

County Tells State To "Keep Your Highways"

by Barbara Culler

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved starting the Ankle Bracelet Program on a temporary basis, viewed newly acquired property in Carrizozo, and approved a resolution to be sent to the State Highway Commission, governor Johnson, and to our legislators, at their meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo on March 11.

The commissioners learned that the New Mexico Highway

Department (NMHD) is considering transferring maintenance responsibility and/or jurisdiction of 162 miles of state highways to Lincoln County.

Since the NMHD has the authority to transfer these roads, the commissioners have approved Resolution No. 1996-33 which states that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is not in the best interest of the citizens of Lincoln County to accept responsibility for maintenance of or jurisdiction

of an additional 162 miles of state highway. The resolution states that Lincoln County does not want and can not afford this. It is suggested that the maintenance and jurisdiction of state highways belongs to the state of New Mexico not Lincoln County. On behalf of Lincoln County the resolution requests that the NMHD not transfer these roads to Lincoln County. Copies of this resolution will be sent to those who are involved with this transfer.

Lincoln National Forest

District Ranger Gerald Hawkes presented the quarterly report on projects per Memorandums of Understanding.

Among this year's projects they are planning on thinning 11,000 acres and burning 3,800 acres. It is hoped that they can get a fire strip around Ruidoso by thinning 737 acres so that if there ever is a fire it will lay down and be controlled. Around the district 830 acres of weeds will be treated.

Commissioner William

Schwettmann asked if they train or talk to people in private subdivisions and Hawkes said that they try to alert people on the fire situation.

In about six months the second video they have produced on how to implement and treat the land will be released. The first video produced was *Fire and Water*.

Commissioner Rex Wilson commended them on the work they have done and expressed the feeling they are going in the right direction and he is appreciative of all that they

do. Approval was given for county attorney Alan Morel and commission chairman Monroy Montes to enter into a service agreement for Ray

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ROUNDHOUSE RUMBLES

by Doris Cherry

State Capitol, Santa Fe — First a note from home: The Sierra Blanca Music Educators Association 1997 Honor Band was Excellent! Music students from Carrizozo, Capitan, Cloudcroft, Hot Springs in Truth or Consequences, and Ruidoso met for two days of continual practice, and a concert on Saturday night (March 8) at Ruidoso High School gym. The student bands were excellent! The middle school group shows such great promise and the high school group performed some familiar pieces by John Phillip Sousa and "Aladdin" and a modern piece dedicated to the bombing of Dresden, Germany during World War II which left the audience stunned and quiet and students emotionally touched!

What a fantastic job our small districts are doing with their music programs. Hopefully the legislature will see fit to provide the extra funding which will make continuing these successful music programs possible. I will write a more detailed article about which students participated, etc. after I get back from the Round House.

Back to Santa Fe:

There are only 10 days left to this 43rd legislature 60 days session.

The big budget bill, House Bill 2 and HB 3, which provide funding for operation of state government and public schools and funding for prisons, was expected to be heard on the Senate floor Wednesday. The Senate Finance Committee amendments added about \$150 million to the \$3 billion in the original house budgets bills. The senate budget will increase the general government operations, and spending for higher education, about \$46 million more than the house plan. Public schools would get \$48 million more than the house-approved \$1.3 billion education budget. The senate budgets will increase the state's cash reserve by \$27 million more than the House budget.

As for prisons, the senate budget package proposes to spend \$93 million to construct six different prisons with a total of 2,750 beds. The construction would be financed with \$44 million in severance tax bonds based on taxes on oil, gas and mining; \$21 million from lottery tax bonds financed with a proposed governmental gross receipt tax on lottery tickets sales.

The budgets include a proposed half-cent gross receipt tax increase on sales made within cities. Currently state gross receipts tax imposed on businesses outside of cities is five percent, while the tax on businesses in cities is four and a half percent. This is estimated to bring an extra \$100 million a year to state coffers, with \$48 million of it going to schools.

The senate budgets provide about \$35 million on welfare reform.

Once the senate approves the budget package, it will go back to the House for concurrence.

"Through House Bill 2," Senator Pete Campos told this reporter, "major initiatives will be addressed this session, including operation of the state government, prisons, welfare reform and Medicaid/Health Care issues."

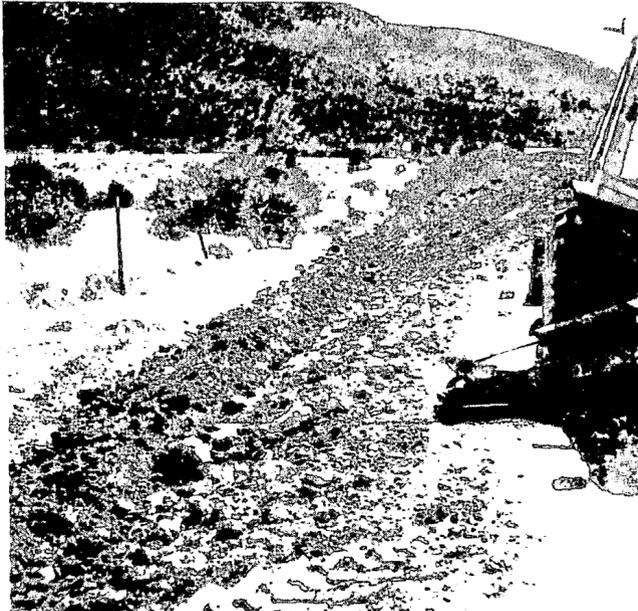
Campos comments on major issues are:

Budget and Education: The House passed a \$3 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, including \$65 million more for public schools than last year. The Senate has passed legislation appropriating \$130 million more for education. "Now the House and Senate are trying to work out their differences on that issue. The governor has proposed an increase of just \$23 million for schools next year," Campos said.

"We need to put as much money into our schools, our children's future, as we can afford," Campos said. "We really would like to put more money into programs, staff salaries and technology."

Our Rep. Dub Williams will serve as a House member

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LINCOLN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT has been used to pile dirt more than six feet high at the edge of the parking area at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. The fence posts on the left are below the level of piled dirt. County commissioners agreed to put the dirt on the property adjoining the Rural Events Center parking area. The new owner of the property plans to build a convenience store once the county puts the dirt on the property.



THE VIEW FROM THE GATE SHOWS THE DIFFERENCE in elevation from where the Glencoe Rural Events Center sits and the parking lot. County equipment will be used to move dirt onto adjoining privately owned property which will help fill in the arroyo in order for a private business to be built there. The county has promoted the as yet unbuilt business in a grant application which has been submitted to the federal government.

Ruidoso Applies For Airport Grant

by Ruth Hammond

The movie *Fly New Mexico* was shown Tuesday during the Ruidoso Village Council meeting. Sierra Blanca Regional Airport manager Tim Morris was one of the airport officials featured in the video which told of the advantages of flying in New Mexico.

Councilors also agreed to submit a project application to the FAA for a grant in the amount of \$368,901.90 and authorized the mayor to accept the FAA grant offer.

The grant money will be used for the airport improvement project. The airport rescue and fire fighting equipment is necessary to comply with regulations.

The \$368,901.90 FAA money, which is 90 percent of the cost for the improvement project, plus \$21,266.55 from the New Mexico Aviation Division, which is five percent of the cost, and \$21,266.55 from the village, which is five percent of the cost, will provide the \$411,435.00 to be used for the airport improvement project. The five percent the village will pay is within the budget.

Estimated costs are: \$302,960.00 for an airport rescue and fire fighting vehicle, \$100,650.00 for an airport pavement sweeper, and administration and engineering costs of \$7,825.00 for a total cost of \$411,435.00 for the improvements.

The bid for airport rescue and fire fighting vehicle was awarded to low bidder Oskosh Truck Corporation, with a bid of \$302,960.00 which includes base bid and two alternates. The bid was awarded contingent upon funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the New Mexico Aviation Division.

Councilors also approved procurement of the airport pavement sweeper by village deployment of New Mexico state price agreement with

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THE CONTROVERSIAL \$1 MILLION ROPING ARENA is to be built in this area on the west side of the Glencoe Rural Events Center. The county road department, using county road equipment, has worked for several weeks digging out the area. The indoor roping arena will cost taxpayers more than \$1 million. The county estimates income of \$26,000 from the center this year.

Bowlers Air Complaints About C'zozo Rec Center

by Barbara Culler

Many bowlers from Carrizozo, Capitan, Alto, and Ruidoso attended the meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees on Tuesday, March 11, to express their concerns about the bowling lanes and equipment at the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Among the items discussed at the meeting the Recreation Center was of the most concern to the citizens attending.

Frances Horton presented the position of many of the bowlers. The Wednesday Night League has paid \$2,724 and the Monday Night League has paid 2,125.50 to the center. Horton stated that Sid Wright had informed the bowlers if they did not want to pay the \$6 per person per night the doors of the center would be locked. She said she had heard the rumors that the bowlers had quit. Horton

stated that the leagues did not quit, that they were protesting because machines are not working correctly, balls are being damaged, seats are needed in the back for observers, and other promised items have not been forthcoming.

Horton said that the bowlers have no problem with Johnny Culley, who is managing the center for Sid Wright. The bowlers' problems are with Sid Wright. He will not

show up to talk with them in person. The bowlers have been told to write down any problems and Wright will consider them. The bowlers feel this is unacceptable and want to see him to ask several questions. Among these questions are: What is being done with the money already given to the center; and how much of this money has the city received. Horton asked if they

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Bowlers Air Complaints

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city has heard from Wright. Wright was not present at this council meeting.

The city attorney, David Stevens, presented an update on how they are handling the situation on a legal basis. It is realized that the citizens want the Recreation Center open and the trustees and mayor have worked diligently to do this. He is not convinced that it has been successful.

He wants the bowlers to know their complaints are listened to and being acted on. He feels that the city has been fortunate to have Johnny Culley working at the facility.

The Board of Trustees has made demands on Wright to cure the faults as Wright is accountable to the city. The income the city is to receive from the center is to help in

the upkeep of the center. Wright receives from the city \$400 per month which is to be used for maintenance of the bowling only. He has been asked to give an accounting of this money and pay what is due the city. Neither of these has happened. Among other options the city can terminate the agreement. The Board of Trustees wants to keep the facility open for the bowlers and wants strict compliance with the agreement.

Stevens wants the bowlers to develop a priority list on what needs to be done. Then the council can get prices on repairs.

Culley introduced to the council Bob Norton, who is a certified Brunswick mechanic and has been teaching and helping Culley maintain the

lanes. Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel thanked Norton for the help and training he has given Culley.

Norton stated that the Carrizozo center is a beautiful place and designed perfectly for anything the city wants to do with it. There is a lot of nice equipment but he stated that previously parts have been removed from machines and thrown away.

Trustee Ruth Armstrong asked how much it would cost to bring everything up-to-date. Norton said the largest cost would be for parts. There needs to be more than one person and someone needs to be there seven days a week to work on the machines and lanes. The machines cannot just sit there. The Center has a lot of parts but only one tool to work with. He feels that \$400 per month for parts, lane oil, and cleaner is nice for an eight lane bowling center.

The bowling alley can make money for the city, Norton stated.

Trustees approved the recommendation to enter into negotiation with Engineers Inc., of Socorro, for the \$25,000 Planning Grant. There were four responses for the city's request for bid.

The police department general report was given by chief Duane Vinson. He is very happy with the new police vehicle. Vinson also presented information on the Saturday morning drug arrest.

Municipal judge Bill Meeks gave the Municipal Judge General Report. During the month of February 61 cases were docketed; total fines levied were \$2,533; total cash collection from fines and fees were \$3,551; and community service collected was valued at \$355.

Kuhnel was reappointed to serve on the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas board of directors.

The first two budget workshop dates were set as the

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CANYON COWBELLE OFFICERS for 1997: from right: president Anne Ferguson, treasurer Lisa Shivers, reporter Julie Carter, first vice president Stacy Hendricks, and secretary P.K. John. Not pictured: second vice president Ginger Shafer.

