

not count against the standing sign. Banners will business's allowable sign area.

Previously banners were only allowed to advertise a grand opening of a new business, or change of business ownership or location.

Across-street banners to advertise community or civic events, basically events funded with Lodgers Taxes, will be allowed at one approved location on Mechem Drive and one approved location on Sudderth Drive. Both loca-

tions must be approved by the Village Council and the New Mexico State Highway Department. The poles used to display the banners must also be approved by the village council. Applications for the banners must be submitted at least 120 days before the event. Banners advertising events by non-profit organizations will be allowed to hang at the tennis courts in School House Park, chamber office at Two Rivers Park, and the free

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I LOVE A PARADE! Darkening skies over Corona did not hamper the Saturday morning parade, which kicked off the annual Corona Festival. Crowds lined the main street of the tiny village in anticipation of the fun annual event. More pictures of Corona parade will be published in next week's edition of LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS.

Ruidoso Approves Decreased Budget

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso village councilors approved the final 1997-98 fiscal budget that is \$3.8 million less than the 1996-97 budget. The decreased budget is due to the anticipated \$1 million loss in gross receipts from the Wal Mart discount store which is moving to a new location in Ruidoso Downs.

"This was a very difficult budget year," said village manager Gary Jackson to the Ruidoso council during its meeting Tuesday. "And we anticipate next year to be more so."

Jackson said the village should look at contracting more services with the private sector, because it is possible some of the work could be done cheaper. "We need to look at the private sector and compare," he added. "I feel we could contract with the county for better service in some areas."

Jackson said once the village is into the second fiscal year quarter, in October, he plans to conduct monthly budget reviews to keep on top of the revenues and expenses. "There is a two-month lag in gross receipt tax collections," he said. "Once we get beyond October (the month Wal Mart is expected to open in its new store in Ruidoso Downs), we plan to keep up with the taxes monthly. And on staff level, I plan to keep up with the expenses daily."

The final 1997-98 budget shows an unaudited cash balance of \$11,276,066 from

the last fiscal year, estimated revenues of \$18,355,017, budgeted expenditures of \$23,165,093 and a projected ending cash balance of \$6,462,444. While the bulk of revenues for the village come from gross receipt taxes, the village also gets property taxes. However, that amount is not yet known for the upcoming year because the state has yet to set the tax rates.

During discussion of the budget, councilor Bob Sterchi proposed raising Jackson's compensation. Sterchi said Jackson's salary of \$50,000 a year is lower than village manager salaries in other communities such as Taos (\$68,000), Alamogordo (\$75,000), Carlsbad (\$68,000), Hobbs (\$66,000) and Deming (\$61,000). Even the Ruidoso schools superintendent receives \$60,000. "I think what Gary does for this community is worth a lot more than we pay him," Sterchi said. "I'm greatly impressed with his abilities."

Then Sterchi moved to amend the budget to give Jackson a raise to \$60,000 a year. Mayor Jerry Shaw also endorsed the raise. "He won't take days off, he works 18 hours a day, it would be well deserved."

But Jackson, while extremely flattered, said he felt very uncomfortable discussing personnel issues in public. He said he was hesitant to push for the compensation for himself, because there are 147 other dedicated village employees. "I don't want to be put in a position where it appears I will get more than the others who are just as dedicated."

Jackson said the final budget does provide a \$500 one time increase per employee. He suggested the council look at the proposed raise for himself at the mid-year budget review when his contract comes up for renewal.

Shaw said Jackson's reaction to the proposed raise was the same as before. "Gary runs this village, I can only take credit in getting him here," she said.

Jackson said he has received one adjustment since he has been manager. "But this is the worst time to propose this without a clearer financial picture," he said.

Councilors amended their motion to reconsider a raise for Jackson at mid-year.

Jackson said with the projected \$900,000 loss in gross receipts there is no clear fi-

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parking area downtown for one month prior to the event and seven days after the event.

The ordinance also provides for off premises directional signs for businesses within the village, and those within the two mile extraterritorial zone if approved by the Planning Commission. Off premises signs will be allowed only for businesses without frontage on Highway 48 (Mechem

Drive), Sudderth Drive or Highway 70. The off premises directional signs, which cannot exceed 20 square feet, will not count against the allowable sign area for the business, and businesses will be allowed two such signs.

With approval of the ordinance, councilors deleted approval of private owned "courtesy" benches, which contain an advertisement. Village manager Gary Jack-

son said the sign committee spent considerable time on the courtesy bench issue. Currently the village has an agreement with a private business to allow 12 courtesy bench signs. The business purchased and installed benches in exchange for being allowed to locate the benches on village property. "The committee felt we were opening a large Pandora's box with the courtesy benches," Jackson said. The main issue with the courtesy benches is whether they could be classified as an off premises sign.

Committee members were concerned there would be a proliferation of courtesy benches if allowed in the ordinance. Jackson suggested it would be better to compensate the owner of the current benches, and eliminate the courtesy bench signs. Later a citizen suggested the village purchase the benches, then "rent" them to businesses for advertising.

Other signs prohibited under the new ordinance are flag signs which display a business name, product, words or numbers. Flag signs which state "open" or which have a logo or emblem will be allowed if they are under 15 square feet in size. Also prohibited are inflatable or tethered balloon signs.

Old signs which existed before the new ordinance will be allowed to stand. When those signs fall into disrepair they cannot be repaired, repainted or replaced if they do not conform to the new regulations. Councilors agreed to delete a proposed section that

would require all signs to come into conformance with the ordinance. Jackson said state statutes and state supreme court rulings would require the village to compensate business owners if the village orders that the non-conforming signs be removed. "Then the council would have to appropriate funds to compensate for signs, and there is nothing in the budget for that."

Some signs will not require a permit, such as directional signs which are approved by the village council. Holiday decorations will be allowed without permit, and there will be no time limit as before. Incidental signs, such as those which indicate entrance/exit, parking, loading, telephones, no smoking, etc. will be allowed without permit. However those signs may not list a business name. Flag signs with a logo or emblem will also be allowed without permit.

Businesses which violate the sign ordinance will be given warning and ordered to remove any sign not meeting

the requirements. On the second violation, the business will be issued a citation for each day the sign remains with a minimum fine of \$25. On the third and successive violations the business will be issued citation for each day, with a minimum of \$50 per day fine, plus the loss of the allowable days in the current and next successive year. Signs placed in the right of way which violate the ordinance may be removed by the village code enforcement officer and will be destroyed if not claimed within 15 days.

The new ordinance regulates signs on streets, making it unlawful to tack or place any sign, bill, banner, poster or advertisement of any nature in the public right of way unless permitted and approved by the village. Political signs may be located in the public right of way for no more than 60 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election. Political signs must be six square feet or smaller in residential areas, and no more than 32 square feet in non-residential zones. Political signs located within the public right of ways will require a permit and a \$100 deposit returnable if the applicant removes all signs in the prescribed time.

There was little comment from the public, mostly from sign company owner Don Smith who requested the ordinance retain language requiring the licensed contractor who will install the sign to obtain the permit, not the business owner.

Mayor Jerry Shaw said she has received many compliments on how Ruidoso looks in recent years, and she hoped the new ordinance would not lead to excessive use of banners.

Councilors will, revising the ordinance in about six months, after the busy season, to determine if allowing banners will hamper or enhance the looks of the village.

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Golfers Hit By Lightning

Heavy rains fell on Lincoln County in the last week, flooding arroyos and giving badly needed moisture to area pastures, orchards and gardens. Two people playing golf at Alto on July 25 were hit by lightning. Shaking, dazed and with headaches, Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RAIS) ambulance took them to Lincoln County Medical Center where they were treated.

Hunter Safety Class

A hunter safety class will be held at the Carrizozo Police Department August 4 - 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening. Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Cearley and Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson will be instructors for the class sponsored by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Anyone interested may attend. Contact Cearley at the sheriff's office or Vinson at the police department for more information.

Certificates will be presented upon completion of the class and successfully passing a test. Youth under age 18 must have a certificate to buy a hunting license. Youth under age 18 will be eligible if their test score is high enough, to have their names included in a state drawing for special hunts.

Corriente CowBelle Picnic

Members of the Corriente CowBelles enjoyed their annual picnic July 27 at the Fido Stanton home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Parker.

Ralph Dunlap received the Man of the Year award. N.E. Britton was recognized as Pioneer Rancher.

