

# County Creates Rural Center Advisory Board

by Doris Cherry

Despite an attempt to create an advisory board for the Glencoe Rural Events Center with membership open to anyone, commissioners adopted an ordinance that limits voting membership to residents who are registered to vote in Lincoln County.

During the regular county meeting Tuesday in the courthouse in Carrizozo, commissioners unanimously adopted Ordinance 1997-3, Lincoln County Glencoe Rural Events

Board. The ordinance establishes a board of seven Lincoln County residents who are registered to vote. The Lincoln County Glencoe Rural Events Board will "oversee the policies, programs and events being presented in the Glencoe rural Events Center."

Creation of the board is justified in the first paragraph of the ordinance which states the county commission "determined there is a need to promote the use of the Glencoe Rural Events Center and attract events of the highest

quality to the [center] consistent with the nature of the facility and the needs of the citizenry of the County of Lincoln."

The board's duty is to make recommendations to the Lincoln County Commission concerning rental rates and policies; arena policies, deposit policies, default and refund policies, prioritization of events, policies for protected events, programs and events to be held at the Glencoe Rural Events Center. "And shall have no other powers."

The document adopted was altered from the ordinance first proposed. The proposed ordinance would have established an advisory board with 11 members, none of whom had to live, or be registered to vote, in Lincoln County. During the public hearing on the ordinance a citizen commented that an advisory board which deals with recommending policy and activities at the county owned facility, operated with county general funds, should have members who are residents and registered vot-

ers. The citizen also asked that the word "advisory" be added to all references to the board.

Commission chairman Monroy Montes said the "advisory" was understood and was defined in the proposed ordinance, and said that was merely "semantics" because all county boards are advisory.

Montes supported the open membership for the advisory board, saying the center is destined to become a showcase. "Because of this we want

to include members from elsewhere," he said.

Roping professional Gerald Tully from Glencoe, said the center desperately needs leadership with expertise from

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### County Will Hold A County Hall Meeting April 16 In Ruidoso

by Doris Cherry

This year's notice of valuation sent to property owners has caused a lot of questions. In hopes of answering some of the tax questions and considering Ruidoso's proposed fees to county residents for using Ruidoso facilities and services, Lincoln County commissioner Wilton Howell will mediate a "County Hall Meeting" at 6:30 p.m., April 16, in Ruidoso Convention Center.

Howell made the announcement during the regular county commission meeting Tuesday in the Courthouse in Carrizozo after discussion about the recent notice of valuations. "Most complaints aren't with the valuation," Howell said. "Most are with the amount of tax."

As mandated by state law, the assessor's office did a reappraisal of county properties this fiscal year and the reappraisal was reflected in the notices of valuation sent to property owners last week. In some locations, properties increased 50 to 100 percent in value, which will increase taxes.

Howell said he plans to have present the entities responsible for tax rates.

Invited to attend will be county assessor Patsy Serna, the director of the state Property Tax Division which sets the values who will discuss ways to lower rates after reappraisal, officials from the Village of Ruidoso and other municipalities which have bonds that affect property taxes, schools, Lincoln County Medical Center and health center, and Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso-so they can inform tax payers where their taxes go.

"We need all the players so people will understand who's responsible," Howell said.

Serna said the county hall meeting is a good idea. Her office has also received calls about the notice of valuation. The last such meeting was held in 1986.

In addition to the discussions on tax values, citizens will be able to comment and ask questions about Ruidoso village council proposals to charge fees to county resi-

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JETS FLY OVER CARRIZOZO ALL THE TIME BUT THIS F-4D AIRCRAFT came through Carrizozo April 3 on a flat bed trailer on its way to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The F-4 was donated by Holloman Air Force Base (AFB) to the village of Ruidoso to be used as a static display at the airport. The F-4 will be displayed for educational purposes and will be behind a fence on a high pedestal to protect it from vandalism. The agreement between Holloman and Ruidoso stipulates the F-4 will not be restored to flying condition and will not be flown under any circumstances.

### Dogs Poisoned And Mutilated In Kennel

by Barbara Culler

Tennis courts, dog kennels, and weed control were some of the items the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees discussed at the April 8 regular meeting.

Louise Brooks asked the trustees if the town would repair the tennis court at the golf course as there were people in town who would enjoy using it. The present condition of the court makes it unusable.

Ann Burns asked the trustees about the wording on the signs at the recreation center stating no one was to go back to the bowling machines. The bowlers were not sure if this meant that they could not retrieve stuck bowling balls. The bowlers were unable to contact trustees on bowling night to get clarification. One of the bowlers did go and retrieve the balls.

Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel apologized for the problem and said the signs should have been more specific. It was fine to retrieve stuck balls but the trustees did not want anyone working on the machines. The mayor and trustees said they really appreciated the work Fabian, one of the bowlers, has donated in oiling and cleaning the lanes.

Burns also asked the trustees if when they hold special meetings they could be scheduled so more people could attend. Afternoon special meetings are difficult for

many people. The mayor said they would consider the suggestion but meeting members have other night meetings to attend. The next special meeting is an afternoon meeting as that was a convenient time for the town attorney to be present.