County Tells State

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Sanchez to vacate an easement to the county at the Glencoe Rural Events Center in exchange for fill dirt from the Center to be moved onto Sanchez's land.

During the period of discussion it was questioned as to who owned the property. Schwettmann asked Sanchez if he was the owner of the property as of March 11 and Sanchez replied that he was.

The vote on this request was 4-1 with Schwettmann voting against. He said that without knowing the exact amount of dirt to be moved a value could not be placed upon the dirt and the moving of it.

County manager Frank Potter presented a request from Frank Martinez, District Ranger at the Cibola National Forest. The request was to ask if the county would be interested in obtaining dedicated easements for roads FR 161 (A019), FR 99 (A029), FR 104 (A028), FR 104A (A022), and FR 144 (A027). This involves 40.44 miles of roads in the forest.

Potter said he could see no benefit to the county in obtaining the easements. Lincoln County Road Foreman Albert Hernandez was not for taking over the easements. Later in the discussion he felt the county might benefit if the forest service continued to help with cattle guards, culverts and other items.

Wilson said the problem with the school bus routes were being unable to cut trees back to increase and improve vision.

Schwettmann wondered what the cost of an archeological inventory along the easement would be as it would be required by the National Environmental Protection Act.

Montes stated that Martinez should come before the commissioners to hear what the county needs are. He said the county would not be interested in taking the roads over now.

No action will be taken on this request until Martinez comes before the commission.

Other items brought before the commission are:

--Ruidoso Chief of Police Lanny Maddox presented a request that approval be granted for application to the Drug Enforcement Advisory Council grant, and that a joint powers agreement be signed between Lincoln County and the Village of Ruidoso for a joint gang intervention unit. The commissioners gave their approval.

--Listened to a status report and answered questions on Fort Stanton presented by J. A. Mattox, vice president of Operation Old Fort Stanton Inc, a part of Fort Stanton Inc.

--Authorized Potter to implement the Ankle Bracelet Program on a temporary basis. The program is to be reviewed in 90 days.

--Pete Gnatkowski was appointed as member at large of the Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC). Montes had no one to present to

fill the District 5 Board member position.

--Reconsideration of Bid No. 1996-13 Utility Vehicles for Sheriff's Department was approved. The department will receive from Sierra Blanca Motors one 1997 Chevy Tahoe, and through state contract a sedan.

--County Treasurer Joan Park presented the Board of Finance report. Park also told the commissioners there is a need to modernize the jail accounting system. She stated that the jail employees have been doing a wonderful job with an antiquated system, which requires them to do everything manually. Park feels the commissioners should consider the jail's need to become computerized.

--The dues the county pays to the Coalition of Counties Legal Fund were increased by the commissioners from the present \$2,000 to \$2,600. Wilson in making the request for increase said the coalition anticipates increased legal action. When the coalition takes legal action, Wilson said, they are challenging the government to go by their own rules.

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Police Arrest Two Men On Drug Charges

Two Alamogordo men were arrested early Saturday, March 8 in Carrizozo.

The Carrizozo police observed the men at a local business and learned a BOLO (be on look-out) had been issued from the state police.

The men were arrested and Carrizozo police asked the Lincoln County Drug Task Force to assist.

The men, James H. Metcalf, 29, and Bruce A. Allison, 33, were charged with trafficking a controlled substance methamphetamines, trafficking a controlled substance heroin, and possession of marijuana less than one ounce. Metcalf was also charged with a felon in possession of a firearm.

The illegal drugs were discovered hidden in an aerosol spray can.

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Drinking Water Program

Public officials, drinking water system operators and the people who drink the water they provide can find out how to create a drinking water protection program by attending a live, interactive teleconference in Ruidoso Wednesday, March 19. The broadcast will be received at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem.

The first part of the FREE teleconference, produced by the League of Women Voters Education Fund and the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) will present the steps necessary to create and maintain a drinking water source protection program. During this part of the program participants will have the opportunity to address their questions to some of the country's leading water protection experts.

Following the national broadcast, a panel of drinking water protection specialists from New Mexico will discuss wellhead protection in the state and will answer questions from the audience.

Registration will be from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so advance registration is required. Call 258-3272 to register and for more information. The national program will be from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., the state program will be from 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. After the broadcast, the program will focus on what needs to be done locally to assure a clean drinking water supply. The program is presented by the League of Women Voters, PBS, NM Rural Water Association, US Environmental Protection Agency and the NM Environment Dept.

Divorce Recovery Seminar

A divorce adjustment seminar will be held Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth in Ruidoso. There is no charge for the seminar and child care is available at the building.

Welcome, registration and coffee will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The seminar will be presented by Tom Vermillion of

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Carrizozo Chit Chat



Photo ID Workshop

A photo identification workshop will be held Saturday, March 15 at 1 p.m. at Norwest Bank. The workshop is sponsored by the Carrizozo Historical Society.

The photos are part of the collection of Percy Blakely, well known Carrizozo photographer, who died in 1980. This collection is now owned by Chris Stromberg. He loaned the collection to historical society member Polly Chavez for identification.

The photos have been separated into general locations: Carrizozo, Capitan, Fort Stanton, Lincoln, Nogal, and Ruidoso. Participants familiar with each area are invited to see how many people and places they can identify. The photographs date from approximately the 1940s to the 1970s. Old timers are especially urged to come help. Please bring a magnifying glass if you have one.

Blakely was a native of Elk Rapids, Michigan. He came to Lincoln County in the early 1940s as one of the merchant marines suffering from tuberculosis (TB) who were sent to Fort Stanton for treatment.

After his recovery and discharge, Blakely settled in Lincoln County permanently, first in Capitan and then in Carrizozo where he lived and had a photography studio. He was well known in the area

for the hundreds of pictures he took. Portraits, weddings, politicians and businesses were his stock in trade. He took the photos for the first Carrizozo High School yearbook in 1946-47. He also took pictures around the county.

Blakely died at the age of 82 and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the photo identification workshop. It is not necessary to be member of the Historical Society.

Steven Spencer

Steven Spencer was elected vice president of the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) board of regents.

Col. Edward J. Porter of Roswell was elected president. His parents used to run the Crossroads Motel in Carrizozo.

Fire Department Report

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department held their annual dinner Jan. 31. Also during January they held one business meeting, held one training meeting, responded to one emergency for a total of 1/2 man hours, sent letters of resignation to Bucky Johnson and Jason Kinnick, and gave radios to all members of the fire department with the new radios being given to older members.

Fred Padilla serviced all the

trucks which included oil filters, and grease. Fred also repaired all lights and repaired the muffler on pump motor on the Scat Unit.

Municipal Judge Report

Municipal judge Bill Meeks reported the following activity for December, 1996: seven days jail time used, two licenses pulled, two marriages performed, 91 cases docketed, two summons issued, 11 warning letters, and two warrants for arrest.

Financial summary for December: \$3,250 general fund fines levied, \$1,092 court costs levied, \$2,625 general fund collections, \$868 court costs collected, \$1,235 time payments owed, \$3,289 unpaid December assessments, and paid to town for disbursement were \$620 correction fees, \$186 court automation, and \$62 judicial education.

Drag Races

The first drag races of the season are scheduled to be held Sunday, March 16 at the Carrizozo Airport. Gates open at 9 a.m., time trials begin at 9:30 a.m., driver's meeting is at 12:30 p.m. and eliminations begin at 1 p.m.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements,

news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

Please call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

Knights Plan Fund Raisers

The Carrizozo Knights of Columbus are planning several fund raisers in the coming weeks including an Easter Basket raffle and a Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 23.

The Easter Basket will be raffled off after the 11:00 a.m. mass. The Pancake Breakfast will start serving at 8:00 a.m. and last until 1:00 p.m. at the Santa Rita Parish Hall. Breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and drink (coffee or juice).

The Knights will also be sponsoring a dance at the newly remodeled parish hall on April 5th, free potole will be served to those attending. Live music will be provided including country, Spanish, and old rock. Look for advertisements in the next two issues of the News.

Monies earned by the Knights will be used mainly to provide scholarships to graduating students in the Santa Rita Catholic Community.

THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.

—Adult singles group meets in Ruidoso at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 354-2635 or 258-4680 or 257-5077.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

—Carrizozo Lodger's Tax advisory board 1 p.m. at city hall.

—Capitan School Board meets at 7 p.m. in the board room at the administration building.

—Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission public hearing from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at village hall. The forum is to hear what kinds of projects the public wishes the Arts and Film Commission to foster and sponsor.

—Ruidoso Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

—Karen Parsons will be sworn in as 12th Judicial District Judge at 4 p.m. in district courtroom in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Al Anon meeting 8 p.m. in Carrizozo, 704 E Ave., apartment on right. For more information call 648-2472.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16

—Drag races at Carrizozo Municipal Airport. Gates open at 9 a.m., time trials at 9:30 a.m., eliminations begin at 1 p.m.

—Jehovah's Witnesses meet at Ruidoso Convention Center at 9:50 a.m. Open to the public.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

—Historical Society bake sale at Norwest Bank 9 a.m.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meets at 2 p.m. at LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.

—Carrizozo School Board 6 p.m. at administration building.

—Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Dept. building in Lincoln.

—Carrizozo P&Z meeting cancelled.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

—Carrizozo town budget workshop 2 p.m. city hall.

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

—Drinking water protection teleconference 12:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at ENMU-Ruidoso. Call 505-258-3272 to reserve seat.

—La Junta FCE club meets at 10:45 a.m. at San Patrio Senior Citizens Center. Betty McCreight will present program, Breads for the Holidays. Please contact Phyllis before meeting.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

—Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, let kids know you care by writing a letter.

—Lincoln County P&Z public hearing on subdivision regulations, 7 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) community board of trustees meet at 6 p.m. in hospital conference room.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

—Ruidoso Little Theater talent show at 6:30 p.m. Call 505-354-3209 for information.



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Emergency Funding Pays For C'zozo School Repairs

by Ruth Hammond

Carrizozo Schools will receive \$10,200 in emergency capital outlay with the money to be used to repair cracks in walls. An update on the request for the emergency critical capital money was presented during the February 18 Carrizozo School Board meeting.

The school must be bonded to capacity and have the two mill levy in place to qualify for the emergency funding.

One crack was on the inside wall in the multipurpose room and the other crack was in Clegg Hall on the wall between the cafeteria and the computer lab.

Plaques were awarded to outgoing school board members in appreciation of their years of service to the Carrizozo Municipal Schools: Gary Hightower served six years from 1991 to 1997, Nick Serna served eight years from 1989 to 1997, LeeRoy Zamora served four years from 1993 to 1997, and Jody Ventura served two years from 1995 to 1997.

Charlie White, Lincoln

County "DWI coordinator, honored Adrienne Zamora for posing for a poster that will be used to combat drunk driving.

School superintendent Paula Papponi recognized two students for winning in the Lincoln County Spelling Bee; R. James and Stella Brewer. Mid school teacher Patricia Coale was named staff member of the month.

The reading adoption update was presented by principal Randall Earwood. A committee will be appointed to review the books.

The board approved correspondence courses for two students after being in a closed session for five minutes to discuss limited personnel matters and personally identifiable information regarding a student/s.

The new school board member institute will be held in Santa Fe March 6 and 7. The first regular school board meeting with the new members will be held Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. The board will re-group and new officers will be elected.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Building a horse castle

By Ruth Hammond

Remember when you were a child and read the fairy tales about the princess living in a castle and how you wondered what it would be like to live in a castle? Did you ever wonder what a castle really looked like and how one was built? You don't need to wonder anymore. All you have to do is look at the pictures on page one that show a castle in the process of being built. One ton of dirt at a time. The main difference is that this will be a castle for horses, not a castle for people. This castle is being built to benefit a select few people interested in roping, not for people to live in comfort. This castle will make money for ropers and horse trainers, not for the majority of the county residents. This castle being built at the Sales Barn will provide for horses with no consideration for the people needing help.

