

Drug Task Force Nabs 13 In Raid

by Doris Cherry

Officers of the Lincoln County Drug Task Force and area police departments and agencies arrested 13 individuals, including several suspected drug dealers, in an early morning raid Wednesday in Ruidoso.

About 25 police officers from Lincoln County

Sheriff's Office, Ruidoso Police, Ruidoso Downs Police, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), FBI, state police and the county probation office headquartered at the Ruidoso Convention Center during the operation. District attorney Scot Key and his chief felony prosecutor Kanon Stevens were on hand in the con-

vention center to expedite charges and search warrants, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan told *THE NEWS*. District Judge Karen Parsons was also available to sign warrants, since both magistrate judges were out of town.

"Everything went very smooth. The cooperation between the agencies was

fantastic," Sullivan added. "Everybody had a job to do and they did their assignments well."

Lincoln County Detention Officers also assisted with the operation by transporting prisoners to the detention center in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Sullivan said the arrests

were the result of undercover investigations conducted by the drug task force for the last seven months. Officers seized marijuana, cocaine, black tar heroin, methamphetamine and an undetermined amount of cash. Wednesday afternoon, Sullivan told *THE NEWS* he did not have an esti-

mate of the street value and exact amounts of the illegal drugs because the drugs were still being processed. The cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine were found at one location, he said.

One juvenile arrested

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Ruidoso Can Collect Own Trash And Still Be Member Of LCSWA

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) needs to get on with improving its structure and services, and forget about trying to interpret what happened seven years ago.

LCSWA members heard that bit of advice from previous LCSWA manager Joe Lewandowski who attended the LCSWA regular meeting in Ruidoso Downs Tuesday. The organization which plowed the ground for the 14 other solid waste authorities in New Mexico is in need of help. By the end of a two hour discussion members took a step toward resolving its problems by establishing a committee to develop a way that will allow Ruidoso to take over its own trash collection while still remaining LCSWA members.

Committee members appointed are LCSWA attorney Don Dutton, Ruidoso LCSWA member Robert Donaldson, Carrizozo mayor and LCSWA member Cecilia Kuhnel and Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann if approved by the rest of the county commissioners.

In a room filled with members and three attorneys, one representing village of Ruidoso, one representing County of Lincoln, and one representing LCSWA, Lewandowski said Ruidoso could do its own collection without ruining LCSWA. He said without Ruidoso collections, LCSWA could reduce its staff to 12 people and move totally into the yard in Ruidoso Downs.

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Commission Is Split Over CDBG Project

by Doris Cherry

It was pure politics during the Lincoln County Commission meeting Friday, October 17, as commissioners pitted a mobile clinic project against an upgrade of Lincoln County fairgrounds community center.

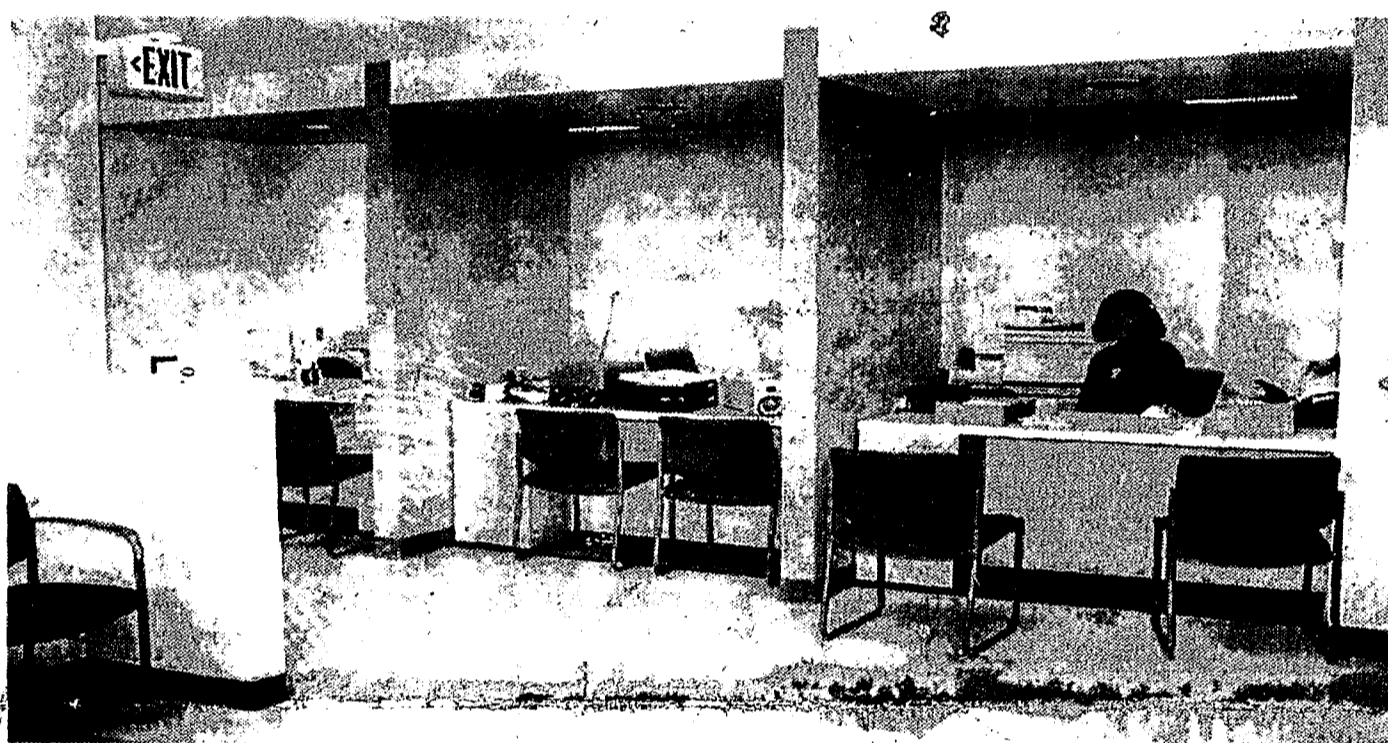
Commissioners held a public hearing during their regular October meeting on Friday, Oct. 17, to take input on what projects the county could apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. It was the second public hearing held, the first being on October 7 in Ruidoso Downs.

At the October 7 hearing Tony Elias, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD), explained the CDBG requirements and criteria. To qualify at least 51 percent of the county's population must have low to moderate incomes. (Low to moderate income ranges from \$17,250 for single person to \$32,500 for family of eight). According to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Lincoln County is 40 percent low to moderate income.

When it came for public input on October 7, Craig Whipple of the Lincoln County Fair Association Board presented a five-year plan for upgrading the fair grounds. The fairgrounds facility is used about 200 days a year, and has been home to the Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo since 1956. Elias however said the fairgrounds would be considered a recreational project and would not qualify for a CDBG. Whipple then suggested applying for a CDBG to improve the office and exhibit hall facility as the Fletcher Hall community center since it serves so many community functions. Community centers do qualify for CDBGs.

It was suggested using the architectural work previously done on designs for restrooms which meet ADA and a new concession as the county's match to the CDBG.

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WELCOME TO THE NEW CLINIC. Sharyl Archer, dental assistant for Dr. Randy Barone, poses in the office of the new Carrizozo Health Clinic which opened Monday. Clinic office staff hid from *THE NEWS*, all camera shy. Although the clinic is open for business, there still remains much to do to finish the project which was funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant obtained by the Lincoln County Commissioners and in part by money from Lincoln County Medical Center. Sidewalks, parking lot and other exterior work will be completed when the old clinic building is gone. The old dentist portable building is to be moved next to the courthouse to serve as storage and the old doctor's side will be demolished.

Carrizozo School Board Approves Bond Election

by Doris Cherry

Student enrollment is up at Carrizozo Schools by 26 more students than projected last spring.

Carrizozo Board of Education members at their regular meeting Tuesday learned about the 40th day enrollment numbers and took a tour through Carrizozo Schools campus to see many areas in need of repair or expansion. After the tour, board members returned to their meeting and approved a \$450,000 bond issue election to be held February 3.