Corriente officers are president Janice Herd, 1st vice president Inez Marrs, 2nd vice-president Reba Barbez.

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Ruidoso Mid Town Businesses Are Not Required To Provide Parking

by Doris Cherry

No longer will new businesses coming into the historical old mid town area of Ruidoso be required to provide parking spaces.

Considered a hindrance to economic development in the mid town area, the village code requiring so many parking spaces for new businesses was thrown out with a unanimous vote of the Ruidoso Village Council during its regular meeting Tuesday.

Several mid town business people attended the meeting, but only two spoke expressing sentiments of many there. All wanted to do away with the code that requires each business to provide so many spaces, depending on the size and nature of the business. Business owner Ann Bolton said the regulation was hindering new businesses, especially restaurants, from locating in the mid town area. She said the rule was unfair, because some of the older businesses there before the code was enacted, did not have to provide parking.

Business owner Ron Anderson favored abolishing the parking requirements. "I'm not so sure tourists need to be so catered to," he said about the village constructing a parking structure. "It seems out of line to require parking because it's up to the business operator to take that chance (of not offering parking)."

Village planning officer Cleatus Richards told the council that abolishing the parking regulation would be irreversible, and impossible to get back. "I'm very torn," said mayor Jerry Shaw. "I don't want to defeat the purpose of businesses down town, but parking is a problem there."

But the merchants didn't care, they believed that eliminating the required parking would not affect the down town area, because people come there anyway without any parking. Instead they preferred a suggestion made by village manager Gary Jackson to create a parking authority and district to assess property owners fees to construct parking structures, if it becomes necessary in the future.

Planning commission member Ovella Estes was concerned that eliminating the

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Carrizozo Chit Chat

Michael Ortiz Appointed

Dr. J. Michael Ortiz, associate provost at California State University, Fresno, has been appointed interim provost and vice president of academic affairs. He joined the university in August 1996.

As provost and vice president, Ortiz is in charge in the president's absence. He is responsible for providing leadership in educational policy development, academic planning, academic personnel decisions and evaluation, and improvement of Fresno State's instructional programs.

Ortiz, 50, is a native of Carrizozo. He is the son of Cecilia Ortiz and the late S.M. "Sally" Ortiz of Carrizozo.

Zoe Corp is 300th Baby

Zoe Gail Corp, granddaughter of Bill and Karen Corp of Carrizozo, was the 300th baby born at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma this year. Zoe's parents are Naval Airman Peter and Rebecca Corp.

A picture of Zoe and her parents and Navy VQ-9 administration officer Lt. Cmdr. Michael R. Erickson was featured in the July 11 issue of Tinker Take Off, an Air Force newspaper. Every 50th baby is recognized in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Air Force and several 50th anniversary gifts were presented to the family.



NMSU Maps Airport

New Mexico State University's geography department is mapping all 36 public airports in New Mexico including the Carrizozo Municipal Airport. The project will create comprehensive layouts of current and proposed property configurations of each airport.

The project, one of the first statewide airport computer-mapping projects in the nation, is being funded through the New Mexico Aviation Division by a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. The majority of the work is being completed by NMSU students majoring in geography.

The new maps are put onto a CD-ROM format and once completed the CD-ROM and hard copy maps will be delivered to local governments, the New Mexico Aviation Division, the state Highway and Transportation Department

4-H Winners Claim Awards

Top 4-H members from throughout New Mexico received awards during the conference at New Mexico State University. Lincoln County winners were Jordan Dixon, record book/market beef, and the wool judging team of Rob Shafer, Mary Beth Bond, Mollie Hightower and Bryan Hightower. Shafer was high point individual for the contest.

ENMU-Ruidoso Financial Aid

Scholarship and financial aid appointments for the fall semester are now available at the Ruidoso Center of ENMU. Local scholarship applications are available and must be completed by Aug. 1 deadline as are Pell Grant and Stafford loan applications. Call 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3888 for more information.

and to the regional FAA office in Dallas.

Municipal Judge Report

Municipal judge Bill Meeks reported the following judicial activity in June: 84 cases docketed, one marriage performed and two days jail time used. The financial summary for June: \$3,668 general fund fines levied, \$968 court cost collected, \$4,165 unpaid June assessments as of June 30, \$472 time payments owed. Fees paid to the town for disbursement, \$410 correction fees, \$123 court automation, \$41 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- THURSDAY, JULY 31**
 - Lincoln County LEQE Council 10 a.m. Carrizozo Women's Club.
 - Sen. Pato Domenici staff to meet with public 10 to 11:30 a.m. Capitan Village Hall.
 - Ruidoso Capital Improvements Plan Advisory Committee 1:30 p.m. village hall.
 - Program on transferring non-titled property sponsored by Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service, 2:30 p.m. Carrizozo Women's Club.
 - Chamber open house, Carrizozo Airport, 4-6 p.m.
- FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 1-3**
 - Old Lincoln Days, including Last Escape of Billy the Kid pageant and parade Sunday.
 - Leta Sharp 80th birthday open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Corona School Recreation Room.
- MONDAY, AUGUST 4**
 - Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on 2nd Street.
 - Republican Party of Lincoln County "First Monday" meeting, 4:30 p.m. board meeting, 5:30 p.m. social hour, 5:30 p.m. dinner, K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. State Senator Dianna Duran from Otero County will speak.
 - Writers Group 7 p.m. downstairs Carrizozo Masonic Building.
- TUESDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 5-9**
 - Lincoln County Fair in Capitan.
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**
 - Capitan Schools Music Boosters 6:30 p.m. school band room.
 - Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso.

County Fair Next Week

The Lincoln County Fair will be held next week, Aug. 5-9. Animals will be checked in Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the only time animals can be checked in and inspected, including rabbits and poultry. The fair schedule is as follows: Tuesday: the 4-H and FFA horse show will be at 4 p.m.; inside entries will be accepted from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday: inside entries will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The building will be closed for judging inside entries from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday: the swine show will be at 9 a.m., the dairy goat show will be at 1 p.m. the rabbit show will be at 2 p.m. or 30 minutes after the dairy goat show, and the building will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday: the building opens to the public at 8 a.m., the market lamb show begins at 9 a.m., the cabrito show is at 1 p.m. and the poultry show is at 2 p.m. or 30 minutes after cabrito. Friday: the building is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the dairy heifer show begins at 10 a.m., the breeding cattle show is at 11 a.m. and the steers show is at 1 p.m. Saturday: the building is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the pet show is at 8:30 a.m., special lead class at 9:30 a.m., awards will be presented at 10:30 a.m. the junior livestock sale begins at 1 p.m. and inside exhibits will be released at 3 p.m. with a claim ticket.

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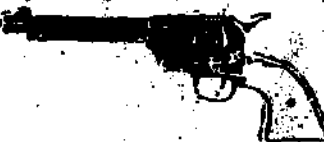
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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Learning to be governor

By Ruth Hammond

The official unofficial news is that someone we all know is going back on another promise he made and will be running for re-election as governor. No news to that. We all know he would even if one of his campaign promises the first time was that he would be a one-term governor. Maybe he considers eight years as one term with the first four years as the first half of his term and the second four years being the second half of his first term. That would translate into his being in office eight years for the first term and be eligible for another eight years for the second term. There is no doubt he will win this second half of his first term and be in office for another four years. We hear he probably won't have any Republican opponents in the primary.

The opposite is true for the Democrat party because there are many Democrats announcing as candidates for governor. We decided to not list the Democrat candidates because the list changes daily and if we list one we should list all candidates.

While not everyone agrees, we are willing to bet there won't be need for a new governor's name to be printed on the official maps and letterheads for the state of New Mexico because it will be the same as it has been for the past two and a half years. The best thing about that is it will save on state printing costs.

The election next year will be interesting. We will have to wait for the final votes to be cast and counted before we will know the names of the winners but between now and then we will learn much about candidates during the negative campaigns. We don't agree with negative campaigning but it seems more candidates are willing to smear their opponents than to list their qualifications for the office they are seeking. Maybe negative campaigners don't have qualifications they are willing to list. The reason could be that they have never been governor and can only imagine what it must be like to be governor of New Mexico.