It is said that our elected officials are putting horses before people but that is their choice. They decided that more than \$2 million dollars should be spent on the Sales Barn instead of helping make life better for helpless people. They decided that the projected income of \$26,000 this year was worth spending more than \$2 million dollars making Sales Barn improvements.

Maybe our elected officials are using the "New" math we heard about years ago but whatever it is, their math is wrong. There is no way that an income of \$26,000 justifies spending more than \$2 million. And that \$26,000 is "projected" and we have no way of knowing if the Sales Barn will earn that much.

The number of people commenting about the amount of money being spent at the Sales Barn continues to grow. Yesterday a regular reader from Albuquerque called and asked about the Sales Barn and wanted to know why Lincoln County needs it.

That seems to be the question most people are asking, "Why does Lincoln County need the Sales Barn?" We can't give them an answer and as yet there have been no logical answers from our elected officials. If the Sales Barn is going to make all the money it is projected to make, then why weren't the previous owners making all that money and why did they want to sell it?

The Sales Barn didn't make money before it was sold to the county and it hasn't even broken even during the time the county has owned it. The taxpayers have been paying and paying and as yet there has been nothing more than "projections" as to how much money can be made at the Sales Barn. And if you believe those projections, stop by and let us show you some prime ocean front property that is located at the edge of the Malpais.

Now the county is promoting businesses that haven't been built yet and the county is helping increase private property values and they are using our tax dollars to do it. Maybe you think it is fair for the county to help an individual by using county equipment and county labor to increase private property values but many of us disagree. Our tax dollars should be used for something that will benefit the majority of the residents in the county but very few people will benefit from the Sales Barn.

We have been conducting a survey as to how many people believe the county should spend \$2 million of our tax dollars for the Sales Barn. One person in Ruidoso said she was looking forward to seeing one of the horse shows that is supposed to be at the Sales Barn. Everyone else says they haven't been roping and don't plan to rope. Maybe we are asking the wrong people but the answers we have received have been from people in all areas of the county, from Hondo to Carrizozo and from Corona to Ruidoso. It's your money they are using to build this glorified castle for horses while helpless people have no where to go. If you believe the horses should have all the comforts of a castle then do nothing but watch it being built. If you think people should be first then tell the Lincoln County Commissioners.

Spend \$2 million to earn \$26,000?

Roundhouse Rumbles . . .

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on the Conference Committee on Senate Bill 100 Education Appropriation Act which has passed both the Senate and House and is now in conference. Williams will serve with Reps. Danice Picraux (D-Albuquerque), Rep. Sam Vigil (D-Las Vegas). Senators on the committee are Sen. Cynthia Nava (D-Las Cruces), Sen. Richard Romero (D-Albuquerque) and Sen. Pat Lyons.

Williams' HB 56, Public Schools Sabbatical Leave passed the House and is in the Senate Education Committee, but has yet to be heard.

The House gaming bill (399 very amended) sponsored originally by our Rep. Dub Williams was finally passed out of the House Tax and Rev. Committee. Williams told this reporter he expects the bill to be heard in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee today (Thursday). That committee is chaired by Rep. Max Coll (D-Santa Fe) who has long been an opponent to expanding gambling in New Mexico. However, if the bill passes from Appropriations, it will go to the floor. House speaker Raymond Sanchez has said to media he wants the gambling bill to go to the floor so all members can debate it. If the bill passes from the Floor, it will go to the Senate. A lot to do in 10 days!

HB 399 has been through three committees including Business and Industry, Judicial and Tax and Rev." Williams told this reporter. "The bill has been amended in every committee, and it now includes the Indian Gaming Compact, fraternal and race tracks. Hopefully we will get a vote on the floor by early next week," Williams said.

On the Senate side, Campos said legislation to legalize and regulate casino-style gambling in New Mexico, including on Indian Reservations, is progressing through the Senate committees. The Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee met Sunday to consider the legislation, Campos said. "It's hard to predict at this point whether the full legislature will approve proposals to expand gambling in New Mexico," Campos said. "Our concern is for the economic well-being of people who gamble, and for people who work in casinos, as well as for the economic well-being of businesses that might be affected by gambling."

Welfare Reform: "The legislature is moving ahead with a proposal to overhaul New Mexico's welfare laws to be in compliance with the federal reforms," Campos said. "The key to welfare reform is creating jobs and training and educating welfare recipients so they can fill those jobs. We can't just tell people to pack up their belongings and move because we don't have enough jobs in rural New Mexico. We need to do everything we can to bring jobs to the rest of the state outside the Rio Grande corridor." Campos agrees with the five year plans to move welfare recipients into work programs that are in bills sponsored by Rep. J. Paul Taylor (D-Mesilla) and Senator Mary Jane Garcia (D-Las Cruces). "In a state with such high unemployment numbers it will take that long to prepare a work program," Campos said. "Otherwise we will displace those

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—This may be "the session from hell" but it still will end on time and almost certainly without the need for a special session.

Even if they're calling each other names, even if the governor won't talk with legislators, and even if almost nothing gets passed, lawmakers will go home on time and most likely will stay there.

This is the week of the session when train wrecks are predicted. It's a popular sport but only the greenest legislators really believe all the talk. There are many reasons why lawmakers want to go home on time and stay.

No other journalist will let you in on these secrets because it is easier to go along with the crowd. It's hard to find any lawmaker at this time of the session who will give you a quote stating that everything will work out. Another problem is that TV stations tend to send reporters to the Capitol as soon as they're potty trained, so they believe everything they're told.

But despite peer pressure and despite actually having to think a few minutes instead of writing down what someone else has said or already written, here are the reasons the 1997 Legislature will end on time and for good.

REASON 1.) It's the law. Lawmakers used to "stop the clock" at noon of the last day and continue their session for hours or sometimes days. But all it took was a court striking down a law passed in overtime and lawmakers now play by the rule. That one, at least.

REASON 2.) They want to go home. These folks have things like families, jobs and businesses waiting for them.

REASON 3.) Only one bill really must pass. The General Appropriations Act that funds state government must get through in some form. If the governor vetoes it, they'll have to come back. But he has the power to veto only bits and pieces and that's what he'll do.

REASON 4.) Home cooking. In Santa Fe lawmakers have had to eat a lot of sushi on pumpnickel and tofu en croissant. It's nice to have biscuits and gravy for breakfast and a chicken fried steak for supper.

REASON 5.) Leave the tough stuff for the courts. They've already said gambling is illegal. All they have to do now is decide they really mean it. And three federal judges have offered to figure out our prison problems for us, if we don't want to.

REASON 6.) Let the feds

handle the rest. Congress already passed a welfare reform act. And U.S. Attorney John Kelly is the brave soul who has to shut down the Indian casinos.

REASON 7.) Blame Duke Rodriguez for anything else. He wants to write the regulations for welfare reform and Medicaid anyway. The feds say he can do it. Let him take the rap.

REASON 8.) Spring is dreary in Santa Fe. No plant dars poke its head out until June. The wind blows everywhere in the spring, but in Santa Fe it usually contains snowflakes until mid-May. And nobody escapes juniper fever.

REASON 9.) If those maximum security prisoners really do escape, it's best to be in Carlsbad.

REASON 10.) Gov. Gary Johnson lives here.

REASON 11.) Not only

that, Gov. Gary like to roar around town on his black Harley Davidson "hog" as soon as the streets clear of ice and snow. If he happens to line up a legislator in his sights, the temptation may be too great.

REASON 12.) It's time to start gearing up campaigns for statewide office. Senators are in the middle of their four year terms, so they have a free shot and half of them will take it. Fundraising comes first and that requires heavy-duty soliciting, which is prohibited during any legislative session.

REASON 13.) This session hasn't been a laugh. It's much more fun and much more profitable to stay home and earn a living.

REASON 14.) Sixty days is enough to tire of Billy McKibben's jokes, Manny Aragon's whining and Joe Carraro's theatrics.

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Midland, TX. For more information call 505-257-4381.

Witnesses To Meet

A special assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses will be held Sunday, March 16 at the Ruidoso Civic Center. The program will begin at 9:50 a.m. and is open to the public. There is no charge.

Don Russell, local spokesperson for the group, said, "This year our visiting speaker will be Carl O. Akerlind."

Josh McDowell To Speak

World class speaker Josh McDowell will speak at the Bonita Park Nazarene Conference Center, located midway between Capitan and Ruidoso on Highway 48, Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

McDowell has spoken in at least 89 countries and 100 university campuses. He has written several books and his other interests are that of helping teens to make right choices.

There is no charge for this presentation which is being sponsored by various churches

throughout central and eastern New Mexico. For more information call 505-354-4265.

Church Retreat

An all day spiritual retreat will be held in Nogal Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Marjorie Daniels at 648-2650 or Rhoda Glick at 258-4260 or 354-8004 for more information.

Lenten, Seder & Tenebras

The Mountain Ministry Paris Lenten Service will be held at the Corona Presbyterian Church on Palm Sunday, March 23 at 11 a.m. followed by a potluck dinner.

Seder Supper and Tenebras Service will be held Thursday, March 27 at 6 p.m. at Ancho Community Church.

Good Friday Tenebras Service will be held Friday, March 28 at Nogal Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m.

Karen Parsons Swearing In

Karen Parson will be sworn in as 12th Judicial District Judge Friday, March 14 in the

NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Incredible Kid Day

March 20 is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day in New Mexico and all of the United States. The event is sponsored by Camp Fire Boys and Girls.

Every adult in the nation is being asked to deliver a loving letter to a child or children in his or her life. Absolutely Incredible Kid Day is about making the time to communicate caring, love and commitment to children.

The goal is for all children of all ages to receive at least one letter. A letter can be left on a child's pillow, stuck in a lunch box, e-mailed, read over the phone, mailed, or read in person. Camp Fire wants parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, neighbors, educators, mentors, and all adults to participate.

Tips for writing an Absolutely Incredible Kid Day letter: form a mental picture of the child and the things you enjoy or appreciate about the child, be specific and be descriptive, use humor, don't lecture, don't worry about the length because a note can be cherished just as much as a long letter, write by hand, and most important, find time to write the letter.

In The Service

Navy Ensign Shawn W. Dark, son of Ann Dark of Clarendon, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Pensacola, Fla.

Housing Authority To Meet

The board of directors of the Regional Housing Authority of Region VI, New Mexico, Inc. will meet March 29 at 10 a.m. in Roswell. For more information call 505-622-0681.

Resource Plan Published

The Proposed Roswell Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Former Resident Illustrates Book

Geoff Spear, grandson of Berle Tally of Ruidoso and formerly a rancher and farmer in Clauneh, is celebrating the publication of a book he illustrated, *Batman Collected*. Geoff shot all 500 color photographs in the book, including five fold-outs. The book on Batman memorabilia, written and designed by Chipp Kidd, was published in November, 1996.

The year-long project took Geoff and Kidd to the homes of Batman collectors all over the United States.

Geoff's mother, Berlene Tally Bogard grew up in Clauneh and now lives in California.

Geoff's dad, Phil Spear, lives in Ann Arbor, MI and his family spent many years in Clauneh.

Geoff is a professional photographer. He has photographed for *Entertainment Weekly*, *Vogue*, *Rolling Stone*, *GQ*, and *New York* magazines. His corporate clients include Saks 5th Avenue, Bloomingdale's, IBM, Macy's, MTV, Sony and Random House.

Geoff's wife, Fiona, is a graphic designer. They live in New York City.

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County Sheriff Tom Sullivan presented the Drug Control and System Improvement Formula grant program application for approval. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley questioned describing the amount for undercover agents being called professional services. He did not object to the amount of money just the wording "professional services." The commission approved the application.

Resolution 1996-32 adjusting the 1996-1997 Budget of Lincoln County was approved to include the \$600 increase in the Coalition of Counties dues.

Approved the consent agenda.