Monica Cromer, of the Sierra Blanca Brewing Company, requested permission to use McDonald Park for an Open House ceremony sometime in mid-June. The reception will be by invitation only for those who helped in starting the brewery, retailers and distributors from Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and some magazine representatives. Tasting of beer will be only on the brewery premises.

Cromer said that by mid-May they hope to be marketing their product. The trustees gave their approval for the use of McDonald Park and requested that as soon as the date of the reception is set they be notified.

Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson told the trustees that the police department is about out of the animal control business until there is a way to secure the kennels. Vinson said that about three weeks ago somebody broke into the kennels and poisoned one dog and mutilated another which had to be put down. To reach the animals the backs of two pens were cut.

Vinson said that he has the posts set for the gate he was

told he would receive from the Carrizozo Historical Society building; however, he has not received the gate. He feels before he can put dogs back in the kennels that there needs to be a gate to secure the area.

Vinson also requested that the dirt and asphalt be cleared from the area around the kennel. The mayor said she would check into having that done and report back to the trustees.

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### Ruidoso Will Be Lead Agency For Project On Mechem Drive

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council directed staff to draft a joint powers agreement with the state highway department to become the lead agency of the \$8 million Mechem Drive (Highway 48) widening project.

Councilors took action to become the lead agency to help save the project after Alan Whitesel from the state highway department explained that funding for the project must be encumbered by the end of April or there is a chance there will be no money for the project. The department is currently in the process of right-of-way acquisition which is about 70 percent done. But it is not ready to have the project ready to bid and award by the end of April and encumber the money. Because of this, the department asked the village to become lead, or contracting agency. If the village becomes lead agency, the highway department can encumber the entire project amount to the village.

"If the money can't be encumbered some way," said village deputy manager Alan Briley, "there is no funding for the project in any of the next five year highway plans."

At issue is the first phase of the Highway 48 project which will widen Mechem Drive from its intersection with Sudderth Drive north to White Mountain Drive. With

the village as lead agency the project is forced to proceed in the fall.

Although the village will be listed as lead agency, the state highway department will do all advertising, construction management and other work. The department also will pay the village administrative fees. The village has questions of liability and bonding, and "unbalanced bids" which Whitesel said his department staff is working to satisfy. However by Monday, there still were no answers.

Whitesel said the department is committed to the Highway 48 project which is of "vital importance in terms of transportation and economic development." He said last year the department set aside funds because it was unsure of the impact of the gasoline distributorship on the Indian Nations. But now there is a new process at the highway department which prompted the need to encumber the funds now.

Councilors also considered two other agreements, one for utility relocation and the other for a loan to finance the utility relocation. Briley estimated it will cost \$1 million to relocate utilities in Phase 1. The relocation agreement will set the groundwork for relocating the village water lines affected by the project. State statute requires any public utility that is in a highway

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS on the new Carrizozo Health Clinic this week. White Sands Construction Company had the lowest bid to build the new facility to provide room for the physician's assistant and two dentists. The project is financed by a Community Development Block Grant and other funds.

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Right of way must be relocated at the utility's expense. But the village does not have the estimated \$1 million to pay up-front to relocate the lines.

The highway department is offering an agreement to loan the village money necessary to do the relocation, with a pay-back period of 10 years at 8.25 percent interest. However, Briley said the village could get a better interest rate by borrowing money through the state finance authority. Also the village was concerned it had to put the total debt out aside in a fund.

Councilor Robert Donaldson suggested the village proceed with the project, then pay off the debt with a finance authority loan.

Phase 2 of the Highway 46 project, which will widen the road from White Mountain Drive to State Road 532 (Ski

Run Road), is federally funded and is expected to be "let" by May 1998. The third phase from State Road 532 to Rio Rancho is scheduled to be let in May or June 1999.

Councilors authorized their staff to work with the state highway department in drafting the agreements to be acted upon by May.

In other business, councilors

Approved a new beer and wine restaurant license for Bentley's Brew Pub and Pizzeria at 1133 Mechem Drive. There were no public objections to the license during the public hearing, or to the village clerk.

Approved a small brewer's license to be used at Bentley's Brew Pub and Pizzeria.

Appointed members to boards where vacancies occurred because of the new

ordinance which restricts membership to three terms, and vacancies created by terms that expired March 31.

Approved the Lodgers Tax Committee recommendations for special event funding for FY 1997-98, separate from the current agenda where it was originally placed, because councilor Donaldson wanted to declare conflict of interest and not vote because he was involved with an event which will get funding.

Heard village attorney John Underwood report that the village won its summary review of a challenge to the village banner ordinance before the state court of appeals. With this, the challenger filed a "writ of certiorari", seeking state supreme court review and consideration, was denied, Underwood said. He also said the state court of appeals upheld the summary review for a challenge to the village's old Forest Protection Code as an unconstitutional "taking". With that, the challenger also filed a writ to the supreme court, which the court denied.

Met in closed session to discuss threatened or pending litigation.