Charles Casey, financial consultant, told the board the assessed total worth of properties in the Carrizozo School District increased from \$14 million in 1996 to \$17.6 million in the 1997 tax year. This was due to the re-evaluation conducted by the county assessor's office. As a result the school district has increased bonding capacity. "The bad news is you dropped below the 75 percent (amount bonded) needed for critical capital outlay," Casey said.

Carrizozo School District has applied for critical capital outlay funds from the state to further assist with remodeling and other needed upgrades on the campus. However, a district must be bonded to 75 percent capacity to qualify

for the outlay funds. "So we put together a bond election plan," Casey said.

Carrizozo's total bonding capacity is only \$413,000, Casey said, so the bonds will be sold over two years.

Board members approved the election proclamation resolution for the bond election which must be advertised four times. They also approved the election procedure resolution which spells out where polls are located, etc. Casey mentioned one change made by Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor. Originally the resolution stated absentee ballots could be cast in both the Lincoln County and Socorro County clerks offices, but Proctor said absentee balloting would be in the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

School superintendent Paula Papponi told *THE NEWS* that the district is formulating a Bond Blue Ribbon Committee and a Strategic Planning Committee made up of staff, students and parents to develop a needs list for projects to be financed with bond funds. School board member Lisa Shivers will represent the school board on the strategic planning committee.

Carrizozo schools had an enrollment of 234 students

on October 16, the 40th day of class. The district had based the 1997-98 school year budget on a projected enrollment of 208 students. School districts develop budgets on "projected" enrollment. If a district reaches the projected enrollment it will receive from the state all the money budgeted for that enrollment. In case of a higher enrollment than projected, the district will receive funds for the extra students sometime next year. The additional funding must be approved by the state legislature during its session in January. Districts which do not meet enrollment projections will receive funds only for the actual 40th day enrollment, regardless of the budgeted amount for the school year. This often results in program cutbacks.

Carrizozo schools business manager Nenna Whittaker told *THE NEWS* that Carrizozo schools has never over-projected its enrollment since she has worked for the district.

Gary Cozzens, School to Careers Coordinator for the Region 9 Educational Cooperative of which Carrizozo district is a member, reported on the School to Careers program.

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Highway Dept. Opens Six Bids For Mechem

by Doris Cherry

New Mexico State Highway Commission last week opened six bids on the Highway 48/Mechem Drive reconstruction project.

According to a spokesperson in the state highway department in Santa Fe, all bids were over the highway department engineer's estimate. The apparent low bidder was Metal Valley Construction of Albuquerque, but all the bids must be evaluated which will take one to two weeks, the spokesperson said.

The project plans call for widening Mechem Drive from its intersection with Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso to White Mountain Drive at Farley's.

Friday during the October 17 Lincoln County Commission meeting in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo, state highway department district engineer Paul Zagone said the first phase of the project was being let at that very moment. Zagone said the state highway department long range plans are to upgrade Highway 48 from Sudderth Drive to State Road 37 at Bonito in several phases. The selected construction company should receive notice to proceed in December and actual construction on the first phase on Mechem should begin some time in the spring, Zagone said.

Design plans call for a concrete intersection of Mechem and Sudderth Drives, four lanes to Terrace, two lanes and center turn lane from Terrace to Buckner, five lanes from Buckner to Sierra Blanca (convention center) k to two lanes with ter turn lane from Sierra Blanca Drive to White Mountain Drive (Farley's).

The next phase, from White Mountain Drive to State Road 532 (ski run road), is scheduled to be let in January 1998, Zagone added. It includes two lanes with center turn lane to two lanes with climbing (passing) lanes where needed. The final phase scheduled to be let in January 1999 will go from NM Road

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532 to NM Road 97 to Angus.
Seeing Gavilan Canyon road as the only possible route for hauling materials to the project, or as an alternate route around the construction, commissioners wanted to know if the state will designate Gavilan Canyon Road as an alternate route, or a haul road for the contractor.

Zagone said the haul route is up to the contractor, but the project did not set up Gavilan as an alternate route because the businesses on Mechem didn't want that. Also if the state would have to upgrade Gavilan Canyon Road up front if it was designated as an alternate route.
Two years ago the county requested the state take

over Gavilan at one time but the state highway commission denied that request.
Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell said Sudderth Drive businesses may have a different opinion if Sudderth Drive is used as a haul route.
Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson agreed, "They don't want trucks downtown."

Zagone said the highway department requires the contractor to say where materials are hauled from, which he assumed would be Devil's Canyon.
Lincoln County Commissioner chairman Monroy Montes said the county has no money or equipment to rebuild Gavilan Canyon. He asked if the county could require the contractor to upgrade the road if it is designated the "haul route." Zagone said the highway department requires the contractor to maintain the haul roads. "Like it did for Wal Mart?" Howell asked. "Wal Mart's got more money than the highway department," Zagone answered jokingly. He went on to say the highway department did shut down the Wal Mart access project twice and required them to redo traffic controls.
Zagone suggested the county seek to have Gavilan Canyon Road placed on a five-year priority list with the state SERPO resurfacing program. However, Lincoln County is only one of eight counties covered by SERPO, which is a regional organization set up by the federal highway depart-



announced that the meat processing lab is now accepting meat to be cut and wrapped. The lab is fully licensed and is operated under the supervision of advisor Todd Proctor. For more information call 354-2567, ext. 21.

Codi Montes
Chapter Reporter

Quarterly Emergency Meeting
The New Mexico Emergency Number Association will hold its quarterly statewide meeting in Ruidoso Wednesday through Friday at the Enchantment Inn. Participants will receive instruction on various aspects of dispatching 911, and a report from the Department of Finance and Authority on the state's 911 program.

Sacred Heart Poole Breakfast
Sacred Heart choir in Capitan will host a poole breakfast Sunday, Oct. 26 following the 9 a.m. Sacred Heart Mass. The drawing for the cord of wood will be held at the breakfast.

Apples Picked And Donated
Senior citizens and other organizations were the recipients of 40 bushels of apples that were picked by Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and their leaders Saturday. The apples were picked at an orchard five miles west of Lincoln on land the BLM acquired in a land exchange. A total of 15 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and 11 adults picked the apples.

Capitan FFA
Capitan FFA members have won many awards at the state and regional levels of competition. Four members exhibited animals at the state fair in Albuquerque, and eight members exhibited animals at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair in Roswell. Members were: Sammi Allen exhibited poultry at Roswell; Cory Bock exhibited rabbits at Roswell; Dale Cillessen exhibited market swine at Albuquerque; Ashley Millar exhibited market lambs at Albuquerque and Roswell; Chase Montes exhibited market swine at Roswell; Codi Montes exhibited market swine at Roswell; Taylor Smith exhibited market swine at Albuquerque; Matt Stephens exhibited poultry at Roswell; Trena Stephens exhibited rabbits at Albuquerque and Roswell.
The Capitan FFA

Bill and Vera Allen from the Ruidoso Senior Center were at the orchard and took three bushels for the Ruidoso Senior Center.
Capitan Troop 57 participated along with Boy Scout Troops 72 and 95 and Cub Scout Packs 25 and 63 in Roswell. One of the adults assisting with the picking was Howard Parman, special affairs specialist for BLM. Parman is Scoutmaster of Troop 72 in Roswell.

Historic Society Meeting
A near capacity crowd filled the San Juan Church in Lincoln Saturday to hear Ervin Aldaz, former

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- Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
- Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.

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 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 & 24

- No school for Capitan students, parent teacher conferences. Teachers will be available from 3:30-7 p.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

- Corona High School Homecoming '97. Parade at 2:40 p.m. game at 7 p.m.
- Open House at Valley of Fires Visitor Center 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., sponsored by chamber.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. Set clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday.
- Carrizozo 4-H meets at 2 p.m. at Otero County Electric Cooperative meeting room. Enrolling for new year.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- Republican Women of Lincoln County 11:30 a.m. Cafe Mescalero. State fundraiser Jan Brooks guest speaker. Board meeting 10:30 a.m.
- Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. town hall.
- Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Ruidoso CIP Advisory Committee special meeting 1:30 p.m. village hall.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

- No school for Carrizozo students to allow for parent-teacher conferences.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

- Carrizozo Schools Halloween Carnival, 6-9 p.m. old gym.
- Reclamation Day party at Carrizozo Community Church 6-8 p.m.

