

Property Tax Cut Won't Benefit Residential Property Owners

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners got a clear message from citizens who spoke during a special meeting to talk about cutting taxes—leave the taxes alone.

More than 200 citizens attended the special public hearing held Monday night in Ruidoso Convention Center, called to discuss lowering county property taxes.

Commission chairman Monroy Montes said the public hearing was not called to discuss a county gross receipt tax, rather to discuss lowering property tax rates by reducing mills imposed by the county commission. He said some at the hearing were only "half-informed."

But instead of hearing how much a reduction in mills could help reduce taxes, citi-

zens heard that residential property owners will not benefit from a reduction of any less than five mills. "And that is unrealistic," said Darlene Mares, executive budget analyst from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). Only non-residential property owners would save from a tax rate reduction by commissioners, she added. (DFA oversees all

New Mexico county and municipal budgets, and sets property tax rates based on those budgets.)

Mares delivered more news. Residential property owners get a 38 percent decrease on the "county" portion of their property tax rates due to what is known as the "yield control formula." However, county chief appraiser Paul Baca later said that overall proper-

ty tax rates will not decrease 38 percent, because the county's portion is about one-fifth of the total amount of property taxes. Other taxes come from the schools, municipalities and special districts such as those for soil and water, sanitation and paving.

So, instead of supporting a reduction in mills, nearly all the citizens who spoke said commissioners should leave

the taxes alone for now. Some were concerned commissioners would impose a gross receipt tax to recover revenue lost because of the reduction in property taxes. They suggested the commissioners apply the county "surplus", which so concerns commissioner Wilton Howell, to hiring enough pe-

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Gov. Johnson To "Trek For Trash" Through County

Governor Gary Johnson and a "Clean Team" of cyclists will pick up trash along New Mexico highways from Gallup to Hobbs during the third annual Trek for Trash, Sept. 12 through Sept. 16.

This year the Trek will bring Gov. Johnson through Lincoln County on Highway 380. He is arrive in Carrizozo Sunday, Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. and leave at 2 p.m. He is to arrive in Capitan at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15.

Gov. Johnson will have a route briefing and breakfast in Capitan from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. when he leaves Capitan. He is to arrive in Lincoln at 8:30 a.m. and leave there at 8:45 a.m. His next stop will be Roswell at 1 p.m.

The Trek for Trash route starts Friday, Sept. 2 from Gallup and continues to the Zuni Reservation, Magdalena, Socorro, Carrizozo, Capitan, Lincoln, Roswell, Artesia, Carlsbad and is to end in Hobbs Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Volunteers in communities along the way are scheduling clean-up campaigns. Cyclists can ride along the route with the governor for as long as

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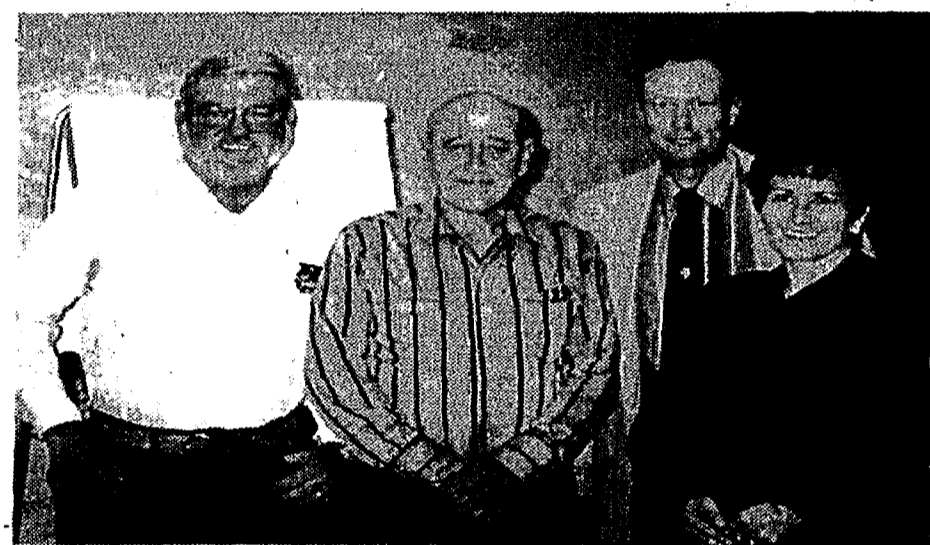
Lincoln County Judges To Sponsor Domestic Violence Seminar

This summer a group of judges, public defenders, district attorneys, psychologists, police chiefs and sheriffs met several times to plan a Domestic Violence Strategy Seminar.

Set on Friday, September 12, at Swiss Chalet in Ruidoso, the Bruises and Roses Domestic Violence Seminar is free and open to the public. The seminar will feature a domestic violence video, dramatization by Ruidoso Little Theater, mock trial, proposed legislation, panel discussion, a report on medical examination of domestic violence injuries, impact of domestic violence on children, and a discussion on domestic violence stalkers.

The objective of the seminar is to determine what domestic violence is, how to prevent it and how to protect the victims. The goal is to inform the community about the problem of domestic violence and assure it is handled properly by all involved.

For more information about the seminar call Magistrate Judge William Butts' office at 378-7022.



SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR NEW LINCOLN COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF RICK VIRDEN was held Thursday, August 21 with District Judge Karen Parsons officiating. From left: Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, former undersheriff Cliff Macsas, Virden and Judge Parsons.

Carrizozo Police Will Be Participating At School

by Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees meet Tuesday, August 26. The trustees discussed identifying streets for the 1998 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and prioritizing projects for the 1998 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP).

Trustee Eileen Lovelace, as mayor pro tem, read mayor Cecilia Kuhnel's recommendations for streets in need of repair to be included in the 1998 CDBG Grant application. The following are the streets Kuhnel recommended be included: 1. Seventh Street from E Avenue to D Avenue; 2. Twelfth Street from B Avenue to C Avenue; 3. E Avenue from Highway 54 to 18th Street; 4. G Avenue from 14th Street to 17th Street; 5. H Avenue from 14th Street to 17th Street; 6. J Avenue from 14th Street to 17th Street.

The trustees tabled the street recommendations for the grant until the next meeting so that they can go look at the streets recommended and also see if there are any more streets they would like to consider.

Trustee Lovelace also told the trustees that the Carrizozo Recreation Center has a sign-up list for the bowling leagues which will begin in September. The women's league will be Monday night, the mixed league will be Wednesday night, and the men's league will be Thursday night.

Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson, in his report, said that the police department will be participating in school programs. Vinson said he would be spending more time at the school and would like the police to be a part of

the school rather than have the kids see them there only when there is a problem.

Vinson said that the police will be having several demonstrations at the Labor Day Street Fair that the public will be able to participate in. There will be a Convincer, which simulates a 5 m.p.h. crash. The rider will be able to experience the crash both with a seat belt and without a belt. Fatal glasses will also be there. The wearer of these glasses will be able to simulate the feelings of walking as though their breath analyzed .18 which is a little over twice the drinking limit.

The police department is raffling off a bicycle to earn money for the Police Scholarship Fund. The tickets will be available from local businesses and police officers. The drawing will be at the Carrizozo Street Fair at 2:00 p.m. Monday.

Mary Lou White asked for street closures for the Carrizozo Street Fair on Sunday, August 31, on Twelfth Street from Fifth to Sixth Street between 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.; also, Monday, September 1, Twelfth Street from Four Winds to the Post Office for the parade and from Fifth to Sixth Street after the parade.

Priority projects for the 1998 ICIP were tabled so trustees could review last year's projects with projects for this year. Among projects discussed were the city hall, the sewer plant, and street repair.

During the trustee reports several items were discussed. Trustee Wesley Lindsay bought up the subject of the railroad crossing on E Avenue. The trustees are going to ask Kuhnel to write a letter

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Citizens Say Keep The Tax And... Give Us More Service

by Doris Cherry

The setting sun glistened off the emerald green grass of the Links golf course in Ruidoso late Monday afternoon. Across the way the new ball parks, constructed with bond funds approved by Ruidoso voters, property donated by the school, and work and equipment provided by the county, sparkled. Ruidoso Convention Center glowed in the late afternoon light. Shadowy Sierra Blanca stood high above the hills to the west.

