

Ruidoso Sues LCSWA

by Doris Cherry

Pleading for Ruidoso council to take a bold step to settle the issues involving the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority finally worked for citizen Al Junge—the council decided to sue LCSWA.

Junge presented his plea for action at the Ruidoso Village Council meeting September 30. Mayor Jerry Shaw after listening

to Junge's presentation, said that "tonight we are going to take some sort of action to finalize the solid waste situation."

Councilor Robert Donaldson, also a member of LCSWA, made a motion for village legal staff to file a suit seeking a Declaratory Judgment of Relief from the courts on several issues involving Ruidoso's membership in LCSWA. All councilors

approved the motion.

"This (LCSWA) has been a disaster since day one," Donaldson said. "I don't believe it will ever work."

Village attorney John Underwood recommended the village file the suit to have the courts interpret the existing Joint Powers Agreement that created LCSWA and established the special 1/16 environmental gross

receipt tax, language in the state laws and to look at LCSWA's past business. Anticipating a legal reaction from LCSWA, Underwood assured the council, "so any decision (Ruidoso makes) is based on guidance from the courts, so the others affected will know we acted on good faith."

Not taking a stand on whether the village will remain with

LCSWA, Donaldson said there are a lot of alternatives. "But there can be no answer without the (legal) decision. We may be in or out."

Village manager Gary Jackson said the village must consider several factors before deciding if it should pull out of LCSWA. A major question is who owns the Otero-Lincoln County Regional Landfill. Jackson said the landfill

title shows LCSWA and Otero County Solid Waste Authority have 50-50 joint ownership. With this ownership, LCSWA has a 58 percent discount in shipping fees for Lincoln County trash dumped at the landfill. If Ruidoso were to pull out of LCSWA, there is the question of whether Ruidoso

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Woman Arrested For Murder In Hondo Area

Terri Payseno, 40, of Alamo Canyon in Hondo, is being held without bond in the Lincoln County Detention Center on an open count of murder, and tampering with evidence in the death of 57 year old Sonny Kirkwood.

According to Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, the sheriff's department dispatch got a 911 call at 11:14 p.m. Thursday, September 25 reporting a dead body and shooting at a location on Alamo Canyon Road about four miles south of Highway 70. The caller requested a deputy come to the location in reference to the dead body and the shooting which happened about two weeks before.

Dispatch notified Sullivan and undersheriff Rick Virden at 11:27 p.m. Sullivan requested the Ruidoso Police Crime Unit to go to the location to help investigate the shooting. Sullivan said the two women who were living together apparently had an argument, and struggling over a gun, Kirkwood was shot.

Sullivan said the shooting apparently occurred on September 13. Payseno put Kirkwood's body into a horse trailer and closed it up leaving it until police arrived on September 25. Sullivan said it appeared that the relationship was breaking up when the incident occurred.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies Orlando Montes and Barry Cearley also responded. Cearley arrested Payseno and booked her into the detention center on open charge of murder and tampering with evidence. Payseno was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. who set no bond.

Payseno is scheduled for a preliminary hearing before Dean on Monday, October 5.

Payseno's six year old child, who was at the ranch when police arrived, was taken by friends to her father who lives out of state.

Sullivan said the case is still under investigation.

Howard Shanks To Speak

Howard Shanks, coordinator of South Central RC&D, will be a special guest speaker at the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SENMEDD) board of directors quarterly meeting Oct. 10 in Roswell. Shanks and Dennis Holmberg, Lea County Water

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BREAKING GROUND for the new Capitan Post Office during a ceremony September 25 are from left property owner Debra Ingle, village trustee LaMoyné Carpenter, Capitan Postmaster Mike Currin, Mayor Norman Renfro, Alto route carrier Niel Chapman and trustee John Whitaker.

PLUAC Reports To County Commission

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County does not support the American Heritage River Initiative, and said so in a resolution of non-support.

Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) chairman Carl Stubbs presented several items for action to the Lincoln County Commissioners during their September meeting. The items were the result of several PLUAC meetings. Included in the items was a resolution opposing the rivers initiative. "We oppose the intervention of the federal government, agencies and employees into our local zoning, planning, land use and water authority," the resolution reads. "We will not submit nor support any petition for federal designation of a river in our community for the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, nor shall we enter into any agreement with the federal government concerning the same federal designation within the boundaries of our jurisdiction."

The resolution was to be delivered to the White House Council on Environmental Quality in Washington D.C.

Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell asked if Lincoln County had a river which could be so designated. Stubbs said Lincoln County rivers could be affected if the Pecos River is designated, because they are watersheds for the Pecos. County commissioner Rex Wilson said there are already a lot of programs for conservation issues. "If we have a heritage river in Lincoln County we will pick the river," Wilson said.

Stubbs said the issue is more of control and infringement of

private property. "It is unclear what they want to do—preservation, historical, cultural," Stubbs said.

When vote was taken to approve the resolution, Howell said no.

Next Stubbs presented for approval, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lincoln County Commissioners and the U.S. Dept. of Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which commissioners unanimously approved. The purpose of the MOU was to address how and when each agency participates in BLM and county planning processes. Stubbs said PLUAC began discussions with BLM about the MOU which BLM requested be reduced from 11 pages to five. BLM also agreed to meet and interact with PLUAC on a regular basis.

The MOU requires joint and cooperative planning on all matters pertaining to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). The MOU also recognizes BLM's role in county planning processes and agrees that the county will give BLM timely written notice of proposed ordinances, policies, procedures and activities to be considered by the county. The MOU can be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice.

Commissioners also unanimously approved an MOU with the Conservancy Districts in Lincoln County. US Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, BLM, Lincoln County, NM Highway Department and New Mexico State Land Office. Stubbs said

this is an attempt for several agencies to get together and address issues, especially undesirable plants on federal lands.

When Stubbs came to the PLUAC recommendation to not support the exchange of Rio Bonito Tract 5 until the BLM Roswell District Resource Management Plan (RMP) is in

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A CIGAR FOR THE MASTER. Capitan Postmaster Mike Currin celebrates the groundbreaking with a cigar, presented by property owner Debra Ingle. This week the construction company began work on the project by dismantling the old building which had previously housed the soil conservation service, Capitan Country Store and Capitan Head Start.

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Ruidoso Adopts Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

by Doris Cherry

The village of Ruidoso plans to undertake \$27 million worth of infrastructure improvement projects over the next five years.

Ruidoso Village Council at its meeting Tuesday, approved its Infrastructure Capital Improvements Program (ICIP) for 1998-2003. New Mexico Department of Finance and Authority requires the five year plan of any government that may apply for a grant or appropriation. Councilors held a four hour workshop with staff to review the previous ICIP and set new priorities for the next five years.

Water distribution has first priority for all five years, taking a total of \$3.59 million. Main Street Ruidoso Phase 2 is the second priority with \$1 million total in two projects done in 1998 and 1999. Relocating the Tom Jones Upper Canyon Fire Station is third priority with a total of \$200,000 spent in 1998-99. Fourth priority is waste water collection with \$520,000 spent over five years. Regional Waste Water Treatment facility is fifth with \$1.65 million to be spent over four years.

Street department projects is sixth priority with \$850,000 to be spent over four years. A new facility for the police department is seventh priority with \$50,000 in the year 2000 to design a new police facility and \$1 million for construction in the year 2001.