Maybe some of these candidates would learn something if they would follow along behind a kindergarten student on the first day of school. Kindergarten students start on a new and challenging venture when they first go to school. A newly elected governor starts on a new and challenging venture when first taking office. Kindergarten students may THINK they know what will happen in school but being in the classroom is different than watching through the window. A newly elected governor may THINK running state business is routine but governing is different than sitting in the gallery in the Roundhouse during a legislative session. Kindergarten students may say they are glad to be learning new things but inside they could be afraid of the unknown. A newly elected governor may be happy about being elected and having the opportunity to govern but inside there could be the fear of not knowing how to govern efficiently.

Kindergarten students and newly elected governors have other similarities. Their lives change drastically when they have other people telling them the correct way to do things. Their ideas about learning new procedures don't always jive with the way things happen. Their daily schedules are determined by people other than those they have depended on for years. Their once private lives are more public. Teachers are always watching kindergarten students. The public is always watching the governor.

The main difference between kindergarten students and newly elected governors is that kindergarten students can look forward to advancing to the first grade at the end of their first year. Newly elected governors will only be one-fourth of the way through their term at the end of their first year. Both will have learned much but the kindergarten student will have another venture next year. The governor will not advance at all. The kindergarten experience ends, the governor is just beginning.

Kindergarten is a learning time.



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — Didn't I tell you that candidates are eagerly awaiting next years elections? The office of Secretary of State Stephanie Gonzales has provided some confirmation of that phenomenon.

In a news release, Gonzales said she has received reports that some candidates for the 1998 primary election are already circulating nominating petitions for public office. That's a no-no. State law prescribes the content and the general format of nominating petitions but assigns the secretary of state the responsibility for designating the actual form to be used.

The petition form is revised slightly every election based on feedback from candidates, county clerks and others who deal with the petition process. The law specifies that the secretary of state make the forms available to candidates and county clerks in October of odd-numbered years. And since all concerned are anxious to get their hands on a form, the secretary of state has them ready on October 1.

So although candidates could design their own forms, containing exactly the same language as the secretary of state's form, they wouldn't look exactly like the official document, if for no other reason than type style and font size.

The do-it-yourself petitions might survive a review at the secretary of state's office on filing day since that office checks primarily for an adequate number of signatures for each candidate. The law leaves it up to individuals to challenge the validity of signatures. To be valid, a signature must be that of a registered voter, residing in the area to be represented, in the same political party as the candidate, not appearing on the petition of any other candidate for the same office, and be the signature of the person whose name appears on the petition.

It's that last requirement that produces most of the shenanigans surrounding the collection of petition signatures. Candidates who see filing date drawing near, sometimes become desperate enough to start copying names off voter registration lists onto their petitions. It also happens when candidates hire someone else to secure their signatures for them.

The clever forgers get a crowd of people around a big table, with different colored pens, to copy names from different sections of the voter

registration list. But even such gimmicks don't usually escape the trained eyes of sleuths hired by candidates to check their opponents' petitions.

But it doesn't take much of a Sherlock Holmes to detect most petition chicanery. Candidates have been disqualified in the past for petitions on which signers appear in alphabetical order in the same handwriting. Other petitions are obvious photocopies or cut-and-paste jobs.

What possesses a candidate to resort to such measures? At one time candidates were required to file signatures from five percent of the total vote in the candidate's party in the previous general election. After hearing complaints from candidates that the requirement was too high, the number was lowered to three percent and petition sig-

nature abuses decreased.

When the most recent pre-primary election law was passed, petition signature requirements for offices subject to the preprimary process were lowered to two percent, with an additional two percent required of a candidate not receiving at least 20 percent of the preprimary nominating convention vote.

Possibly this latest rash of do-it-at-home petitions is an indication that requirements still are too stringent.

Or it could be an eagerness to get started. It seems unlikely that it would be ignorance, because anyone reading the election law for petition content would see the part about the secretary of state preparing the form.

The other possibility is that someone has found a loophole that will end up being tested in court shortly after filing day.

Ashoka's Dream Opera Is Worthy Of NEA Grant

by Doris Cherry

Just as New Mexico's congressmen were voting against the National Endowment for the Arts, Santa Fe Opera (SFO) was holding its grand premier of "Ashoka's Dream," which was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) with funds matched by private contributors.

Money well spent, says this reviewer. While not a light-hearted story of love and jealousy such as Mozart's famous operas, or the sad melodramatic story by Verdi, Ashoka's Dream evokes different passions and feelings in the viewer, if the viewer allows it.

To this viewer the most impressive and challenging roles in the opera were the four elements—Earth, Water, Fire and Air, played by Patricia Johnson, Sara Seglem, Christine Abraham and Beth

Clayton. Costumed to appear as statuary sitting in the stage backdrop of a bas-relief "stone" work panel, the elements are the dream guides for Ashoka's transformation and they appear in every scene. Their performance was flawless, with each portraying her difficult role in perfect timing with the others. Kurt Ollman as Ashoka, Clare Gormley as Lakshmi, queen of India and Lorraine Hunt as Triraksha, the other queen of India, also were outstanding.

This viewer thoroughly enjoyed Ashoka's Dream, and thought the ovation at the end did not give nearly enough support for the Elements as they deserved.

Ashoka's Dream is the third modern opera commissioned, and performed, by the Santa Fe Opera. The music was written by Peter Lieberson,

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Free Business Seminar

A Federal Dollars & Sense for Women-owned Business seminar will be held in Albuquerque Aug. 7. The free half-day procurement seminar is aimed at providing information to business owners on how the federal government agencies buy, what they buy, how business owners can market themselves to the agencies, and how to access the various management and technical resources available. Call 505-848-6427 to register for the seminar or for more information.

Great American Duck Race

The 1997 Great American Duck races will be held in Deming Aug. 23 and 24. Events include the Duck Royalty Pageant with categories for different ages, the Tournament of Ducks parade, the Great American Tortilla Toss, the best dressed duck, golf tournament, and the Great American Duck Race.

NMSU Tourism Changes Name

The New Mexico State University's Hospitality and Tourism Services Program became the Department of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management July 1.

District Judges Meeting

The New Mexico District Judges Association met in Albuquerque June 11. The Honorable Robert Hayes Scott was elected president for the 1997-98 term of office. The association is working to put in place a system of judicial ratings statewide such that the voting public will have access to information concerning the qualifications of individual judges.

Special Olympics Sport Fest

More than 300 mentally disabled and non-disabled athletes from across New Mexico will team up and compete at New Mexico Special Olympics' 1997 Santa Fe Sport Fest Aug. 8 and 9. Competitions will be held in golf, softball and aquatics. The program partners Special Olympics athletes with non-disabled athletes of similar age and ability on the same team.



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Carrizozo School Supply List

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1st Grade: crayons (24-count), glue, Kleenex (3 boxes), folders with pockets (5), oblong erasers (2), No. 2 pencils, spiral notebooks (2), set of 8 watercolors, markers, ruler, 2 glue sticks, scissors.

2nd Grade: 2 glue sticks, 4 red pencils, 8-oz. Elmer's glue (1), 2 boxes Kleenex, 3 pocket folders, 2 spirals wide rule, 24 No. 2 pencils, 1 box 24-count crayons, scissors, 1 box Ziplock bags (any size), 1 box wide tip washable markers, blank cassette tape (60 minutes).

3rd Grade: No. 2 pencils, loose leaf wide ruled paper, glue, scissors, Kleenex, ruler, eraser, 2 spirals, 4 pocket folders, small plastic school box, colored pencils, 3-ringed plastic binder, crayons.

4th Grade: colored pencils, Kleenex, No. 2 pencils, spirals (2 1-subject), loose leaf notebook paper, ruler (Cm. and in.) glue, scissors, crayons, 2

red lead pencils or pen.

5th Grade: 2 spiral notebooks, notebook paper, 2 folders, pencils, crayons, watercolors, ruler, glue, Kleenex, scissors, red pens.

6th, 7th and 8th Grades: three ringed binder, one composition notebook, loose leaf notebook paper, metric and inches ruler, pencil holder to fit binder, red pens, 5 dividing folders for binder, scissors, glue, crayons or colored pencils or markers, black or blue pens, pencils, 3 spirals.

Ruidoso Approves Budget

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Financial picture, especially if there are other losses. However, he was optimistic that new businesses, such as Spencer Theater and the new hotel, could improve village revenues. "It's not just the outright losses of retailers, its the ripple effect," he said.

Councilors unanimously approved the final budget which included adjustments for the actual ending cash balances, and revenues from a grant for the police department for gang intervention.

Ashoka's Dream Opera . . .