Carrizozo Chit Chat

Keith Greer Wins Main
Keith Greer won the main event in the street stock class at Sertoma Speedway Sunday in his #63 car.

Allen Fitzpatrick placed fifth in the main driving #28 owned by Josh Hammond.

The regular racing season for points ended last month at Sertoma but Sunday races are being held during the winter.

Guests From Colorado

Dorothy Guck, who recently moved from Nogal to Carrizozo, and her daughter, Mary Crenshaw, entertained Colorado relatives in their homes during the Columbus Day weekend.

Gail and Skip Merry came from Durango. Barbara and Jim Hill and Patsy Wilbur drove from Lakewood, just out of Denver. The three girls were daughters of Dorothy's brother, Gordon Gray, now deceased. Gordon had been Ruidoso Forest Ranger when the Ranger Station was on Nogal Mesa, and the girls were under school age.

Ed Guck and Dorothy were also once stationed at Nogal Mesa and later at the Smokey Bear Station in Capitan, where their three children, Tom, Mick, and Mary attended school.

The Colorado guests were driven around Lincoln County to see White Oaks, Nogal, Lincoln, Glencoe (former home of Walter and Mary Estel Gray, grandparents of the girls), the Downs, Ruidoso, and Alto, where the men played golf as guests of Clay Guck, and the girls saw the

beautiful new Spencer Theater.

Open House Valley Of Fires

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an Open House at Valley of Fires Visitor Center tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 24 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend and see the Visitor's Center at the Valley of Fires Recreation Area, three miles west of Carrizozo on Hwy 380.

Valley of Fires manager Bill Murry and staff welcome the public to see the things available at the Visitor Center.

Valley of Fires had been a state park until 1989 when it became a federal recreation area managed by the BLM.

Join 4-H Sunday

The Carrizozo 4-H Club will meet Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative building.

Anyone wanting to join the Carrizozo 4-H Club for the 1997-98 year should

come to this meeting or contact Martha Bond at 648-2912 or the Lincoln County Extension office at 648-2311.

4-H is open to all youth who will be age 8 by September 1, 1998 and not over age 19.

4-H features more than 100 Learn by Doing projects, including shooting sports, dog care, model rocketry, baking, welding, horses, forestry, and gardening.

Reclamation Day Party

Children are invited to attend a Reclamation Day party that will be held at the Carrizozo Community Church October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is FREE. Please no costumes. Activities will include face painting, acts and crafts, games, and a puppet show.

OPEN HOUSE
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Drug Task Force Nabs

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during the raid was turned over to the juvenile probation officer.

Parsons set bonds on all persons who were arrested. Individuals booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center arrested during the raid were:

Esperanza Venegas, 47, Carter Lane, Ruidoso: four counts trafficking controlled substance-cocaine, conspiracy to traffic cocaine; \$30,000 cash bond; arrested by state police officer.

Baldemar Venegas aka Baldemar Martinez, 18,

Carter Lane, Ruidoso: possession of controlled substance--marijuana less than one ounce (two marijuana plants), petty misdemeanor; no bond amount set on booking sheet.

Shirley Lynn Salas, 22, Valley View, Ruidoso Downs; trafficking controlled substance-cocaine; \$10,000 cash bond.

Desaree Castleberry, 23, Valley View, Ruidoso Downs; harboring a felon; no bond amount listed on booking sheet.

Gabriele Camacho, 25, Wingfield Street, Ruidoso:

possession of drug paraphernalia, \$1,000 bond and wanted on warrant for trafficking heroin from Las Cruces with \$25,000 bond.

Joseph Williams, 22, Wingfield Street, Ruidoso: possession of drug paraphernalia; \$1,000 cash bond.

John Campbell, 21, Mechem Dr., Ruidoso: distribution of controlled substance--marijuana and methamphetamine; \$10,000 cash bond.

Victor Gonzales, 27, Ruidoso: two counts trafficking cocaine; \$10,000 bond.

Richard Goff, 31, 5th Street, Ruidoso: trafficking controlled substance--cocaine, conspiracy to traffic controlled substance--cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$15,000 cash bond.

LaQuita Jefferson, 25, Ruidoso: trafficking controlled substance--cocaine; \$10,000 cash bond.

Avis Garcia, 22, Paradise Canyon, Ruidoso: possession of cocaine; \$5,000 cash bond.

Christopher Cox, 24, Grindstone, Ruidoso: two counts distribution of controlled substance--methamphetamine, conspiracy to distribute controlled substance--methamphetamine; \$15,000 cash bond.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Stop playing favorites

By Ruth Hammond

When parents and teachers "play favorites" and are not fair to all children, it causes heart feelings and resentment. When parents and teachers give special attention to one youngster while ignoring another, it can cause serious problems for years. We've all seen it happen and we wonder why anyone would deliberately hurt the feelings of a child or another person. If you know the answer, please let us know because a similar situation is happening at the county level by the county commissioners. Some of the commissioners are willing to do everything possible to get funding for their pet project but are unwilling to help our own county improve.

There is a definite need for funding for improvements at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and it only makes sense for the people in charge to try to get all the funding possible. Some of our county commissioners have voted against the fairgrounds. It makes us wonder why these county commissioners believe one county-owned property deserves everything while another county-owned property should get nothing. If they would give us a logical explanation for their actions it would be a help.

When these county commissioners want more money for their pet project, they tout the "possible" increase in tourism. But they seem to ignore the tourists coming to the area for events at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds - the annual county fair in August and the Smokey Bear Stampede in July bring many tourists to this area every year. Other events at the fairgrounds, which are used more than 200 days each year, also bring tourists to the area, and these are actual people counts, not "possible" increases.

Apparently some commissioners prefer "possible" increases in tourism instead of actual increases in tourism. It makes us wonder why. There are many reasons the commissioners should want to help fund to improve the fairgrounds: central location in the county, several major events held at the facility each and every year which boost tourism, family events, regular youth involvement activities, and local support. It seems these are valid reasons to help improve the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

More county residents will benefit from improvements being made at the fairgrounds than will ever benefit from the county commissioner's pet project. Their pet project may be a benefit for non-local people, especially out of state businesses which are now getting advertising paid for by Lincoln County, but this is not a benefit for local people. Lincoln County residents have a right to know their county money, not lodger's tax money, is being used to advertise businesses in other states. There may be an explanation for Lincoln County paying for advertising for businesses in other states but we haven't been told what that explanation is. Maybe we aren't supposed to know and maybe Lincoln County residents are not supposed to ask about it.

Maybe some of our county commissioners know something we don't know and maybe they don't want the fairgrounds to be improved. If they did want the fairgrounds to be improved they would put forth the same effort they did when they wanted money for their pet project. They would contact Congress and ask for assistance for funding for improvements at a facility that benefits the youth of Lincoln County. They would ask for assistance for funding for improvements for a facility that has proven to be an asset and has brought in tourism through the years. They would contact every agency possible trying to find the funding for the improvements that are definitely needed.

We believe it is time some of our county commissioners stop "playing favorites" and using all their effort on their pet project and be fair about the need for improvements at the fairgrounds. They located funding for their pet project. It is time for them to find funding for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, don't you agree?

Fairgrounds need improvements.



Inside The Capitol

By Jay Miller

SANTA FE — What effect will the resignation of Human Services Secretary Duke Rodriguez have on welfare and Medicaid reform?

It depends on who is doing the talking. The Duke's supporters say it is a devastating loss. Sen. Rod Adair, R-Roswell, calls Rodriguez the single most knowledgeable person in the state. Sen. Ramsey Gorham, R-Albuquerque, says Rodriguez is the most knowledgeable cabinet secretary in the nation. Sen. Ray Kysar, R-Farmington, calls him a man of extraordinary talent and insight. Gov. Gary Johnson says ideally he will find another Duke Rodriguez.

Democrats say Rodriguez was brash, immature, uncommunicative, and a showman.

Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Las Cruces, said Rodriguez was intimidating. Attorney General Tom Udall in an unusually harsh assessment, said Rodriguez completely mishandled welfare reform and failed miserably at implementing it.

They all were right. Rodriguez was a rare commodity, a person with actual experience in administering managed health care who was willing to take a much lower-paying job in order to implement the process in state government and subject himself to a great amount of controversy.