As day moved into night more than 200 Lincoln County citizens gathered at Ruidoso Convention Center to talk taxes during a special county commission public hearing. More than 50 citizens came from the county's west side—Carrizozo, White Oaks. Others came from Capitan, many from Ruidoso.

For nearly two hours, citizens heard staff from New Mexico's finance agency—DFA—explain tax rates, values, complicated yield control formulas. Citizens learned that a tax cut proposed by some Lincoln County Commissioners would not benefit residential property owners. And non-residential property owners would get only a small decrease in tax rates.

Then citizens and elected officials spoke. Ruidoso Councilor Robert Donaldson said the actual tax rate decrease due to yield control would be more like 15 percent. He said he represented Ruidoso property owners who provide about 75 percent of county property tax revenues. He advocated cooperative agreements between the county and municipalities to improve quality of life and "take care of the kids. So we won't have to build more jails," he said.

Carrizozo Town Trustee Ruth Armstrong was concerned large land owners would be the only ones to benefit from a mill reduction. She thought many of the large properties are underestimated. "Give people living on their property a break," she said.

DFA analyst Darlene Mares said higher valued properties would benefit more from a reduction in the mills.

Citizen Al Junge was concerned about the 43 percent increase in value of his home. Mares said when the assessor's office re-evaluates, they do not determine the value of each home, rather values are determined by area. Junge supported commissioner Wilton Howell's proposal to impose a gross

receipt tax, because everyone would pay for the "nice things here."

County assessor chief appraiser Paul Baca explained that a net increase in value of 43 percent does not mean the taxes will increase by 43 percent.

Citizen John Haines questioned why the county road department had turned back money. He said the department needs attention.

Citizen James Gardner said if commissioners decrease the mills, the only ones to gain are nonresidential and commercial property owners. "So why fool with it?" he asked.

Citizen Dr. Ray Seidel tried to discuss how the county could derive more revenue from the county owned hospital but county commission chairman Monroy Montes refused him time to speak. Montes said the hearing was not called to discuss the hospital. Seidel requested a separate hearing for the hospital, but complained that no commissioner would sponsor him to be on county meeting agenda. Howell then said he would sponsor Seidel at the next regular meeting.

Then commissioners spoke. Ray Nunley called for further study of the tax issue. "It appears...we won't be lowering our residential tax," he said. "88 to 90 percent of our properties are residential."

"By reducing millage we not only decrease non-residential property rates by two percent," Nunley added. "But we'll increase sales tax by 3/8 percent if we continue on the path we're on." Nunley indicated upcoming costs for the jail, and other growth needs.

Howell explained he also wanted to proceed with caution. "You're not hearing talk that we're implementing a gross receipt tax," he said. "I believe when government runs a good basic operation, with no department being slighted and has \$1.7 million more than it can spend it can do more programs, or it can reduce taxes."

"We're not programmed to hearing 'decrease tax, or lighten the burden'," Howell said. He said he voted against this year's county budget because it contained too much fluff. "We need to do tax relief or worthwhile programs," he added.

But fellow county commissioner Bill Schwettmann questioned Howell's figures.

County treasurer Joan Park said the actual surplus was lower, and once the required reserves were set aside, only

\$400,000 was left as a cushion.

Schwettmann said there are too many issues involved to hurry to a tax cut: the jail, residents not getting relief, or emergency needs that would require commissioners to impose a gross receipt tax. "It's not wrong to say cut taxes, but don't cut taxes arbitrarily for political purposes," he said.

Wilson, the newcomer on the county commission board, did not favor changing the taxes now. He said he had great appreciation for the county's past prudent management. But he was reluctant to change the tax rates now, after the budget process was completed. "Hopefully this will generate future discussions during the budget process," Wilson said.

Instead Wilson advocated being more efficient with funds available. "A lot of citizens feel their services are not being met." He also said one of the commission's biggest shortcomings is in long term planning for needs. He was not comfortable in changing the tax rates until they get better grasp of future needs. He then referred to figures showing there will be 9,000 more people in Lincoln County by 2003.

Citizen Barbara Culler asked why commissioners argue about hiring a full time employee for the jail when they have a \$1.7 million surplus. "If there are more dollars there, then give it to the residents through services," she said.

Citizen and county employee Patsy Sanchez said she couldn't believe what she was hearing. "We have all that money and we couldn't afford \$20,000 for a GPS (for rural addressing). We've got to have that done," she said.

Citizen Joe Zagone said as a citizen he needed to represent the children. "We should be ashamed Lincoln County brought in gambling, which is going to increase crime," he said. Zagone then suggested extra money be spent on a swimming pool for Capitan, ball fields. He was concerned the county's recreation budget is only \$2,500.

Montes said the county cooperated with Ruidoso schools and Ruidoso on the ball fields. "We gave all that they asked," Montes said.

"Then you'll get asked hard next time. It's pay now or pay later," Zagone said.

Citizen Dave Cummins said the commissioners need to

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ple to properly staff the county jail, improve county roads, and support recreation and/or other programs for youth.

Lincoln County Commissioners Bill Schwettmann, Ray Nunley and Rex Wilson were also against cutting the tax at this time.

Howell had requested the special public hearing hoping to institute a tax cut before DFA's deadline of September 1. He has sought to reduce property taxes since the notices of re-evaluation were mailed to property owners this spring. In certain areas, the valuations increased as much as 43 percent.

By state law, county assess-

ors must maintain property values at current market levels. This is accomplished by re-evaluations every two years. When the assessor's office sent the notices this spring, many Lincoln County citizens complained, worried their actual taxes would escalate.

But state lawmakers accounted for the possibility of tax increases on residents. They imposed a "yield control formula" which limits the increase of tax rates due to re-evaluation to five percent from the previous rate. Yield control, however, does not apply to properties which increased in value because of

new construction, Mares said during the hearing. And yield control only applies to the county's portion of property tax.

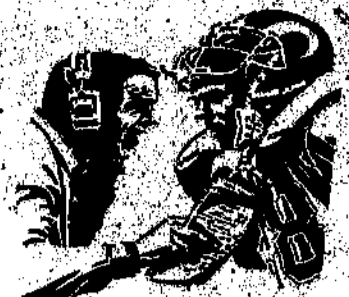
Mares and Don Waddell DFA bureau chief were invited to the public hearing to explain how they set the actual property tax rates based on property values. Mares said currently Lincoln County residential property owners pay \$10.60 per \$1,000 of net taxable value of their property. With the new values applied to the yield control formula that could reduce the rate to \$6.52 per \$1,000.

By state law, counties are allowed to impose up to 11.85 mills, or in dollar terms, \$11.85 of taxes for each \$1,000 taxable worth of property. (Net taxable worth is one-third the full assessed, or market value.)

After nearly two hours of discussion, no commissioner made a motion to favor reducing mills. Instead, Schwettmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Howell voted no, everyone else voted aye.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Dr. Leah Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson of Bingham, will wed Heath Madsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Madsen of Lebanon, MO and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bruner of Cleburne, TX Aug. 30. Dr. Patterson is a 1989 graduate of Carrizozo High School, a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University, and a 1997 graduate of University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She is a resident physician in the Department of Family Practice at the University of Texas Health Center in Tyler, TX. Heath will complete student teaching requirements this fall and graduate with a degree in secondary education from the University of New Mexico in December.



Coach's Corner

First year Grizzly coach Rick Bessera will field his 1997 varsity team against the powerful Melrose Buffaloes in a scrimmage this Saturday. Scrimmage is set to start at 1:30 p.m. at Laabs Field in Carrizozo.

The new Grizzly coach noted that tenacity and aggressiveness will have to step to the forefront for his team to be successful this year. Seniors Josh Thornton and Miguel Najjar will lead a young Grizzly team that also includes Ryan Roper, Jimmy Vermillion, John Paul Ortiz, Simon Beltran, Josh Vega, Eldon Offett and Cameron Douglas.

"The focal point of the scrimmage will emulate execution, blocking, and tackling technique", said the new coach. "X's and O's, wins and losses may be important, but more importantly is that these young men succeed in the classroom first... we stress academics first and foremost—athletics is extra-curricular and secondary to the overall quality of education the Carrizozo schools offer its 'student athletes', be it male or female", he went on to say.

Coach Bessera stated that he was impressed with the administration for being student oriented and for their desire and dedication to excellence in academics in the Carrizozo school system, which will enhance the quality of education the student athletes will receive.