JUST LOOK AT ME, says volunteer Beth Hightower to five year old Stefan Najar, while his mom Lucinda Najar watches. Stefan was one of several young children to go through the screening and pre-registration which is conducted each year by the Region 9 educational cooperative.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIME for five year old Aron Vallejos and his mom Loree Vallejos at the Carrizozo kindergarten registration and pre-school developmental screening April 2. Aron, his mom and dad participated in the multi-station program that helps educators determine children's abilities and limitations.

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## Ruidoso In Phase One of Water Contingency Plan

by Doris Cherry

The village of Ruidoso is in Phase One of its water contingency plan. With this, residents are now on an "odd-even" outdoor watering system where homes and businesses with odd-numbered addresses can water on odd numbered days of the month, and homes and businesses with even-numbered addresses can water on even numbered days of the month.

Phase one also encourages public education on smart water usage.

Phase 1 through Phase 5 are explained in a new brochure now available at the Ruidoso Village Administration Center, Ruidoso Village Chamber of Commerce and the water building. The brochure outlines the purpose of the water contingency plan and explains that it is part of the village code.

All customers of metered water sold and supplied by the village, and all domestic wells permitted by the state engineer's office after July 1, 1996 are subject to the conditions, and penalties, of the water contingency plan.

The brochure explains Phase 1, non-emergency; Phase 2-Moderate condition; Phase 3 serious condition; Phase 4 severe condition and Phase 5 extreme condition. No outdoor watering is allowed in Phases 4 and 5.

Violation of the water contingency plan could result in a fine of up to \$500, 90 days in jail or both. Each day the plan is violated is considered a separate offense.

Village police officers, code enforcement officers, and meter readers are authorized to enforce the water plan, and other employees may be assigned authority if deemed necessary by the village manager.

## Dogs Poisoned And . . .

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Under unfinished business the trustees approved a motion to, by resolution at their April 22 regular meeting, appropriate \$2,779.43 from the general fund to pay Roberts Construction for the cost overrun of the police department/court complex. Town clerk Carol Schlarb is to call Roberts Construction to let them know the trustees action and follow the call with a letter of explanation. After the resolution is approved at the April 22 meeting, it will take the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) 10 to 20 days to approve the expenditure.

Armstrong in her trustee report recommended that the city start on their weed control program. If the city wants

to enforce weed control throughout the city, Armstrong said they need to control their weeds.

Other business either handled or deleted from the agenda was:

The municipal judge general report was deleted from the agenda. It is to be presented at the next meeting.

Scheduling budget workshop prior to April 23, 1997, was deleted from the agenda.

Approved all business registrations.

Approved monthly expenditures.

Mayor to check and make sure all who presented proposals on the recreation center have been contacted both through phone and letter.

Asked Hayes, the new airport manager, to let the trustees know once a month what is going on at the airport. Mayor is to have town foreman Faustino Gallegos check on a water leak at the airport.

The New Mexico State Library presented their request for a \$300 allocation. This is for the Bookmobile program which comes to Carrizozo once a month. This request will be put on a future agenda.

Will place on the next agenda the acceptance of the resignation from the Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Committee of Mac McDougal, from the Carrizozo Inn. Also on the agenda will be getting a replacement for McDougal.

At the end of the meeting the trustees went into closed session pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H) 2 Limited Personnel Matters and Section 10-15-1 (H) 7 Threatening or Pending Litigation and Contractual Negotiations. The next regularly sched-

uled meeting of the town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees is April 22.

There will be a special meeting tomorrow, Friday, April 11, at 1:00 p.m. at city hall. This closed session is for contractual negotiations on RFP's (request for proposals) on the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

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- THURSDAYS**
- Alcoholic Anonymous, 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
  - Adult singles group, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso. For more information call 354-2635 or 258-4680 or 257-5077.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 10**
- Kindergarten registration and pre-school developmental screening, 9 a.m. to noon, Capitan Schools old gym.
  - Lincoln County FCE (extension club) Cultural Arts Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Carrizozo Women's Club building. Open to public 1:30 to 3 p.m.
  - Lincoln County Senior Olympics singles bowling, 1 p.m. Ruidoso Bowling Center.
  - Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Advisory Board, 1 p.m. city hall.
  - Ruidoso Arts and Film Board, 4 p.m., village hall.
- FRIDAY, APRIL 11**
- Free public discussion about importance of arts to Lincoln County; 6:30 p.m., 320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan.
  - Lincoln County Senior Olympics bowling doubles, 1 p.m. Ruidoso Bowling Center.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 12**
- Lincoln County Senior Olympics golf, 1 p.m. at The Links in Ruidoso.
- SUNDAY, APRIL 13**
- Lincoln County Tourism Council reception, 2-4 p.m., 320 S. Lincoln Ave., Capitan.
- MONDAY, APRIL 14**
- Village of Capitan board of trustees, 7 p.m. Public hearing to discuss CDBG objectives, 6:30 p.m.
  - Lincoln County Senior Olympics dance, 1:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.
  - Lincoln County Senior Olympics talent show, 1:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.
  - TOPS, 5:30 p.m., Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 15**
- Kindergarten registration and pre-school developmental screening, Corona Elementary, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
  - Ruidoso P&Z commission, 2 p.m. village hall.
  - Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 2 p.m., Ruidoso Convention Center.
  - Ruidoso Personnel Board, 3:30 p.m., village hall.
  - Carrizozo School Board, 7 p.m., administration bldg.
  - Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, 7 p.m. at Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department building.
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**
- Ruidoso Parks & Rec Committee, 6:30 p.m. village hall.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 17**
- Senior Olympics mixed doubles bowling, 1 p.m., Ruidoso Bowling Center.
  - Capitan School board, 7 p.m., workshop at 6 p.m.
  - Lincoln County Medical Center board of trustees, 6 p.m. hospital conference room.