Eventually that controversy became too much. He was charged with giving an unfair advantage to a managed care company owned by

former Gov. Garrey Carruthers of Las Cruces. An Albuquerque newspaper revealed he had received sales commissions while in office from a company he had promoted prior to working for the state. That company has collected over \$6 million in Medicaid payments from Rodriguez's department.

He was called arrogant for advising Gov. Gary Johnson to veto the Legislature's version of welfare reform so he could implement his own brand of reform. After the state Supreme Court ruled that Rodriguez couldn't take such unilateral action, he ignored the court.

So Rodriguez resigned, saying he had become a lightning rod for criticism that was overshadowing his efforts to reform welfare and Medicaid. His resignation came early the morning that newspapers released information that Rodriguez admitted to hiring a former associate to design ads for Medicaid managed care and welfare reform programs and violated the state procurement code in the process.

Gov. Johnson accepted the resignation, saying that Rodriguez may have made a bigger contribution than any other single person to the state. That could be true. Despite his abrasive attitude, Rodriguez produced a 40 percent decline in welfare caseload and had Medicaid managed care well down the road when he retired. His interim replacement is Lou Gallegos, the governor's chief of staff, who led the Human Services Department in 1987-88, the first two years of Gov. Garrey Carruthers' administration. In early 1989, newly-appointed federal interior Secretary Manuel Lujan tabbed Gallegos for a top post in his administration.

Gallegos knows human services. He undoubtedly has followed welfare and Medicaid reform efforts during Johnson's term. Unlike Johnson and Rodriguez, Gallegos is a product of our political system. He knows how to make things work and knows how to deal with the Legislature.

But those dealings haven't always been successful, because Gallegos is subject to the boss' orders. Johnson and Rodriguez thought much more alike, having come from the private sector where the boss' word is law. In the public sector, laws are written in statute books and must be followed - even by bosses.

Following the state Supreme Court ruling that the governor couldn't act without the Legislature's approval, legislative leaders formed a committee to iron

out differences between the governor's plan and their. They invited participation from the governor's office, but no progress was being made. Now Johnson says he wants to make peace. Maybe we are seeing the Gallegos effect at work.

That's good. It's time to quit blaming and start moving. Johnson officials aren't the only ones to blame for the current standoff. Administrative input was reportedly disregarded during discussions leading to last year's legislative actions.

Legislative leaders must realize that even though the Duke had his problems, most of us applauded his reforms.



State Game Commission

The State Game Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Oct. 27 to set 1998-99 big game and furbearer seasons. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in room 322 of the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe. It will continue through Oct. 29 if necessary.

Tutor Training

LVA Otero County Literacy Council, Inc./NMSU-A Adult Basic Education will hold a FREE basic reading tutor training for all adults interested in volunteering to help other adults read better. LVA is affiliated with the national program, Literacy Volunteers of America, which is designed for volunteers in local communities to help increase literacy skills of adults who cannot read and write or speak English as well as they would like.

The tutor training sessions will begin Monday, Nov. 3 and meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for two weeks, Nov. 3, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 14. For more information or to register for the free training call 437-5015. If you would like to tutor but daytime training is inconvenient, please call to discuss possible alternatives.

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Ruidoso Can Collect Own Trash

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Ruidoso has long been dissatisfied with the service its customers receive from LCSWA and has discussed resuming trash collection within the village. Mayor Jerry Shaw (also a LCSWA member) said she has received many calls complaining of the trash service. On October 14, Ruidoso councilors voted to file a lawsuit against LCSWA to have the courts define the makeup of LCSWA and who is to get the special environmental gross receipt taxes.

Ruidoso Village Council also directed legal staff to go before the LCSWA board to discuss the issues and questions, said Chay Rennick, assistant legal counsel for the Village of Ruidoso. "But I found no starting point."

LCSWA Ruidoso member (and councilor) Robert Donaldson said they should consider it a "friendly lawsuit" to find a way to make LCSWA function.

Dutton said he called the courthouse and discovered the village not yet filed a suit. Donaldson responded that Ruidoso is not trying to hide anything from the

LCSWA board. "We're just trying to find potential solutions," Donaldson said.

A main question deals with the special environmental gross receipt tax for solid waste, which each LCSWA entity in 1993 had pledged by ordinance toward the financing of the regional landfill south of Orogrande off Highway 54. All LCSWA members approved a joint powers agreement August 1993 to pass ordinances that pledge the gross receipts to the landfill. In October 1993, the member municipalities and the county approved the ordinances.

Rennick distributed copies of a page of issues and questions ranging from intent or organization to the two separate joint powers agreement and discussions about the intent of the two joint powers agreement. But after considerable discussion about the points raised in the list, Dutton asked why the village is seeking a lawsuit, since the court cannot issue legal opinions. LCSWA member, Ruidoso village manager Gary Jackson, said there were two issues—

future viability and delegation of rate making authority—not whether LCSWA can impose property taxes to fund operations.

Another issue raised was whether Ruidoso could collect its own garbage and still be a member of LCSWA. Jackson said Carrizozo and Corona had done their own collection services in the past while being members of LCSWA. "Ruidoso's collection may be served by private contract," Jackson said. "And still remain a member for landfill and transfer station purposes." Jackson also said it may be better for Ruidoso to also take back the transfer station and end the lease purchase agreement for the station with LCSWA.

Lewandowski said the board was "working backwards" to figure out thinking several years ago. Just decide what you want out of LCSWA and ask the attorneys to adjust the joint powers agreements.

Lewandowski, who consults for many of the 14 solid waste authorities in the state now, said there were many mistakes in the ordinances approved by the county and the cities to establish LCSWA. "Ruidoso just needs to say what it wants to have. I keep hearing if Ruidoso pulls out of the collection and transfer station, LCSWA is in trouble—it's not!" Lewandowski said. He explained that the routes for the county and other municipalities are separate from the routes for Ruidoso. And without Ruidoso, LCSWA would not

need the transfer station. He also said other solid waste authorities have members which contract for collection within their communities.

As for the special environmental gross receipt taxes, all LCSWA members are obligated to the landfill debt. "There is no question all the environmental gross receipt taxes go to the landfill," Lewandowski said. But since April 1995, all the taxes have been returned to LCSWA because the regional landfill is paying for the debt with income from tipping fees. Regardless of the returns, each entity must continue to collect the special taxes until the bond which financed the landfill is paid off because the taxes were used as collateral on the loan, Lewandowski added.

He said one big mistake LCSWA made was not requiring all of its member entities to sign service contracts which defined the types of services, costs, with built in monetary adjustments to meet the cost of living index. Corona has a service contract with LCSWA. "Why can't Ruidoso go off on its own (for collection) if it can get a better deal?" he asked. Shaw said Ruidoso wants best service. LCSWA chair and Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst said if Ruidoso wants it can go back to its own collection.

Donaldson said Ruidoso has always talked about pulling out of the collection side of LCSWA, not pulling out as a member of

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Ruidoso Can Collect . . .

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LCSWA: "We need to be together from the transfer station to the landfill," Donaldson said. "Collections are all different. Ruidoso would be happy to involve and decide what type of collection would be best for it."

Lewandowski said Ruidoso was one of the more difficult cities to collect trash because of the fluctuating seasonal population, shared containers, bears and terrain.

Donaldson said LCSWA needs to move on to modify the joint powers agreement to allow Ruidoso to take back its own collection and not leave the authority, to resolve the lease/purchase issues concerning the transfer station and equipment, and the environmental gross receipt taxes.

"Otherwise you could spend a lot of time on old issues," Lewandowski said.

Hayhurst said if Ruidoso goes to its own collection, LCSWA board should be reduced to two. Currently Ruidoso has four members. Dutton asked Jackson that since a committee was formed, would the lawsuit be dropped. Jackson said he would have to take it up with the village council.

In other business, members:

Authorized purchase of a roll-off truck from state contract using money from the state Solid Waste Facility Grant Fund Program.

Heard a protest from Dr. Sandra Davis who

operates a center which houses several individual businesses. She claimed each person who holds a business license should not have to pay \$9 a month for garbage, since they produce very little or no trash. Individuals who hold a business registration from the village are being billed. Davis was told that rate making decision is dictated by an ordinance adopted by the Ruidoso Village Council. Jackson said he would bring the issue up to the council at its October 28 meeting.