Several slogans have been adopted by this year's Grizzly team including: "Grizzly pride is on the move!", "Grizzlies don't rebuild they just reload!", and "Let's all, be winners."

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Rosalie Dunlap Is Named To Receive The Pioneer Award

Rosalie Dunlap of Lincoln has been named the recipient of the Pioneer Award granted by the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women.

The Pioneer Award was started in 1987 by the New Mexico Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) and the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women. The award recognizes a New Mexico FCE Home-maker for outstanding leadership and accomplishments in the community and for demonstrating the pioneering spirit that keeps New Mexico strong.

"I feel honored to receive this award," Rosalie told the NEWS earlier this week. She said there are many others eligible for the award.

Lincoln County also had one of the first recipients of the Pioneer Award, Opal Armstrong of Ruidoso.

The Pioneer Award selection committee evaluates the applicants in the following areas: leadership and contribution to FCE, pioneering spirit in areas such as business, ranching, farming, politics, law, etc., role model or mentor for other women, service to family and family preservation, service and leadership in community such as volunteer work or work done above and beyond job requirements, service to church, and service in the face of adversity and unique obstacles.

Rosalie was born in western Nebraska on a small farm near Hay Springs. Her family moved to Colorado when she was one year old. Colorado was the only place Rosalie didn't have asthma.

When the depression came Rosalie's father went to California and Idaho to find work. He died Christmas Eve 1940 of a massive coronary.

Rosalie's mother was left with three children and Rosalie was ill most of the time with asthma. It was a rough time because Rosalie's mother couldn't find work. During this time Rosalie's grandfather, who had a ranch, found Rosalie and her brother crying because there was only one pickle and a slice of bread to eat. He bought enough groceries to last until school was out and then he took the children to the ranch. Rosalie said that sack of groceries was the greatest thing she ever saw.

Rosalie went to a small country school until she was in eighth grade. She either



rode a horse or walked the two miles. She was still sick a lot of the time but when she was able she was expected to do her share of the chores, milking, gathering eggs, feeding pigs, chickens, sheep and horses, doing the dishes and helping in her grandmother's garden.

In 1939 Rosalie had an emergency appendectomy, two ear operations and the third tonsillectomy. By 1944 her mother, undeterred by the doctors saying it wouldn't help, decided she would bring Rosalie to New Mexico.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

—Ruidoso Capital Improvements Plan Advisory Committee 1:30 p.m. village hall.

—Friends of Smokey Capitan, Inc. 6:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

—Capitan Football, kick off at 7:30 p.m. Tiger Field.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

—Lincoln County Republican Party Quadrennial County Convention 10 a.m. Lincoln County Commissioners room, Carrizozo.

—Lincoln County Historical Society 2:30 p.m. St. Joseph Apache Mission, Mesalero.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

—United Methodist Church in Capitan 50th anniversary of building and 70th anniversary of signing of charter. Special service at 9:15 a.m., singing program at 10:30 and potluck dinner at 12:15.

—Music jam session 1-4 p.m. at 321 Lincoln Street in Capitan.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

—Labor Day. Governmental offices closed.

—Writers Group 7 p.m. downstairs Carrizozo Masonic Building.

—Capitan chamber of commerce meeting rescheduled to September 8.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

—Lincoln County Road Review Committee 9 a.m. at Kingdom Hall on Alpine Village Road in Ruidoso.

—TOPS, 5:30 p.m. Electric co-op office in Carrizozo. Meets Tuesday this week only.

—Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso.

—Capitan Schools Music Boosters, 6:30 p.m. school band room.



Fern Sawyer Featured

New Mexico Cowgirl Fern Sawyer will be featured on KENW-TV Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 10 p.m.

According to Q2-3, Program Guide KENW-TV/FM, Eastern New Mexico University, September 1997 edition:

"Just for the Ride" on P.O.V., a high spirited romp through the contemporary Wild West, introduces legendary rodeo cowgirls like the late Fern Sawyer of New Mexico and Jan Youren.

At 76, still wearing spandex and gold leather suits, Fern Sawyer is hard to miss. In her day, women competed alongside men in most rodeo events, and her equestrian achievements got her into three halls of fame. "Just for the Ride" features the legendary rodeo cowgirl carrying the American flag at the state fair as she had for 20-odd years, and working calves on her New Mexico ranch after two heart attacks and two hip replacements.

Sawyer was at the height of her career in the 1940s when the last major rodeos discontinued women's cutting and roping competitions. A new generation of cowgirls has picked up where Sawyer left off.

Former Resident Honored

Linda Haller, a former Lincoln County resident now living in Alamogordo, was honored as "Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year" by the New Mexico Health Care Association. Haller is a staff member at Casa Arena

Blanca's Alzheimer's Living Center unit in Alamogordo.

Haller received a plaque and \$800. The award is presented to a certified nursing assistant who demonstrates true caring and compassion, trustworthiness, a strong work ethic, drive an initiative, teamwork and leadership.

College Math Class in Capitan

Math 101, developmental algebra, will be presented in Capitan by Eastern New Mexico University, Ruidoso. Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call 1-800-924-3668 to register.

Capitan Tiger Pep Rally

The Capitan Varsity Cheerleaders invite students, staff, parents, community members and all Capitan boosters to attend a Fall Pep Rally tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 29 at 2:20 p.m. in Cummin's Gymnasium to support the Capitan athletes.

Fort Stanton Cemetery Funeral

Funeral services for Lt. Col. Noland "Tank" Baldwin, 65, of Lovington were held at Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery Aug. 22 with Royce Denton,

Carrizozo Police

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asking the railroad to repair it.

The intersection of Highway 54 and Highway 380 was discussed, Vinson said he has a solution, but he is having difficulty getting action from the state. The state said they will do something about the intersection, but they will not do anything until after the resurfacing of Central. Lindsay said maybe it is time to talk to State Representative Dub Williams.

The next scheduled Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees Meeting will be September 9.

pastor of the Jackson Avenue Baptist Church officiating.

He was born Feb. 11, 1932 and died Aug. 19. He retired from the U.S. Army, Artillery Branch as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1976. He was branch certified in three areas, Artillery,

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C'zozo Chit Chat

Football Scrimmage Saturday

The Carrizozo Grizzlies will face the Mesquite Buffaloes in a scrimmage at Laab's Field Sat., Aug. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Six man football games begin Sept. 12 in Roswell with the varsity team facing Gateway Christian at 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball Next Week

The Carrizozo volleyball season begins Sept. 4 when the varsity and junior varsity travels to New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell for action beginning at 5 p.m. Junior high, junior varsity

and varsity teams will play at home Sept. 5 against Magdalena and Sept. 6 against Quemado.

Street Fair This Weekend

Fun activities in Carrizozo Sunday and Monday include the Street Fair and parade. See advertisement on page 2 for schedule of events.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column. Please call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT: Dr. Mary Jane Ferguson, daughter of Wally and Anne Ferguson of Carrizozo, and Jim Cooper, son of John and Mary Cooper of Arabella, will be married Sept. 6. Dr. Ferguson is a 1984 graduate of Carrizozo High School and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. She is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the Ruidoso Animal Clinic. Jim is a 1982 graduate of Hondo High School. He attended and graduated from the New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Trek After Tax Hearing

By Ruth Hammond

A public hearing was held in Ruidoso Monday by the Lincoln County Commission to receive public input on the Lincoln County Tax Rates and address alternatives to property taxes. And in another three weeks governor Gary Johnson will be in Lincoln County picking up trash. Do you suppose there is any connection between the two events? Do you suppose that the governor believes Lincoln County needs to have trash removed after the county commissioner's public hearing about taxes?

The public hearing was interesting because Lincoln County residents told county commissioners they didn't want a change in property tax rates. The main thing residents do want is for the county to provide services, not cut them as they did during the last budget process. Residents also want the jail to be safe and want the county to hire additional jail personnel. It was interesting that the county commissioners didn't agree to hire as many people as are needed to provide adequate jail staffing.

It was also interesting to hear that one county commissioner said the county has a surplus of \$1.7 million when all we heard during the budget hearings was the need to cut costs. Lincoln County needs to complete the county addressing program which is required for the 911 system to be efficient. Addressing is also necessary for emergency response personnel. We can only hope the county's delay in implementing the addressing won't be the cause of any person's death. Ambulance personnel need to know where they are going when they get an emergency call, not try to take directions about going down a short lane to the third turn and then going on to the next driveway before turning left.