## OBITUARY

### ERNEST B. GONZALES

Ernest B. Gonzales, 75, died March 20 after losing a heroic battle with cancer.

He was born July 11, 1921 in San Antonio, TX. He married Juliet Centiseros in 1945.

He spent 20 years with the Civil Service at White Sands Missile Range and was involved with the Space Shuttle missions. He and his wife settled in Alamogordo in 1952.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Juliet; five children, Linda Gonzales of Las Cruces, Ernest Gonzales Jr. and his wife Tina and son Christopher of Carrizozo, Christine Van Cleave and three sons of Denver, Arthur Gonzales and his wife Susan and their two children of Albuquerque, Marie Thomas and her daughter of Alamogordo; five brothers, John B., Raul, Ray, Manuel, and Lionel; two sisters, Maria Castillo and Olga Groves. Memorial services were held March 25.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Joe B. Portillo, Sr. "Our Special Man", would like to extend a heartfelt and special thank you to all our family and friends. We appreciated all the cards, flowers, money and food and most certainly the prayers that were extended to our family during our time of bereavement.

The Portillo family

# Capitan Mid-school Odyssey Of The Mind Team Wins State

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Mid-School Odyssey of the Mind team won first place at the state Odyssey of the Mind competition in Albuquerque, April 5 and will

fund raising events are being scheduled. Donations can be made to the team. Contact Liz Boese at Capitan Elementary School.

A benefit roping will be held

at the Espuela Arena in Hondo to help raise funds for the team. The roping organizers Ralph and Lindy Montes are seeking donations of prizes such as belt buckles, saddles and etc. to present to winners of the benefit roping. A date has yet to be set for the benefit roping.

This year Capitan sent six teams to state competition: four from the elementary, one from the middle school and one from the high school.

Laura McInnes' elementary team of Austin Williams, Ashley Osborn, Brittany Adcock, Brian Taylor, Aaron Kotila and Brett McInnes won second place in their elementary division.

The high school team of Ty Davis, Klay Jones, Philip Krosny, Coye Robbins, B.J. Montoya, and Chris Hill, coached by school librarian Becky Borowski, won third

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**STATE WINNERS!** Capitan Mid-School Odyssey of the Mind team, front from left Sam Boese, Melanie Hall and Bo Sparks; back Seth Adcock, Josh Osborn and Mike Trapp, won first place at the state Odyssey of the Mind competition in Albuquerque April 5. The team chose the Roswell Incident as the theme of their problem solution. The team will compete at the national finals in Maryland June 4-7. They need at least \$6,000 to attend.

represent the state in Division II at the National/World Odyssey of the Mind Finals at College Park in Baltimore, Maryland June 4-7.

The group was the first-ever team from Capitan middle school. They were also the first from Capitan schools to win first place in any division. Posed with a problem called "balloony cars" the six Capitan middle school students set out last fall to build three vehicles which could break balloons and to write a skit which would make the problem more fun when they presented it at the state contest.

What the mid school Odyssey of the Mind team members Sam Boese, Melanie Hall, Bo Sparks, Seth Adcock, Josh Osborn and Mike Trapp thought up was the theme "Roswell Incident" with UFOs and vehicles created out of plastic construction kit pieces and motors and foam board with needles attached to pop stationary and moving balloons.

Their three vehicles popped more balloons than all other teams at the state contest which helped the team win first place. The team competed against teams from other mid-schools in New Mexico, regardless of enrollment or size.

Students received only minimal help from coaches Matt Boese and Liz Boese as they developed their vehicles which each had to have a different energy mechanism. The presentation was limited to eight minutes and the team was allowed to spend only \$100 on their solution.

The students said they were excited about popping so many balloons, and very excited when they learned they had won first place.

In order to compete at the National/World finals, the team must now raise at least \$6,000 to help cover tuition for each student at the national finals and airplane tickets to get there. Donations, and

"You should have seen us," said Hall, an 8th grader. She, Adcock (6th grade), Osborn (6th grade), and Sparks (6th grade) competed in Odyssey teams when they were in elementary school. It was Trapp's and Boese's first time. Trapp and Boese are both in 7th grade.

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## THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Congratulations!

By Ruth Hammond

Lincoln County has much to be proud of and this week there are several Lincoln County groups that deserve a pat on the back for their participation and winning in state competitions.