Approved LCSWA staff purchase two three-quarter ton four wheel drive pickups which will help with special clean-ups and serve as backup vehicles for collections with the cheapest method—state contract or request for proposals (rfp).

Authorized purchase and/or lease of a collection truck with rfp or state contract.

Accepted a seven point plan from citizen Al Junge of how LCSWA could be preserved and problems arising from collection in Ruidoso be eliminated, including appointment of a small committee and transfer of employees from LCSWA back to the village of Ruidoso. Donaldson said he did not agree with all of Junge's comments and he did not want the LCSWA members to think Junge's comments were an "outline" of what needs to be done.

mascot and the golf course. Mr. Aldaz also remembered Dr. Jurnigan and Dr. Rosenblatt, both of whom were instrumental in curing tuberculosis, and Col. Varner, who brought the military back to the Fort and secured the cannon that is still in the entrance. Mr. Aldaz thanked Capt. Victor Schaefer, who was in the audience, for his efforts in revitalizing the military cemetery of the Fort reservation, and by so doing, took the minds of the employees off the fear of the Fort closing and also giving honor the veterans buried there.

Mr. Aldaz also remembered Mrs. House, who as president of the New Mexico Women's Clubs, made Fort Stanton the bicentennial project of the club and started the museum. In closing, Mr. Aldaz asked, "How do you measure such a treasure? This truly is a wonderful place and maybe in the future we can guide Fort Stanton as it has guided my life."

Lincoln County Historical Society thanks Ervin Aldaz for sharing history, humor and deeply personal memories with us.

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American Legion Fall Meeting

The American Legion District 5 fall meeting will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 in Ruidoso. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Legionnaires are invited to attend. For more information call C.E. Chavez at 505-336-4218.

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Administrator of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School, deliver a humorous, yet at times emotional, presentation of his 18 years at the Fort.

Those already familiar with the term "developmentally disabled" came away with a deeper appreciation of the term, and for those not aware of the services provided at the Fort Hospital, Mr. Aldaz made it very clear by stating, "We had family, meaning and friendship with the people we were serving. To me, we protected and served, and mostly, shared a life. I have learned to recognize an individual as a person and not as a patient. This has not come to an end but is in a holding pattern. We are able to cherish memories. Fort Stanton has been my life, my total happiness, and the only one void I have about Fort Stanton is that I am living in Santa Fe. But in six months I will be back home, walking towards the caves and will see Fort Stanton, the Ranch of Torres and Busy Bee/Lincoln."

Other memories recounted by Mr. Aldaz were the downed Navy plane that had to be dismantled and trucked out of the Fort reservation, rodeos held at the Fort, the baseball games, the dog

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Went down to Lincoln Saturday to attend a meeting of the Lincoln County Historical Society. And was very much surprised and pleased that there was such a terrific turnout. Met so many that I had not seen for a long

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talked to her and she has been so very, very busy. Will hope to have her story next week.
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I know this is jumbled and I apologize but at my advanced age, it takes a lot of peace and quiet for me to get my thinking and writing on the same wave length.

So for this week, sayonara, adios, and may the Good Lord take a likin' to each of you.

News Around Lincoln County

Free CHINS Training
 Free training will be sponsored by the Chins Child and Adult Care Food Program Nov. 1 at Ruidoso High School from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The training is approved toward requirements in health, safety and nutrition, family and community collaboration, developmentally appropriate content, and learning environment and curriculum implementation. Pre-registration is not required but please call 257-3833 or 257-4211 or 434-9588 or 434-1364 if you plan to attend. There will be a variety of workshops during each session.
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The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the *News Around Lincoln County* column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

Please mail news releases to E. O. Drawer 459, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or call Ruth at 649-2333 with your news items.



CAPTAN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL team (above) makes a drive against Cloudcroft during a home game on Thursday. The Tigers defeated the Bears 25-16 in the game dedicated to the memory of their late classmate Stacey Thorne. Captain music instructor Duwaye Shaver (below) directs the middle school band which made its first appearance at the Thursday home game. *THE NEWS* will feature photos of Homecoming '97 for Capitan and Carrizozo Schools in the October 30, 1997 issue.



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time as well as others that I run into now and then at the market or post office. The drawing card for such a nice turnout was the speaker of the day, Mr. Aldaz, formerly of Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School. Mr. Aldaz is a most interesting speaker as well as a very entertaining gentleman and his highlights and historical comments certainly entertained the goodly crowd.

Some of the folks I remember were Anne Buffington, David and Charlotte Lee, Leota and Peg Pfingston, Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap, James and Lynda Sanchez, Willie Hobbs, Louie Padilla, Nora and Walter Henn, Bea Smith and N.E. Britton. And it was especially nice to see Rene Burton of Carrizozo there. Rene is one of those ladies that you see just once in a while, but each time is a real treat. She is just a super lady.

Will be looking forward to the next meeting of the Lincoln County Historical Society and now I wish to give our own Vanessa

Shamblin a big round of applause and a hearty thank you for bringing all of this about. So glad Vanessa that you decided to move to Capitan. It is so nice to know you.
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And on a very somber note, let me add my sympathy to the parents of Stacey Thorne who was laid to rest on Friday afternoon. Such an outpouring of friends came to the fairgrounds, such a tribute to a young lady that was barely in her teens and when the riderless horse began to move her casket from the grounds, am certain there was not a dry eye in the crowd.

Such a tribute to one so young, like I wrote last week about John Denver. It looks like the Almighty just puts a few very special people on earth for just a little while to set an example for the rest of us, then snatches them back to be with Him. God Bless you, Stacey, we know you are now with the Angels.
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Promised to profile our new girl at City Hall, Kathryn Grissen, but just

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SPORTS

Grizzly Girls Sweep Mountainair On Road

Carrizozo's varsity volleyball team gained a split of their two road matches played in Ft. Sumner and Mountainair (both district foes).

On Saturday the Grizzly girls traveled to Ft. Sumner and were ousted in three straight games by the scores of 15-6, 15-6, and 15-2. The

loss at Ft. Sumner left the Carrizozo varsity with a district record of 2-3.

Coach Joseph Sanchez reported that the girls just didn't play a good match against Ft. Sumner — missing too many serves and not passing very well. Sanchez did find some positives in the loss to Ft. Sumner and noted that Amber Vallejos did some nice setting, Renee Rael had some good blocks and hits, Melanie Whittaker played good defense, Kayla Hammond passed well, Melissa Nava got all her serves in, as did Nikki Duncan, and Mollie Hightower was credited with the best hit of the match (although it was blocked).

The Grizzly JV lost to the Vixens in two games and the Jr. high girls lost in three games, losing the match in the last game by the score of 15-17.

On Tuesday night Carrizozo traveled to Mountainair and swept the host Mustang girls, as all three Grizzly teams came away with wins.

The Jr. high girls got things rolling for the Grizzlies and won in two straight games over the young Mustangs and the JV kept the momentum going winning in three games by the scores of 15-10, 10-15, and 15-13... the varsity then took the floor and completed the sweep by winning in four games. Scores were 15-9, 15-3, 8-15, and 15-9.

In a short interview Wednesday an excited coach Sanchez stated, "We stunned them, Mountainair was just stunned!" "They didn't expect us to beat them on their own court, but the girls just stepped up and played a great match". "Our serves were there... we just did everything right". With the win the Grizzlies got back into the race for second place in district — with matches against Corona and Vaughn remaining.

The varsity will travel to Corona today (Thursday) to face the Cardinals with match to tip off at 6:00 p.m. On Saturday evening the Jr. high and varsity will travel to Vaughn with action set to begin at 5:00 p.m. Wins over both Corona and Vaughn will leave the Grizzly varsity girls with a 5-3 mark in district and a good shot at finishing second behind Ft. Sumner.

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Corona HS Cardinals Celebrate Homecoming

by Sarah Stewart
Brandon Witt
Rankin Frost

Corona High School celebrates its homecoming during the week of October 20. Highlights of the week include spirit days, bon fire, volleyball and football games, and crowning of the 1997 Homecoming King and Queen. In addition, the parade will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24.