If Lincoln County has a \$1.7 million surplus why wasn't it announced during the budget hearings? If Lincoln County has a \$1.7 million surplus where did it come from and why are we just now hearing about it? If Lincoln County has a \$1.7 million surplus why was it announced at a public hearing instead of at a regular Lincoln County Commission meeting that should be held in the Lincoln County Courthouse, the official county building?

There are many questions that need to be answered but it is a good bet that there won't be any answers and the next thing we hear from our elected officials will be that the people didn't understand what was being said at the public hearing. It is also a good bet that the next startling announcement will be made at a special meeting being held in Ruidoso instead of at a regular county commission meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse.

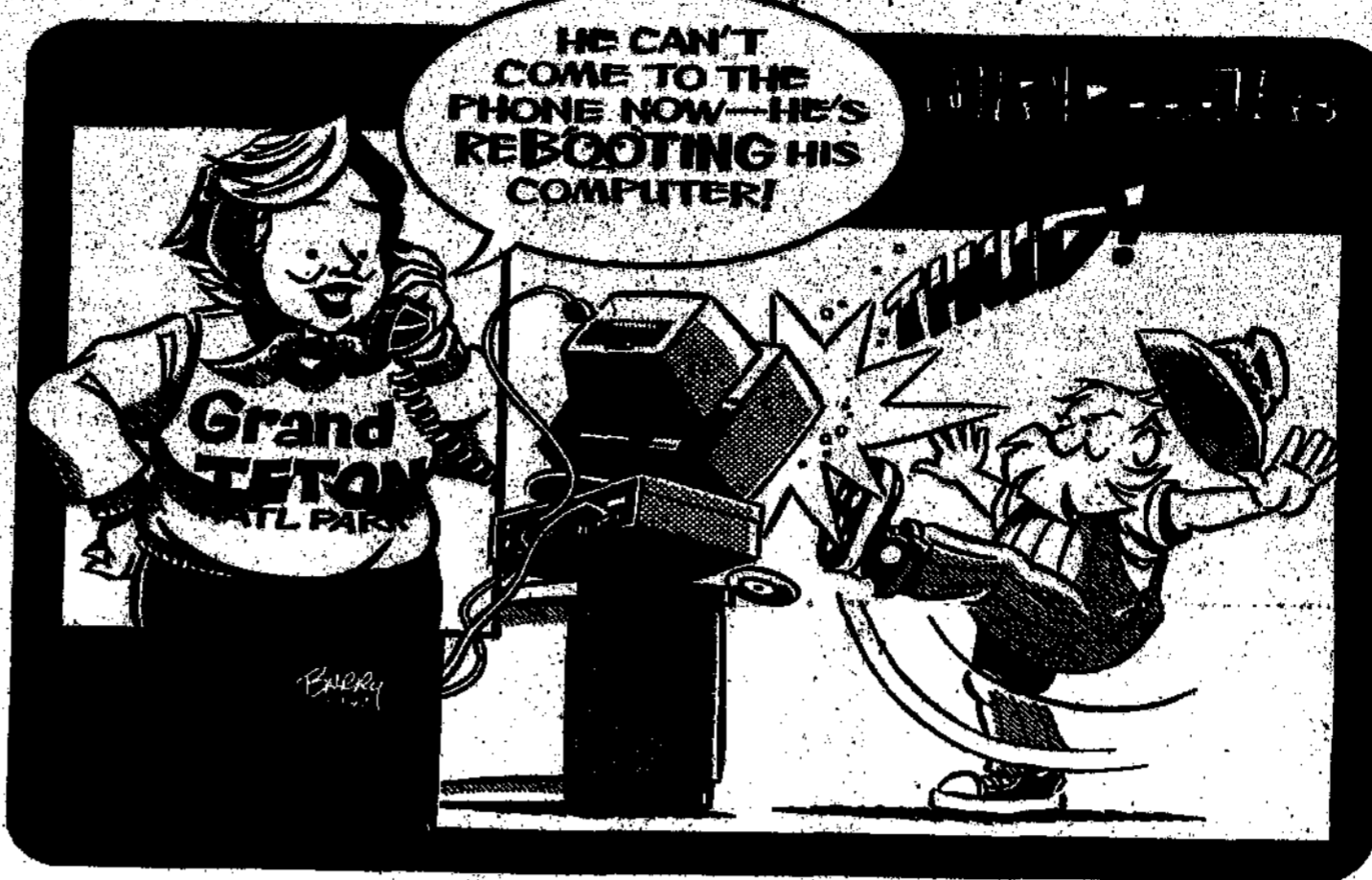
Taxes will probably be discussed over and over again with few decisions being made but the most important thing that will happen in Lincoln County in 17 days will be when governor Johnson rides his bicycle through Lincoln County on his third annual Trek for Trash. He plans to average 100 miles each day on his across the state journey from Gallup to Hobbs. He is to stop along the way to join with community volunteers to pick up trash and it will be an excellent opportunity to see him at work.

One of the nicest things about the governor's annual Trek for Trash is that Highway 380 in Lincoln County will probably be cleaner than it has ever been. The highway department may mow the shoulders of the highway and the Adopt-A-Mile groups will be out cleaning their mile long before the governor arrives.

We hope governor Johnson will see that Lincoln County is the most beautiful county in New Mexico. We hope he will not only look for trash on the side of the road, we hope he will enjoy the scenery and enjoy his bicycle ride through the county.

We need to prepare for the governor's visit and not think about the county's new found \$1.7 million surplus and taxes. There is probably no connection between the public hearing last Monday and the governor's Trek for Trash....Or is there?

Have you picked up your trash?



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — New Mexico's recent Spaceport Summit in Las Cruces was the most important event so far in the state's effort to attract the nation's first spaceport.

Many agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals have performed monumental feats already to further New Mexico's interest in space, but the Aug. 14 summit was necessary for bringing together all entities necessary for success. Over 200 executive and legislative leaders from local, state and federal governments, business rep-

resentatives, residents of affected communities, the aerospace industry and the general public gathered to hear speakers representing each essential factor in the equation explain their work and commitment to the project.

Too often over the last several years of development, groups would criticize each other for foot dragging. The summit got everyone in the same room, and maybe even singing out of the same hymnal. Its a big hymnal, including a \$1 million environmental

impact statement, a \$350,000 business plan, and a complicated land exchange plan.

It's no secret that environmental impact statements involve a lengthy process of considering every factor imaginable that will or might impinge on a project. They are painfully tedious and often contentious overreactions to the days when government did anything it wanted at the expense of our land and often our citizens. On Aug. 19 and 20, hearings on the draft EIS were held in Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces to hear from residents who will be impacted by the spaceport. Such hearings 50 years ago would almost certainly have lessened the negative impact on White Sands ranchers, who lost their land and livelihoods to the missile range.

The business plan for the spaceport was completed in mid-July, approved by Gov. Gary Johnson in early August, and unveiled at the summit. It projects a cost of \$240 million to build the facility and a boost to New Mexico's economy of \$2.1 billion. The plan calls for a funding request of \$10 million from the '98 Legislature for access roads, a runway and contractual services, but in comments at the summit, Ave Tombes, chairman of the state Spaceport Commission, talked in terms of \$3 million to \$5 million.

The timing of New Mexico's investment in the spaceport is critical. Gov. Johnson is cautious about putting any taxpayer money at risk, even though it might yield tremendous rewards later. The federal government is expected to provide as much as 90 percent funding for the nation's first commercial spaceport as soon as a launch vehicle proves successful. The trick is to stay ahead of our many competitors by making initial expenditures just fast enough to be positioned as the most expeditious choice once the selection process begins.

The state Land Office is the key to the 386-square-mile land package for the complex, to be located 40 miles north of Las Cruces. Land Commissioner Ray Powell must combine current state trust land with federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management to provide for the needs of the private sector companies that are leading the effort to commercialize space. Because BLM land is subject to stringent laws governing its use, the crucial elements of the spaceport will be located on state land, with support activ-

Caterpillars Are Munching Around Area

By Doris Cherry

This year's early summer rains brought needed relief to the dry grasslands of Lincoln County. But along with the rains came an unwanted visitor—range caterpillars.