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Libretto (story) by Douglas Penick and direction by Stephen Wadsworth. It tells the story of Ashoka Maurya, a king of India in the 3rd century B.C. who was the only ruler to unify India until the 19th Century. Ashoka's governing was based on compassion, nonaggression, and universal tolerance. The opera shows Ashoka's life and his transformation from angry, isolated, young conqueror to enlightened ruler. It however is not a story about India, rather a story of complex inner transformation and evolution to enlightenment of peace and understanding.

In the opera program Lieberson tells how the music of his opera is Western and American and he made no attempt to evoke Indian music, which is so complex it requires a lifetime of training to successfully perform.

Lieberson also is quoted that the inspiration behind the work was Ashoka's transformation. "That's the inspiration behind our work, I'm not interested in writing an opera just for the sake of writing opera."

Ashoka's Dream is set with a dream-like quality. Scenic design by Thomas Lynch and costumes by Martin Pakledinaz both of whom have worked for SFO in the past, were excellent, as was the lighting design by Amy Appleyard. Chorus master Gray Wedow had prepared his chorus well, as their performance indicated.

To this viewer, the NEA monies were well spent on this modern opera. Not only was it well written and produced, it conveyed a message needed in these times—tolerance, non-aggression and understanding.

Ashoka's Dream will be performed again on August 8. For this viewer, Ashoka's

Dream was the last performance to be seen in the old theater. Goodbye to the open air views of the stars, and the clouds and rain. Goodbye to the theater that has housed many operas, some excellent and some so so. Sitting in the theater this season, this viewer realized the design of the up-sweeping open air partial roof is very much like the up-sweep of a forming thunderhead over the Jemez Mountains, which are to the west of the opera grounds.

This the 41st season will close on August 23. With the close of the season, so will the old theater be closed forever. The following Monday SFO will hold a ground-breaking for the new theater and construction will begin immediately.

In the planning stages for six years, the new theater will still have the open air sides and stage back, but will feature a clerestory roof to cover all seating. There will be additional seating which is handicapped accessible. The refreshment areas, bathrooms and gift shops will also be enlarged. The mezzanine will be remodeled for extra seating, with refreshment and bathroom facilities on that level. Rainwater will be used by storing and irrigating the grounds landscaping.

SFO plans to debut the new theater Friday, July 3, 1998.

Patrons can view all five productions of this season during the final week beginning August 19. On August 10 and 17, SFO apprentices perform concerts. Tickets are reasonably priced, \$10 for general admission and \$5 for children under 18. The final week of performances there is a 20 percent discount on all ticket prices.

Ticket information is available by calling 1-800-280-4654.

Letters To The Editor

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JASON MONTES OF THE CAPITAN FFA CHAPTER is the winner of the Diversified Livestock Proficiency Award at the 1997 State FFA Convention held on the campus of NMSU in Las Cruces. Presenting the award is Debbie Bond the 1996-97 State FFA Secretary from Carrizozo.

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

If I stop in the middle of this article and refuse to go on, please excuse my weaknesses, but as most of you know I am up in years and I reach points that I cannot handle by myself. This is one of those days.

On a much nicer note, I want to write about the lovely reception that Maxine and Howard Wright were given on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 23 at a reception honoring them by their children and grandchildren. The reception took place on July 19 at the Capitan Chamber of Commerce building, located at 103 West Second Street here in Capitan. Howard R. Wright and Maxine Kidd were married on July 23, 1947 in Lamesa, Texas. They have made their home in Texas and New Mexico for these 50 years. In 1961 they moved to Capitan and have resided here for 36 years.

Howard has been self-employed and Maxine retired from the Postal Service last year. Most of us remember what a joy to see Maxine every day. She was always smiling and had a good thing to say about everyone. I do not know just how many years she served as Capitan Postmaster but she was very popular and had a host of friends.

Howard and Maxine have two children, Kay Strickland and husband Terry, of Capitan, and Jimmy Wright and wife Linda of Moro, Oregon. Their grandchildren are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox of Capitan, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Creighton of Clayton, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Mason of The Dalles, Oregon, and Mr. Justin Wright of Moro, Oregon. They have been blessed with three great grandchildren, Veronica and Stephenie Reaves and Kirsten Creighton.

Let me extend congratulations to each of you Maxine and Howard and sorry that I was unable to help you all celebrate. My only comment right now is that it looks to me Maxine that you up and

married yourself the "Right Wright", NC pas, translated is that not right? And I hope I got all the Wrights right.

I know I am forgetting some important things that I planned to put in this week, so I will aim for next week on the above mentioned because right now with a 45 minute clearance between the closing of the post office is a very important document I must finish and get mailed today also. Said important document an application for my house insurance. My other policy that I had for almost 15 years was cancelled because I had to call on them too many times. But they always did come through but right now with all the rains am getting a bit on the jittery side, shall we say with the thunder and rain, and want to get this application on its way quick like.

So for this week, may the Good Lord take a likin' to ye and may all your problems be little ones.

Supply List For Capitan School

Capitan School begins Thursday, August 14.

The first bell for all classes, elementary, middle school and high school, will ring at 7:55 a.m. Elementary students will be dismissed at 3:10 p.m. and middle and high school students at 3:15 p.m.

The following are lists of supplies for the various grades: Kindergarten: one regular size box of tissues, one box 8 basic color crayons, 8 color water colors, large glue stick, small plastic school box, scissors, smock, backpack with child's name, five fat pencils-five #2s, pillow, one plastic water bottle.

First Grade: 16 count crayons, 15 glue sticks each semester, large box of tissue, pointed scissors, regular size school box, 10 #2 pencils each 9 weeks, (No Trusty brand please!), 10 pencil top erasers, one large eraser, watercolor

set, box Ziploc sandwich bags, backpack. At home must have 8 count crayons, glue and pencil.

Second Grade: 20 plain yellow pencils, large eraser and 5 pencil top erasers, large box of crayons, pointed metal scissors, large bottle of white glue, large box of tissues, 1 cigar sized school box, box of watercolor paints, box of Ziploc sandwich bags (20-25 count), 1 folder with pockets, backpack. No binder notebooks, please. Needed at home 8 count crayons, pencils, scissors.

Third Grade: 2 folders with brads, 2 sturdy pocket folders, notebook paper, 2 spiral notebooks (70 page one subject) no perforated paper, crayons, large white glue, pointed scissors, 2 pkgs. yellow pencils (no mechanical), 2 red ball-point pens, 2 pkgs. of pencil top erasers, plastic school box, 2 large boxes of tissues, backpack, primary colored pencils, box of Ziploc quart size FREEZER bags, ruler with standard and metric measures, Sharpie pen (black or blue), plastic water bottle.

Fourth Grade: 2 #2 pencils at school at all times, pair of

pointed scissors, 1 ruler with metric/English measurements, large bottle of Elmer's glue (not school glue), colored pencils, 2 pens each semester, grading, school box, large box of tissues, loose leaf notebook paper, 24 count crayons, spiral notebook, Trapper Keeper and one 3-ring binder package of subject dividers.

Fifth Grade: #2 pencils (lots), several packages of loose leaf notebook paper, large box of tissues, 1 pkg. of 300-3X5 note cards, 1 pair of large pointed scissors, ruler with metric/standard measurements, 1 pkg. of subject dividers, map color pencils, 3 three-ring binders (1.5" to 2"), 48 count crayons, large bottle of Elmer's glue, 3 folders with pockets, water based magic markers, 3 Sharpie permanent black markers, 2 rolls of Scotch tape. Spell checker if possible.

Middle School Basic Supply List: Looseleaf notebook paper, white only wide-ruled, #2 pencils, black or blue pens, ruler with metric measures, 2 large boxes of tissues, large 3 ring binder, 2 combination locks (one for hall, and other for locker room). Spirals, folders and other supplies may be required by individual teachers.

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CORONA NEWS



JOHN GNATKOWSKI OF THE CORONA FFA CHAPTER is the winner of the Sheep Production Proficiency Award at the 1997 State FFA Convention held on the campus of NMSU in Las Cruces. Presenting the award is Debbie Bond the 1996-97 State FFA Secretary from Carrizozo.

Lincoln County CowBelles are again working hard to promote the "Cream of the Crop" at the County Fair. These awards are made to the youth who breed and show their own stock. The money contributed is divided one quarter to chickens and rabbits, three quarters evenly between cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs.