The Captain mid school took first place in the Odyssey of the Mind state contest and will now represent New Mexico at the national contest in Baltimore, Maryland in June. That is quite an accomplishment for a group of youngsters from Capitan.

Other Captain School Odyssey of the Mind teams were also winners at the state contest and all the Captain School Odyssey of the Mind teams competing at the state level were not only representing Capitan, they were representing Lincoln County.

When the Captain mid school students go to Baltimore they will use the same UFO theme for their problem solving in their national competition that they used at state. This time they will not only be representing New Mexico and Capitan, they will also be representing Lincoln County once again, nationally.

Their participation in the national contest will help show the world that Lincoln County has much to offer. These students worked on their projects here in Lincoln County and it was their unique solution to the Odyssey problem that helped them win. We congratulate them and wish them the best at nationals.

The outstanding production of the Ruidoso Little Theatre group won first in the state competition and will now represent New Mexico at the Southwest Regional contest in Denton, Texas next week. The cast and crew will present their play, the same play they presented at the state contest, in the Regional contest.

The cast and crew of the Ruidoso Little Theatre group will not only be representing New Mexico and Ruidoso, they will also be representing Lincoln County. They will show an entire region that Lincoln County has much to offer. The cast and crew rehearsed their play, presented their play, and perfected their presentation here in Lincoln County and it was their hard work that helped them make the best presentation possible. We congratulate them and wish them the best at the regionals.

One of the nicest things about the Odyssey of the Mind groups as well as the Little Theatre group is that they were dedicated and were willing to work for what they wanted. All the people involved, youngsters as well as the adults, will learn from these experiences and will benefit from their own resourcefulness. We are lucky to have these people for our friends and neighbors.

A couple of months ago we were asked why we were always "picking on governor Johnson" and not ever saying anything good about him. Our response was that we want to be positive and write good things in this column and if and when governor Johnson does something good for Lincoln County we want to be the first to publicize it. We continue to wait but this week a group of mid school students and a community theatre cast and crew accomplished more than the governor has. They helped let the state know that Lincoln County has much to offer. That is far more than governor Johnson has done for Lincoln County.

Recently there was a comment that we keep harping about the Sales Barn and we were told that in five years it will be great and will help the county. We were also told that it isn't costing the county "all that much" but we disagree. Your tax dollars are paying for something that is supposed to "help the county" five years from now instead of helping the county today.

This week a group of mid school students and a community theatre cast and crew accomplished more than the Barn has in three years. They helped let the state know that Lincoln County has much to offer and they did it now, not five years from now. Congratulations to these Odyssey students and the Little Theatre group. Lincoln County is proud of you. Best wishes.

*Lincoln County has much to offer.*



## Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE**—The drop dead date for vetoes is April 11. By Friday noon Gov. Gary Johnson must make up his mind on the 320 bills the Legislature sent him during its final three days before adjournment.

It may also be a decision date for whether we have a special session or not. As soon as Gov. Johnson signed the big budget bill a week before the Legislature adjourned, he announced that no special session would be necessary. After a filibuster by Sen. Bill Davis prevented some 50 measures from passing during the Legislature's final hour, Johnson repeated that belief.

But now he has been getting pressure from some of the communities and state agencies that lost public works projects when the big pork barrel bill was left to die during Davis' talkathon. The governor's position now is that he wants to spend some time analyzing whether the state is leaving anyone "in the lurch." His deadline for that analysis appears to coincide with his veto deadline.

That's a good approach, Johnson might want to veto some items he feels won't work and invite the Legislature to make necessary changes during a short special session while certain items left on the House and Senate calendars also are considered.

The problem with this approach, of course, is that no one wants to come back into a special session for anything but items that already are set. That takes cooperation and communication, something that has been missing from gubernatorial-legislative relations ever since Gary Johnson arrived on the scene.

Two years ago, at the end of the previous 60-day session at the beginning of the Johnson administration, the Legislature sent 54 more bills upstairs to be acted upon than

it did this year. That may be approximately the number of bills legislative leaders had intended to process through the House and Senate on the final morning when the filibuster occurred. It wasn't just the Senate that didn't get through its agenda. When House Speaker Raymond Sanchez heard the Senate was in a holding pattern, he shut down the House and reconvened just minutes before noon.

The House and Senate watch very closely to be sure the number of each others' bills passed at any point in time is approximately equal. By the final morning, the only bills on the House agenda were ones coming over from the Senate. The House wasn't about to sit there passing Senate bills when it knew its bills were languishing next door. That added further pressure for the Senate filibuster to end. But it didn't work.

We've heard the Albuquerque teachers talk about a strike vote unless the Legislature goes back into session and passes the salary increase measure that was pending on adjournment. Albuquerque was hurt by changes to the school distribution formula passed by this year's Legislature to address advantages the big Duke City's legislative delegation had gotten into law over the years. That special bill was the only hope for an Albuquerque salary increase.