About four weeks ago, a rancher north of Capitan called Lincoln County Extension Agent Barry Herd and asked if he would like to see range caterpillars in action. Herd, who has been county agent in Lincoln County for the last 16 years, had never seen a large number of the pests in the field in his own county. While there have been range caterpillars in Lincoln County every year, the last heavy infestation of range caterpillars occurred about 25 years ago. Several ranchers at that time went together on a spraying program. The spraying and tough conditions from Mother Nature kept the caterpillars at bay until about 1993. That year, a rancher in the grasslands north of Capitan Mountains sprayed about 1,200 acres infested with the caterpillar.

Again there were few problems with the caterpillar until this year. The moisture was just right for the caterpillar eggs to hatch out. Last fall, Herd said there were more than a 1,000 range caterpillar moths on the wall of his home in Capitan. The flesh colored furry moths were attracted to the porch light which had been left on all night. He said he suspected then there would be a problem with the range caterpillars the next year.

Herd drove THE NEWS out along a one track country road, but into the grasslands north of the Capitan Mountains. Antelope stopped briefly in their grazing to watch the white county extension truck hurry by, in search of the range caterpillar.

Why is the caterpillar so dreaded? Because it eats range grass. Its favorite here is blue gramma, also favored by cattle producers for its high quality forage. But the caterpillars not only eat the grass, cattle tend to leave an area where the caterpillars are. No wonder, the large eyed, tan to flesh colored caterpillar which can get as long as four inches, has furry spikes that are irritating to an animal's mouth.

Herd, who had been watching the areas along the road, stopped and pointed out the grasses which appeared to have fleshy clumps attached, all moving. Herd got out of the truck. Close to the road he stopped and counted—10, 15, 20—in a square foot. Then he got down on the grass to take a picture, close up, face to face. "In about two weeks, in early September," Herd said, "the caterpillars will begin to web up."

When the caterpillars web up they spin a web around themselves, to form a type of cocoon. In this the caterpillar metamorphoses to a pupae stage, then into the moth. The moths then mate and the female lays her eggs on strands of gramma grass, close to the ground. So early the next spring, if conditions are just right, and "Mother Nature" cooperates, the caterpillars hatch out, and begin eating the grass. Not only do the caterpillars eat the grass, they cause the rest of the grass to die back. One way to spot the caterpillars is to look for an area with faded grass. In heavy infestations, the caterpillars create an area that appears to have been mowed too closely.

"Mother Nature usually takes care of the eggs," Herd

LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR: I have been reading the "President's Council on Sustainable Development" which is available free by telephoning (800) 363-3732. Also ask for all of the Task Force Reports available.

This information is enlightening and frightening. My first problem was, "What is Sustainable America" and what is "A New Consensus?"

The first few pages of the report convinced me that you could not have a "Sustainable America" unless you have "A New Consensus." This all seems to concern the White House's "reinvention of government."

A new consensus is not necessarily agreement but more a lack of a disagreement. "Do you want clean water?" Of course, I want clean water. "Then you must be in agreement that the federal government should be in control of the waterways in this nation." Whoa there.

If your community has been blessed with a Facilitator or a Dispute Resolutionist who is sent into communities, both large and small, with predetermined objectives, you will soon be hearing how wonderful it will be to live in a Sustainable Community, which will occupy only 25 percent of the land area of North America, while half of the land area will be restored to wilderness, and the remaining 25 percent is managed collaboratively by the Federal Government and environmental organizations (NGOs) for buffer zones around the wilderness areas.

We have one way of stopping this destruction of our beloved nation, the destruction of our human and property rights. It is called the Congress of the United States of America. Get the books, read them, and you will know what to do, and don't spare the stamps.

ANNIE C. McMANUS
Caballo, New Mexico

C'zozo School Students Can Wear Bulls/Raiders Clothing

by Doris Cherry

Chicago Bulls and Oakland Raiders will be on the scene again at Carrizozo Schools this year.

Carrizozo Board of Education during its regular meeting August 19, approved a student handbook that no longer lists Chicago Bulls and Oakland Raiders logos as prohibited clothing items.

Last year the board imposed a policy that prohibited students from wearing clothing that had logos for the two ball clubs, because they depicted gang "colors." Several parents complained, because they had purchased jackets or other expensive items with the ball team logos and their children were unable to wear them.

This year the board gained some new insight about gang problems. New principal Robert Chavez, who came to Carrizozo from Washington Middle School in Albuquerque in the heart of the old downtown, said Carrizozo has no problem with gangs. "I believe the dress code is very fair," Chavez told the board.

But board member Pat Vega asked why the Raiders and Bulls were not listed with prohibited logos this year. Chavez explained that he had left the reference to the Bulls and Raiders logos out of the student handbook section on dress code. He said the two team logos are not really a serious issue and are not recognized as depicting any specific gang. "I've dealt with hard core gangs in Albuquerque," he said. "Primarily they wear colors—black, brown and blue."

Board member Lisa Shivers said the school is so small that students wearing potential gang clothing would be

spotted. "We could ask them why they dress alike," Shivers said.

An audience member reminded the board that the Bulls are world champions and there are a lot of Bulls fans. Vega said her son is a big Bulls fan. Vega also said parents have called her wanting to know if their students can wear a certain item.

School superintendent Paula Papponi said the dress code will be applied to students who come to school dressed in pants with the crotch to the knees, overly large jacket and exhibiting a certain demeanor. "They will be very easy to spot," Papponi said.

Chavez said he will monitor the students, but he has not seen any problems so far. "If I see a problem I will deal with it immediately. I worked long enough in different barrio schools, I would recognize a gang member immediately," he said.

Students may wear shorts but they must be no more than two inches above the knee. They may not wear clothing with see through mesh materials, tank tops, or short tops. Other specific information about the dress code is provided in the handbook which all students were given to take home for parents to read and sign.

One of Chavez's goals is to work with the student council to establish a committee of students and parents to look over the student policies and see which ones work and which ones don't. Papponi encouraged parents and student who are interested in serving on such a committee to contact Chavez.

"It's interesting," Shivers

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Rosalie Dunlap Is Named . . .

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Rosalie had been living on ice cream and milk shakes for six months and weighed 88 pounds. After the move to New Mexico she was able to work that summer as theater usher and a waitress in the dining room of NM Highlands. The students gave her a gold compact for being a good waitress.

The family moved to Lordsburg that fall where Rosalie met Ralph Dunlap. They were married in February 1947. Rosalie graduated from Portales High School in May 1947. She took the last half of her senior year in Portales because her mother was teaching there.

Rosalie and Ralph spent the summer in Wilcox, AZ then moved to Las Cruces where Ralph went to school. Their children, Wayne and Lois, were born in Las Cruces. Rosalie was still sick a lot of the time and Ralph was busy working, taking care of Rosalie and the two babies, and going to school.

Rosalie and Ralph lived in Raton from 1950 to 1952 then moved to Lincoln County. Ralph was the only extension agent for several years and Rosalie was gradually finding herself involved in extension work, helping Ralph with extension and 4-H clubs.

C'zozo School Students Can . . .

(Cont. from P. 4)

said, "When big city hits the tiny town."

The handbook was given to all students during an assembly the first day of school. The handbook lists all student policies, graduation requirements, grading scale, insurance, extracurricular eligibility, rules, regulations and policies.

It also includes a section on the new "Power Hour." The power hour is a classroom setting held 8:10 to 8:42 a.m. for students in grades 6-12. Students are expected to attend the class that is appropriate to their needs. If a student misses more than 10 of the power hour classes, he or she may lose the right to participate in any extracurricular activity for the rest of the school year.

Power Hour provides students individualized and directed learning opportunities. Students are placed according to academic need, remediation, enrichment, or student interest in a particular area. Power hour provides a time for students to get help with subject areas, or do accelerated enrichment projects for advanced students.

Chavez said most of the first school day was spent scheduling so there was no way to gauge the program's success. "It looks real promising," he said. "An adventure in class."

Board member Gray Gallacher asked that the board receive a report on the power hour monthly.

In other business, the board:

-Approved hiring Jeremy Patton as music/band instructor.

-Accepted a \$320 donation from Dr. Bob Cates at Eastern New Mexico University to go toward installation of the school greenhouse.

-Approved the milk bid from Bordens.

-Accepted a list of inventory deletions of items broken, sold at auction, stolen or obsolete.