Mrs. Tyree put the finishing touches to the Corona Book, Vol. 2, Sunday and took it to Albuquerque Monday. It was available for the big weekend.

Janell Kane called from Arcadia, CA to say that Tim and she would not attend our festival this year but would plan on next year. She had just returned from Louisville, KY where she was a California delegate to the Presbyterian Woman's Triennial Conference. She stated that it was a wonderful experience, and she was especially happy to have been one of 45 women chosen to serve communion to the more than 5,000 women present. Her daughter and new grandson came from Chicago to be with her in Louisville.

Dorothy and Julia Kerr, Westpoint, Miss. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey. They enjoyed visiting with friends including former students, a picnic lunch at the Mulkey cabin in Red Cloud, etc. They left a tape on Monarch butterflies and went on to Belen to spend a night with Mrs. Joe Atkinson before going home. Dorothy Kerr never changes, and Julia Kerr seems only slightly weakened by chemo but has beautiful curly hair.

Sherrill Bradford went home to El Paso Sunday, took a plane that evening for Houston where she joined her husband for a week of math seminars. They will extend the trip a little and be ready for classes beginning August 12.

Lawrence Lowery, popular English instructor here for four years, left Tuesday for Hatch where he will head the English department and coach junior high football. His mother, brother, niece and nephew came from Alabama to help with the move. Thursday evening before the school board meeting he was honored with a covered dish supper. Sunday morning after church there were sandwiches, cake and ice cream and tears.

The Griffins, Cleve, Yunk, Pete, Glen and families were here for their aunt Edna Robinson's funeral service.

Raymond Lackey was unable to come for his sister-in-law's final service. His daughter, Wanda Mae, was recuperating from surgery and could not come, but daughter, Ruby Darter and husband Ralph came from Albuquerque, and son Raymond Jr. came from Portales.

Lanae Lackey stated at Cedervale Tuesday that her mother, Martha Hobbs had been in her Kentucky home for two weeks recovering from the stroke and broken arm suffered several months ago.

Lyndon Robinson and Joanna Barley left Friday for their home in Colorado. Butch and Jackie Robinson left Sunday for their home in Oklahoma City. Jackie planned to go

on to Brownwood, TX to check on her parents there.

 The Jim Rose family came from Comfort, TX for a vacation at the ranch. Michele and Jessica left Sunday because Jessica is working at a youth camp. Jim, Jack and Colton will stay another week.

In Silver City to attend bus driver school for the first time are Sabra Davidson, RoeAnn Lightfoot, Eddie Porter and Leo Munis.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harelson last week included Johnnie Faye's mother Vera King; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie King and one grandchild, Fruitvale, TX; Marie and Ginny King and two children from California; Edna Ann Zurschmit and husband Frank, and three grandchildren, Virginia Beach, VA; Penny Harelson from Fort Worth; Adam Thurman, Mineola, TX; grandson Glendon Wheelock from Los Alamos; and cousins Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Danley from Alamogordo. Mrs. Harelson honored her mother, Cera King with a party on her 80th birthday.

It did not rain on our parade, but a power outage made dancing in the dark necessary for a time at the beginning of the festival dance.

Next week we hope to have more about our successful Corona Day. The class reunions were more interesting than ever.

Fort Stanton Facts & Fiction

By Betty Joiner

NEWS RELEASE
 Post office to start on August 11! Yahoo!

Lincoln County Sheriff Posse Pony Express Trail Ride begins tomorrow at 6:00 a.m. sharp, with breakfast at fire department in White Oaks. 35 riders planning to make the ride.

Blair and Tom Carter, Wolfs, Ritters, Livingstons, Smiths, Benhams, Joe Manning, Andersons, Paynes, Artist Gay Harris, McSwanes, Mary Dell Jones, Mr. Gilland, Yorks, A. D. Downers and many others have worked all year once again to make this better and more fun. Come join in and watch us leave White Oaks and come into Lincoln.

BIRTHDAY

"Thank You Card"
 The family of Edna Robinson would like to extend to our dear friends a sincere thank you for all the love, prayers and food that were given to us during the time of our losing a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend.
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 Rain, rain, rain — such a blessing! Next week all details on ride and Lincoln Day.

OBITUARY

LURA LESLIE HOPKINS
 Funeral services for Lura Leslie Hopkins, 79, of Nogal will be Friday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m. at the Angus, Nazarene Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Charles Hall with burial to follow at Fort Stanton Cemetery.

Mrs. Hopkins died July 28, at her home. Lura was the daughter of Minnie and Lish Leslie. Her family was an old pioneer family that settled the White Oaks area. Lura was a resident of Lincoln County her entire life. She was born March 12, 1918 at White Oaks. She was retired from Fort Stanton Hospital as a nurse's aide, retiring in 1982 and been a school bus contractor for the Carrizozo School District. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Carrizozo.

She had nine children: Bill Fitzpatrick of Roswell, Evelyn Means of Roswell, Cherry Lura Williams of Roswell, Eddie Fitzpatrick of Dexter, Mary Ann O'Dell of Nogal, Joe Earl Fitzpatrick of Midland, TX, James Allen Fitzpatrick and Elmer Franklin Hopkins of Nogal, and Robert Leslie Hopkins of Capitan. Two step-children, Kathleen Holman of Longview, TX and Graham Fitzpatrick of Brady, TX. She also had 25 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband of 23 years, George Edward Fitzpatrick in 1960. She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Teshia Fitzpatrick, grandson Walker Fitzpatrick and great grandson Brandon Fitzpatrick.

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

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Lincoln County News

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

July 20:
 7:27 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic. A male subject was in a vehicle chasing a female and it appeared he was trying to run her down. Two Carrizozo police officers and two deputies responded.
 8:22 p.m. an officer was requested at a residence where a subject was in possession. Carrizozo police responded.

10:11 p.m. a caller reported loud talking at a trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs. The caller wanted to report her neighbors who get loud when she turns the lights off, and she just wanted close patrol. A deputy responded.

July 21:
 7:52 a.m. a caller reported an animal and dog problem. A dog was running at large and horses and pigs were causing flies at an RV park in the Alto area. A deputy responded.

7:55 a.m. a caller requested a deputy to help locate a 69 year old man, who walked away from the house and hadn't taken his medication. A deputy responded.

8:08 a.m. a caller reported a breaking and entering at a residence on Deer Park Drive. The TV, the microwave, phone and other items were taken. A deputy responded.

9:11 a.m. a person flagged down a deputy and reported theft

of building materials at a location on Deer Park Drive in Alto. The deputy responded.

9:11 a.m. a caller reported a breaking and entering at a location in Arabeila. Someone broke windows and entered the house. A deputy responded.

10:28 a.m. a caller reported an attempted child abduction from a lodge in the Alto area. A man was asking children to come to him, but the children ran away. A deputy responded.

10:24 a.m. a caller reported a harassment at a residence. Lug nuts were loosened on the front tire of the caller's vehicle. Carrizozo police responded.

11:17 a.m. Carrizozo police office secretary requested dispatch contact an officer about a family disturbance. The officer responded.

12:55 p.m. a person walked in and reported harassment which occurred at a church. Carrizozo police responded.

1:36 p.m. a caller reported a theft/larceny of a medieval helmet worth \$300 from a camp site in Cedar Creek. A deputy responded.

4:29 p.m. a caller was attempting to locate a party to deliver an emergency message at a family reunion gathering at Bonito Lake. A deputy responded.

4:52 p.m. a 911 caller reported a subject was impersonating an officer at mile marker 161 on Highway 54. A passing motorist stopped at the gas station in Coro-

na and advised that a subject in a purplish organ pickup had flashed a shield type badge, and flashed lights in the vehicle attempting to get the caller to pull over. The caller pulled off the highway abruptly, and the pickup also pulled off, almost hitting the calling party. Then the truck passed the caller's vehicle and turned on a dirt road, heading east. The caller pulled up trying to get the license number of the vehicle, but the truck driver had a sawed off shotgun and started to get out of the truck. The caller then left the scene and called 911. A deputy and a state police officer responded, and arrested a subject.

6:23 p.m. a 911 caller reported someone was discharging a weapon towards a residence south of Capitán off highway 48. Three deputies responded and arrested a subject.

7:49 p.m. a caller requested animal control on I Ave. for eight to 10 skunks. Carrizozo police responded.