The commissioners gave authorization to spend already budgeted money on professional services as needed for the Ad Hoc Water Study. Commissioner Wilton Howell said the aim of the study is to address the water needs of

the county in the future and possibly acquire some water. Potter stated that \$25,000 has been budgeted and within the next 30 days it is planned to apply for a planning grant.

When the commissioners returned from executive session Nunley moved to allow county attorney Alan Morel to contract with outside council to represent Lincoln County's interest in the case of Orlando Montes versus Sheriff McSwane due to Hartford FT Insurance Companies denial of coverage under this case. Howell seconded and it was carried unanimously. Howell commented that when you are suing the county you are suing the citizens of the county.

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individuals. We don't want them to end up on the streets, or worse, in prison."

Campos indicated the administration may be willing to adopt the legislature's more conservative move to managed care for Medicaid recipients. "We need to hold down the increasing costs of our Medicaid budget, but we can't do it at the expense of the elderly, disabled and low income New Mexican's or at the expense of rural hospitals and clinics," Campos added.

Roads: "Efforts are continuing to prevent the state from turning over state roads to county governments," Campos said. "If the roads are turned over to the counties, legislation should be approved to make sure that county governments are compensated for maintenance and related costs. Campos' bill SB 894, County Maintenance of State Roads; passed the senate and is now in the house transportation committee.

The companion house bill HB 1164, sponsored by Rep. Ron Gentry (D-Belen) passed the House and is now in the Senate Corporation and Transportation Committee.

In other road issues: SB 913, Increase Gas Tax for Highways passed the senate. It proposes a 5 cent gasoline tax increase, (which brings the total gas tax to 22 cents), to raise funds to address critical roads issues. This bill earmarks one cent for Highway 54 improvements from Santa Rosa to El Paso, including through Carrizozo. "The intent of this bill is to improve roads and provide jobs for the welfare work programs," Campos said.

The House has a bill to increase gas tax six cents, but it does not include Highway 54.

During committee hearings, people who testified said they would be willing to pay the extra gasoline tax. IF it all went to highway projects.

Governor Gary Johnson is however saying he will veto anything that includes a tax increase, including the proposals for the prisons. This leads many to ask if he would rather indebt our state, and our children, for at least 20 years to come, to pay for the prison construction and highway improvements.

Capitan High School students Joni Autrey and Mandi Aldaz served as pages and helpers for Rep. Dub Williams for three days this week. "I really enjoyed these young ladies," Williams said. "They are a credit to Capitan High and Lincoln County."

Williams' Fort Stanton Memorial was set to be heard in Judiciary Committee last Saturday, but was not heard on that long list of bills. Williams expects the bill to be heard in Judiciary today (Thursday).

Williams is also sponsoring a memorial to designate Lincoln as a "historical community" which will offer it some protections. This reporter will give more details on this next week.

All capital outlay request bills have been heard in the House as of last Saturday. Each representative was instructed to chose priorities for their projects. In recurring costs, Williams selected HB 995, Extend Supplemental Municipal Gross Receipts Tax, which will allow the village of Ruidoso and town of Raton to extend their current supplemental gross receipt tax which was set to pay off water improvements. Although the water projects which were to be funded with the tax are completed and paid for, the bill allows the village to continue the gross receipt for FUTURE water projects. The bill is now in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Williams other priority project for non-recurring funds is HB 414 asking for \$30,000 one time appropriation for a recreation program. In Capitan Outlay funding his priorities are: #1) HB 416, Corona water system; #2) HB 415, Hondo schools heating system and #3) HB 419 replace/improve Lincoln Water and Sewer System.

Some other faces from our area in the Round House were Gnat Gnatkowski of Corona who was up to testify against the Retail Wheeling bill that would allow the deregulation of electric utilities. The Rural Electric Co-ops are against the wheeling, which would allow such companies as Southwest Public Service and Texas New Mexico Power Company to expand into the REC's service area. Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is also against the measure, which was tabled in senate committee Tuesday.

Next week, this reporter will have more details about the state budget package including which projects will get funded, gambling, roads, and the fate of Fort Stanton. Hasta La Vista!

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CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings and a Happy St. Patrick's Day to each and everyone from my old house by the side of the road to your house!!!

As the time is getting short and as my ribbon is even shorter, will get right to the point. Bless Louie's heart for always having something ready for me, especially when I am at my wit's end, which seems ever thus the last couple of weeks. Please don't ask me to elaborate or I just might do that in no uncertain terms.

My days of peace, serenity and tranquility have been interspersed with hammering and other bits of noise. And at my advanced age I do not digest any of those things too well. But so much for my rotten disposition.

And as I said and want to

repeat, Thank God for Louie Padilla.

"Where would we be without volunteers? Each of us, without exception is born as a Gift of Life to our family and society. Throughout our lives we can express our unique Giftedness by giving of ourselves to strengthen our families and communities.

Dear Maureen: Greetings from the Capitan Zia Center.

We are indeed fortunate here in Capitan Senior Center to have many fine, exceptional people helping us out as volunteers. People such as Sherman Stewart, Bea Smith, Duane and Nadine Williams, Dorothy Combee, Maggie and Erma Trujillo, Lois Aldrich (my third grade teacher back in the early 40's), Van Shamblin, Sarah Rodriguez, Bessie Jones, Brett Britton, Thelma and Bob Stephens,

the Danielsons, the Masons, Walter Lippman, Don McCarty, the Blazers, the ladies from Angus, Ed Payton, and the list goes on and on, Ethne Lehman, Joyce Pierce, the nurses from the Home Health and Care and frontier.

The latest volunteer to join our ranks is Bob Gottschalk. Bob says he volunteers to help people because "it's the right thing to do." Besides, it makes you feel good too.

Bob was a volunteer in the alzheimers unit at Ft. Bayard Hospital and Training School prior to coming to Capitan. Ft. Bayard volunteer coordinator Reba Valles said Bob had been a very important volunteer in their program. We all welcome Bob to the center and we hope you will stay to live in Capitan.

So again, thanks to the many people that volunteer to help us. To the volunteers that I failed to include, don't be too hard on me. It's not me, it's my memory. Everybody gains, thanks to the generosity of our volunteers.

I could sure use a volunteer to do some of this typing, especially today. Seems like every finger is complaining of arthritis, so will give my fingers and all you fine folks out there a rest.

Adios and God bless each and everyone and a tip of the glass to each of ye come next Monday, dear old St. Patrick's Day. I have danced many a night away on the 17th of March and I shall pour myself a glass of wine and tiptoe down memory lane.

I'll end with an Irish toast to you all:

St. Patrick was a gentleman who through strategy and stealth drove all the snakes from Ireland. Here's toasting to his health. But not too many toasting. lest you lose yourself. And then forget good St. Patrick and see all those snakes again.



(SEE PAGE 9)

Village of Capitan Municipal Court Report

Capitan Municipal Judge Jack H. Johnson court reports: September 1996: 15 cases handled, \$184.00 fines collected, \$70.00 court costs collected, seven cases dismissed, three individuals sentenced to Defensive Driving School, and one summons issued.

November 1996: 15 cases handled, \$150.00 fines collected, \$112.00 court cost collected, nine cases dismissed, three summons issued, and \$29.32 restitution ordered.

December 1996: five cases handled, \$400.00 fines collected, \$56.00 court costs collected, one case dismissed, and eight summons issued.

News Around The State

(Con't. from P. 4)

(RMP/FEIS) and the Carlsbad Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMPA/FEIS) have been published. The Roswell and Carlsbad plans have been combined in one document consisting of two volumes.

The Proposed Roswell RMP presents management guidance for all activities on public lands in the Roswell Resource Area for the next 20 years. The Proposed Carlsbad RMP Amendment presents management direction for oil and gas activities on public lands for the next 20 years in the Carlsbad Resource area.

A 30 day review and protest period begins March 7 and ends April 5.

BLM offices and libraries having RMP review copies are: Capitan Public School Library, Carrizozo Municipal School Library, Corona Public School Library, Ruidoso Public Library, and BLM offices in Roswell, Socorro, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Taos, and Farmington.

Copies may be obtained by calling the Roswell Resource Area office at 505-627-0272.

Capitan Increases Fees At Cemetery

by Ruth Hammond

Capitan Village Trustees agreed to increase cemetery fees after holding a public hearing for input concerning the ordinance March 10.

The cemetery plot fees will increase from \$100 to \$200, opening and closing costs will increase from \$100 to \$200, and dead costs will increase from \$3 to \$5.

In other business, trustees discussed a non-designated road between Grandview and Valley View. Apparently the stretch of road everyone has been using is not a designated road on any of the maps.

Trustee Lamoyne Carpenter said he was almost positive there was a recorded deed for the property. He said the road has been used for 25 years.

Village attorney Bob Beauvais said if the road had been used in excess of 10 years it was dedication by implication, or prescriptive easement.

Water foreman Terry Cox said the gentleman who lives

on West Grandview requested the road be vacated.

Beauvais said if the village had been maintaining the road it would be prescriptive easement.

Cox said if the village could find a dedicated easement the village would like to put it on a co-op and make it 50 feet wide. The road is now 20-25 feet wide.

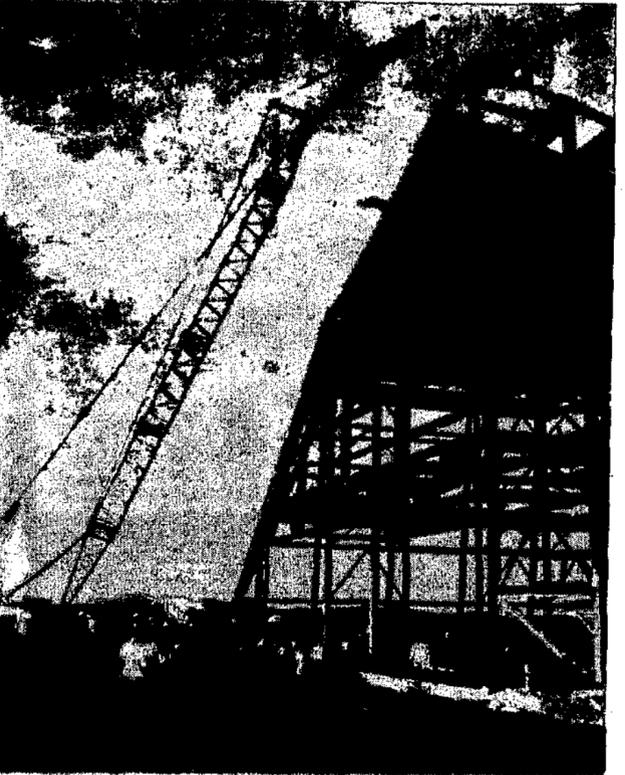
Beauvais said he wasn't sure the village could go from a 25 foot prescriptive easement and take 50 feet.

The board took no action. After research, the matter may be put on the agenda for a future meeting to name the road.

The village received three proposals for legal services. The contract with Beauvais was approved with Carpenter casting a no vote.

Trustee Connie Hopper was re-appointed to the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board.

Trustees approved the



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Sheriff's Report

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

March 4:

11:01 p.m. state police in Alamogordo reported a fire on highway 54 south of Carrizozo between mile markers 99 and 101 as reported to them by a passing motorist. State forest notified. Carrizozo fire department responded.

March 5:

6:50 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance on highway 70 near Ruidoso for transport of a terminal patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. Advanced Life Support (ALS) Med I unit responded and transported patient to LCMC.

5:04 p.m. Carrizozo fire department requested assist reference truck on fire and possible grass fire at mile marker 112 on highway 54 south of Carrizozo. State Forestry was advised. Deputies responded. A wrecker was requested.

5:44 p.m. caller in Capitan requested an officer to check and see if there was a possible

fire. Deputy responded, report was unfounded, it was a control burn and they are going to roast marshmallows also.

6:56 p.m. female caller requested game and fish to contact her in reference to a coyote that came to her back fence two times in Cedar Creek subdivision. Game and fish contacted.

7:38 p.m. female caller requested help, reference she has a flat tire on highway 380 about 10 miles west of Carrizozo and doesn't know how to change one. Deputy responded.