Following priorities are Parks and Rec with a total of \$983,100 over five years which includes development of Grindstone area and new bathrooms at Two Rivers Park; Airport crosswind runway FAA funded for \$7,088,890 in 1998; convention center with total of \$325,000 over five years; senior center with \$81,000 over four years; library with \$37,000 in 1998; village hall with \$151,000 in three years; airport with \$3.96 million in four years; recreation center with \$3.5 million in 1999; vehicle maintenance with \$60,000 in two years; \$1.5 million for Phase 3 Main Street in years 2000 and 2001.

Councilors also heard from former village councillor Ron Andrews, an organizer of the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally. Andrews said registration at the event was up 25 percent from the previous year, and he estimated 20,000 people in town. More than 4,000 cyclists were registered at the event headquartered at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Andrews also praised the convention center staff as "a joy to work with, excellent and the best we've had." Andrews said he hoped the event was "good for the town, because it sure fills my motel." The rally also provides an event during the "shoulder" season after Labor Day. Andrews said he is planning a spring rally in 1998 during the May shoulder time before Memorial Day.

Andrews also praised village manager Gary Jackson. "He is the most accessible, responsive, and professional person I've ever met," Andrews said. "Do what ever you have to, to keep him," he told the council.

In other business, councilors: --Approved vacation of right of way on Lots 3-5 and 12 Block D in Ruidoso Springs Subdivision.

--Deferred discussion of proposed amendments to the hillside protection code to a newly appointed council committee of Robert Donaldson, Bob Sterchi and Bill Chance for further study and recommendations to the full council at a later meeting.

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would get the lower \$13.90 a ton members tipping rate, or the higher non-member \$22 a ton fee.

Also there is the question of whether Ruidoso could ever get back the special environmental gross receipt taxes imposed to finance the construction of the regional landfill. In order to finance the landfill, all entity members of LCSWA dedicated special 1/16 environmental gross receipt taxes (EGRT). Now because the landfill is paying for

itself with tipping fees from outside sources, LCSWA receives all of the environmental gross receipt taxes in form of reimbursement. Jackson said Ruidoso contributes a significant sum of more than \$100,000 a year from the special taxes. "It is a significant difference if we had that money for solid waste," Jackson said. "It's not too trivial to dismiss."

Jackson said it states in the second LCSWA joint powers agreement, that any reimbursed EGRT are to go back to the entities from which it originated.

Jackson said the council must think about all the issues involved and how its decisions will affect the trash collection rates and taxpayers. "There are a lot of questions with answers only achieved through a court," Jackson said.

Councilors were inspired by "citizen" Junge's challenge to take action on problems plaguing the LCSWA operation. During his short presentation, Junge said the facts had been presented to the Ruidoso LCSWA members, without results. "In order to arrive at a conclusion it is necessary to restate the problems

to a full assembly of the Village Council," he read from a written statement.

Junge's major concern was LCSWA "changed the ground rules when it considered solid waste to mean only household garbage." He said that Ruidoso (when it collected the garbage) considered solid waste to mean anything "not flushable down the toilet." "This meant that pine needles, slash, etc., would be handled separately with the home owner to pay an extra charge." Junge said even Ruidoso's LCSWA member Jackson never got an answer when twice he asked about this definition.

Junge also was concerned about LCSWA's misuse of the compactor station, its political organization and its poor finances.

Ruidoso's members on LCSWA also have been frustrated with months of inaction by the LCSWA board toward solving some major problems in finance, maintenance and routine equipment replacement. Ruidoso mayor Jerry Shaw appointed an ad hoc solid waste committee of councilors and the village manager to study alternatives for collecting yard and forest waste,

a service LCSWA does not offer as part of the monthly collection fee. The ad hoc committee also concluded that answers must come from the court.

Jackson said the ad hoc committee will meet next week with consultant Len Stokes to review a request for proposals for private pick-up of yard and forest type waste. However, he said that potential bidders during a recent meeting expressed a number of concerns about the unknowns such as quantity of waste.

(Editor's note: Ruidoso is a major entity in LCSWA operations, providing more than 55 percent of LCSWA's household garbage fees. County households provide about 22 percent of the total fees. However, Ruidoso's household fee is \$9.80 a month and county household's pay \$5.25 a month. If all fees were the same, the county would be paying a higher percentage of the total fees collected.)

Ruidoso resident Jenny Dingman commended the council after they took the action. She said that 2-3 LCSWA trucks a week are not on line, and the trash pick ups have been delayed "how many times? What happens when there are no trucks, and we're piled high with trash? I feel that's not too far away."



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Albert Hernandez and Ysabel Ventura were married October 4, 1947 in Hondo. They have five children, Manuel, Albert, Mary, Yolanda and Ray, and five grandsons and two granddaughters. Albert retired after 32 years with state government. Ysabel worked in the private sector for 19 years. They later purchased Central Package Liquors in Carrizozo which they owned and operated for 15 years and continue to operate as the Bargain Barn. Albert and Ysabel celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip to the Virgin Islands and were accompanied by their daughter Yolanda and son-in-law Robert Salazar. Their children will honor them with a celebration Oct. 4.

Howard Shanks . . . (Con't. from P. 1)

Association, and Debbie Hughes and Bill See, Pecos Valley Water Users Organization, will speak about water.

Linda Taylor Hutchison, director of the New Mexico Film Commission will also speak.

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place, and problems with the other tracts have been settled. Stubbs said there has been a lot of controversy with the Bonito tracts and lawsuits about boundary issues are inevitable. County commissioner Ray Nunley said the commission approved the Rio Bonito land swap contingent the county get a five year plan. "And we haven't gotten one," Nunley said.

County commission chairman Monroy Montes said he wanted a letter sent to U.S. Senator Pete Domenici and Rep. Joe Skeen about the situation.

Stubbs introduced Ed Robertson, who is acting manager of the BLM Roswell district. Stubbs said Robertson worked with the PLUAC on several issues, including the MOUs. Robertson said the proposed exchange is in the protest period and the RMP cannot be completed until the protests are resolved. A proposed plan was issued in April. After the Washington D.C. BLM office resolves all protests, a record of decision will be made.

Robertson spoke of another exchange of some select lands identified for disposal and how some ranchers in the county are interested in acquiring these public lands.

"In working with the PLUAC we can agree to review selected lands prior to the RMP," Robertson said.

Robertson said there will be no more exchanges until the RMP is done.

Nunley said when the county negotiated the first Rio Bonito exchange with BLM some 33,000 acres of public lands were identified for disposal. There were a few exchanges, Nunley said, then they stopped. "The remainder depends on the finding of the RMP, which could result in a null agreement," Nunley commented.

Robertson said BLM has made progress on eight items in the RMP, and will provide summary of the work to the PLUAC. However, BLM has not worked on the RMP for more than a year.

Montes said how the county will address the last exchange will be based on quality surveys of the affected properties.

Robertson said in the lawsuit over boundaries, BLM has agreed to the old Atkins survey. Tim Kreiger, a BLM manager, is working on a process to negotiate a settlement with the adjacent property owners.

But Montes asked why proceed with another exchange until all issues are cleared. Howell said no exchange should be done until all questions are answered.