11:33 p.m. an anonymous female caller reported a loud party, and a large group of teenagers and the caller was fearful a fight might start in the Agua Fria area. State police and a deputy responded, but the call for the deputy was cancelled.

July 22:
 An accident involving a vehicle and a bull was reported west of Carrizozo on Highway 380. State police and the bull's owner were

notified.

7:44 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries on Gavilan Canyon Road and highway 48. State police were notified.

8:47 a.m. a caller reported dogs were killing her animals on 2nd Street in Capitán. Capitán police were notified.

11:49 a.m. a caller from Lubbock reported a runaway who left the Bonito Lake area. State police located the 16 year old boy walking along Highway 48 in the Alto area. The officer took the boy to the county substation where his mother picked him up.

12:40 p.m. a caller reported theft of tools from a job site on Deer Park Drive in Alto. A deputy responded.

2:36 p.m. a wrecker was requested for an out of service vehicle on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. A wrecker was dispatched.

4:31 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a person locked out of a vehicle. Carrizozo police responded.

5:27 p.m. a caller reported loud music on D. Ave. Carrizozo police responded.

6:47 p.m. a caller reported four shots fired on 2nd Street. Carrizozo police responded and advised it was fireworks.

7:28 p.m. a deputy requested a wrecker for an out of service vehicle on Highway 70, mile marker 306. A wrecker responded.

10:05 p.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle at the corner of Smokey Bear Ave. and Highway 246 in Capitán. Kids were parked by the bank, then went behind the police department. Capitán police were notified.

July 23:
 6:10 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries, he hit a deer between Capitán and Carrizozo on Highway 380. State police were notified.

7:39 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with injuries at Gavilan Canyon and Homestead Acres road. Ruidoso police were notified.

8:30 a.m. a caller reported threats at location on Gavilan Canyon Road. The caller advised her neighbors threatened her life and the life of her horse as she was riding. A deputy responded.

8:44 a.m. a caller reported the theft of signs in Alto. A deputy responded.

9:13 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious person at a store in Hondo. A man was acting strange, throwing coffee and going to sleep on the table since the store opened that morning. Two deputies responded.

9:25 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries by the railroad tracks. Carrizozo police responded.

11:44 a.m. a caller reported a transient at Riverside. The male subject was wearing no shirt and looked straggly and was sleeping outside the business. The caller requested an officer remove the subject. A deputy responded and removed the subject with a courtesy ride to the roadside park on Highway 70.

11:39 p.m. an anonymous female reported domestic violence at a location on Highway 70 between a woman and man, it was unknown if weapons were involved. Two deputies responded and advised the report was unfounded, as everyone was asleep when they arrived.

July 24:
 1:13 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries involving a bull elk at mile marker 81 on Highway 380. State police were notified.

6:07 a.m. a man walked into the sheriff's office and reported vandalism to a vehicle and theft of items at a motel. The man wanted a report of his vehicle and a friend's vehicle which were broken into and items taken. Carrizozo police responded.

7:15 a.m. a person walked in and reported a theft, someone stole his wallet, from the vehicle and ransacked the other vehicle at a motel in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

10:48 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries at mile marker 101 on Highway 380. The caller ran off the road in a ditch. State police were notified.

10:59 a.m. a security company

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 Sunday School..... 9:45 am
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 Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
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 Sunday School..... 10:00 am
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 Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
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SATURDAY:
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SUNDAY:
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 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am

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 Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
 United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
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- CAPITAN**
 Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
 Worship Service..... 9:15 am
 Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
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LEGAL NOTICE
The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at 8:30 p.m. on August 11, 1997 at the Village Hall Bldg. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss repealing Ordinance 88-1, establishing Ordinance 87-8, Increase in Elected Officials Salaries. A copy of Ordinance 87-8 is available at Village Hall. Ordinance 87-8 will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting on August 11, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg. The public is encouraged to attend.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV 87-00081

G.E. CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, vs. HEATHER PARKER BRANCH, MILES BRANCH aka MILES BERNARD BRANCH, LISA J. BRANCH, and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA J. BRANCH, Defendant(s).

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the following above-named Defendant(s): Heather Parker Branch and Miles Branch aka Miles Bernard Branch.

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OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDED OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON MARCH 26, 1987.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before September 11, 1997, judgment by default will be entered against you. Plaintiff's attorneys: ELIZABETH MASON 820 Gold Ave., S.W. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 505/243-2323

By: Elizabeth Lucas Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on July 24 and 31, and August 7 and 14, 1997.

MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Circle B Campground, Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager
Published in the Lincoln County News on July 31, 1997.

MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 1997, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department Building in Lincoln. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 10, 1997, Alto Lakes Water Corp., P.O. Drawer 750, Alto, NM 88312, filed application No. H-719 et al into H-272-S-5 thru S-8(T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change location of well and place of use of 50.0 acre-foot of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following shallow wells:

Table with columns: Well No., Subdivision, Section, Township, Range. Lists well numbers H-719-S-1 through H-719-S-19 and their corresponding section and range information.

and ceasing its use for golf course/municipal uses within 2114.0 acres of land located in part of Sections 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, and 36, all in Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing shallow wells:

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for the diversion of 50.0 acre-foot of shallow groundwater for golf course and domestic purposes within the SE 1/4 of Section 10 and the E 1/2 of Section 15, both in Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

This is a temporary application, with all rights to revert to the move-from points of diversion on November 1, 2001. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state and conservation of water within the state.

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request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager
Published in the Lincoln County News on July 31, 1997.

NOTICE

The Village of Corona is now accepting sealed bids for a 1985 Ford 1/2 ton Chevrolet Pickup. Bids may be mailed to Village of Corona, P.O. Box 37, Corona, NM 88318 or delivered to the Village of Corona Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Deadline for bids is August 14, 1997 at 5:00 p.m.

Published in the Lincoln County News on July 31 and August 7, 1997.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Corona (Community Development Block (CDBG) Program) will be holding a Public Hearing for the 1998 CDBG Program, to advise citizens of the program objectives, range of activities that can be applied for and to obtain views of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the needs of low and moderate income people. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Where: Village of Corona, Village Hall, Main Street, Corona, NM 88318. When: August 6, 1997 at 2:00 p.m.

Published in the Lincoln County News on July 31, 1997.

NOTICIA DE JUNTA PUBLICA

La Ciudad de Corona invita usted a atender una Junta Publica para explicar el programa de "1998 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program." La junta tambien sera para informar el publico de los opiniones de los residentes con respecto del desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de las viviendas, incluyendo las necesidades de personas de recurrencia bajas y moderadas. Donde: Ciudad de Corona, Village Hall, Main Street, Corona, NM.

Quando: Miércoles, 6 de Agosto, 1997 a las 2:00 p.m. Para obtener mas informacion, llamen a Cathy Monk at 849-5511.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS to consider the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the following locations:

- * August 11, 1997 - Corona Senior Citizens Center
* August 12 - Hondo School Cafeteria
* August 14 - Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center
* August 18 - County Commission Meeting Room-Carrizozo
* August 19 - Capitan Senior Citizens Center

A copy of the Draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be available for viewing at the above locations five days before the hearing. Auxiliary aids are available upon request for citizens with disabilities. Please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings to make any necessary arrangements.

Published in the Lincoln County News on July 24 and August 7, 1997.

OBITUARY

JOHN E. SMITH

Funeral services for John E. Smith, 82, of Ruidoso were held July 28, at the First Assembly of God Church. Officiating was the Rev. Bill Lenard with burial at the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Smith died July 24, at Lincoln County Medical Center. He was born July 17, 1915 at Omaha, Nebraska. He married Frances Irene Cooper on June 21, 1934 in Omaha.

He is survived by his wife Frances of Ruidoso; son Roger Smith of Payson, Utah, and a daughter Connie Bethard of Ruidoso; five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Sheriff's Report

advised of an audible fire alarm sounding at the Spencer Theater. Bonito Fire Dept. responded and advised all was okay.

12:05 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer to take a report of an incident involving a credit card at a restaurant in Capitan. Capitan police responded.

1:18 p.m. a caller reported a lightning strike near a residence east of Fort Stanton. Fort Stanton fire department and state forestry were notified.

3:02 p.m. a 911 caller reported suspicious activity on Smokey Bear Blvd. and South Bonito Road.

2:45 p.m. a 911 caller reported damage to property, someone threw a rock through a sliding glass door. Carrizozo police responded and took a report.