To kick off the short school week, Wednesday was designated as Funky Hair/Backwards Day, Thursday as Dress-Up Day, and Friday as Red and White Day. The class who participates the most will be rewarded the Cardinal Spirit Stick and a party sponsored by the CHS cheerleaders.

The bon fire was Wednesday night at Bagley Lake. The freshman class was responsible for gathering wood and preparing the bon fire. Cheerleaders fired-up the crowd with their program of chants, cheers and skits. After the bon fire, hot cocoa and cookies were served for the community at the Baptist Church.

On Thursday (today) the volleyball team will face the Carrizozo Grizzlies in their last district game.

Tigers Post Homecoming Win Over Mountaineers

by Bartley McDonough

The Reserve Mountaineers football team paid a visit to the Capitan homecoming October 17 and were defeated 26-8 by the Tigers. This was a conference game.

Josh Long, Justin Joiner, and Raymond Harris looked good in the first quarter, but neither team was able to score.

With one minute gone in the 2nd quarter, Bustamante carried the pigskin up the middle for 11 yards and a Mountaineer TD. Reserve passed the ball for two extra points. It was Reserve 8, Capitan 0.

The Tigers started a drive from their own 37-yard line getting two first downs. Josh Long then ran for 12 yards and another Tiger 1st. Joiner and Hansell figured in important plays. Joiner then completed a pass to Robinson for the TD. Reserve remained on

top 8-6.

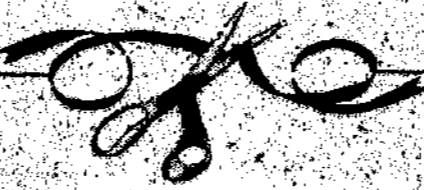
Nathan Thomas and Matt Daniel got good hits for the Tigers before Reserve got off a big play to the Tiger 20-yard line. It was here that a Reserve receiver dropped the ball in the end zone.

Both teams had passes intercepted and the Tigers pulled off a big play before the half ended — Reserve still out front 8-6.

Reserve received to begin the third quarter. The Mountaineers couldn't move the ball and punted. Capitan began a 79-yard scoring drive with Tacey and Harris looking good along the way. Robinson rambled for 28 yards and a Tiger TD. The PAT was no good. The 12-8 Tiger lead was all they would need to win the game.

Both teams exchanged punts early in the fourth quarter. A 24-yard effort by

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FORT STANTON

Round and round we go with the mail boxes at Alto!! The latest news is Alto will have a new postoffice sometime in late 1998. We are sure hoping this happens. The boxes they have installed at Alto to accommodate the waiting list are filling up the lobby til we have to step aside to pass. Mary still has 40 to 50 people waiting for boxes. The mail in Capitan and Alto has been so heavy we are all wondering how we will ever handle Christmas. Capitan's office is going up really fast. Looks like the foundation is nearly all done and maybe if the weather cooperates we will see the walls go up soon.

Six postmasters met at Tinnie on Sunday to end the Lincoln County Postmasters organization that had been started many years ago when the postal service offered no training. The postmasters met to discuss new procedures and had the postmasters from Roswell and Carrizozo come to tell them about all new items.

Rosalee Patterson, secretary, called the meeting to have a discussion of what should be done with the funds in the bank. The group decided to take the \$500.00 and give all five schools in Lincoln County \$100 each to give a scholarship to a student graduating in 1997. No meeting had been held for three years and understand if an organization is not active for three years the funds might go to the state.

The postmasters attending and having lunch were Rosalee and husband Johnny Patterson, Lupe Kelly and husband, Della Bonnell; Patsy Racher, Shirlene Roberts and friend Hilga Haake, and clerk Betty Joiner. The Lincoln County Postmasters books were distributed evenly among the postmasters and will be given away to interested parties. I hope to make a summary of this organization and send it to the historical society and library in Santa Fe or Albuquerque, to have for future history.

The "Outfitter's" are slowly getting all of their extras to star in the movie. They have had three or four cast calls with lots of women and men trying out for different roles. Understand they started filming in Claunch over a couple of weeks ago.

The Expo that was held at the Rural Events Center on Thursday of last week was not attended by many people but had a lot to offer to the few who did attend. The timing was very bad with everyone wore out from the symposium. The group hopes to have the date moved back to spring for the upcoming year.

I took my stamps and quilts again and the fifth graders that were attending from Capitan were so happy to find their quilt block on the quilt that they helped make in the third grade two years ago. It was so good to see all of them and some that are going to school in Ruidoso.

Tiffany Mennix, and Mrs. Rembo were the two teachers from Capitan. Mr. Edmister, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kachler, Mrs. Seigman, Mrs. Odell,

Mrs. Keaton, Mrs. Avilas, and Mrs. Denny were the other teachers chaperoning the 230 students attending. A questionnaire was given to the students with blanks on it. At different booths there were questions the students had to answer and in doing so found out the names of many interesting places to see in Lincoln County. This was lots of fun and the fifth graders answered most all the questions but "Oscura".

The five to nine food was enjoyed by the ones attending. Many businesses had good food for everyone. I got to meet Herb Brunell's mom and enjoyed his photography booth. The state 4-H leader Martha Anderson had a great display and another group had a DWI booth, Ralph Dunlap showed how to weave, the Sheriff's Posse had their booth, copy machines, and Bubba the Bull and Rambo the Buck, were some of the others. Sloppy Joes, yogurt, chips, and milk were served to all present.

Over 500 people attended Stacey Thorne's funeral held at the fair grounds on Friday. The music and horse drawn wagon with Stacey's horse following behind was a perfect memorial to a special little girl. I remember Allison telling me that she was so glad Stacey was in the riding club. She pulled out for a year and then went back. She didn't want to ride fast, just at a slow pace. Allison said she didn't care just as long as she was in this great organization.

As she left the arena for her last time and her horse nickered, it left memories we all will never forget. John Foglesong and Sherry Underwood along with the others playing and singing were also a very touching part of the memorial. Allison and Brad, no words will ease your pain, but we are all so much richer for having known your daughter.

The symposium was so big this year you would nearly get lost in the crowd. Margaret Woodard nearly did. Leaving Capitan at 5:30 Thursday, I went to the Cindy Walker and Eldon Shamblyn performance with Hank Thompson and Billy Walker and many others playing music for four hours straight. A tribute to these people had been held at the Coe ranch a little earlier in the evening with the manager being a super host.

On Friday the many vendors and performers were selling and singing and telling their poetry all day long. Friday night the dance was a big success with the big events center full.

Saturday was the big chuck wagon day with our LC Sheriff's Posse wagon doing a very good job. Ted Anderson, Tom Sullivan, Tom Carter and A.D. Powers, along with other members worked long and hard to serve over 30 people on Saturday. Loved Joe Smith's old hat he loaned Tom Carter to wear. It reminded me of one my dad always wore with the very same crease. Saturday night another big dance with a full house. Craig Cameron once again showing his way with horses drew a crowd for every time he rode a

horse.

On Sunday Susie McIntyre, Reba's sister, was in the main building for the Sunday church service, and she was followed by the best part of the symposium with Karen Butaud's tap dancers dancing and singing to "Great Balls of Fire" and "I Wanna Be a Cowboy's Sweetheart". Kerati loved this as she has started taking tap from Karen. Sure hope they have you back next year Karen. You and the mothers and Mary Dell Jones did a great job with those sweet costumes.

It was good to see Roper Brewer and Becky Barber. Just a couple of people we knew.

Curtis and Marc have moved a depot building in from Carrizozo on Fourth Street, recently. Trailer houses are going in on every acre available in the subdivision. Never have seen so many.

Hunting season will be coming very soon and the town will be full of hopefuls looking for deer, elk and turkey.

Pat and I have been hauling wood for our fireplace and hay for our horses, getting ready for a tough winter. Hope the prediction is wrong, but the cool, cool mornings may mean it is going to be rough.

Reports from the many Alto customers, Mike, Mary and others about the Spencer Theater are only great ones. Everyone says it is so unusual to have such good performances in our area. The velvet rabbit was enjoyed by many of the school students. Hope to attend soon. Mary, Shirlene, and Debbie Moore have enjoyed helping serve as ushers at the last two or three performances.

Happy birthday to Audrey and Rodney Dean on the 7th of October, and Eddie on the 19th, and to anyone else who has a birthday this month. Count your many blessings. Till I write again.