But Johnson isn't likely to be moved by the union's threat. And he isn't likely to be moved by any other entreaties. Basically he wants to keep lawmakers out of town. If they come back into session, they could create more headaches for him. He doesn't want them messing around with prisons, welfare and Medicaid anymore. He'd rather handle those himself.

Only if Johnson thinks lawmakers might call them-

selves into session, will he be likely to call one himself. When the governor calls a special session he has more control over the agenda. When legislators do it themselves, it's their show.

For the Legislature to call itself into session, a three-fifths majority is needed. Last year Democrats had those numbers in both houses, but this year they don't. It will take some Republican legislators in both houses to make it work. And that is possible. Republican leaders in both houses have said there are circumstances in which they will support a special session.

### Ask The AG About . . . Wealth-Building Schemes

Wealth-building schemes promise to help you earn more money through such means as real estate transactions or starting your own business. They offer tips like how to get low-interest government loans or how to turn useless property into a guaranteed moneymaker. Some of the tips are misleading. For instance, many of the government loans that they mention are available in only extreme circumstances, which means that you will probably not qualify for them. Be careful and study the program thoroughly.

How are these schemes offered?

It has become increasingly popular to promote wealth-building schemes on television infomercials. These are programs that are designed to look like TV news investigations or talk shows, but they are really just commercials. The product is the focus of the show and is discussed at length by so-called experts, who are paid for their appearance. The shows are periodically interrupted by actual commercials for the product. Live studio audiences present for the shows are paid or offered other incentives to be there. Remember that the whole presentation is one long, carefully crafted sales pitch.

Be careful -- the company will offer books, audiotapes, videotapes and seminars on how to make your own fortune, but the information is costly and may provide little useful new knowledge.

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## County Re-bids Glencoe Arena

by Doris Cherry

Three weeks after rejecting all bids for the Glencoe Rural Events Center arena, Lincoln County Commissioners authorized another bid be advertised on a scaled down version of the plans.

County-contracted architect Wayne Andrews presented commissioners a new set of arena plans and bid specifications done in "bid lots" during the county meeting Tuesday.

The plans included a basic bid for construction of the pipe arena, fencing, gates, return alley, bucking and roping pens. To reduce materials and thus cost of the project, Andrews took out one pipe in the fencing, to make it a three-pipe panel.

The rest of the work was divided by bid lots for: announcer's stand, sand, additional pipe in fencing deleted to reduce cost, painting all pipe, loading shoot, basic electric, lighting, two areas of seating 250 people each, chain link fence.

Andrews said it would "not be a bad idea for the county to buy the pipe." He said the pipe is hard to specify, as evidenced with the prior bids where pipe ranged in size, quality, and cost. "If the county buys the pipe, the contractors can look at it equally and make their bids accordingly," Andrews said.

It will take a minimum of 5,000 feet of pipe for the arena. "That's about three miles of pipe," Andrews said. He estimated the cost of the pipe at 85 cents a linear foot.

"The county furnishing the pipe, and the contractor installing it, is a win win situation," he added.

But the scaled down plans don't bring the total project closer to budget, rather it scales down what the county might get with the funding available. "You'll get the are-

na for \$130,000 if you're lucky," Andrews said.

"I assure you we will not spend \$130,000 and end up with an unpainted arena," county commissioner Monroy Montes said.

When bids are submitted, commissioners will have option to pick one bid lot, all or none.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann questioned if an arena is good without sand.

"Not quite," said Glencoe Rural Events Center manager Linda Wallace.

Schwettmann also asked if there are any problems in not using any of the funds for the bathrooms, as proposed in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture grant application submitted by the county. Andrews said he contacted John Thomas at USDA who has reviewed the plans, and he said there would be no problem.

Finally commissioners approved the bid being advertised in the 1 through 10 bid lots and two ways for pipe-county furnished or contractor furnished, with bids to be opened May 5. They will award the contract within 30 days after bid opening.

If the bid is awarded in May the arena may be ready late summer.

Andrews assured commissioners there was still interest in bidding.

### Public Health Week

Lincoln County Public Health Nurse Theresa Luna invites the public to attend an Open House at the Ruidoso Public Health Office today, April 10 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served and visitors may tour the office and meet the staff. The Open House is in observance of National Public Health Week, April 7-13.

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## NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

### Capitan School News

Saturday, April 12 is NET DAY which will provide computer wiring to 45 classrooms and offices for network access to the Capitan school library. Volunteers will help with popping tiles, vacuuming, pulling wires, etc. No children under 16 are allowed in the buildings for insurance purposes. Contact Becky Borowski if interested in volunteering.

### SNMEOO Meeting

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District board of directors quarterly meeting will be held tomorrow, April 11 in the Campus Union building banquet room, ENMU-Roswell. Special guest speakers will be Ernie Mills, Capitol observer, and Pete Rahn, New Mexico Highway and Transportation Dept. secretary. For more information call 505-624-6131.

### Food & Nutrition Program

A food nutrition education program will be presented in Lincoln County, sponsored by Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service.