Howell then commended Robertson for his cooperation with the county. "I've heard you're a breath of fresh air from

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
October 17, 1997
Carrizozo, New Mexico

Lincoln County will conduct a public hearing on Friday, October 17, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 1998 New Mexico Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to advise the citizens of the program objectives and eligibility categories and to review program performance of past use of funds. Information about development and housing needs, including the needs of low to moderate income families and local activities to be undertaken to meet such needs will also be discussed.

With a minimum of three days advance notice Americans With Disabilities Act compliance auxiliary aids will be made available. Also with sufficient notice, a translator will be provided for non-English speaking residents.

Those residents unable to attend the public hearing may send written comments or call:

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17 de OCTUBRE, 1997
LA CIUDAD DE CARRIZOZO

El Condado de Lincoln tendra una junta publica el viernes, 17 de Octubre, 1997 a las 3:00 de la tarde en la sala de comisionados, en el edificio del condado, Calle Central, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del Conjunto de Donacion de Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles, el uso de fondos y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de la ciudadanía sobre el desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de la gente de ingresos bajos y moderados.

Con notificacion de un minimo de tres dias de anticipacion, ayuda auxiliar sera proporcionada y asi cumpliremos con el Acto de Americanos Incapacitados. Tambien, con suficiente notificacion un traductor estara disponible para los residentes que no hablan ingles.

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SUNDAYS
 —Music jam session 1-4 p.m. 320 Lincoln Street Capitan.

MONDAYS
 —TOPS 5:30 p.m. at Otero Electric office Carrizozo.
 —Writer's group 7 p.m. downstairs Carrizozo Masonic Building.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
 —Ruidoso RSVP 12 noon Ruidoso Senior Center.
 —United Way of Lincoln County 6:30 p.m. Otero Electric Co-op Office in Carrizozo.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
 —Octoberfest at Trinity Methodist Church in Carrizozo 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Used, new items, some crafts, baked goods, lunch served by United Methodist Men. Call 648-2834 for more information.
 —Workshop of Village of Ruidoso/Ruidoso Municipal Schools Joint Powers Committee for use of the White Mountain School Property 2 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center to discuss possible county-wide recreation program.
 —Spencer Theater Opening ribbon cutting 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
 —Ruidoso Public Library closed for Aspenfest.
 —Aspenfest Parade 10 a.m. Sudderth Drive Ruidoso.
 —Ruidoso #65 Eastern Star Installation 2 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
 —Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council 9 a.m. commissioner's room courthouse in Carrizozo.
 —Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on 2nd Street.
 —Republican Party of Lincoln County 1st Monday, 6 p.m. El Paisano Restaurant in Capitan. Call 354-3363 by October 3, space limited to 50. Speakers Rex Wilson and Stirling Spencer on Western Trip with Congresspeople.
 —Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority 7:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
 —Ruidoso P&Z 2 p.m. village hall.
 —Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, 2:30 p.m. village hall.
 —Capitan Schools Music Boosters 6:30 p.m. school band room.

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New Grandson
 Steve and Deb Ortiz have a new grandson born in Roswell September 20 at 12:08 p.m. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. The baby's parents are Diana Ortiz and Gonzalo Montoya. The baby has a big brother, Chance Daniel Ortiz, age 4 1/2.

Preschool Story Time
 Preschool story time will be held at the Carrizozo School Library starting Thursday, Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The program will include stories, activities, music and art. Any preschool child ages 3, 4 or 5 is welcome to attend. For more information contact Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346. Volunteers are also needed to help.

Membership Meeting
 The Carrizozo Woman's Club will hold a membership meeting and costume party Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Carrizozo Woman's Club building. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please come in costume. The Carrizozo Woman's Club is a community service organization.

Home From Wedding
 The family of Raymond Najar attended his wedding to Nancy

Uveges Sept. 26 in Boca Raton, Florida. Those who attended included Raymond's parents, Albert and Mary Najar, his sister Amanda Najar, Cookie, Peggy, Connie and Miguel Najar, Bea and Kelly Sheehan, Buddy, Carmen and Buddy Hill Jr. and Denise and Jacob Narvaez.

The wedding took place at the Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Boca Raton with the reception following at Deer Creek Country Club Professional Golf Course in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

The family returned from Florida Sept. 29. They enjoyed their visit and hope to return. Raymond and Nancy are honeymooning in Tahiti and will make their home in Boca Raton.

Five Attend ENMU-Portales
 Five graduates of Carrizozo High School are enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales this fall. Students and their major: Michael Chavez, sociology; Everett Greer, undeclared; Theresa Luna, nursing; Nathan Porillio, wildlife and fishery science; Kevin Sheehan, special education.

Choir Practice Begins
 The Carrizozo Community

Christmas Choir will begin rehearsing Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. and will rehearse each Thursday at 6:30 p.m., except Thanksgiving, until Dec. 14 at Trinity United Methodist Church. New singers are welcome.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column. There is no charge. Please call Ruth at 648-2822 for more information.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7	12:30-2:30
Corona Post Office	4-5:30
Carrizozo Otero Electric	
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Carrizozo Otero Electric	9-10 a.m.
Nagal Store	10:30-12:00
Capitan Smokee Bear Cafe	12:10-1:10
Fort Stanton	2:45-3:30
Lincoln Post Office	4-5:00
Hondo Store	5:30-6:30
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Providing the monthly community education time is part of a \$40,000 grant Capitan Schools received to improve its technology, said media center director Becky Borowski. Grant funds were spent for actual hands-on equipment and updated software. Borowski said that she recently attended a state wide media conference. "Capitan school is considered a leader in the state for its media program," Borowski told THE NEWS.

Borowski invites the community to come into the library/media center this month for some computer help, some free time on the InterNet, or maybe to read a book. The next community media open house is 4-6 p.m. Thursday, October 9.

The monthly community media open house is just prior to the monthly Capitan Board of Education meetings held at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.

Catholic Workshop
 Strengthening Families through the Rosary will be theme of a program Tuesday, Oct. 7 in Rio Rancho. There is no cost but registration is requested. Call 505-831-8117.

Violence Cycle Workshop
 A domestic violence workshop will be held Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Catholic Center in Albuquerque. Topics are cycle of violence and stalking, traits of an abuser and a victim, and power and control dynamics. Call 505-839-0711.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Visit Trinity Site

By Ruth Hammond

Trinity Site will be open Saturday, October 3. Trinity Site is where the first atomic bomb was exploded July 16, 1945. The site is open only two times a year, the first Saturday in April and the first Saturday in October. There is no charge to go to Trinity Site and reservations are not necessary. There are a few rules that must be observed: no weapons or alcohol of any kind are permitted, photography is prohibited except at Trinity Site, cameras must be in the glove compartment or trunk except at Trinity Site, no digging is permitted, and visitors are to stay on marked roads. Everyone should make certain they have a full tank of gas and a spare tire before starting to Trinity Site.

Trinity Site is located at the north end of the White Sands Missile Range 30 miles due west of Carrizozo. Prior to World War II the area was ranch land noted for being on the Jornada del Muerto, which meant the Journey of Death. The site was selected because of safety and secrecy and sparse population. The region had been grazing land but was withdrawn by the War Department for use as an aerial gunnery and bombing range.

When preparations were made for the atomic explosion, few people knew about the project. During the assembly the bomb was often called the "gadget" or "thing." The plutonium core of the bomb was assembled in one room of the George McDonald ranch house and the Dave McDonald ranch house was used as base camp for scientists, technicians and support personnel. The George McDonald house is located two miles from where the bomb was exploded, known as ground zero, and it was not destroyed in the explosion. Two of the original glass windows withstood the blast and were there when the house was restored and open to the public the first time October 6, 1984.