3:57 p.m. a caller reported phone harassment at a location in Maggado Creek. A deputy took a report.

6:22 p.m. a person walked into the office and reported a runaway from a location in Oscura. Her 15 year old daughter ran away with a 27 year old man. The girl left for days then came home. A deputy responded.

7:06 p.m. a deputy requested a wrecker at some condos in Eagle Creek where he had served a writ of replevance. A wrecker responded.

11:32 p.m. a caller requested an officer deliver a death message to a subject at a motel in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

8 p.m. a 911 caller requested animal control on Juniper Road in Capitan. A pack of wild dogs attacked her cat. Capitan police responded.

9:38 p.m. a caller requested an officer for violation of a domestic order at a bar in Ruidoso. The caller advised that he and his ex-wife had a restraining order and she came into the bar and wouldn't leave, and he was there first. The caller had a copy of the order on his person. Ruidoso police were notified.

9:47 p.m. a 911 caller requested a courtesy ride from a food store in Ruidoso Downs. Ruidoso Downs police were notified.

9:48 p.m. a caller was attempting to locate a party who was fishing at Bonito Lake to deliver an emergency message. A deputy responded and delivered the message by 1 a.m.

11:01 p.m. a man walked in and reported an out of service semi truck on Highway 54 south of Carrizozo. The truck was in the in Capitan. An adult male and male juvenile were in the area, and the caller wanted an officer to check to see if anything had been taken. Capitan police responded.

3:22 p.m. an alarm company reported a fire alarm sounding at a ranch in the Glencoe area. Hondo and Glencoe Fire Depts. Before the fire departments could respond, the caller returned a call at 3:30 and advised to cancel the call.

5:40 p.m. an alarm company reported an alarm sounding at a residence in Deer Park. At 5:42 p.m. the company advised to cancel the call for the deputy, they would handle it.

A deputy advised he had made an arrest on a warrant at a location in Eagle Creek.

8:11 p.m. a caller requested an officer for two dogs that took a deer down at the entrance to Homestead Acres. Two deputies responded and put the deer down with a gun because the deer had two broken legs. Dept. of Game and Fish was notified.

10:20 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of receiving a message from a deputy that he had arrested a male subject and had him in custody.

July 25; 8:50 a.m. a 911 caller reported a violation of a restraining order at a location near Cloudcroft, a subject attempted to wave down the caller while she was on her way to work. Otero County Sheriff's Office was notified.

9:39 a.m. Carrizozo police office secretary requested dispatch notify an officer for animal damage on c. Ave. Carrizozo officer responded.

11:01 a.m. a caller was attempting to locate a subject at an RV park in the Ruidoso area to remind her she had to return the kids that day. At 2:04 p.m. the responding deputy advised he made no contact with anyone fitting the description given.

11:12 a.m. a Brangus bull was on Highway 54 at mile marker 118. Dispatch called a possible owner.

11:35 a.m. a person walked in and reported a cow in the road at mile marker 77 on Highway 380. The owner was notified.

12:45 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident on Highway 48 near a restaurant in Alto, involving a vehicle with a tank. State police, Bonito Fire Department and Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance responded.

1:30 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at the golf club in Alto for two subject who were hit by lightning. The 26 year old woman and 27 year old man were shaky, dazed and had headaches. RALS responded and transported the patients to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

1:54 p.m. a gas station reported a gas skip by a person in a brown van headed west on Highway 380. Carrizozo police responded but made no contact.

7:32 p.m. a caller reported damage to property, someone attempted to slash tires at a location on D. Ave. Carrizozo police responded.

8:13 p.m. a 911 caller reported trespassing at a trailer in Hondo. The caller requested an officer to remove the male subject in her yard. Two deputies responded.

9:30 p.m. a caller was attempting to locate a subject who was visiting family in Carrizozo and who was supposed to call when she arrived. Carrizozo police responded but could not find the subject so he left a message.

July 26; 12:29 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious truck by the school, and the driver of the truck had a flashlight. Carrizozo police responded and arrested a subject.

7:59 a.m. a caller requested animal control at a location on Smokey Bear Blvd. She needed a trap for skunks. Capitan police were notified.

8:49 a.m. a caller requested animal control for a dog at large on Highway 37. A deputy responded.

10:07 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a subject staying at a motel. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

10:13 a.m. an anonymous caller requested animal control in Capitan at a location where a dog was chained up with no water or food. Capitan police were notified.

10:33 a.m. a forest service officer requested an ambulance at South Fork Campground at Bonito lake for a 33 year old woman who had fallen and had a broken knee. RALS and Bonito Fire Department responded.

11:50 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported at the top of Nogal Hill. A deputy and a wrecker responded.

11:58 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 70 year old woman in the Alto area. RALS responded.

12:22 p.m. a woman caller reported a traffic offense on B. Street, a driver was not stopping at stop signs and was doing donuts. Carrizozo police responded and made contact with the subject.

12:57 p.m. a 911 caller reported a breaking and entering/burglary at a location on Spring Canyon Road. TVs, a cell phone and VCR were taken. Five deputies responded, two of whom gave chase to the four juveniles involved in the

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YARD SALE at Earnest Wright's house, 10 miles east of Carrizozo on Hwy. 380. Starts Friday - 9:00 a.m. till all gone.
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VILLA de TULAROSA SENIOR HOUSING: Maintenance free living, is taking applications for HUD subsidized low income housing. Qualifications must be 62 years of age or older or any age receiving SSI Disability. Must be able to care for self. We have one bedroom and efficiency apartments. Applications are available at 1205 Monte Vista, Tularosa or by calling 585-2859. Equal Housing Opportunity.
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YARD SALE: Indoor if rainy. Saturday, August 2, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Capitan, 2242nd Street. Furniture, clothes, tins, tools, children's items, dishes, books, misc. from 40 years.
1tp/July 31

HELP WANTED: Bartender, Outpost Bar and Grill in Carrizozo. Call 648-9994 or 648-2194.
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burglary. The officers stopped and arrested the four juveniles. All property was recovered.
1:16 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer at a location in Capitan where a one year old child was locked in a car. Capitan police responded.
2:02 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer at a location on Highway 70 where a domestic disturbance was occurring. The caller wanted a subject removed from the premises. State police responded and advised the subject left with her personal items.
2:52 p.m. Capitan ambulance advised they were transporting a patient from the fairgrounds to LCMC.
5:47 p.m. an anonymous caller reported a traffic offense on Cedar Creek. Two dirt bikes and a three wheeler were racing on the black top. Forest Service officer was notified.
6:57 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a woman with chest pains at a store in Hondo. Hondo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

7:40 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident at mile marker 180 on Highway 54. A vehicle had rolled over. Corona ambulance and deputy responded and the injured was transported to Gerald Chamberlain Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.
7:47 p.m. a caller reported a fire 15 miles north of Capitan. Capitan fire department responded.
9:25 p.m. Hondo ambulance crew requested an officer check out an open door on a trailer where no one was at home. A deputy responded.
9:28 p.m. a deputy requested a wrecker at mile marker 269 on Highway 70. A wrecker responded.
10:33 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a lockout. Carrizozo police responded.
10:36 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer to check out several shots fired in the area of mile marker 83 on Highway 390. Capitan police and two deputies responded but made no contact with anyone shooting or shooting fire.

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

(Con't from P. 2)

secretary Mary Lu Parker and treasurer Dorothy Lacy.
by Bartley McDonough

Official Pony Express Postmark
Lincoln Postmaster Cherie Hobbs will accept the mail carried by riders finishing the annual Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Pony Express Trail Ride Sunday, Aug. 3. Special collectible envelopes bearing the official postmark commemorating the trail ride will be available at a sheriff's posse booth outside the post office until 2 p.m. Sunday. The postmark depicts saddlebags like the ones riders will use to transport the mail along the trail during the day. The postmark is available by mail for 30 days. Send self addressed, stamped envelopes inside a larger envelope to Pony Express Postmark, Postmaster, P.O. Box 9998, Lincoln, NM 88338-9998. Orders must be mailed by Sept. 1.

Capitan Alumni Elects Officers
Members of the Capitan Schools Alumni Association met July 25 and July 26 in Capitan. Some 150 attended. The association voted to buy a new flag pole for the high school at a cost not to exceed \$300. A new display case for the high school foyer will cost the association \$2,100. Jason McSwane was the recipient of the \$500 scholarship.