The series of 10-12 weekly classes on proper nutrition, food safety, budgeting, meal planning and food preparation are free and open to anyone interested. Classes will be held at Senior Citizens Centers, Tuesdays 2 to 4 p.m. at Corona and San Patricio, Wednesdays 2 to 4 p.m. at Carrizozo and Ruidoso Downs, Thursdays 2 to 4 p.m. at Capitan, and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. at Ruidoso.

For more information and to register call 648-2311.

### Have any Hale-Bopp Photos?

The Photographic Society of Lincoln County would like to have a public showing of comet photographs made in Lincoln County. The work can be any size print, slide or transparency, color or black and white, taken with any type of camera.

Anyone interested should contact Leland Deford at 257-3676 or Dave Travis at 258-4006 or Herb Brunell at 258-4003 for information and to let them know the kind of photographs available so they can make arrangements for space and display equipment.

Brunell said it would be a fun thing to do and asks those interested to participate this time because the society won't be doing it again for 2,000

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Lincoln County News welcomes letters to the editor. Letters will be the writer's personal opinion and will not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of the Lincoln County News.

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# County Creates Rural

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people knowledgeable about events which could take place at the center. "We need people with proven track records. If we limit membership to the region or locale, then we really are limiting ourselves," Tully said. "People are willing to serve who live out of the county."

Tully listed Albert DuBois, secretary of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and an editor from a roping publication in Albuquerque as possible members. Tully echoed Montes' comments about the center being a showcase, and added it could be a showcase of southeastern New Mexico, and possibly the entire southwest. "Don't restrict it to Lincoln County members," Tully added.

Bruce Eldridge, director of the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs, urged commissioners not to restrict membership just to county residents. "You are in control of who you appoint," Eldridge said. "So if you believe only people from Lincoln County should be appointed, then you can do this."

Eldridge referred to the Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission as an example of a board which is not restricted to Ruidoso residents. (Editor's note: Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission members are primarily Ruidoso residents, the rest live in Lincoln County except ex officio member Gary Morton who lives in Santa Fe. Ruidoso Village Council recently passed an ordinance requiring proof of residency on boards.)

When questioned if there are other county boards which have open membership, Montes said other boards have a different mission. "We can't be exclusionary, this is not just for people of Lincoln County. We can't be provincial and isolated," he said.

There was no other public comment during that portion of the hearing, but some was made later.

When commissioners began to comment, Montes said at issue was domicile requirement and the number of members on the board.

"I fail to see the real argument on membership," commissioner Wilton Howell said. "Its advisory, if it doesn't taste good, we don't have to vote for it," Howell said about recommendations from an advisory board. "If you want to make sure it doesn't work, let's have the smallest board and most restrictive. The best chance for our tax dollars is to have expertise on the board."

But commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Rex Wilson agreed with the residency requirement, and eventually compromise was struck. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley was absent.

Schwettmann said he didn't know why they had to do an ordinance for the board, because there was an Ad Hoc committee for the center already. Schwettmann said the "issue" was now dominated three to two on the commission board. He considered 11 members too many, and had concerns about appointing too many from the private sector. "It's like sending the fox to the hen house to gather the eggs," he said.

Schwettmann also was concerned about the comment on seeking expertise elsewhere. "You seem to think Lincoln County people don't know anything," he said. "It would surprise you who we have here. I think members ought to be from Lincoln County and be registered voters, because they will speak to our tax dollars."

Wilson said he supported the concept of the advisory board, and thought it should seek expertise. "But I think the voting members should be Lincoln County residents,"

Wilson said. "Several of our boards seek outside expertise."

In discussing the residency issue, commissioners considered members who were residents but not registered voters, and persons who owned property and paid taxes but were not residents or registered voters. Then county clerk Martha Frigtor said voter registration is the legal way to determine residency.

But county attorney Alan Morel put the issue to rest when he said the commission had passed a resolution that requires members on county boards to be registered voters. Resolution 74-42 also standardizes attendance on boards by purging any member who misses three consecutive meetings, which was included in the ordinance for the center board.

Also at issue was the size of the board. Wilson was concerned about the large number of people on the board, because it is often difficult to obtain a quorum. Instead he suggested a core group to make decisions and vote, with a larger group for input.

Howell liked the 11 members, and suggested five members appointed by the county commissioners, one each, and then let that group appoint the remaining six.

Montes, in compromise, and said the board should be dominated by taxpayers/residents. "To insure majority interest by Lincoln County residents," he added.

Wilson finally suggested one member appointed by each county commissioner and two at large from the county, for a total of seven domiciled/registered residents.

Resident Dick Swenor, taxpayer who is involved in many rodeo programs and Cowboy Symposium, recommended the seven person board as the core voting group.

Finally even Eldridge agreed the voting board be seven resident members, who would be allowed to appoint as many non-voting members as they want. "So the group controls what it wants to do," he said.

After more discussion, commissioners agreed each would appoint a member who was a county resident, but not necessarily a resident of the commissioner's district, and they would appoint two residents at large. Those members would have staggered terms for continuity, with four members having two year terms and the other three with one year terms, to be determined by lot. The core group will then appoint seven non-voting members for one year terms.