-Approved hiring activity and substitute bus drivers: Ralph Baroz, Larry Bond, Jack Heffer, Barbara Roper, Hayden Smith, Bryan Wetzel, Angelo Vega, Allen Sultemeyer, Everett Greer Jr., Tony Hamby.

Rosalie learned how to use the office equipment but balked at the movie projector. She ended up learning one morning in a five minute lesson and presenting a program on meats at the Ruidoso-Hondo club.

Rosalie and Ralph moved to Nogal in 1953 and when the children started to school Rosalie was a room mother, transportation person for the cheer leaders and others in Carrizozo. She was the 4-H leader for the girls in Carrizozo and provided transportation for the 4-H home economics and livestock members of the Carrizozo, Capitan and Ancho 4-H clubs.

This also involved all the fairs, taking either the 4-Hers or the exhibits or both to the New Mexico State Fairs, helping put up the county booth at the fairs and the 4-H summer camps. She served in several superintendent positions at the Lincoln County Fair and showed her own fair entries in different categories. During this time their son Wayne suffered polio for the third time and their daughter Lois had bone cysts in her leg.

After moving to the Lincoln County area in 1966 Rosalie continued her involvement with the apple festival and the Make-It-Yourself With Wool.

Rosalie became more involved with the Republican party, the Lincolntown "Old Lincoln Days", National Association of Federal Retirees, became a member of the La Junta Extension Club in 1976, kept up her church work, and helping her neighbors.

She began taking photography seriously and has had a number of photos in various newspapers, magazines, foreign magazines and shows. She takes photos of clubs and organizations, weddings and any other that people might want her to take.

As a member of the La Junta club she has served as Lincoln Council vice-chair, historian, editor, cultural arts chair, and a "good go-for". At the District IV level she has served as the cultural arts chair, editor and delegate. The state level has been FCE programs, legislative days, lobbying the legislature for the extension programs, Lincolntown and Lincoln County, serving as a delegate, attending various meetings and helping at the State Cultural Arts Show. She was the back-up photographer for the 50th anniversary of New Mexico Extension Clubs.

Rosalie has written a column for the Lincoln County newspapers since the 1960s, co-chaired for the Pony Express Race from White Oaks to Lincoln, started a Spinning and Weaving shop in Lincoln town, is a member of the Lincoln County Historical Society, and a foundation member of the Southeastern Historical Society. She taught classes on spinning and weaving in the Lincoln County school.

Rosalie continues her education through community colleges, currently attending a computer class.

Rosalie said she has been fortunate to spend two years in Tunisia working with the handicapped children. It was while Rosalie and Ralph were in Tunisia they lost their second home to fire. She has traveled to Egypt, France, England, Israel, Palestine and Australia. Rosalie and Ralph celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in New Zealand.

"I have had a very interesting and fulfilled life and it has been great," Rosalie said.

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CAPITAN NOTES

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

This is one of those days that I am not certain whether I am moving from something or to something.

Bart, bless him, just dropped off some interesting bits of this and that, so will get the notes that I took hurriedly with some Gregg shorthand, left over from my secretarial days of long ago but combined with my short cuts that I now use most of the time. If I let my notes get cold, I am in big trouble. So here goes folks.

Top billing this week goes to my brand new great grandson John Thomas Sullivan,

son of John Michael and Jackie Sullivan of Dallas, Texas and grandson of Sheriff Tom Sullivan and his wife Pat who made his advent into this world at 11:55 p.m. on Friday, August 22, weighing seven pounds and three ounces and was 20 inches long. Can hardly wait to see him. And my heartiest congratulations to Mike and Jackie, my special grandkids.

The steering committee of the Lincoln County Arts Council met Aug. 20. A decision was made to hold the general meeting the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., and the next meeting will be Sept. 17. The steering committee meets again at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10.

The Capitan Tigers are gearing up for their football season already and they looked pretty good during their scrimmage with Ruidoso last week. Way to go boys, way to go.

Before I get involved in the sports section must add that every Sunday there is a jam session for musicians here in Capitan from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and everyone is invited to play an instrument if they so desire, but they are most welcome to just participate by enjoying the music of the players. Come one, come all, and enjoy.

And now again some sports events. Our Capitan Tigers will play football here Friday night, Aug. 29, against the Falcons of Loving. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. so come early and select your favorite seat or place to park, you car that is.

And also regarding football, the Ft. Sumner Foxes will be here on Sept. 5 to play our Capitan Tigers. That should draw a big crowd.

And there will be a middle school football game here in Capitan Thursday, Sept. 4 at 4:30 p.m. Y'all come and cheer for the team.

And the Capitan Lady Tigers will have a volleyball game with the Tatum Lady Coyotes here in Capitan Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. The teams welcome your interest and cooperation, so ya' all come, ya' hear?

The September 1 meeting of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce has been rescheduled. The meeting will be held on Sept. 8 at 12:30 at the chamber building on Second Street.

And speaking of activities, new activities are in the making at the Capitan Senior Center. Dorothy Combee has started a crafts class which will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. There is much interest and many interesting projects are underway with others planned. Both men and women are most welcome. And if enough interest is apparent, afternoon classes will also be offered. Also knitting classes are being planned. If you are interested please call Dorothy at 354-2565 or just call the Senior Center at 354-2640.

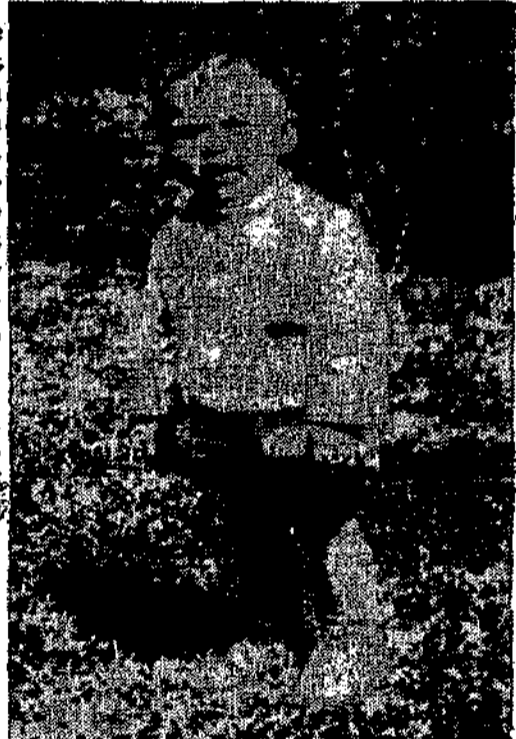
And more news of interest to all is the Carmichael reunion which was held at the home of Myrl and Bob Ray on August 16. They entertained relatives from Granbury, Dallas, Andrews and Commerce, Texas, Carlsbad, Portales, Albuquerque, Alamogordo, and from Tulsa, Oklahoma. There were 44 people present and all of these people started from Myrl's mother and father, the late

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Carmichael who moved from Granbury, Texas to Lamasas, Texas in 1923 in a covered wagon. They had eight children. Later they moved to Cansy, New Mexico in 1943 and they passed away in Portales. Her father was killed in a car wreck in 1958, but her mother lived until 1978. They both are interred in Portales. Myrl had one brother who was killed on D-Day in France. He was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division.

The family started having the Carmichael reunion about 20 years ago. Some years it was held in Granbury, Texas and some times they had as many as 75 people present. They had a Bar-B-Que, fried chicken with all the trimmings. They had so much food left over and gave it away. Myrl says she still has pie and cakes in her freezer from the get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Nolan entertained their three grandchildren Brennan, Heather and Lacy from Carlsbad for a week. Then their son Danny and wife Cindy came up and spent the weekend and the children returned home with them.

And a little enigma for you in closing: Who Is This Person?



He was born in Kansas City, Missouri and also lived in Louisiana until he was 15 years old. He graduated from college at Texas Christian University. He moved to Capitan in 1960 and has been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1954. He also performs occasionally as a musician. He is a good friend of Bud and Ruth Hammond and he feels he is very lucky that he moved to New Mexico. Guess who???? Answer next edition.

And so for another week, sayonara and adios and may the Good Lord take a likin' to ye one and all.

OBITUARY

LONNIE WILKINSON
Graveside services for Lonnie Wilkinson, 53, of Wichita Falls, TX and formerly of Capitan were August 25, at the Capitan Cemetery with the Rev. Wayne Joyce officiating.