Ted Cummins was elected president, Trene Gameroz will serve as 1st vice president

and Billy Ferguson as 2nd vice president. Barbara Beckley will continue as secretary. Janice Herd is the new treasurer. The next meeting of the Capitan Alumni Association will be the last weekend in July, 1999.

A little bit of news about the alumni: Bud and JoAnn Darling live in Loving, NM. Bud received special recognition at the meeting. Peggy Darling Cope and Gary Darling live in Carlsbad, NM. Darling lives in Loving, NM. Walker Kelly lives in Roswell, NM as does her daughter Alma Walker Chambers. Irene Lasiter Drake lives and teaches in Hobbs. Susan Payton now living in Deming.

The new officers met Sunday with a major topic being how to get the younger alumni to take an active part in the association.

National Sales Junior Show
Lincoln County winners in the National Sales Junior Show in Stillwater, OK July 9-12 were Cheyenne Dixon and Jordan Dixon from Nogal, taking fourth place in senior team marketing with team member Billy Cooper of Jamestown, TN, J.J. Johns of Nogal placing 2nd in the junior poster contest, Rusty Johns of Nogal placing 5th in the poster contest, and Jayne Johns of Nogal placing 6th in the poster contest, tied with Lydia Phillips of Tahiro. OK. Winners of the 1997 Junior National State Herdsmanship Award were Cheyenne, Jordan, Lane and Brax Dixon of Nogal, and Marianne and Chester Brown of Barrow, NM.

Library Bookplate Contest
The Capitan Public Library will sponsor a bookplate contest. These plates will be used in newly purchased books and for books purchased from the memorial fund. Forms describing the specifications and requirements for a bookplate will be available Aug. 16 during the library's first birthday party from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the library in Capitan. The contest will end Sept. 15.

Honorable Mention
Meredith Keeton of Ruidoso received honorable mention for a photo during the 1997 New Mexico Press Association High School Journalism Workshop held June 1-6 at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

GED Testing At ENMU-Ruidoso
The Ruidoso Instructional Center of ENMU will offer GED testing Friday, Aug. 8 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Cost of the exam is \$20. Applicants must be at least 17 years old to be eligible for testing.
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County Budget Is . . .

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ance and Administration (DFA) instructions; a SERPO payment not made in 1996-97; added overtime to planning and maintenance in the general fund; added capital outlay to drug enforcement revenues, and expenditure of \$19,777 to purchase a vehicle and equipment (funds came from an unreceived grant on the state level); additional \$6,400 for telecommunications for the drug enforcement revenue and budget; added prior year's expenses to all funds where applicable; added additional funding to Hondo Volunteer Fire Department based on letter from the state fire marshall's office which committed funds for the Arabella substation; added a new fund called the Safe Communities Grant, \$4,000 awarded to the DWI program; and removal of the three percent salary increase for deputies. The law enforcement budget will be adjusted after commissioners approve the collective bargaining agreement.

But commissioners didn't approve the collective bargaining agreement with the deputies. Discussions about the agreement were held behind closed doors in an executive session. After the session, commissioners returned to open meeting and took no action on the collective bargaining agreement. The agreement outlines obligations and expectations from both the county and its law enforcement officers. Fraternal Order of Police represents the deputies.

Commissioners also questioned the overtime put into the planning and maintenance departments. County commissioner Ray Nunley was opposed to overtime in those departments because he thought the employees in

those departments should be able to do their work within the regular hours. Nunley said overtime needs to be watched carefully. Potter explained the overtime was necessary, because a person could not take "comp" time in the same period unless there was funding to cover it. Potter also said he sent a memo to all departments about the use of overtime.

Commissioners also questioned the overtime for the drug enforcement. "I object to overtime," Nunley said. "We set limits on what a job is worth, then we pay one and a half times what the job is worth for overtime."

County commission chairman Monroy Montes questioned where the agreement for the Human Society for kennel services was listed. The \$12,500 a year for the services are in agreements, but Potter admitted they had "dropped the ball" in obtaining the formal written agreement with the Humane Society.

Potter gave credit to all county departments for their prudent budgets. "There was very little overspending (in the last fiscal year)," Potter said. "About \$28,000 in a \$9 million budget is not bad."

Commissioners approved the final budget on a 4-1 vote, with county commissioner Wilton Howell voting no.

Lincoln County Fair Association got another five years to manage and lease the Lincoln County Fair Grounds. The association asked to extend its current lease agreement because it was to expire in 1999, so members could confirm rodeo stock and livestock judging contracts on a three year basis. Association members asked that the current contract be extended one year, then negotiations to renew the

agreement for another five years. Instead, they got a five year agreement, effective July 28, with the same financial terms. County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said if the fair association is not satisfied with the agreement terms, they can come back in 30 days, as provided for in the agreement.

Association members had indicated to THE NEWS that they wanted to renegotiate the money terms of the management agreement, in which the county provides \$19,000 a year to the association to manage and operate the fair grounds.

After some confusing discussion, commissioners approved the five year lease/management agreement with the same terms as the old agreements.

Polo Begins At San Patricio

The Regional Housing Authority of Region VI, New Mexico, Inc. board of directors will meet at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center Sat., Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. For more information call 505-622-0881.

Authority To Meet In Ruidoso

Polo will begin this weekend in San Patricio. The schedule includes the USPA sanctioned Peter Hurd Cup Aug. 2 and 3, the USPA Players Cup Aug. 9 and 10, a fun tournament Aug. 16 and 17, USPA Governor's Cup Aug. 23 and 24, and Tom Babers Cup Aug. 30 and 31. Games begin at 12 noon. There is no charge to watch.

The group intends to conform the Hurd Ranch in San Patricio into a national polo center for both playing and training. The Outback team is now using the ranch for training more than 25 head of horses to be used across the United States.

The polo fields are visible from Highway 70. Take the San Patricio exit.

Ruidoso Mid-Town . . .

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rule would also lead to merchants eliminating their existing parking and developing those lots. "We should encourage them, not discourage them to keep their parking in place," she said.

But councilor Bill Chance said that by eliminating the parking requirements, it says "it's your property and you can do what you want with it. It could start a trend."

"Basically we could lose all private parking downtown," said councilor Leon Eggleston. But councilor Robert Donaldson said economics will determine the best way to go. "In most cases those with parking will keep it," he said.

Donaldson said during his time on the village planning commission they gave many variances on the parking requirements to downtown businesses, and sometimes they turned down businesses because they could not provide parking.

Councilor Joe Gomez was unsure, and questioned if they were doing the right thing to eliminate the parking requirements. "What happens in two years when it's too late and someone says we need parking. It could be damaging."

Councilor Bob Sterchi agreed that eliminating the parking requirements will stimulate business in the downtown area. In two years, he said, the village could

consider a parking authority if needed.

Bolton again encouraged councilors to adopt the ordinance which eliminated the parking requirements downtown. As for maintaining parking, she said the village parking lot was not being maintained and was full of trash. "If you want vitality downtown, give up the parking requirements," she said.

Chance said it was critical to listen to the merchants in the mid town area, because the village was losing Wal Mart and possibly the Furr's grocery stores. "We need to do all we can to help those businesses we have."

Councilors unanimously approved the ordinance which eliminates the parking requirements, and an ordinance which alters the village master plan to reflect the elimination of the parking requirements in the mid town area.

Councilors also approved an ordinance which will allow mobile vendors in the community business and mid-town commercial districts within certain guidelines. Richards said the ordinance on the mobile vending was needed because the elimination of parking requirements in the mid town area would have left mobile vending unregulated. Under the new ordinance, mobile vendors will be allowed if they are located on private

property, have access to handicapped accessible rest rooms and the owner has a business registration from the village. Again Bolton commented, and asked how the popsicle man got his vending if it was so difficult.

Richards said the man went through the planning commission which granted his vending permit because he met the requirements. Later the popsicle man, Philip Doyle, said it took him four months with P&Z to get his stand. He said he was against "fly by night" vendors and he intended to stay and sell popsicles in Ruidoso. "I don't think too many vendors would go through this," Doyle said. "I even tried to bribe P&Z with popsicles for life."

Citizen Jennie Dingman said she hoped the village would have high standards for the mobile vendors, because three to four years ago there were so many mobile vendors Ruidoso's mid town looked like Juarez. "I don't like to deny businesses, but we must have high standards to keep Ruidoso looking as it is now."

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