Tigers Post . . .

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Robinson was nullified by a clipping penalty. Capitan then completed a 25-yard pass play to Patrick Hansell and a 17-yard pass play to Harris to the 8-yard line. A holding penalty nullified a TD by James Robinson. Capitan then completed a pass to Hansell, and Robinson carried the ball the final 10 yards for the score. With three minutes left in the game the Tigers increased their lead to 18-8.

The final Capitan tally came moments later when Raymond Harris intercepted a pass and sailed into the end zone. The Tigers two point conversion attempt was good. Capitan players and fans were happy with their 26-8 homecoming victory.

The Capitan middle school defeated Cloudercroft October 16 before hometown fans. Capitan middle school band performed at this game which was dedicated to late classmate Stacey Thorne.

The Tigers travel south this Saturday for a 2:00 p.m. encounter with the Alamogordo sophomores.

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Hagerman 14, Jal 6
Melrose 62, Floyd 32
Animas 37, Estancia 20
 Lordsburg 14, Hatch 6
Goddard 35, Hobbs 0
Roswell 33, Lovington 6
Santa Rosa 48, Laguna Acama 0
Las Cruces 21, Alamogordo 11

OBITUARY

PAULINE MORALES

Services for Pauline Morales, 64, of Morton, TX were October 14, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Ricardo Salditos officiating.

She died Saturday, Oct. 1, 1997, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She was born May 7, 1933, in Carrizozo.

She had lived in Morton since 1974, moving from Lubbock. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She was a member of Crucillos.

A daughter, Vitalia Saenz, died in 1993.

Survivors include four sons, Daniel Ray Ayala, Gilbert Ayala, Alfonso Salazar, all of Lubbock, and Mike Saenz of Morton; two daughters, Delia Beth Luebana and Esther Casias, both of Lubbock; four sisters, Gloria Duarte, Jane Lucero and Mary Lucero, all of Morton and Sylvia Avila of Oklahoma; four brothers, Edward Morales and Lorenzo Morales, both of El Paso, Concepcion Morales of Carrizozo, and Filimon Morales of Alamogordo; 20 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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SIS ENTERPRISES, INC.
Successor-in-interest to the
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
Receiver of Community Bank & Trust,
Bldg., Oklahoma.
Plaintiff,
THOMAS SIDNEY ORR, SUSAN ANN ORR,
and LEWIS BLACKWELL,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the third consecutive day after the fourth and final publication of this notice at 9:00 a.m. at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Administrative Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, to wit:
1. Lot 23, Block 18 of Black Forest Subdivision, Unit 2, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the revised plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico on May 8, 1972, in Tube No. 445.
2. Said Judgment directed foreclosure of the Mortgage held by Plaintiff as follows:
1. Remaining balance on Promissory Note dated September 28, 1982, including accrued interest for a total amount of \$190,311.41; plus
2.) Remaining balance on Promissory Note dated November 19, 1982, including accrued interest for a total amount of \$218,259.73; plus
3.) Attorney fees including New Mexico Civil Receipts Tax for a total amount of \$10,693.79.
FOR A TOTAL JUDGMENT OF \$414,264.89.
In addition to the above, there will be accruing costs, together with the cost of publication of this Notice, Special Master's fee and attorney fees:
WITNESS my hand and seal this the 18th day of September, 1997.
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SIS ENTERPRISES, INC.
Published in the Lincoln County News on September 25, and October 2, 9, 16 & 23, 1997.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 1997, at the Village of Ruidoso's Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The following proposed ordinances will be considered:
(1) Proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan Ordinance
(2) Proposed Amendments to the Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance No. 1897-4
All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.
MONROY A. MONTES,
Chairman
Lincoln County
Commission
Published in the Lincoln County News on October 23, 1997.

ELECTION NOTICE (SECOND NOTICE)

CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
To all owners of land situated in the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, Counties of Lincoln, Torrance and Socorro, State of New Mexico:
Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December, 1997, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. polls will be open to elect two supervisors to the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Act. Location of the polling place will be the Natural Resources Conservation Service/District Office, 409 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico.
The positions to be filled currently being held by Eugene McDaniel and Gordon Barham.
All owners of land within the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District are eligible to vote. Persons may be asked by elec-

Guerrera at 505/648-2385. All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the bid number(s) shown above. Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.
MARTHA GUEVARA,
Assistant
County Manager
Published in the Lincoln County News on October 23, 1997.

MISSING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Friday, November 14, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Village of Ruidoso's Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The meeting is open to the public and agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Audiotapes are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.
MARTHA GUEVARA,
Assistant
County Manager
Published in the Lincoln County News on October 23 and 30, 1997.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 1997 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 96-12, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.
CAROL SCHLARE,
Town Clerk,
CMC/AEE
Town of Carrizozo
Published in the Lincoln County News on October 23, 1997.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS
Name, Address, Zip Code of Grant Recipient: Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, Telephone Number (505) 354-2247.
Date of Publication: October 23, 1997.
Application/Grant Number: Pending.
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about (minimum 15 days after date of publication) November 14, 1997 the Village of Capitan will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:
PROJECT TITLE OR NAME: Village of Capitan Water System Improvements.
PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT: To drill an additional water well, install fifteen additional fire hydrants and install signage on water lines and valves.
LOCATION OF PROJECT: Drilling of well, outside the Village limits, seven miles, hydrants and signage within the Village limits, Village of Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico.
ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: \$265,000.
PROJECT SUMMARY: The Village of Capitan will drill an additional water well as a supplement well, install fifteen additional fire hydrants and to install signage on water lines and valves.
This project will complete previously phased projects in 1992 and 1997.
FINDING OF NO

CORONA NEWS

Students, parents, fans, all look forward to the CHS Homecoming festivities this week beginning with the bonfire on Wednesday followed by refreshments at the Baptist Church; girls volleyball game with Carrizozo at 6:00 p.m. Thursday; a parade at 2:40 p.m. Friday and the football game at 7:00 p.m.
Parents of the FB team will be introduced, and at half-time the King and Queen will be named and presented with their court. Candidates for queen are Monica Alirez, Courtney Perez, and Sarah Stewart; for king, Rocky Bagley, Dustin Gay, and Robert Zook. Eddie Porter is arranging the presentation flowers and football mums.

Mrs. Carolan Riley is now introducing her daughters as "Mrs. Smith of Jaraales". The husbands are Robby and Brandon Smith.
Pete and Helen Porter have sold their property in Roswell and are moving back home to Corona.
Staff Sgt. Mary Romero Dearing and husband Chris with daughter Brianna, spent a week with relatives here. Mary and Chris were being transferred from Lackland AFB in San Antonio to Japan where they will spend four years with military intelligence. Brianna is almost three years old and with a cousin and friend practiced cheer-leading at the football game here.

Mike Kessler was home for the weekend. Sunday Mrs. Kessler and the girls returned with him to Grants to spend a few days.
Mrs. Robin Pfeiffer spent two weeks in the Roswell Rehab Center. She was there to receive therapy for injuries resulting from two falls while on vacation in Colorado. She benefitted from the therapy and would have stayed longer except for a bad cold. Jacque Sue Allen and Juanita Owen were very helpful to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kimbell were in Denver for the doll show last week. Sally took two dolls and won a first and second on her creations.

Jeanene Gibbs and Linda Powell are in Carlsbad this week learning to write grant applications. They represent the Corona Action Committee. Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Wilson attended the recent session in Tucumcari.

Here last weekend to help Sandra Alford celebrate her birthday were two sisters Joan and husband Jack Gholson of Sugarland, TX and Tink Nixon of Nara Visa, and children and families Joana, Mike and Nathan Tracey of Antmas, Tanya, Russell and Randal and Craig of Elida, and Roe Anne and Travis Lightfoot of Corona.

Saturday Mrs. Byron Yancey took her mother, Mrs. Bernice McCord to Melrose to stay a few days with a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillis Hampton. Mrs. Leon Erramoupe went along for the ride.

Mrs. Minnie Davenport died Saturday morning after a week in the Alamogordo hospital. She had been in ill health for several years and resided in a rest home there. Mrs. Davenport, former Corona resident, was active in the Legion Auxiliary here. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday and she was laid to rest beside her husband, Leonard Davenport, in Evergreen Cemetery, East Montano St., El Paso.