The atomic explosion was scheduled for 4 a.m. July 16, 1945, but was postponed to 5:30 because of rain and lightning early that morning. The bomb had been placed on a 100 foot tower which was totally destroyed in the blast. Only the metal stumps of the tower legs imbedded in concrete remained. Surrounding the area where the tower had been was a crater about 400 yards in diameter and about eight feet deep. Sand in the crater had been fused by intense heat into a glasslike substance the color of jade green. This substance has been given the name Trinitite.

Many people living in this area saw the blinding light early the morning of July 16, 1945 and wondered what it was. People talked about it, but the Lincoln County News editor, Mrs. Era B. Smith, said, "For fear it was a war secret we didn't mention it in the paper." The blast was reported in the Lincoln County News after President Harry Truman's official announcement.

There is a monument at ground zero made of black lava stones found in the area. Near ground zero is a huge cylinder that was originally planned to be placed around the atomic bomb so in case the bomb didn't work, the plutonium could be saved. Given the name "Jumbo", it was decided to not use the cylinder and it was left on a tower away from the bomb site. The tower was vaporized in the explosion but a portion of Jumbo remained. Attempts were made to destroy Jumbo with dynamite but the piece on display remains as a reminder of the historic event.

Tours to Trinity Site may be through Stallion Gate, located 53 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380. The gate is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and visitors may enter and exit anytime using Stallion Gate. An escorted caravan will leave the Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo at 8 a.m. Visitors with the caravan must depart with the caravan or use Stallion Gate exit.

Trinity Site is now a national historic landmark. It doesn't look much different than it did 52 years ago but it marks the spot of the official beginning of the atomic age. Enjoy the tour.

History was made at Trinity Site.



Sheriff's Report

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

September 22:
12 p.m. a person walked in and reported stolen firearms and other items from a gun show in Ruidoso. The undersheriff took a report.

3:50 p.m. a caller reported he found a 19 inch TV antenna under a blanket on forest property in the Eagle Creek area. A deputy responded.

6:45 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle at a motel in Carrizozo. The vehicle was in the parking lot, but its occupants were not renting a room. Carrizozo police responded.

9:24 p.m. a 911 caller reported her husband was drunk and was threatening to light a bottle of gasoline. Capitan police responded.

September 23:
7:15 a.m. a caller reported an audible alarm was sounding since 1 a.m. at a location in the Alto area. A deputy responded, then requested the alarm company representative be advised.

10:35 a.m. a caller reported a theft of a battery and alternator from a vehicle parked at a business in the Alto area. A deputy was assigned.

10:49 a.m. a caller requested a VIN check at an RV park. A deputy responded.

10:58 a.m. a caller from the Children Youth and Families

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — The Bureau of Elections in the Secretary of State's Office has an extra hurdle to clear this year in handling the 1998 election cycle.

Elections Bureau director Denise Lamb was fired on Thurs., Sept. 18 by Secretary of State Stephanie Gonzales, who says she lost confidence in Lamb's abilities. Lamb countered that she was fired for not looking the other way when Gonzales used her office to further her run for lieutenant

governor. Lamb's dismissal is the most recent in a troublesome series of departures from the Secretary of State's Office. The biggest of those departures was that of Hoyt Clifton, who supervised the state's elections for 25 years, surviving six new secretaries of state. Clifton served four years under Gonzales before retiring for health reasons at the end of 1994. Lamb was his successor.

The next to exit was John Daniels, a savvy political analyst, writer and computer whiz, who performed the technical computations, layout and desktop-publishing designs for many of the office's reports and news releases. Under Daniels, there was an explosion of information from the office that was interesting, instructive, innovative and easy to understand. He left in late 1995 for a position in Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez's administration.

Daniels' loss was followed by the separation of Walter Williams, director and creator of the Election Bureau's much-commended computer network. Williams brought New Mexico election reporting up to date with a computerized system that helped not only the secretary of state but county clerks provide much better information on registered voters and candidates. Williams was fired and now works for private industry in Phoenix.

Dr. David Harrell was the next to go. He was the guy who implemented the many new reporting requirements established by the ethics legislation passed in 1993 and fine-tuned in subsequent years. Harrell's job was a difficult one of diplomatically informing lawmakers, candidates and lobbyists about the many new regulations that would impact their political and professional lives. Many issues became touchy, but Harrell handled them with humor and some very instructive

manuals. Harrell moved across the hall to the Legislative Education Study Committee early this year.

In May, Edward Archuleta, who had run Gonzales' two successful bids for Secretary of State, suddenly left in the middle of producing the office's Blue Book. Archuleta had been a constant fixture at Gonzales' side for years and was assumed to be her closest confidant.

Not long after, Curt Sanchez, who has assumed Daniels' desktop publishing, typesetting and research duties, moved down the hall to the Governor's Office. His departure left the Blue Book production up in the air and resulted in its being published six months later than its predecessor. Also resigning recently have been operations director Mary Wright and Richard Varela.

This brain drain from the Secretary of State's Office has been accompanied by uncharacteristic accusations of stonewalling against Gonzales. Never before has as much data been available from the office than during Stephanie Gonzales' terms.

But last April, Gonzales issued a memo to her staff directing that only she and staff attorney Maria de Anda would speak with the media. Such message control isn't unusual in state government, but it is in the Bureau of Elections, where the dissemination of data is vitally important.

Obviously that data is often sensitive because it involves voter rights, public confidence and the political careers of individuals. But it is disturbing when an office that has been so open suddenly clams up and employees leave. Maybe Gonzales feels she has been burned by the media, but she appears to be overly sensitive or overly controlling.

We aren't in the business of being anyone's public relations director.

Ruidoso Adopts Five-Year

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Scheduled a public hearing on October 28 to take input on the proposed Land Use Assumptions for future growth through year 2002. Donaldson expressed concern that the population numbers in the proposed land use

assumptions presented to the council by the village ICIP committee are too low, and would lock the village into certain population categories. "These numbers may come back to haunt us," Donaldson said. "A

population of 5,200 when we have 4,500 registered voters in Ruidoso seems too low."

Authorized staff to solicit requests for proposals for a water master plan. Sterchi questioned if the plan includes the Eagle Creek water settlement. Village deputy manager Alan Briley said that in the two months it takes to get the engineer going on the plan he hopes lots happens on the Eagle Creek situation. But for now, it is in "limbo."

Approved increasing the number of lodging vendors for audit to 14 from the previous seven. There are a total of 71 lodgers in Ruidoso. The audit is done randomly to check for collection and payment of lodger's taxes. Names of the lodgers audited are not disclosed by law.

Heard Briley say the Highway 48 project bids will be opened on October 17 at 10 a.m. at the state highway department in Santa Fe. Briley said he will be at that bid opening so he can stay on top of the project.

Approved the mayor's appointments of Susan Lutterman, Jacque Craig, Carl Barley, Diana Harris, Frank Potter, city liaison Gary Jackson and committee coordinator Ellen Bizzell to the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee.

Approved mayor's appointments of Steve Roman to ad hoc steering committee for visioning process; Glen Barrow to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission; Fred Hansen for management to the Labor-Management Relations Board.