8:04 p.m. cellular phone caller requested deputy to check out a house in Alto where subjects have been gone for a week and no one is supposed to be there and lights are on and aren't supposed to be. Deputy responded and contacted calling party and advised no further action necessary. The officer said all is O.K., he did find two open windows but they are secured and will check with the owners on next date.

11:02 p.m. cell phone caller reported a vehicle stuck on the Alto golf course. Tried to contact, but was advised need-

ed four wheel drive to get to where message had to be delivered. Capitan officer took assignment.

11:31 p.m. officer reported by radio that subject was arrested on warrant.

March 6:

7:49 a.m. caller advised motion alarm going off downstairs in Alto area. Deputy responded, advised house seems secure.

8:32 a.m. caller reported a K-9 running at large on old Fort Stanton Road. Deputy responded, advised no one at home.

11:10 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance in Carrizozo for a male subject with low blood pressure, gasping for air. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital (GCMH) in Alamogordo.

1:00 p.m. person reported cruelty to animals. Deputy took a report.

1:19 p.m. caller reported juvenile skipped school.

1:49 p.m. ambulance was requested at Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail) for diabetic prisoner that is unresponsive. Carrizozo am-

bulance responded and transported patient to LCMC.

2:29 p.m. caller reported a grass fire on highway 285 at mile marker 151. State forestry notified at 2:34 p.m.

6:16 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance in Carrizozo for patient. Carrizozo ambulance responded, patient refused transport.

10:38 p.m. state police in Alamogordo reported a possible fight 1/4 mile west of mile marker 292 on highway 70, have report of possibly someone beating up a person in a vehicle. Deputy made no contact with possible subjects at mile marker 292 and 293. State police in Roswell called at 11:11 p.m., officer was on scene, no further action taken. Two deputies notified, one heard from trucker that the fight is at mile marker 291 with pick-up and van. Deputies proceeding.

10:54 p.m. calling party wanted to meet with officer at 6:30 a.m. Friday reference to runaway juvenile. State police notified, state police requested assistance from deputy.

March 7:

9:04 a.m. a 911 caller advised of an 81 year old female, possible heart attack in Corona. Corona ambulance transported the patient to Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.

9:21 a.m. caller in Ruidoso Downs reported vehicle off highway in ditch, no one around, at mile marker 260 on highway 70. Deputy responded, reported no one around, all is O.K.

9:30 a.m. caller requested an ambulance at Carrizozo Clinic. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported patient.

1:40 p.m. caller reported an abandoned vehicle in Alto, requested officer to check on it. Deputy responded, requested wrecker.

6:09 p.m. male caller requested to talk with deputy reference he believes someone is stealing parts off a vehicle that is parked on the side of his home on highway 70. Deputy responded, advised is at least one month old and requested a case number.

7:24 p.m. female caller in Carrizozo requested an officer to come and check out a peeping Tom at her window. Carrizozo police responded, reported no contact with anybody, and all is O.K.

9:43 p.m. a 911 caller in Capitan said he needs a courtesy ride to a residence to check on uncle. Capitan police notified.

9:55 p.m. caller north of Capitan reported kids at a residence, they don't belong there, hollering, shooting firecrackers. Deputies responded, reported residence is secure and that they had been there.

10:03 p.m. Ruidoso police reported loud music on Carrizo Canyon. Deputy responded, gave verbal warning.

March 8:

3:21 a.m. Carrizozo police reported a suspicious vehicle at a business. Last name on return matched last name on BOLO (be on look out) sent by Otero County/state police, suspicious phone call also. Out of service vehicle reported at business, vehicle apparently not out of service. Carrizozo police arrested subjects. Narcotics officer called out at 6:30 a.m. Carrizozo officer at station at 8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. caller reported suspicious juvenile at a business in Carrizozo, suspicious juvenile appears to have been sleeping on street, negative on BOLO, looking for mother.

10:33 a.m. a 911 caller reported a fire, possible water heater, all parties out of building. Bonito fire department responded, requested assist from Capitan fire department with a tanker. Capitan fire department paged at 10:59 a.m., in service at 11:04 a.m. arrived at scene. Alto ambulance responded.

10:47 a.m. caller reported a

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

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
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SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'zoac Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
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Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

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Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
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FORT STANTON FACTS and FICTION

by Betty Lou Jansen

Fort Stanton Forever!
 This is the logo on the sweat-shirts that Van Shamblin and Sally Burkstaller have for sale to help save the Fort.

Happy late "60th" birthday to our senior citizen manager, Louie Padilla. He is helping out a lot and having fun doing so.

The Capitan High School Rodeo Assn. had it's roping at Ralph and Lindy Montes on Saturday.

**LINCOLN COUNTY
SHERIFF POSSE
MEETING HELD
ON MARCH 3**

Over 70 members were present at the Lincoln County Fair Building on Sunday for the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Sheriff Posse meeting. Tom Carter called the meeting to order and Father Penn gave the prayer. The pledge of allegiance was dismissed as several of the junior posse members were absent due to an illness in the Williams family. Tom Carter and sheriff Tom Sullivan commented on the three cases of misconduct by three members of the posse. These members had misused the power of owning a badge. The advisory board decided to suspend the members temporarily until they present their reasons for what took place.

Committee reports from the Pony Express chairman was that a meeting would be held on March 5th at the Texas N.M. Power building in the main room. Art work and the special cancellation will be discussed as well as the number of letters and posters to be printed this year.

A decision to either just have a fun ride or try to make a lot of money will also be made. Tina Ritter, news editor, said Feb. 10th would be the deadline to get articles into the newsletter. Tom Wolf spoke about training completed by the officer assistance group and expressed thanks from Tom Sullivan and the Jones family for the help the posse gave at Lane Jones funeral.

March 19th there will be an office assistance meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Texas N.M. Power building. Trail report from Joe Smith was nothing will take place until the weather warms up a little. Seems a lot more will participate this year. Social committee chairman Mary Dell Jones thanked the ones bringing desserts and reported that the Easter egg hunt is in full swing with over 800 eggs ready to be hid. All kids under 12 are welcome to come hunt eggs at the Carrizozo Country Club at 10:00 a.m. on March 19. The sheriff posse members can bring a sack lunch and help hide the eggs at 9:00 a.m. This is a very enjoyable event for old and young alike. May 17th is the date planned for the early morning breakfast cookout. More on this at the next meeting.

Suzy Matslor and Bobby De Bolt were the winners of the raffle. John Downey was the new member sworn in by Jim Matsler. VP Tim Rich commented the officers would like for everyone to be involved in some committee as it helps the whole membership. Tom Carter commented that there are three things important in your life: Your spouse, your vet, and your horseshoer. This was a new one for me.

After the meeting was adjourned, many enjoyed good pies and hot coffee.

Forty five years!!! Hollis and Gloria Cummins told me on Friday they had had Cummins Store in business for 45 and a half years. This will be a big change. Good in many ways and sad in others, to

think of how our little town is now becoming so large. Farmer's Market opened for a big change in produce, meats, and other products on Monday, March 4. The store was closed for the final change over, inventory and etc. on Saturday and Sunday. Longer hours and open on Sunday will be a big help.

Hollis and Gloria are having a ball staying in Albuquerque, in California, and other places. David and Debra will be leaving for Texas soon after school is out to begin new changes in their lives. We wish both families the best and look forward to the new managers and workers with Farmer's Market.

For you that haven't heard, the new post office will be located at the site where the Capitan Country Store is now. The building will be moved or tore down and construction will be starting soon. After we move the post office out of our present building, the Farmers' Market people may open a deli and bakery. This would really be nice. Everyone could gain a lot more pounds.

The Rusty Anchor's face lift is just better and better. Judy and Mike have done a super job inside and out on this place. The log home is very interesting to see it being constructed in the yard.

One day last week on my way home from the Downs, I stopped by to buy tomatoes from the vegetable man in front of Mrs. Rench's home. Someone is tearing down her chicken pens. I just couldn't stand the thought of this, but know life has to change and new things will be built. I just thought it was a little soon.

The two weeks I have been at the Ruidoso Downs post office was rewarding. One week we had over 100 young kindergarden students and their teachers come to visit the post office from Nob Hill. Brenda Zumwalt asked them to draw some pictures for us on a page out of the stamp coloring books we gave them. These pictures are works of art. They have been hanging in the Ruidoso Downs post office with the thank you notes from the many classes coming to see how their mail was dispatched. Shirlene had cookie and apple cider for each one. Couldn't believe not one spilled a drop. Wayne and Dan are anxiously awaiting the next group that will want to come tour.

I would like to thank the Lincoln County Solid Waste secretary for helping me out again by saving stamps. Jo Ann has taken the time to save stamps I needed for my 3rd graders. The Ruidoso Downs workers picked the Smokey Bear post card winners for the May 9 cancellation. There were so many good ones we chose four instead of two. Four girls were the ones with the best Smokey and Bugs Bunny pictures. More on this soon.

Shirlene was gone to Washington, D.C. for legislative conference one week and Wayne was in cold Fort-Worth Dallas the other week. These co-workers do make me feel at home. I begged them to write on quilt blocks and this will be another history work of art with postmasters and clerks writing all their years of service for the US Postal Service and other bits of interest on the fabric.

Another 45 years brings many good memories to me. Eddie and Audrey are moving from Bogle Headquarters to El Rod. Exactly 45 years ago, mother and daddy lived in the very house they will be mov-

ing into. Funny how many times history repeats itself. I have been trying to help a little with the baby sitting part while helping load many boxes, beds, chairs, etc.

The mud has really been a problem with trying to keep from tracking it in the two houses. Randy and Jayme Moore and two girls will be moving into headquarters as soon as the Davis are out. I have been in many places and seen many things but to watch Audrey carry a half alive wet, cold baby calf, the two little ones, bottles and everything else, it make me weak.

This past week I got to help Kersti feed "Icy" and "Snowball", two little solid back calves about a week old. These were the names she picked. One the mother died and the other one wouldn't take it. Audrey said she acted like a young teenager mother that didn't want to be bothered with a new little one. These two little calves are so sweet, the little bull has a

really curly head and the little girl is shiny and feisty. We took three or four pictures of Jace riding them at seven months old. He loves the dog, the horses and strings. Time is speeding by with school for them coming up fast. Eddie has bout 50 more heifers to calve and then branding, lambing, and marking will be next. The El Rod was short on water so a new pipeline is another big project. It has been tough with no water. The water lines will hopefully be dig this week if the snow and rain will hold off. Last week it snowed, rained, lightninged, sun shone, and everything else in one day. Many remarked they had never seen weather like that.

Talked to Mike Hernandez last week and the first L.C. Rodeo Club has had it's first meeting and are off to a great start. The next meeting will be held at Smokey Bear Restaurant on March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Hondo Eagles Fail In Bid To State Tourney Fall To Mustangs 77-58

The cold shooting Hondo Eagles came out gunning but were stopped short (77-58) by a veteran Mountainair club that could not make a mistake on Friday night.

The heavily favored District 5A Champ Eagles could not buy a basket and a senior ladden Mustang club combined for several lay-ups and built a lead the Eagles could not overcome. The Eagles fell behind 18-26 at the half and could never mount a rally because of the strong Mustang rebounding.

The Eagles had to play without their big man Jeffrey Sanchez who injured his ankle in the Dist. Championship game against Hagerman the previous weekend. It really became a factor when Anthony Hernandez got into foul trouble early in the 2nd period. Kevin Slocum, did a fine job helping on the boards and scoring on short jumpers but Jared DeBaca was frustrated by a half-court trap defense and was unable to drive the middle as he had all season. Josh Candelaria and Adam Herrera were both cold from the perimeter and when they were able to start making the 3 point shots late in the game, they were answered by the Mustangs own 3-pointers. If the Eagles scored on steals the Mustangs answered with their own breakaway layups to maintain their lead. Nothing the Eagles could come up with reduce the lead and when the final buzzer sounded the Eagles had missed their trip to Albuquerque and a

rematch with eventual Region D Champ, Hagerman.