Mr. Wilkinson died August 24 at Wichita Falls General Hospital. He was born October 9, 1943. He had lived in Capitan off and on for the past 17 years.

He is survived by his mother and step-father Elsie and Tommy Williams of Capitan and a sister Darlene Jajuevsky of Freeport, TX.

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



Lincoln County Fair Results

- Cabrillo**
Light: 1. Reserve, Dustin Sultemeier, 2. Patrick Luna, 3. Traci Maroon, 4. Traci Maroon, 5. Mario Maroon.
Heavy: 1. Grand Champ, Dustin Sultemeier, 2. Patrick Luna, 3. Mario Maroon, 4. Dustin Sultemeier, 5. Wesley Armenta.
- Breeding Poultry**
Lt. Breed Hen: 1. Trenna Stephens, 2. Matt Stephens, 3. Ashlee Hendrix.
Lt. Breed Rooster: 1. Ashlee Hendrix.
Heavy Breed Hen: 1. Grand Champ, Trenna Stephens, 2. Matt Stephens, 3. Ashlee Hendrix.
Heavy Breed Rooster: 1. Reserbye, Kaci Moore, 2. Lacy Moore.
- Bantam Hen Class:** 1. Reserve, Sammi Allen, 2. Trenna Stephens, 3. Trenna Stephens, 4. Sammi Allen, 5. Sammi Allen, 6. Matt Stephens.
Bantam Rooster: 1. Grand Champ, Matt Stephens, 2. Sammi Allen, 3. Matt Stephens, 4. Sammie Allen, 5. Sammie Allen.
- Meat Pens:** 1. Grand, Joe Burchett, 2. Reserve, Joe Burchett, 3. Robbie Burchett, 4. Patrick Luna, 5. Robbie Burchett.
- Dairy Cattle**
Spring Heifer: 1. Steven Chaves, 2. Robbie Burchett.
Winter Heifer: 1. Grand Champ, Robbie Burchett, 2. Joe Burchett.
Fall Heifer: 1. Joe Burchett, 2. Jason Gipson.
Summer Yearling: 1. Reserve Grand, Joe Burchett.
Winter Yearling: 1. Robbie Burchett, 2. Jackie Chaves.
Fall Yearling: 1. Patrick Luna, 2. Joe Burchett.
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Ladies Knitted Sweater: 1. B.J. Broussard.
Knitted Raggedy Ann Doll: 1. Alice Phelps.
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The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

August 17:
3:33 p.m. a caller reported livestock, an emu, at mile marker 70 on Highway 380 east of Carrizozo. A possible owner was contacted.
6:07 p.m. a caller reported harassing phone calls from a motel to a residence in the county, and the caller requested a deputy tell the subject to "cease the harassment." A deputy responded to speak with the subject about the harassing calls, but advised the deputy it wouldn't happen again.

8:44 p.m. an anonymous caller reported two subjects driving recklessly on Birch Street, Carrizozo. Police responded and talked to the subjects.

August 18:
12:47 a.m. a cell phone caller reported a rock on Highway 70 at mile marker 273. A deputy responded and attempted to remove the rock.

2:18 a.m. a 911 caller was disconnected. Dispatch tried the number six times but it was busy each time. State police responded to the location of the phone and advised no one was around, and he could see the phone which was on the hook. Dispatch tried again, but still got a busy signal. "Possi-

My the weather."
7:51 a.m. a caller reported criminal damage to property. There were BB holes in the front window of a business. Carrizozo police responded.

11:01 a.m. a caller reported criminal damage to property at the clinic construction site, a window was shot by a BB gun. Carrizozo police responded.

11:12 a.m. an officer was requested to make a VIN inspection of a vehicle at the county manager's office. Carrizozo police responded.

11:13 a.m. a caller reported a dog bite at an RV park. A deputy responded.

7:11 a.m. a caller reported dogs killing chickens at a location in Nogal Canyon. The caller advised he would protect his animals against the dogs running at large. The county animal control officer (ACO) was notified.

8:03 a.m. a caller reported dogs running at large in Alto. The two rottweilers bark all the time and are left alone for long periods of time, the caller advised. A deputy responded and advised that all parties were notified and the problem was fixed.

1:02 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a lock-out at a business. Carrizozo police responded.

2:19 p.m. a caller requested animal control on Gavilan Canyon road for a wolf mix dog running at large. The county ACO responded.

3:08 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a lock-out. Capitán police responded.

3:15 p.m. a cell phone caller requested animal control at a location in Eagle Creek for cat traps. The ACO responded.

6:09 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries, a minor fender bender, at a business. Carrizozo police responded.

6:12 p.m. a caller requested to speak to an officer because her son's speakers were located, a subject had them, then the speakers were taken somewhere else and are now located. The responding deputy advised that the situation was civil.

8:08 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 42 year old woman with an injury to foot and leg. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. A deputy also responded.

8:50 p.m. a caller requested an officer at a location in Capitán for a woman beating up a child. Capitán police responded and advised everything was okay, the child had a crayon taken away and was throwing a fit.

9:13 p.m. a caller reported a domestic at a location in Carrizozo. Her niece was having trouble with her boyfriend who had been drinking. Carrizozo police responded.

11:10 p.m. a caller requested an officer because she was hearing noises at the neighbor's house and the gate was open at a location in Agua Fria. Ruidoso Downs police responded and advised all was okay.

August 20:
3:17 a.m. Ruidoso Downs police department advised of an abandoned vehicle at mile marker 264 on Highway 70. The vehicle had been there for a week. The vehicle belonged to a woman out of Texas. A deputy was assigned.

6:17 a.m. three 911 calls were made to advise of a fire at a trailer in Carrizozo. Everyone was out and there were no injuries. Carrizozo Fire department and Carrizozo ambulance responded.

The sheriff advised of a theft at Alto golf course. A deputy responded.

10:36 a.m. a caller reported dogs running at large, killing chickens at a location west of Capitán. The ACO was assigned.

10:40 a.m. a caller reported a cow stuck in the cattle guard on Highway 37 at the entrance to Bonito Lake road. The cow had its front leg stuck. Dispatch made several attempts to contact the county road department with no luck. Finally dispatch contacted the state highway department and

requested assistance. At 11:43 a.m. the responding deputy advised he made no contact with the cow, and he looked all around the lake.

11:40 a.m. an EMT requested an ambulance at a location in Corona for a man with chest pains. Corona ambulance responded and transported the patient to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

1:25 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in San Patricio for a 74 year old man with a possible heart attack. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance and Glencoe Fire Department responded at 1:59 p.m., arriving at 2:38 p.m. RALS advised they were taking the patient to LaGrone funeral home.

3:57 p.m. Capitán schools requested an officer for a burglary. Someone broke into the school and stole a video camera. Capitán police responded.

4:12 p.m. a 911 caller requested animal control at a location near Ruidoso. The neighbor's dog was barking at all hours. The ACO responded and spoke with the caller, but the neighbors weren't home.

5:20 p.m. a caller reported smoke in the Ski Apache area. The forest service was notified.

6:41 p.m. a 911 caller reported a 12 year old was threatened by a 15 year old female neighbor. The neighbor's dog had a chicken egg in its mouth, and the caller shot a weapon into the air for the dog to leave. When the neighbor girl was advised of what the dog did, she stated threatening the reporting party. Two deputies responded.

7:06 p.m. a caller reported a two vehicle accident without injuries two miles east of Salazar Canyon turn off Highway 380. State police were notified.

7:42 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a two year old child with a medical condition. Carrizozo ambulance transported the child to Gerald Champion.

8:04 p.m. a caller requested a motorist assist for two stranded

women in a van on Highway 54. A deputy responded.

8:24 p.m. a deputy advised of an out of service vehicle on Highway 43. A deputy responded.

8:43 p.m. a 911 caller from Capitán requested dispatch call her daughter's trailer in Capitán, then she hung up. Dispatch contacted Capitán police, then called the woman back just as Capitán police arrived at the house.

9:26 p.m. a 911 caller requested dispatch call her daughter because the husband and wife were fighting and drinking. Capitán police responded.

9:50 p.m. a caller reported a dog bite at a location in Palo Verde Slopes. The dog was contained in the house. Two deputies responded, then transported the dog to the humane society.