Adopted consent agenda of approval of minutes; out of state travel for police chief to national gang conference and Rocky Mountain Information Network executive board meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: How many of you noticed the recent fine example of bi-partisan cooperation in the U.S. House of Representatives? Democrats and Republicans alike proved that for once they could put aside their usual bickering, finger-pointing and name-calling to pass some really important legislation.

With breath-taking speed and competence they finally accomplished something they have proven unable to achieve in months. What was this monumental piece of legislation that finally united them? A \$3,000.00 per year raise for themselves, of course. Doesn't it just warm your heart to see your tax dollars at work for such a noble cause?

Meanwhile, "minor" issues such as campaign finance reform, Internal Revenue Service reform, immigration reform, etc. that they have been unable to agree on continue to languish on the back burner.

If the American people had any sense left they would boot out all of these turkeys, Democrat and Republican alike and start over. But don't hold your breath. Someone once said that people get the kind of government that they deserve. If this is true then we deserve the sleazy representatives that we have elected.

Not all of our representatives went along with this looting of the billfolds and purses of the American people and they are to be commended. They're pushing it through so they don't have to talk about the 2.3 percent raise, Rep. Linda Smith, R-Washington, said of the GOP leadership as the multi-billion dollar spending bill was whacked through the House in scarcely an hour. (To her credit she voted against the increase).

How did New Mexico's three Republican representatives vote? Joe Skeen and Bill Redmond split on the issue. Skeen, a millionaire rancher, voted for the increase, Redmond against. Steve Schiff, who is recuperating from an illness, did not vote. By the way, how long has it been since any of us received a \$3,000.00 pay increase for doing little or nothing?

DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, New Mexico

PLUC Reports

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the prior (BLM) administration," Howell said.

Wilson said Robertson and his staff have been cooperative. "But I feel it's our place to hold the line," Wilson added.

Commissioners also approved the response to the Cibola National Forest Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the Revised Land and Resource Management Plan. PLUAC commented on access for the county and private individuals to borrow pit materials (caliche) for road maintenance; sustained yield/multiple-use management in the Gallinas Peak/Rough Mountain area; forest and woodland insect and disease management; and forest grazing concerns with a three step approach to restoration of rangeland conditions by marketing commercial stands of pinon juniper, followed by prescribed burning and use of herbicides on sprouting juniper the summer following the burn.

The PLUAC comments were to be mailed to the Forest Supervisor for the Cibola National Forest.

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Second Half Spells Difference; Grizzlies Fall To Ramah 48-19

The Carrizozo Grizzly varsity 6-man football team made a game of it with some sound defense in the first half. In their home opener and district match against Ramah last Friday night — but the second half was a different story as Ramah raced to a 48-19 victory over the host Grizzlies.

With Carrizozo's offense unable to get untracked in the first half of play, the Grizzly defensive effort kept Carrizozo in the game for the first two quarters of play. Score at the end of the first quarter was 0-0, and the halftime score was 6-0 Ramah. Ramah got untracked in the second half, which saw them outscore the Grizzlies 18-12 in the third quarter, and 24-7 in the final period.

Carrizozo's inexperience/immaturity showed during the game according to head coach Rick Beserra. "We had plenty of opportunities but our offense was unable to convert, and frustration set in," said Beserra. "Our defense played sound basic football for the most part, but breakdowns during the second half hurt". Beserra stated that a lack of concentration seems to be the culprit in allowing the opposition the big plays (long runs and long pass completions).

J.P. Ortiz and Josh Thornton accounted for the Grizzly scoring Friday. Ortiz scored twice for Carrizozo on a 15-yard run and a 75-yard kickoff return; Josh Thornton scored once on a 20-yard pass reception of a Ryan Roper toss — Thornton had a nice game with eight receptions on the night.

The Grizzlies will travel to Floyd on Saturday (Oct. 4) for a non-district game set to start at 2:00 p.m., following the junior high game which starts at 11:00 a.m. Another road game follows the following Saturday at Jesus Chapel

before Carrizozo returns home for their next district game against Mountainair (Oct. 17), and finishes off the season with a district match at Pine Hill (Oct. 25).

Wins against Mountainair (Grizzly homecoming game) and Pine Hill would probably get Carrizozo into the playoffs, according to coach Beserra.

The Grizzly football team is comprised of:

Name	Wt.	Class
Ryan Roper	150	So.
Josh Thornton	200	Sr.
Miguel Najjar	175	Jr.
Cole McMahon	135	Sr.
Eldon Offutt	160	Sr.
Jimmy Vermillion	170	So.
Cameron Douglas	190	So.
John Ortiz	155	Sr.
Bryan Hightower	237	So.
Simon Beltran	165	So.
Jordan Dixon	150	Sr.
Andy Marquis	125	Fr.
Chris Marquis	135	Fr.
Norvin Luna	270	Fr.
John Green	125	Fr.
Robert Ortiz	145	Fr.
Josh Vega	135	So.

Head Coach: Rick Beserra
Asst. Coach: LeeRoy Zamora

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AREA SCORES

Ramah 47, Carrizozo 18
Animas 13, Capitan 6
Ft. Sumner 39, Cloudcroft 6
Ruidoso 27, Portales 14
Tularosa 20, Loving 6
Reserve 48, Wingate 12
Menaul 19, Estancia 6
Anthony, TX 17, Hatch 16
Dell City, TX 28, Tatum 8
Dexter 33, Lordsburg 20
Texico 20, Jal 14
Roswell 14, Alamogordo 10
Goddard 40, Sandia 0
Eunice 34, Hagerman 12
Artesia 45, Carlsbad 39
Belen 47, Gallup 12

DISTRICT 3A STANDINGS

Reserve	0-0	5-0
Capitan	0-0	2-3
Cloudcroft	0-0	0-5

CALENDAR of Events . . .

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- Capitan FCE Club 9:30 a.m. Alice Phelps home, program on low fat cooking for the holidays.
- Ruidoso Library Board 12 noon convention center.
- Carrizozo FCE Club 1 p.m. Otero Electric Coop. Low fat cooking program.
- Corriente CowBelles 12:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant.
- Eagle Creek Water Board 6:30 p.m. Capitan Village Hall.
- Carrizozo Lodge #41 AF&AM, Past Masters Night, dinner 6:30 p.m. lodge 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Advisory Board 1 p.m. town hall.
- Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. village hall.
- Carrizozo Woman's Club membership meeting and costume party 7 p.m. everyone welcome. A community service organization.
- Carrizozo School library Preschool storytime 8:30-9:15 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for more information.
- Capitan School Media Center open for public use 4-6 p.m.
- Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. administration building. Items include audit, ENMU-Dr. Mehaffey, 40-day enrollment, district plans/board retreat, new hires/resignations.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

- No school for Carrizozo students teacher inservice day.

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

On a scale of one to ten this morning I would give myself a minus one. Why is it that when you have a deadline to meet, all the other little annoyances and distractions unite to thwart your endeavors?

So with that introduction I beg your indulgence with all I write and not even be aware of what I am writing. Will just let my fingers do the walking and see what they come up with. I may be heading for a slippery slope but will have to take that chance.