Marianne and Ronnie Branson came from Plainview, TX after church Sunday to help his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brunson with delivery. They spoke at the Women's Aglow meeting Monday evening. They were accompanied by friend, Lenora Cuellar.

Mitzi Alirez went to Bosque Farms Saturday to watch her brother ride in the NMRA finals. Cody Smid scored only 70 in his first ride, but he is very proud of the buckle he won as the NMRA Bareback Rookie of the Year 1997.

Todd Proctor won the saddle for the year in the incentive team roping, he is a header. Travis Lightfoot as heeler, was runnerup in this event.

Neuman Merritt came over from Ft. Sumner one day last weekend and Saturday his sister, Betty Minton came with a cake and other goodies to help their mother, Mrs. L.K. Merritt celebrate her birthday.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE WARREN HANSON
George Warren Hanson, 78, of Corona died Oct. 14, in Albuquerque. He was born October 22, 1918 in Des Moines, NM.
He had been a resident of the area since 1956. He retired from the NM Dept. of Game and Fish, and had also been a rancher for many years near Corona. Mr. Hanson served in the United States Navy during WWII.

He is survived by one son, Warren Hanson and wife Kathie of Artesia; five brothers, Elbert, Freddie, James, Paul and Norman; five sisters, Sharon, Shirley, Sonya, Glenna Lee and Lois; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death not only by his parents but also his wife Marie, and son George Wayne Hanson in 1991.

Graveside funeral services were held October 17, 1997 at the Corona Cemetery under the direction of Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Mountainair.

MABLE JEANETTE JOHNSON CAZIER

Memorial services for Mable Jeanette Johnson Cazier, 93, will be held Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2:30 p.m. at the Angus Cemetery.
Mrs. Cazier died September 28 at Casa Maria Health Care Center in Roswell, where she had resided for many years.

She was born September 17, 1904 in Nogal. She graduated from Carrizozo high school May, 1923 and married Bryan Cazier November 28, 1923 in Carrizozo. She resided in Tucumcari, Bonito, and Roswell. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Cazier is survived by (SEE PAGE 11)

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Commission Is Split Over CDBG

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Also at the Oct. 7 hearing, county manager Frank Potter suggested upgrading Babers Loop road in the Glencoe area and Denton Field. But Elias said neither would qualify, Babers Loop not meeting the 51 percent low to moderate income and Denton Field is recreational.

But on Friday, October 17, a new/old project suggestion came to light—a mobile medical clinic. Two years ago commissioners rejected the clinic on a split vote because of questions about who would fund operations and future maintenance of such a mobile clinic. Instead they applied for and received a CDBG to build a new Carrizozo Health Center in cooperation with funding from Presbyterian Healthcare Services (which operates Lincoln County Medical Center).

Attorney Gary Mitchell (who serves on the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) board) presented the mobile clinic suggestion during the public hearing Friday. He said that previous work done on the proposed mobile clinic could be used on the CDBG application now. The clinic could be tied in with school clinics and the public health people, and could provide mental health services also. A mobile clinic also would bring the services closer to the people who have little or no opportunity to travel long distances to a medical practitioner. Julie Sterchi with LCMC said the need for a mobile clinic was indicated by citizens who attended several town meetings and by a medical

needs assessment conducted by LCMC.

Ralph Dunlap, representing the fair board, requested a CDBG for the Fletcher Hall Community Center. "It's in dire need of improvement," he said.

Lincoln County Commission chairman Monroy Montes questioned whether the fair board had any budget or if a plan existed for the improvements and how much it would cost. Dunlap said the facility is used by people from the whole county and he thought the county should go for the maximum (\$400,000 is the limit for CDBG requests). But Dunlap then reconsidered and said at least \$150,000 would be needed.

With no more suggested projects, Montes moved out of the public hearing into the item to select a project.

Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson said he attended the October 7 hearing where several possible projects were discussed and the community center idea surfaced. But the mobile clinic was not discussed that night, and Wilson had no knowledge of the discussions of two years ago because he was not on the county commission then.

When proposed in 1995, the mobile clinic project was estimated to need \$250,000 to purchase the vehicle and equipment but provided no funds for operation. Sterchi said the hospital believes the clinic could generate enough revenue to justify the staff of an EMT driver

and middle level provider such as a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner. "We need this so bad," Mitchell said.

Montes said clinics and senior centers were well funded for CDBGs in the past. As for the fairgrounds community center, Montes said, "I hate to make a (CDBG request) presentation that is marginal. The fairgrounds has a 50-50 chance to survive (the CDBG selection process)."

Mitchell said the mobile clinic project had background surveys and figures. But Wilson questioned why the project was turned down before. Montes said they didn't select the proposed mobile clinic or the San Patricio Senior center projects. Wilson asked which project was more "doable" since there was a time constraint of November 7 to turn in the CDBG application. Montes said the mobile clinic information was "75 percent complete or better."

After some more discussion when citizen Louise Brooks said there are private foundation grants also available for projects, Montes called for a motion. Nunley responded with a discussion about the fairgrounds and the mobile clinic. "I fought hard to get the mobile clinic in 1995 and I got voted down," Nunley said. He said Montes voted against the mobile clinic because the \$300,000 was better used as a match to Presbyterian's \$145,000 for the Carrizozo Health Clinic. The new clinic opened this

week. Nunley also spoke about the county's commitment to upgrading the LCMC facility and its commitments to the Health and Wellness Board.

"The fairgrounds building is in dire need of some work," Nunley said. "It's a facility we own providing that much service to the communities."

Nunley credited the county's tremendous effort at Glencoe Rural Events Center and praised the recent Cowboy Symposium as the "most successful as we could want." He said most agree the Glencoe Center is worthwhile. "Capitan could complement Glencoe," Nunley said. "It's important to consider this as economic development."

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann agreed with Nunley that the fairgrounds center would be a prudent CDBG project. He questioned why the mobile unit people had not been at the first public hearing. Even county manager Frank Potter said the county had been good at funding the health care facilities and the Glencoe Center. "I think it's Capitan's time for the process."

But Howell said the Capitan center was not his choice for a grant, he preferred the program with a better chance. He also said four weeks ago the county wasn't considering applying for a CDBG. "Next I hear were going to work on the rodeo grounds in Capitan, which wouldn't qualify because it was recreation, and so we decide on the building."

Howell then made the motion to make the mobile clinic the CDBG project. Montes seconded. On the vote, Howell and Montes were the only ones to vote yes.

Schwettmann said he favored the fairgrounds community center. The mobile unit was worth, but had some very big costs to operate and maintain. A community center wouldn't cost any extra tax dollars and would probably be more economic to operate.

Nunley then made a motion to apply for a CDBG for the Fletcher Hall Community Center at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Schwettmann seconded. Howell asked how they would determine the income of people who use the facility. Elias said they would take a random sample of beneficial users who live in the community and the area surrounding the facility. With the mobile unit figures would have to come from all over the county. "The county fairgrounds are not a community center," Howell said. "You can paint it how you want."

Citizen Jerry Carroll said it was a question of a community center for Capitan which would improve quality of life or a mobile clinic which was "life itself. I hope you vote for the mobile clinic."

But the vote came out in favor of the fairgrounds with Schwettmann, Nunley and Wilson voting yes and Howell and Montes no.

The CDBG application is due into Santa Fe by November 7.

Sheriff's Report

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Carrizozo police went to the residence.

6:02 p.m. a caller from California requested an officer make a welfare check on a couple in upper Gavilan Canyon. A deputy responded.

October 16:
12:56 a.m. Carrizozo police advised that the bonfire had flared up at Carrizozo school and the fire department needed to take care of it. Carrizozo fire department responded.

1:02 a.m. Ruidoso Downs police secretary reported two horses on Highway 70. Ruidoso Downs responded.

10:56 a.m. a caller requested an officer for a VIN inspection of a trailer. A deputy responded.

11:46 a.m. a 911 caller reported an assault and battery at a country club that happened the day before. A deputy responded.

7:10 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle up Cedar Creek. A deputy responded.

7:12 p.m. a security company advised that an alarm was sounding at two residences in Alto. A deputy responded and checked both residences, all secure.

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