Hagerman beat the Ft. Sumner Foxes in the early game qualifying them for the State tourney and followed with a win over the Mustangs on Saturday to earn a higher seed in the State tourney. They will meet Region C runner-up, Reserve on Wednesday at Highland High gym and Mountainair will meet Region C Champ, Cliff later that night, also at Highland gym.

The Eagles will lose Jared DeBaca and Anthony Hernandez to graduation but will have a strong nucleus in Adam Herrera, Josh Candelaria, Kevin Slocum, Jeffrey Sanchez, Jason Candelaria, Ricky Lopez, Adam Romero, Martin Richardson, Faustino Salcido and a couple of other players who will become eligible to play next year.

Magistrate Courts Will Be Closed For Two Weeks

Both Magistrate Courts in Lincoln County will be closed from March 17 through March 28. The offices will re-open March 31.

The offices will be closed for court personnel to attend district court automation training in Alamogordo. When the training is completed, the Magistrate Courts will be connected statewide with all district and magistrate courts.

Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean, Jr. and Magistrate Judge Bill Butts and their staff will travel to Alamogordo for the training.

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CORONA NEWS

Sherrill and Bob Bradford stopped overnight in Corona Friday. They were on their way to Palmer Lake, Colorado to get Bob's aunt, Mrs. Betty Bassy. Mrs. Bassy's home is on three levels, and she was willing to stay with the Bradfords in El Paso until her broken heel heals.

Russell Luemas was here for the weekend. He is back at this base, Fort Sill, OK, after six weeks for MCDL training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Slaughter stopped for a brief visit with friends Monday evening. They were thinking of retirement and were looking for a place, not Corona, out of Texas. Gene lived at Lincoln Station and was a member of Corona High School Class of '59.

A dinner at the Senior Center here on Thursday, February 27 honored Mr. and Mrs. Loy Robinson of Cedarvale on their 69th wedding anniversary. There was a special cake because it was also Marie's birthday. She says she won't do that again, get married on her birthday.

Mrs. Naomi Bowen has announced that a group from Moriarty's God's House of Worship will be singing at the cafe Saturday afternoon at 5:00 p.m., March 15. Everyone is welcome to come and

sing or just listen to the gospel songs.

Betty Minton, Fort Sumner, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. L.K. Merritt.

The Sharps were in Tulia, TX, Monday to attend services for an uncle, William "Bill" Sharp, 85. On the return they stopped on Portales where an uncle, Pete Heisch, is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davidson went to Albuquerque Monday in preparation for his frontal suspension eye surgery Tuesday. Janet McDaniel, Dimmitt, TX and Carol Lynn Carroll, Roswell spent Monday night with the Jack Allen Davidsons and went to Albuquerque Tuesday morning to be with their father.

The Robin Grays hosted a weekend of fellowship for friends from Corona and from their church in Moriarty, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Gray taught the girls and ladies a new technique for piecing a bearclaw quilt block. This meeting may become a monthly event.

The Pee Wee basketball games at Estancia Saturday were good for Corona Morale. The fifth and sixth graders won by one point, the smaller ones by 12.



CORONA IN COMMON: Wanda Duke (right) of Corona, and Martha Hanley of Torrance, CA attended the DAR Mexico State Conference and discovered they have Corona in common. Duke knew the Caseys and Hanley is the niece of the late Mrs. Casey who lived in Corona and built the Corona Motel with her husband. Hanley visited the Caseys in Corona and later inherited the motel.

OBITUARIES

JOHN FOREST PARKS
John Forest Parks of Corona died March 4 at the Davidson Ranch after a lengthy illness. He was born in 1933.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Logan, who is 102 years old, of El Paso; five sisters, Vera Travis of Roswell, Doris Gross of Pleasanton, CA, Vergie Van Every of Emmett, ID, Blanch Tuffo of Carson City, NV, and Mary Warren of El Paso; two brothers, Robert Parks of Escondido, CA and Byrd Parks of Mountainburg, AR; and numerous nieces and nephews, about 34 in number.

An older sister, Viola Taylor, of Albuquerque, preceded her brother John in death.

RAMONA S. McTEIGUE

Funeral Mass for Ramona S. McTeigue, 59, of Hondo was at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio, March 12. Burial followed at the Hondo Cemetery.

Mrs. McTeigue died March 9, in Las Cruces. She was born October 8, 1937 in Hondo and had lived there all of her life. She married Alfred McTeigue on November 17, 1962 at Hondo.

She is survived by her husband Alfred of Hondo; two daughters, Geraldine McTeigue of Tularosa and Lavinia McTeigue and her husband Frank Brady of Florida; three sons, Gerald McTeigue and his wife Eva of Ruidoso, Frank McTeigue and his wife Bridgette Gonzales of Ruidoso and Bobby Joe McTeigue of Hondo; four brothers, Pete Salas, Teofilo Salas, Juan Salas and Ramon Salas; four sisters, Reynalda Lara, Teresa Buckner, Julia Cruz, and Magdalena Salinas; and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Chapel of Ruidoso.

FRONIE H. RAMEY

Fronie H. Ramey, 84, longtime Tularosa resident, died March 8, at Betty Dare Good Samaritan Center in Alamogordo.

Mrs. Ramey was born December 13, 1912 in Lincoln. She was a retired teacher from the Tularosa Public Schools, and had also taught in Lincoln, Alto, Tinnie, Ruidoso and Mescalero.

Survivors include a brother, Alfred L. Hulbert of El Paso; two sisters, Edith H. Womack and Ada H. Whitlock, both of Albuquerque; and seven nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, James G. Ramey.

Funeral services were March 12, in the Tularosa United Methodist Church with Dr. Bill J. Sylsakar officiating. Interment followed in the Angus Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bill Lawrence, Tommy Lawrence, Freddy Lawrence, Marshall Griffith, Tony Sanchez and Jay Dart.

W.R. "Buck" LIVELY

Funeral services for W.R. "Buck" Lively, 64, of Clifton, Texas and part-time resident of Capitan were March 3 at the First Baptist Church in Clifton. Burial followed at

Clifton Memorial Park. Buck died February 28, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. He is survived by his wife Charlotte Lively; two daughters, Blanche Lane of Clifton

and Connie Flynn of Azle, Texas; son Wendell Lively of Comanche, Texas and a foster son Ray Kubial; two brothers, four sisters, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.



THE UNIQUE and HISTORIC WORTLEY HOTEL and DINING ROOM is now open for business in Lincoln, New Mexico. Enjoy fresh fish, hand cut steaks, and the best selection of beer and wine. The Wortley is open seven days a week (See ad on Page 2). Executive chef J.A. Thompson, left, is shown here with wine steward Ben Leasure.

Capitan Increases Fees

(Continued from Page 6)

resolution proving financial hardship and requesting highway department equipment. The village may be approved for an amount up to \$25,000 towards highway equipment.

-Carmen Chavez, director of HeadStart, and HeadStart teacher Debbie Padilla spoke to the trustees about their need for a building for the program.

Chavez explained the program is not just child oriented because intense parent education is part of the program. She said they are looking for resources to keep the program in the community which employs 16 to 17 people.

HeadStart is federally funded and is not connected with the public school system.

-Wayne Mason reported the cemetery building needed repairs and the memorial board at the cemetery needed a shelter over the top. He requested permission to advertise for labor.

Village clerk-treasurer Deborah Cummins said the materials would cost more than \$500 and there needed

to be three phone quotes.

-Dr. Bernie Reimann reported on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) and the survey being conducted about LCSWA.

-Trustees discussed the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) priorities established in 1996.

The first priority is water storage and additional water source, water system improvements, water lines extensions, replacement of old lines, proper signage of water lines and valve boxes.

The other priorities are the 40 year water plan, additional fire hydrants, street lights, community meeting building, sewer system extensions, addition to Smokey Bear Museum and youth center.

During the discussion the council unofficially agreed the village needs to leave water as the priority. Formal adoption of the ICIP for 1997 will be scheduled at a later meeting.

-No action was taken following a closed session to discuss pending litigation, real property and water rights.

Domenici Staff To Be In Carrizozo March 25

Staff members of U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici will be in Carrizozo Tuesday, March 25 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Lincoln County Commission meeting room.

Anyone who is experiencing difficulty with a federal agency who would like Sen. Domenici's assistance is welcome to visit with the

Senator's staff. Anyone who would like to convey an opinion to the Senator is welcome to do so at that time.



CORONA CARDINALS

Corona Basketball Homecoming Queen and King

CORONA HIGH SCHOOL annual basketball Homecoming was held February 14. Anna Garza, daughter of Gene and Martha Garza, was crowned Homecoming Queen, and Jeremy Richmond, son of Don Richmond of Alamogordo, was her escort. Attendants were Joshua Gage, son of Rick and Bessie Gage, and Wendy Primero, daughter of Nelly Arellanes. The Cardinals split a pair of games with the Vaughn Eagles: The girls' team won, and the boys lost.



Corona Spelling Bee Winners and Officials

FEBRUARY IS SPELLING BEE time in New Mexico. Corona Schools' winners were (between the flags) — (front, l-r) Briar Billa (1st); Jordan Munsey (1st grade); Patrick Palomarez (2nd); Fry Urioste (3rd); Chris Dobbs (4th); (back, l-r) Monique Johnson (7th); Riley Tully (6th); Keith Shaffer (5th). Bobby Richardson, Supt. of Corona Schools, stands next to Keith. To the far left, back row, are this year's officials (l-r): Patsy Mulkey, Geraldine Perkins, and Jeanine Gibbs.

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LEGALS

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-97-31 Div. III
**SUSAN ABERCROMBIE HARRIS and
SALLY ABERCROMBIE TORRES,**

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**GROUP I
DANIEL DOW and NARCISO DOW, his
wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns;
ISAAC ELLIS and NANCY ELLIS, his wife,
their heirs, devisees and assigns; JOSE
MONFANA, his unknown spouse, if any, their
heirs, devisees and assigns; SAMUEL
CORBET, his unknown spouse, if any, their
heirs, devisees and assigns; TERESA
PHILAPOOSKI, her unknown spouse, if any,
their heirs, devisees and assigns; COUNTY OF
LINCOLN; and, OTERO COUNTY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**GROUP II
JOHN DOES, 1 through 12, and all of their
lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;**

**GROUP III
AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE
PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,
including Heirs, Devisees, Executors or Assigns
to any Defendants Herein;**

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO
THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

DANIEL DOW and NARCISO DOW, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; ISAAC ELLIS and NANCY ELLIS, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; JOSE MONFANA, his unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; SAMUEL CORBET, his unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; TERESA PHILAPOOSKI, her unknown spouse, if any, their heirs, devisees and assigns; COUNTY OF LINCOLN; and, OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.; JOHN DOES, 1 through 12, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS, including heirs, devisees, Executors or Assigns to any Defendants Herein.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Plaintiffs have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-97-31, wherein you are named as a Defendant and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you. The general object of said action is to quiet title real property to Plaintiffs. The real estate which may be affected by and which is involved in the above-captioned and numbered cause is described as follows:

TRACT B:

Being the same tract of land conveyed in a Warranty Deed, filed in Deed Book 65, Page 716, in the County Record of Lincoln County, NM, being Section 28 and 33, T.9S. R.16E. N.M.P.M., more particularly described as follows: A tract of land lying within the S $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, and N $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T9S, R16E, N.M.P.M.

and,

TRACT C:

Being the same tract of land conveyed in a Quitclaim Deed, filed in Deed Book 68, Page 528, in the County Record of Lincoln County, New Mexico being in Section 33, T.9S. R.16E. N.M.P.M. more particularly described as follows: A tract of land located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 16 East,

and,

Including that same tract of land conveyed in a Quitclaim Deed filed in Deed Book 1996-3, Pages 1048-1049, in the County Record of Lincoln County, New Mexico being more particularly described as follows: A tract of land lying within the S $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28 and the N $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T9S, R16E, N.M.P.M. more particularly described as follows: An approximate fifteen (15) foot tract of land which lies between Tract B and Tract C described hereinabove.