Willie Hobbs brought me the following to put in the column and first off I must apologize to Willie because not having my glasses on when she handed the paper to me, I was shocked to learn that she had lost her husband Wayne, that the funeral had been held and I was the last to know. I am so sorry because I always thought a lot of Wayne Hobbs. I so remember before we had garbage pickup from the front of our buildings that Wayne came through the alleys and by-ways and the whatever which ways to pick up our refuse. He was always more than courteous and when I was supposed to trot out to the back of my lot on sometimes slippery grounds, he told me to just put it on the wall between Bonnie and me and he would pick it up. Well, the upshot of that incident was that the cats discovered it first and proceeded to pull it down inside my side of the fence to dig out a few chicken bones, I think it was. But Wayne helped me clean it up. Those kind of good folks do not exist anymore, and the world is the loser and now on to the note that Willie asked me to put in the column.

Willie said everyone was so helpful and kind during the loss. The EMT's did the best they could, it did take a long time to find their house. She said Terry Cox finally got the ambulance to the house. The doctors and nurses were most kind. Mike Currin, Betty and Della Joiner arranged for the fair building and food and Mike gave the eulogy. She said Wayne will be sorely missed by everyone. His five brothers and two sisters were present as were his granddaughter and two of his great grandchildren.

And so may eternal light shine upon you Wayne and bring you to life everlasting, Amen.

And may everlasting life be granted to Charlie Marcus and eternal light shine also upon him. Charlie was a World War II veteran and passed away a few days ago. He and his wife Marha moved to Capitan from Flagstaff, Arizona and he was known as the Cowboy Friend. Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the cemetery here in Capitan with David Brooks officiating.

According to reports the tryouts that were held at the fairgrounds for parts in the upcoming movie The Outfitters by Reverage Anselmo and produced by Penny Fearon, were enthusiastically attended. Do not have the reports on all the parts that were filled, but here is a list of the ones that were up for grabs, shall we say:

A.J. Mitjans, an outfitter, P.D. Mitjans, his brother, Cat Bonfain a barkeeper, Connie Binoculars a truant, Motch a

rancher, Robby a trooper, Vonda a lonely heart, Father John a priest, Sam Keno an Indian, Widow Mitjans a Chinabuan, Steve Bills a vendor, Wayne a night bartender, Ross a snoop, a Bishop, a Provincial, a nun, an old vet, a waitress, two dudes, Mexican bodyguards, cowboys and assorted outies, and if that doesn't whet your curiosity about what's coming to town real soon, then I'll say nuthin' will.

And will try to make contact with Reverage this week for next week's column. This week's omission was my fault, not his.

Most of your folks know that I traveled to Brazil twice, but was most surprised the other day when I happened upon the following in an old edition of Reader's Digest. Thought you might be a bit interested, because I certainly was not

aware of the info. Brazil. Under fluttering Confederate flags, women in hoop skirts dance the Virginia Reel with men wearing Rebel gray. It could be a gathering of Civil War buffs in Georgia or Alabama, but this picnic took place more than 4,000 miles below the Mason-Dixon line.

Brazilian descendants of Confederate veterans who sought refuge in this tropical nation 130 years ago gather four times a year to celebrate their American roots. They are members of the Fraternidade Descendancia Americana, founded in 1954 to preserve ties to the United States culture among an estimated 100,000 heirs of original emigrants. The Confederate emigres were some 20,000 southerners who preferred the Brazilian wilderness to life under Yankee rule after the Civil War. The

Expatriates were called Confederados and their community was Villa Americana, or American Town. Today Villa Americana, population 200,000 is the only city in Brazil with a Coat of Arms that has a Confederate flag as its centerpiece. This was submitted to the Christian Science Monitor by Jack Epstein.

This was especially interesting to me as some of you know that I have a son living in Brazil and Brazil is a charming place, believe me.

And I think that wraps up this week's column because if I do not know your news, I cannot submit it to Rudi, now can I?

And on that note, sayonara and God bless everyone that reads my trivia and even those that cannot be bothered.



CAPITAN TIGER CHEERLEADERS lead the way for the Tiger Guard Band in the Eastern New Mexico State Fair parade in Roswell Tuesday. The students were treated to free passes to the fair and hamburgers following the parade.

Capitan Approves Library Contract

Capitan Trustees during a special meeting Monday night signed a contract that gives the Capitan Public Library a means to obtain grants from the New Mexico State Library.

In the contract the village agrees to be fiscal agent for Capitan Public Library and to provide \$1800 a year or \$150 a month for rent of the library building. In exchange, Capitan Library must show what it gives back to the community by providing monthly records of volunteer hours and number of library patrons. With the village acting as fiscal agent, Capitan Library can apply for grants from the New Mexico State Library.

Currently, the New Mexico State Library Bookmobile stops at Capitan Library from 5:30-7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Capitan Library, located just north of village hall, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The library is a volunteer community effort.

Village trustees also reviewed and approved the new request for proposals (rfp) for lease of the Smokey Bear Museum. Trustees had rejected the two proposals received previously citing problems with the rfp. After revision and review Monday, trustees okayed the new rfp be advertised. (Editor's note—the legal section of this issue of THE NEWS.)

Until a proposal is accepted at the October 13 regular trustee meeting, the village will employ two temporary employees for at least two weeks to staff Smokey Bear Museum. Trustees also okay purchase of Smokey Bear stock to sell in the museum.

Trustees rejected all four bids submitted to purchase the village blade because they had set no minimum sales price. Instead, trustees agreed to keep the piece of equipment.

Once again, trustees concluded their meeting with a closed

session to discuss water rights and real property. They made no decisions except to adjourn after they returned to open session. Trustees next meet for a regular

session at 7 p.m. Monday, October 13. Village Hall will be open on Columbus Day, since employees opt to have a holiday the day after Thanksgiving.

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FORT STANTON FACTS & FICTION

Fall is in the air. These cool, cool evenings and cool mornings are lots of peoples favorite time of the year.

Lots of activities still planned before the end of the year.

Mike, Willie, and all other area postmasters were hard at it on Friday ending up the final year's totals. Quarterly reports are always tough as

everything has to be right on target. Hopefully the post office will still be built soon. Without any more hassle, Debbie was hopefully optimistic this morning (Sept. 16) that things would be go at the end of the week. But no one is going to hold their breath.

With no room at the inn I have sorted packages out on the outside dock for the past couple of working days. Am

ttempted to leave the packages out there and have people come see just how crowded we are. To get the big baskets past the little trail is nearly impossible. More people are renting daily and so more volumes of mail will be coming in along with many customers. I think we gained during the UPS strike.

Thanks to each of you who came to the special meeting a couple of weeks ago. This was a big help. Learned at the last meeting that Netta and Ellen will be leaving soon for home. We will really miss her in the city hall. My personal opinion on selling the water rights is a "big no". Water is too hard to come by for anyone. And the cost will definitely continue to rise as with everything else, if you can find some somewhere.

Went up to Albuquerque for training a while back and met several of the clerks from the different parts of the state. One I had worked with in Carrizozo over 15 years ago. It was good to talk to Alice and to find out how she was.

We received the poster for the Halloween stamps to be issued later this month. Be sure and start saving to buy some of them for your collections. Ordered a computer disk to hopefully make some more pages for stamp collecting.

The Spencer Theater is getting ready to open its doors. We are so fortunate to have this nearby. Most of us would never have the opportunity to see what it will bring.

Since I wrote last I attended the wedding reception at the country club for David and Trinka Cox. Many friends were there to wish the couple many happy years of marriage. They received many nice gifts and had lots of good things to eat. Congratulations from us all. Trinka is from North Dakota and is Pat's cousin.