August 21:
11:37 a.m. a caller reported a grass fire on Highway 285, mile marker 157. Chaves County Sheriff's Office was notified.

11:40 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a male subject on the roadway. The first report advised the man was down with a possible stroke, the second report advised CPR was in progress. Hondo Fire Department responded by 11:51 a.m., then RALS responded at 11:59 a.m. and requested an officer because the subject was alone in his vehicle. The subject was driving a truck pulling a goose neck trailer. State police were notified at 12:10 p.m. and they advised the next of kin were to be notified by an officer. The Officer of the Medical Investigator (OMI) was notified by 4:52 p.m.

A caller reported an injured deer in White Mountain Meadows area. Game and Fish Department was notified.

2:18 p.m. a 911 caller reported smoke at the bottom of Angus Hill. Bonito Fire Department chief responded and advised it was a controlled burn.

4:32 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a woman attempting to locate her 14 year old daughter

who was possibly with an 18 year old boy in a red truck. At 4:47 p.m. Ruidoso police advised to cancel the search, the girl was home. The deputy was notified.

5:21 p.m. a caller reported a fire at Grande Vista Ranch, a couple of trees were on fire. Forest Service was notified.

8:14 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle accident on 11th Street in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded and issued citations.

8:19 p.m. a caller reported a loose dog on 11th Street. The large brown dog was growling at her sister. Carrizozo police responded.

8:32 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries involving a deer on Highway 70 in the Glencoe area. A deputy responded.

9:18 p.m. a caller reported suspicious men off Highway 37. The men were walking down Cedar Crest Road. A deputy responded.

August 22:
4:34 a.m. a caller reported a semi truck in the ditch, blocking the west lane of Highway 70 at mile marker 300. State police were notified.

7:01 a.m. a caller reported a theft of 2,000 feet of structural tubing from a ranch southeast of Corona. A deputy responded.

7:52 a.m. a caller requested animal control at a location in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

8:33 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the east side of Highway 48, south of Capitán. A deputy responded, and requested a wrecker.

11:01 a.m. a caller reported a battery which occurred in the San Patricio area. The woman wanted to file charges. A deputy responded.

11:11 a.m. a caller reported illegal dumping of oil in the Little Creek Area. A deputy responded after 4 p.m.

2:38 p.m. a 911 caller reported a subject in a truck had tried to

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Caterpillars Are Munching . . .

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said. By mother nature he meant not only weather, which is usually dry and hot in early summer, but birds and other predators. "Eighty to 90 percent of the caterpillars don't make it past the fourth instar," Herd added. An instar is a stage of the caterpillar's development. During the first instar, when the caterpillar has delicate skin and darker spikes, the caterpillar is most vulnerable. This is when spraying is most effective.

But spraying is expensive,

estimated to cost from \$1.20 to \$1.22 an acre. This year, because the caterpillars are so close to webbing up, and because there is plenty of grass to share with everything—cattle and pests—Herd said he and the affected ranchers will do nothing but watch, and wait. Next spring, they will see how widespread the caterpillars are and how Mother Nature is taking care of the pest.

Herd said there is a highly effective spray named Pounce that eradicates the range

caterpillar. Pounce is usually applied by aerial spraying. Cattle do not have to be moved off an affected area that is to be sprayed. But in Union County, in the north-eastern grasslands area of New Mexico, range caterpillars are so prevalent that ranchers carry around hand held sprayers to spot check the pest.

Most ranchers in Lincoln County are aware of the range caterpillars. Herd hopes that all will watch their grasslands closely next spring for signs of the pest. Cold weather does not appear to affect the caterpillar eggs, instead it is the hot and dry spring weather that hurt the caterpillars the most.

There are no government sponsored spraying programs, Herd said. Any spraying is strictly a rancher's cost. "So it becomes an economic decision if there is a benefit to spraying, or just wait and see if Mother Nature takes care of the problem," he said.

Herd knows of about 200 square miles of grasslands with the range caterpillars this year. Research has found that most range caterpillars occur in the open grasslands, and are hardly ever found where juniper and pinon trees grow. However, Herd has found a few in the open pasture across the road from his home, in the northern part of the village of Capitan.

Watching the rangelands is part of Herd's job as county agent. Every Monday he gets a call for agriculture statistics, such as the conditions of the rangelands. "That's why I drive out to visit with people, and check the rangelands," he said. "My job is being out in the county. I've got the whole county, almost three million acres, and I'm the only county agent here."

This year the best rangeland conditions are around Carrizozo. One rancher there told Herd that 20 inches of rain fell this summer. Else-

where range lands are fair to good.

Another pest this year is grasshoppers. "I've heard almost every rancher talk of grasshoppers," Herd said.

Every day Herd is asked questions about various horticulture and agriculture related problems, from pocket gophers to web worms in trees in Ruidoso. He also works with the county 4-H program, recently meeting individually with 4-H members who plan to enter their livestock in the state fair in Albuquerque. "It's amazing," Herd said. "Every day when I come into the office (in the courthouse in Carrizozo) I never know what is waiting for me."

Herd has all sorts of agricultural information, including the proper use of chemicals. "With all chemicals, read and follow the directions," Herd said. "As county agent, I always say read the label. You'd be surprised how many people don't read the label."

Along with Herd, the Lincoln County Extension Office

has home economist Betty McCraight who works with the 4-H programs and the AFCE clubs (formerly extension clubs). To help the extension office work more closely with the community there is a new Extension Advisory Committee made up of people from all areas of the county. Members include Lincoln County Commissioners Rex Wilson and Wilton Howell, 4-H leader Martha Bond, extension member Inez Marrs, rancher Mel Gnatkowski, orchard owner Gary Rue and Herd.

So anyone with a horticulture problem, why my roses won't grow, or agriculture problem, what to do with range caterpillars, or a question about 4-H contact the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311, or stop by the office on the second floor of the Lincoln County Courthouse annex in Carrizozo. Secretary Rachel Rominger can take a message if Herd or McCraight are out in the field.

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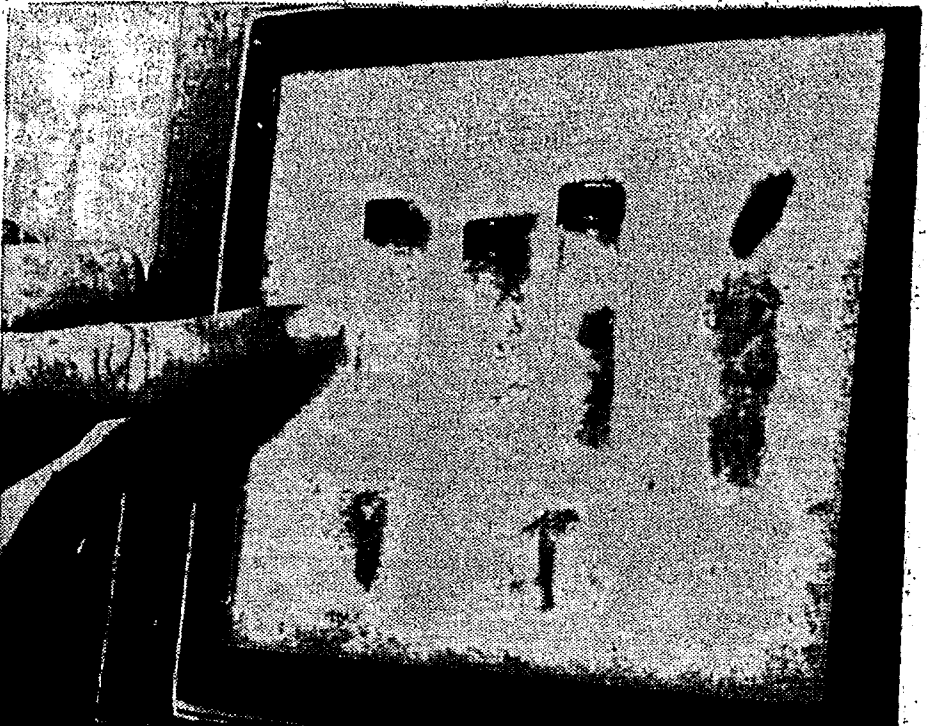
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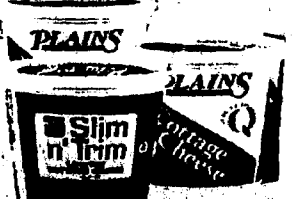
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