SUBJECT to all reservations contained in the Patent and all covenants, easements and restrictions of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 24th day of April, 1997, judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Karen L. Parsons, P.O. Box 1000, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 20th day of February, 1997.

ALICE BACA BAXTER
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jill Herrrell
Deputy

(Seal)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Lincoln County is in the process of preparing for a surplus equipment auction and is in need of experienced auctioneer services. Interested firms should submit their proposals to the Lincoln County Manager by 3:00 p.m., March 27, 1997. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will evaluate and award the proposal during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 1997. Please direct proposals and inquiries to: Lincoln County Manager, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

MARITHA GUEVARA
Assistant
County Manager
Published in the Lincoln County News on March 13, 1997.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Thursday, March 20, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office, on Monday, March 17, 1997. Published in the Lincoln County News on March 6 and 13, 1997.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees did hold a public hearing on March 10, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg. for the purpose of discussing Amending Ordinance 93-17. Establishing, Appointing and Organizing A Cemetery Board to Care For, Manage and Control the Municipal Cemetery of Capitan, New

Mexico, amending Section VIII, Rural Plots and the 3rd Amended, establishing Ordinance 97-4. This ordinance was adopted at the regular meeting on March 10, 1997.

Deborah Cummins
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
Village of Capitan

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 20, 1997. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo, N.M.

PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Changes to
1998 Lincoln County
Subdivision
Regulations.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RFP No. A-001
Project Name: Rural Planning Grant — Forty Year Water Study.
Contracting Agency: Village of Capitan.
Address: P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316.
Telephone: (505) 354-2247.
Date: February 24, 1997.

Procurement Manager: Deborah Cummins.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency: Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, for RFP No. A-001. The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional planning services for: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) — Rural Planning Grant — Forty Year Water Study, Project No. 97-C-RS-1-6-C62.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Capitan, 114 Lincoln Ave., P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, until March 17, 1997, 1:00 p.m. Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village Clerk at 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Deborah Cummins at (505) 354-2247.

PURCHASING AGENT:
Deborah Cummins,
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
Date: February 24, 1997.

1.) PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To conduct a forty year water study by setting long term goals regarding water issues to establish the priorities and needs of water and water rights for the Village, and to address the current and future growth of the Village.

2.) SCOPE OF WORK: The Offeror shall perform the following professional services:

2.1) Provide standard Basic Design Services, consisting of: Strategic (i.e. issue specific) Plan.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RFP No. 037
Project Name: Water System Improvements — Storage.

Contracting Agency: Village of Capitan.
Address: P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316.
Telephone: (505) 354-2247.
Date: February 24, 1997.

Procurement Manager: Deborah Cummins.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency:

Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, for RFP No. 037.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional engineering services for Water System Improvements — Storage Tank thru Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, Project No. 97-C-RS-1-6-61.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Capitan, 114 Lincoln Ave., P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, until March 17, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village of Capitan Clerk-Treasurer at 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Deborah Cummins at (505) 354-2247.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on March 11, 1997 at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., 10:00 a.m.

PURCHASING AGENT:
Deborah Cummins,
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC
Date: February 24, 1997.

1.) PROJECT DESCRIPTION: To design a two million gallon storage tank to be connected to the existing water system.

2.) SCOPE OF WORK: The Offeror shall perform the following professional services:

2.1) Provide standard Basic Design Services, consisting of: Preliminary Design Phase, Final Design Phase, Bidding and Negotiations Phase, Construction Phase, Operational Phase.

2.2) Periodic on-site observation during construction.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION TO INCREASE GAS COST FACTOR AND FOR A VARIANCE FROM NMPUC RULE NOS. 640.8 AND 640.23,

ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING CO.,

Petitioner.

Case No. 2764

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given by the New Mexico Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "NMPUC") that:

1.) On February 27, 1997, Zia filed an Application to Increase Gas Cost Factor and For a Variance From NMPUC Rule Nos. 640.8 and 640.23 ("Application"). NMPUC Rule 640 governs Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses ("PGAC") for Gas Utilities. In its Application, Zia sought authority to increase, the gas cost factor component of its PGAC charged to customers in its Ruidoso and Jal, New Mexico, service areas, effective March 1, 1997, by more than ten percent over the currently effective rates, respectively, for each of those areas. Zia requested a variance from NMPUC Rule 640.8, which provides for a mandatory hearing to be held whenever any gas cost factor statement shows an increase in the cost of gas from the previous gas cost factor statement of ten percent or more. Zia also requested a variance from the requirement of NMPUC Rule 640.23 that the utility's gas cost factor statement be filed at least fifteen days before the effective date of the adjustment in the utility's charges for the cost of gas.

2.) As grounds for its requests Zia stated that it filed a Gas Cost Factor Statement dated December 13, 1996 (which was received by the Commission on December 16, 1996) which adjusted its total gas cost factors (including the annual PGAC reconciliation factor) to \$2.4315 per mcf for the Ruidoso area and \$2.8072 per mcf for the Jal area. These factors took effect on January 1, 1997. Zia in its Application further stated that based upon current purchases and transportation costs and projected gas sales for the next twelve months, it was now calculating total gas cost factors of \$2.6494 for the Ruidoso area and \$3.0588 for the Jal area. Its calculations were attached to its Application, and were filed separately as a gas cost factor statement under NMPUC Rule 640, also on February 27, 1997.

3.) Under NMPUC Rule 640.12, Zia's filing of its Application stayed the application of the affected portions of NMPUC Rule 640 for a period of sixty days, or until further order of the Commission. Accordingly, Zia's gas cost factors for Ruidoso and Jal filed on February 27, 1997 took effect on March 1, 1997.

4.) On March 10, 1997, the Commission issued an Order on Variances and Scheduling Hearing. In that Order, the Commission denied Zia's request for a variance from NMPUC Rule 640.8 and ordered that a public hearing be held on March 28, 1997. The Commission also deferred consideration of Zia's request for a variance from NMPUC Rule 640.23 until after that hearing.

5.) Zia provides gas utility service and is a public utility as defined in the Public Utility Act, NMSA 1978, Section 62-1-1, et seq. (Repl. Pamph. 1993 & Cum. Supp. 1996), which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

6.) Any person who desires to intervene to become a party to this case must file a Motion for Leave to Intervene, pursuant to NMPUC Rules 110.56 and 110.57, on or before the commencement of the public hearing in this proceeding, which is to begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 28, 1997.

7.) Zia shall provide oral direct testimony at the public hearing in this matter.

8.) The Commission Advocacy Staff and any intervenors may submit oral direct testimony at the public hearing on this matter.

9.) Any rebuttal testimony shall be submitted orally at the public hearing on this matter.

10.) A public hearing will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. on March 28, 1997, at the Commission's offices, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, for the purpose of hearing and receiving evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters regarding PNMGS's Application for Variances and its January gas cost factor statement.

11.) The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (NMPUC Rule 110) apply to this case except as modified by Order of the Commission.

12.) Any pleadings, documents or testimony filed in this case shall be served in accordance with NMPUC Rule 110.15 except as otherwise ordered.

13.) Any interested person may examine Zia's filings together with any exhibits and related documents which may be filed at Zia's offices, 707 Short Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88345, telephone: (505) 378-4277, or 110 South Fowler Street, Hobbs, New Mexico 88241, telephone: (505) 393-5105, or at the Commission's offices, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, telephone: (505) 827-6940. Further information regarding this case may be obtained by contacting Zia or the Commission at the addresses and telephone numbers provided above.

14.) Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and give a written or oral comment, pursuant to NMPUC Rule 110, without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

15.) Interested persons should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

16.) Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the offices of the Commission 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 10th day of March, 1997.

NEW MEXICO

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
MONTE SHRIVER,
COMMISSIONER**

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CAPTAN-CARRIZOZO NATURAL GAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas is requesting proposals from licensed New Mexico attorneys for a contract to provide routine legal services and handle complex litigation on behalf of the municipal utility. You are invited to submit a proposal to be received not later than the 14th day of March, 1997, at 4:00 p.m.

The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas will employ an attorney to provide routine legal services. The attorney shall submit an hourly fee for routine legal services including consultation and advising the Board of Directors and administration on legal problems, examine complaints or claims, and advise as to rights to effect settlements; shall perform important detailed work in the compilation of rules, regulations, decisions, contracts, and precedents relating to administrative management and public utility regulation and prepare drafts of proposed legal documents; also prepare rules and regulations covering intricate detail of the municipal utility's operations not covered in the substantive law. The hourly fee shall also include but not limited to out-of-town travel, long distance telephone charges, copying costs and facsimile cost, para legal, secretarial, support staff, and any other such items commonly called expenses in the legal profession. Overnight out-of-town travel will be paid by the municipal utility for actual documented expenses not to exceed the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas per diem rate without the approval of the Board of Directors.

The attorney will also provide legal advice and represent the municipal utility before the Public Utilities Commission and before the courts in legal actions to which the utility is a party and no other legal representation is provided through any insurance carrier or other similar entity. The legal rate shall be quoted separately than that for routine legal services. The complex litigation fee shall include but is not limited to hourly rate for legal services, para-legal, mileage for out-of-town trips, copies. The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas will pay the actual facsimile charges, long distance charges, and documented room and

board for out-of-town travel, not to exceed the municipal utility's per diem rate without the approval of the Board of Directors.

With consideration to the above, the sealed proposals shall set forth the following:

1.) The hourly rate for routine legal services for attorney; together with hourly charges for complex legal services; including charges for fractional portions of an hour.

2.) A detailed description of the firm's experience in local government and state regulatory boards, and knowledge of the natural gas industry, if any, and identification of the person or persons within the firm who will be primarily responsible for Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas' representation and that person's relevant experience in government, if any.

3.) A detailed description of office facilities and support staff resources.

4.) A sample contract the applicant would offer to Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas in the event applicant is the successful proposal.

5.) List of references that the municipal utility would be free to contact. (minimum of three).

6.) Acknowledgement of receipt of any and/or all addendums.

All proposals will be evaluated on a 100 point scale as follows:

* 25 points allowed for hourly rate of routine legal services as outlined above.

* 25 points allowed for rate of complex legal services as outline above.

* 20 points allowed for experience as legal counsel for local government and knowledge of natural gas industry.

* 20 points allowed for office facilities and support staff.

All applicants must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Mexico.

The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and/or waive any technicalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas reserves the right to analyze and process the proposals for thirty (30) days in which time the municipal utility may negotiate terms with attorneys who submit proposals.

The contract period will be for one year. This contract shall be subject to renewal annually for a period to three (3) years unless terminated by either party by giving thirty (30) days written notice.

Mail your proposal to the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, P.O. Box 940, Capitan, New Mexico 88316. Attention: Administrative Supervisor.

KAY STRICKLAND
Administrative Supervisor
Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CAUSE NO. FB-97-07
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY LEE BAGLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ERVIN R. (BUD) BAGLEY has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of **DOROTHY LEE BAGLEY, deceased.** All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo has scheduled their 1st Budget Workshop for Wednesday, March 19, 1997 at 2:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

CAROL SCHLARB, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk
Town of Carrizozo

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 28, 1997, Rui, Inc. 1096 Mechem Drive % Lincoln Tower, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-579 into H-680 & H-2501-Expt. et al. with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place of use of 25.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-579-S	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	10S	17E
H-579-S-2	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	30	10S	17E

and ceasing the irrigation of 7.6923 acres of land located in part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing shallow wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-2501	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E
H-2501-S	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E
H-2501-S-2	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E
H-2501-S-3	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E

for the diversion of 25.0 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of up to 7.6923 acres of land described as follows:

Subdivision	Section	Township	Range	Acres
Pt. N $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E	7.6923
Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E	
Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E	
Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	35	10S	13E	

The old well is to be retained for remaining rights. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10)

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Sheriff's Report

gas slip at a business in Capitan, no other information. Capitan police notified.