Three weeks ago our little Methodist Church was full with so many coming to help celebrate 70 years of worship. It is always amazing to watch the ones who come and go and what work and memories they leave behind. Red Purvis and Burchetts with others just finished painting the little church and had to hang upside down, crossways and every other way to get it all painted. A good job!

The message was very good and the bell rang for all the ones who have gone on before us. It really was sad to listen to all the many special friends we had known in our little town that is so fast growing into a "big" city. Lois Aldrich and Francis Shaw had some pictures of them when they first attended over 50 years ago. Lois was telling us that her husband installed the big wooden beams.

I had planned to leave as soon as the sermon was over and go to the cutting up at Wes and Cindy Smiths but after finding out Mary Guck Crenshaw was going to sing, I changed my mind. Mary sang *There's a Little Brown Church in the Vale*, and another song. Accompanying herself on the accordion it sounded like an angel singing. The Lee's and Ann Buffington sang. Mrs. North and Doris Pounds sang *How Great Thou Art*. Always gets everyone to feeling a little teary eyed. Doris Pounds and Diane played the piano and organ and Grover Dobbins sang and accompanied himself with his guitar. The sing-a-long with many other old favorites will

leave another very big memory day in the 50 years of worship in this Methodist church. Chuck and Jack Johnson and Edith Malcolm were the ones contacting everyone to bring something for the pot luck dinner. It was very good.

When we arrived back from our Albuquerque trip, we went by the new covered arena at Wes and Cindy's and I now know why Shirley Goodloe always tried to convince the fair board to build one. That barn is incredible. Understand they had a large turnout and it will definitely be bigger and better next year. Wes was a little less mobile with lots of pulled tendons in his ankle. Bet he still rode with his injury. Didn't talk to Shirley that day but saw her a minute a few days later. It was so good to visit with her, and Robin said she talked to Sherry and John a few minutes too. We sure do miss you all.

Joy Slane took lots of her unique rope lampshades, bowls, and mirrors to Texas last weekend. She was a tired camper when she got back. Had some other good prospects come about and did some poetry while there. Joy we are all proud of you and your work.

It is so good to look out every morning and see those very special people taking their morning walk. When I am out running the dogs, Bonnie McEuen, Gatha Rogers and her husband, Bonnie's sister and their poodle are going down the road at a run. Know we have the best people on the north side of the bridge.

Bonnie her sister, mother (Bessie Jones), Alice Traylor, and Lois Aldrich enjoyed the train ride to Durango last week. Mother said if her knee hadn't given out she would have thoroughly enjoyed it. She visited with Donna for a little while and they arrived back home on Saturday evening tired but happy.

Agatha Long, the Ammonds, Larry Parker, Bart McDonough, and some more were singing away two weeks ago. The guitars, drums, accordion, and fiddle were helping the singers sing them good old songs. Just wish I was a better musician so I could play along and not get them out of tune. A few Sundays ago Howard Wright and Mr. Miller, joined the group.

PART TWO
Post office final go was at nine o'clock sharp on September 24. Debra Ingle had final word everything was go for the new building. On Sept. 25 at nine o'clock several broke the ground to begin the construction. The Capitan Country Store was demolished in the next day or two. Shirlene Fitzner and Mary Gourley brought a cake with the words, "Patience, Patience, Patience", written on it. We will all be waiting anxiously now for the larger facility with enough room to unload our mail. For the past two weeks the mail has been sorted on the outside dock. The mail carriers have nearly had to start making two runs a day to haul the mail. Jake said this morning if it continues the truck will not be able to handle the Christmas load.

Willie Hobbs said many helped her in her time of sadness. Two people who were loved from all over were "Willie and Wayne". As Mike Currin said at the funeral, you can definitely tell how much people care when you have that many come. I apologize for not being more organized for the dinner. Find I cannot do more than one thing anymore, but two ladies who came and volunteered their help were my life savers. Bonnie McEuen and Jo Townley

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Lynda Sanchez Honored For Volunteer Research

Lincoln resident Lynda Sanchez recently received the Director's Award from the Museum of New Mexico for her volunteer research on Hispanic history in Lincoln County.

Recognized at a special presentation held at the Museum of Fine Arts on September 16, Sanchez was one of 10 volunteers given the Director's Award. The 10 were selected from more than 400 volunteers statewide. Candidates are nominated by Museum of New Mexico staff, and winners are selected to epitomize the best in volunteer service.

During her year-long research Sanchez worked with Mike Taylor, assistant director of State Monuments, and Rob Baca, director of State

Monuments. Previously, Sanchez worked with Bob Hart as a paid museum consultant when the Lincoln Heritage Trust was establishing the Montano Store as an Hispanic Cultural Center. However the Trust gave the store back to the Museum of New Mexico, and the exhibit in the store now is temporary.

Sanchez examined and selected historic photographs, researched family history as well as general Hispanic history in Lincoln County. She also helped edit some of the materials in the Center, and made suggestions for the finished exhibits when the state obtains more funding.

Currently Sanchez is Spanish and Anthropology instructor at Eastern New Mexico University Learning Center in Ruidoso.

worked two days helping me. Della Bonnell and mother also helped out. Wayne will be remembered in so many areas having helped one and all. If you didn't make it to the funeral there is a special account at the bank in memory of Wayne.

Didn't get to attend the LORO Rodeo banquet, but was told they had expected nearly 500 people to attend. Mike Hernandez called and said a Laura Speer had won the saddle. Congratulations to her and thanks to all the officers for such a successful year.

Pat and I left Friday to visit James Morris and his wife at Caballo, NM. They were not at home so we made some little tours and stops along the way to a wedding we attended in Glenwood.

After leaving Caballo we stopped in at Hillboro and said hello to Sonya Rutledge, postmaster. Had such a nice visit and the country is more beautiful than ours. We stopped in Mimbres and said hello to Tommy Roybal's mom. They have a nice place there growing all kinds of vegetables.

On in to Silver City and made a stop to load up on film. Not having a motel for Friday night we wandered out we would have to spend the night in the suburban. Looking out we found a little cabin at a guest ranch in Glenwood. Horses in the yard, a big porch, water running close by, a swimming pool, and good food made for a fun mini vacation. The next morning as we were eating breakfast we found Ruth and Ed Lawrence and the groom and his best friend and brother and family was staying there too.

On to Reserve the next morning, we checked into our motel for Saturday night and visited with the manager there, Bersey Jones. Back to the wedding at 3:30 on Saturday afternoon, we found a horse and buggy waiting to carry the wedding party to the spot by a large swimming pool. Matt and Suzanne McKeen were united in marriage at 3:30 with over 300 people attending.

Brisket, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and lots of cake

were enjoyed by the many there. Della and Dave Bonnell, Patsy Racher, Jayma and her family, Trisha and her family, and Ed Lawrence, nephew and wife from Amarillo were the grooms family in attendance. Volleyball, horse shoes, dancing, and a big fire made for a nice wedding and lots of fun.

The couple will leave for Hawaii on Tuesday and be gone for a week. Matt is a computer engineer in Albuquerque and Suzanne works as a lab technician in the hospital. Both families have gained two very special people in their families.

Eddie, Audrey and two little ones went to Clara Saturday to Terryn Tate's birthday party. They had lots of fun there and are now settling with all of the work to get ready to ship all the livestock. October is really famous for the shipping and the symposium. Remember it is not very far off.

The Sheriff posse has been spread really thin with all the parades and activities going on. Ruidoso Downs celebrated it's 50th year Saturday, all the bikers were in the area the week before, the Roswell fair will be soon as well as the Aspencade.

The Halloween staples are in and will soon be going on sale. We expect these to be a big seller.

Thanks to each and everyone who has shared their garden with me this year. The produce has been so delicious. Lanning's, Parkers, Willie, Janelle, and Virgil Hall, and Solomon brought me some of the best corn I have eaten. You are all very special and a great big thanks for being a friend! Til next time I write. Be warm as the frost is nearly on the pumpkin!!!

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CORONA NEWS

It has been a quiet week with gardeners finishing the canning and freezing and sharing of produce.

Don Miller of Greenwich, Ohio was renewing acquaintances here Sunday. He was accompanied by a brother, Bruce of Baltimore, Maryland. They had been visiting ghost town in California Arizona and are interested in knowing more about our UFO. They were to stop to talk with Mrs. Proctor on their way to Roswell.

Janell and Tim Kenn of Arcadia, California were in Corona and Cedarvale for a few minutes Friday. They had been on a Lake Powell houseboat for five days. They met for dinner at Willard with Mrs. Nolan Vickrey before going on to Albuquerque.

Mrs. Rogers Sanders spent Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. Virgil Owen and family. She had been visiting a daughter, Suzie Oliver in Farmington. Mrs. Owen met Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Oliver in Cuba and took her mother to Roswell where they met another daughter, Marsha Skinner who took her mother home to Hobbs.

Elbert Owen was taken Monday evening to the Veteran's Hospital suffering from

flu and a kidney infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey left Tuesday for Chama where they planned to take the little train to San Antonio, Colorado.

Sally and Stan Kimball came for her mother, Mrs. Robin Pfeiffer, to spend two weeks with them in their summer home at Big Lake, CO. The Kimballs brought her home Thursday.

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Department requested a welfare check of female at Capitan High School and somewhere in the county, the female was possibly suicidal. A deputy responded and advised all was okay, the female was not the same.

1:50 p.m. a county employee reported gas stolen from a county vehicle at the courthouse parking lot. Carrizozo police responded.

6 p.m. a 911 caller reported a missing child in the Enchanted Forest area. The eight year old girl was missing about two hours. A deputy responded and at 6:31 p.m. advised that the girl was with her parents, and all was okay.

6:52 p.m. DeBaca County Sheriff's Office requested an ambulance at a location on Pine Lodge Road where a small child in a white pick-up was in severe pain. Capitan ambulance responded arriving at the scene at 7:17 p.m.

and at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) at 7:55 p.m.

8:06 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a dispute, her grandson was raising cane. Carrizozo police responded and advised that all was okay, the grandmother was hard of hearing and the grandson was talking loud so she could hear.

September 24:

2:48 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic at a location in Gavilan Canyon. Ruidoso Police were notified.

10:07 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic in progress at a location off Highway 70. Dispatch noted that the mother and daughter were fighting, screaming and yelling in the background during three calls. The argument was over laundry. A deputy and Ruidoso Downs police responded, but neither party wanted to file charges.

4:04 p.m. a gas company

requested animal control for a Rottweiler dog attacking people in the Alto north area. The animal control officer and a deputy responded and gave the owners a warning.

9:12 p.m. a caller requested to speak to an officer to talk to the neighbor about his barking dog. Capitan police responded.

10:03 p.m. a detention center officer, on behalf of a county

commissioner, reported three juveniles on the side of Highway 70 at mile marker 282. The caller was unsure what the three young kids were doing at the location, and he requested a deputy check it out. Two deputies responded.

11:37 p.m. a caller requested an officer so she could file a report for her male friend who was stabbed in the hand. Capitan police responded September 25;

1:48 a.m. a state police officer at the intersection of Highways 380 and 54 in Carrizozo requested a wrecker for three vehicles impounded for no insurance and possession of stolen property. A wrecker was notified.

8:19 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident without injuries at the intersection of Highways 48 and 37, a van ran through the intersection and off the road. State police were notified.

9:10 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance. Carrizozo ambulance responded at the scene at 9:48 a.m. and arrived at LCMC at 10:28 a.m.

9:50 a.m. Corona Ag teacher reported a chain saw was stolen from the Ag building at Corona school. A deputy took a report in the afternoon.

2:51 p.m. the humane society reported a theft of services, a window was open and someone had taken a dog from the kennel without paying the fee. A deputy responded.

3:42 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 72 year old man. There was no response from the Capitan ambulance at first, so dispatch requested Carrizozo ambulance. Before Carrizozo ambulance could roll, Capitan EMS responded and transported the patient to LCMC arriving at 4:44 p.m.

10:06 p.m. a caller reported loud music, coming from a small trailer going up and down Cedar Street. Carrizozo police responded but made no contact with anyone with a trailer, advising it was unfounded.

10:24 p.m. a caller reported loud music and requested an officer go to the next apartment and ask them to turn down the music. Capitan police responded.

11:14 p.m. a 911 caller reported a dead body and shooting at a location about four miles south of Highway 70 on a county road. The caller requested a deputy in reference to the out of service body and a shooting which happened about two weeks ago at the location. At 11:33 p.m. an officer from the Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) responded. At 11:26 and 11:27 p.m. the undersheriff and sheriff were notified of the situation. At 11:32 p.m. dispatch requested the Ruidoso Police Crime Unit to go to Hondo to investigate the shooting. At 12:25 a.m. the undersheriff requested the district attorney call him on his cell phone. At 12:05 p.m. the responding deputy advised he had the arrested subject in custody and another deputy was on route with the

prisoner to the detention center. At 5:19 a.m. the undersheriff requested a deputy come out early, and for about 25 members of the sheriff's posse to secure the scene. At 7:24 a.m. the posse members arrived at the scene.

6:42 a.m. an alarm company advised that a burglar alarm was sounding at a residence in Cedar Creek. Before a deputy could respond, the alarm company requested the call be canceled.

8:47 a.m. a caller requested an officer to deliver an emergency message to a subject at the depot building by the railroad tracks. Carrizozo police responded.

9:27 a.m. a caller reported a fraud, a paving scam, in the Alto area. The caller advised he paid a subject for the service, and the job was not complete. A deputy responded.

10:15 a.m. a 911 caller reported the neighbors threatened if she kills their dog, they will kill her son, or if she is alone, they will beat her up. They also made vulgar gestures and all happened the Wednesday before. A deputy talked to the caller by phone and took a report.

10:44 a.m. a caller requested a VIN of a 5th wheel trailer at a location off Fort Stanton road. A deputy responded.

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birthday party for Leta. A buffet was served with cake and punch. Lots of beautiful flowers arranged by Edie Porter, decorated the tables.

All seven of Leta's children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren attended. All of Leta's brothers and sisters, except one brother, were also present. Also attending were five nieces, four nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, great nieces, and nephews.

About 125 local and out of town guests presented Leta with gifts, cards, and written memories, that she has enjoyed reading. Lots of photos were taken by a family friend Bo Proctor.

Leta's children sang a song, *Under An Autumn Moon*, which her late husband, Laban, wrote and composed in 1933. Martha Garza made the cake. Everyone had a great time eating, visiting, and reminiscing.



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