1:36 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on highway 70, south side of road. Glencoe fire department responded, it was a control burn out of hand.

1:41 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at the ski area for a female with head and neck injuries. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) Med I unit responded and transported patient to LCMC.

3:21 p.m. caller reported a drunk male subject walking in Ruidoso. Ruidoso police advised.

7:41 p.m. caller reported a broken window on house in Alto area, with light on, no one supposed to be there. A grey vehicle was there around 4 a.m. Deputy responded, reported no damage to property and all is O.K.

7:52 p.m. caller reported subjects trying to leave business without paying bill. Deputies responded.

9:13 p.m. a 911 caller reported domestic in Carrizozo. Calling party was beaten and abandoned, needed officer, requested deputy, not city police. Advised subject wanted to go home. Deputy responded.

9:37 p.m. wrecker was requested at mile marker 165 and 164 on highway 54 for vehicle that is broken down.

March 9:
 4:35 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for an elderly woman, 79 years old, difficulty breathing, needs to go to Roswell. Capitan ambulance responded and transported patient to hospital in Roswell. Patient's physician has been notified and will be at hospital.

5:18 a.m. caller with confidential information.

8:16 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance in Capitan for male subject with chest pains. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported patient to LCMC.

11:14 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance in Ski Run Road area for female, 70 years old, with possible hip injury. Alto ambulance responded, requested assist

from Bonito fire department. Bonito fire department responded. Patient was transported to LCMC.

2:34 p.m. caller requested assist reference raw sewage on highway 70 is seeping towards his residence. Deputy responded. EID officer notified, he advised he would check on this.

2:40 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police reported a traffic hazard east of Ruidoso Downs. They received report of kids on bicycles riding on the roadway, almost got hit by vehicle. Deputies were all busy, state police officers too far away, so dispatch asked Ruidoso Downs police to handle, they are closest.

3:11 p.m. caller from Ruidoso Downs police department reported juveniles shooting a pellet gun east of Ruidoso Downs, one of her kids almost hit by one. When deputy arrived, it had already been taken care of by the parties.

5:20 p.m. officer on radio requested ambulance for male subject in a four wheeler accident in Alto. Requested RALS for male patient, 36 years of age. RALS Med I unit responded and transported patient to LCMC.

6:47 p.m. caller reported an accident with no injuries in Capitan, two vehicles had a minor accident. Capitan police notified.

7:03 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police reported an out of service vehicle on Highway 70. Deputy responded, unfounded.

7:49 p.m. caller reported a possible gas leak, strong smell of gas just switched over to propane. Glencoe fire department responded to residence east of Ruidoso Downs.

March 10:
 12:08 a.m. cell phone caller reported an accident without injuries on highway 70 at end of lane. State police in Roswell notified.

10:10 a.m. caller in Capitan reported possible fraud, received on public service reference winning a prize (money), requested a report. Capitan police responded.

10:37 a.m. caller reported larceny, stolen ski board from the ski area. Deputy responded.

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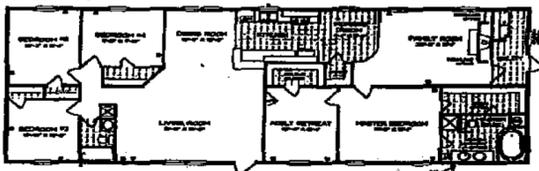
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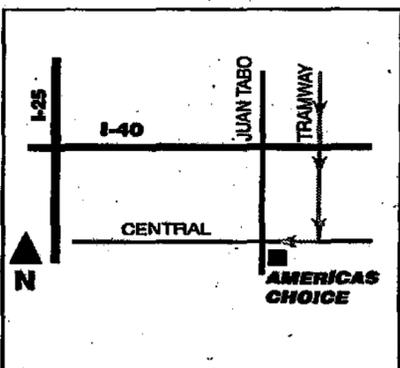
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Clothing Sends Messages To Employers And Others

By Betty McCreight
 Lincoln County Home Economist

Whether you are employed full-time, part-time or receive no paycheck for your efforts, the way you dress influences how others feel about you and often tells others how you feel about yourself.

When you look good, you feel good. You appear more dependable, more capable and more organized to others. It also makes you feel more self-confident.

So where do you start? Your first consideration should be clothes appropriate for your job, your age and your body build. Start with clothes you already have. Try them on to see if they meet these guidelines:

- Fit - They should not be too tight nor too baggy. Clothes are too tight if the lines of underclothes show or if they fabric pulls in cross-wise folds.

- Style - Discard out-of-date styles. Faddish items aren't popular long. Avoid them unless your clothing budget is large enough for the added expense. Simple designs and tailored clothes are best, both for your image and your pocketbook. Purchase basic pieces in a neutral color that can be worn with other clothes to add flexibility and variety to your wardrobe. Fussy, frilly clothes

are not wise choices for business. Save them for social occasions. And if you work around machinery, frilly clothes could be dangerous.

If you want to move up in your career, you may need to change your clothing selection. Most highly successful, powerful people in the business world usually wear conservative clothing styles, clothes that look good over several wearing seasons.

- Color - Solid, restful colors are less jarring than loud colors and flashy fabrics. Blue, gray and brown are standard blouses, scarves and ties can add interest to an outfit. If your job is not an office job, you'll still be able to pull together a neat appearance by mixing and matching your wardrobe around one or two basic colors.

- Condition - Whatever your job, your clothes should be wrinkle-free. Missing buttons, dangling hems, frayed collars and cuffs don't make a favorable impression. They make people think you're careless and not interested in doing a good job.

Accessories - Unpolished shoes and outdated footwear reflect an "I don't care" attitude that may cost you a raise or promotion. Shoes should be simply styled and dark. Brown, black and navy are

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Ruidoso Applies For . . . (Continued from Page 1)

Pete's Equipment Repair Inc. in the amount of \$100,650.00 which is within the original estimated cost. The approval is subject to FAA and state Aviation Division concurrence.

Councilors also:
 -Received word the village has been recognized by the state department of finance and administration (DFA) for the budget.

-Approved a new restaurant beer and wine license for Chef Lupe's Restaurant. The village received no objections for granting the approval.

-Approved a small brewers license at Elk Horn Pub. There were no objections to granting the approval.

-Denied a request to bypass village moratorium on subdivision of land while in water contingency emergency phases, on the recommendation of Cleatus R. Richards, planning administrator.

Richards said to grant the request would set damaging precedent and applicant has not provided any reason for council to agree to request.

Ben Martin, owner of the parcel of land, stated in his letter to the village that the parcel of land contains just under six acres and he wanted permission to divide the land into four big parcels.

Martin may reapply when the village goes into phase 2 of the water contingency plan.

-Approved, at recommendation of planning commission, license for use of public right-of-way. The original request by Wayne Townsend was for vacation of public right of way, lots 1 and 8, Block 2, Skyvue Heights Subdivision. Townsend wants to place a decorative steel fence at the property line, creating a more pleasant and more efficient and safe environment for customers of the self storage business.

The approval was granted

on the conditions that Townsend execute license for use of public right-of-way, provide survey of area of right-of-way to be used for fence, submit amended site development plan with said survey showing proposed fence location, and obtain utility locations prior to construction of fence and otherwise comply with village ordinance on construction standards.

-Awarded the bid for the reverse osmosis units to low bidder Sierra Blanca Pure Water at a price of \$1,136.00 per unit for a total price of \$2,272.00. The units will be used at the Convention Center. Councilors rejected the bids for water softener/conditioner.

-Approved a change order of the contract with Highland Enterprises for a rest room, concession, and storage building at White Mountain Recreation Complex in the amount of \$69,730.00.

The original bid contained two alternates to build the rest rooms and the store room with another alternate being the addition to the building for the concession stand. The original bids were in the amount of \$156,000 and the alternatives were not awarded during the base bid award.

The village has \$28,400 remaining unspent or uncommitted from the money committed for construction. Interest compounded on the \$1,000,000 bond at 4.5 percent over a year would be \$45,000. This interest money plus the \$28,400 uncommitted would be within \$1,000 of what the building change order would be for.

The architect does not agree with the changes. The contractor, Highland Enterprises, has agreed to help make the necessary changes which will meet building code require-

ments. The \$69,730.00 price will include architectural plans needed for the building permit and the building permit fees.

-A joint dedication ceremony will be held Tuesday, April 1 to dedicate the White Mountain Recreation Complex between the 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. games of the boys varsity baseball games.

The new complex is a cooperative effort and is on school property, is funded through a village bond issue, and has received assistance from the County of Lincoln in building roads and parking.

-Approved an amendment to the ground lease with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for the property on which the chamber building is located.

The chamber requested the amendment so they can take out a bank loan for the building improvements.

-Approved the grant application for \$50,000.00 to be submitted to the Drug Enforcement Advisory Council as requested by the Ruidoso Police Department.

The grant mandates that the village establish an active gang intervention unit which will work cooperatively to meet the needs of the community in gang intervention.

The only commitment for the village is to coordinate and continue this special duty operation. The proceeds from the grant will be used to provide training, communications equipment, field equipment, and overtime compensation.

As part of the grant, a joint powers agreement with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department must be approved where they provide one deputy to the unit.

-Approved the State Aviation Grant Agreement for marking, lighting, fencing, paving upgrade, emergency

vehicles and structures, and maintenance vehicles.

The agreement will provide up to \$40,000 in state participation for the funding of qualified projects at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

-Appointments to boards and commissions will be delayed until the village conducts the public hearing at the next meeting concerning term limits of board and commission members.

-Received a report from village manager Gary Jackson about water being the most critical need and the necessity of keeping water in the forefront.

Jackson also said the village has begun departmental

reviews for the 1997-98 budget and asked the council to begin budget workshops in April.

The village newsletter has been mailed to all water accounts and copies are available at village hall.

The public hearing on solid waste Monday lasted two and a half hours. Solid waste surveys need to be mailed back as soon as possible.

-Held a closed session for threatened or pending litigation and discussion of limited personnel matters regarding the village manager's job performance evaluation. No action was taken following the closed session.

Clothing Sends Messages To . . .

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good choices for shoes, handbags and belts. Jewelry should be simple.

If your employer doesn't have a dress code, look at your co-workers. Pay special attention to the kind of clothes worn by people who get promoted.

- Grooming - Don't neglect grooming. A neatly groomed person who wears fresh-looking clothes is an asset to an employer. Out-dated hair styles can be as big a liability as out-dated clothes. Poor posture, untrimmed beards, unshaven legs, chipped nail polish and broken or dirty nails can cost you a well-paying job. Remember, it's part of your responsibility to look as good as you can on the job.

Bowlers Air Complaints . . .

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preliminary budget needs to be turned in by June 1. The two meeting dates are March 19 and April 23. Both meetings will start at 2 p.m.

The budget request of \$350 for the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) was approved. Armstrong is the town's representative on SNMEDD.

Paying the overrun cost of \$2,290.77 on the police department and court complex was tabled for further research. The overrun arrived due to a misinterpretation of when the gross receipts taxes were being paid. Vinson was under the impression he was paying the gross receipts tax in the contractor's pay requests.

Vinson said no one has indicated to him that a lien would be put against the building for the overrun and that all the subcontractors have been paid to his knowledge.

The trustees passed a motion for Vinson to negotiate with Robert Lopez of Roberts Construction in Alamogordo.

The re-plating of the old Yucca Blossom at Highway 380 and Birch was approved. This property is between Tain't Fanci Campground and the golf course. The re-plating divides one tract into two.

Payment was approved to pay Key Communications for two police radios with microphone speakers upon receipt of affidavit from Vinson explaining misplacement of original three quotes he received before purchasing the radios. The three quotes are required by the procurement code on expenses between \$250 and \$5,000. The amount due is \$1,200.

Other items approved:
 -Request for per diem for the town clerk and deputy clerk to go to Truth or Consequences April 3 and 4.

--1997 Business Registrations.



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