They also agreed to advertise for written nomination for membership on the advisory board, because Wilson said the advertising will make citizens and board members aware of when terms expire.

Because it is often difficult to create a quorum of such a large group, commissioners agreed to allow any members who show up to constitute a quorum.

Members will not receive mileage or per diem for attending meetings. Commissioners requested the advisory board provide at least quarterly reports. "Quarterly reports keeps the group accountable," Wilson said. But in the future that could be changed to "as requested" reports.

The advisory board also will be required to adhere to the Open Meetings Act by notifying the public of scheduled and special meeting places, dates and times, and as required by county ordinance, must submit minutes to the county manager within 10 days following the meeting.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

By MAURCEN SULLIVAN

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

There is an announcement that I promised my special friend Mike Currin that I would give top billing to, but when I made that promise I did not realize that when this epistle appears in **THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS** it will be April the 10th and April the 10th is one of the most important dates in my entire lifetime. It is the day my very special son, Thomas Tighe Sullivan, made his debut into this old world of our, weighing in at 8 and 3/4 pounds and with a full head of black hair that you wouldn't believe if I told you. He was beautiful, special and very much loved and to this mother's way of thinking, he still is. Happy Birthday Tom.

And now for the announcement that I promised Mike I would give top billing to:

We are looking for information pertinent to a baseball field for Capitan. There is some space available that we are aware of, but have no info on who to contact regarding leasing or purchasing. If anybody reading this has any information, please call Alex Cano at 354-2063 or write him, Alex Cano, P.O. Box 472, Capitan, NM 88316.

This is of the utmost importance because our young folks need a field to practice and to have baseball games.

Perhaps is we could get our youth interested again in the feel of a baseball bat in their hands or the leather of a glove on their hand, they might forget altogether the feel of a cigarette hanging out of the side of their mouth. Let us hear from you.

I have become a terrible procrastinator. I never believe in doing anything today that I can possibly put off until tomorrow. So Monday at four, or thereabouts, it dawned on me that I had not paid my telephone bill, which was a sizeable amount and one I dislike very much to pay late because of the late payment penalty. Even though it isn't a bank breaking amount, it is just enough to bring all of my nasty feelings right to the surface quick like.

Another one I hate paying more this year than ever before is the gas bill, gas for heating I mean. Two and three hundred monthly bills have a way of roiling my blood so much that I can scarcely see enough through my blind fury to even write out the check. Am thinking, and I mean thinking seriously, of whatever sources of heat I can get for the next year: Well I can dream can't I?

Well back to my original thought, which was getting the telephone and the gas bills to the post office before five o'clock on the last day of the stretch. It was a quarter of four when the original thought crossed my mind, so hurrying as per usual I dashed out the front door, back up, I haven't dashed out of my house for years. Let us say I made my way as fast as possible over my brick terrace, two of them in fact, and was across the street and merrily on my way I thought, when a weak little voice called out to me from the seat in a pick-up that was parked horizontally behind the other parked cars.

I went over to her and she wanted me to go into the stores and find her son. He had said he would be right back. She was adamant and wanted to go home. She was a

sweet and lovely little lady, very petite and very tired, but her English and my Spanish were on a par.

The only fly in the ointment was my Spanish was far inferior to her English, but I did finally get the message and I kept thinking of the time slipping away and I would have to pay the dogged penalties on my unpaid bills if I did not get a hustle on.

I dashed, and I do mean dashed, into the hardware store but Ron was sure there was no one in there by the name of Romero, thence to the market. I looked like the leftovers from a last year's picnic, outdoors picnic at that time, and I spied Robin Armenta from the post office and she said she had just been talking to Tony and she collared him. I grabbed Tony and kidnapped him almost to get him out of the store and out to talk to this little lady that was looking for her son.

Everyone was busy and I did not take the time, which I did not have any of anyway, to explain why I was abscond-

ing with Tony. Tony did get in touch with the son who was missing and all ended well I guess because when I checked later the pick-up was gone.

I might as well say sayonara and get this mailed. Barkin' Bozo is at it again. I refuse to even begin to compose anything with that blasted dog barking in my ears. Unfortunately my little office, and I must remind y'all that I have had this little office night onto 15 years and have no intention of even attempting to move to any other part of my old casa.

There are five canines right near this old casa and all of them barking in chorus does not have the irritating effect on the ears and the entire nervous system that this one obnoxious dog's bark has on us. I am not the only one that complains. I am just the only one that is real mouthy about it publicly.

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## Capitan Honor Roll

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- all A's: Tom Brodasky, A-Honors-Seth Adecock, Kelli Blank, Ginger Cupit, Rebecca Heimann, Allison Hendrix, Emily Hobbs, Rusty Martin, Lucera Montes, Joshua Osborn, Bo Sparks, Jessica Tully-Mitchell, Chelsea Black-Wright; B-Honors-Michael Aguilar, Lorena Brockman, Mitchell Cox, Travis Horst, Jennifer Johnston, Jenna Loomis, Judd McGraw, Nalon Muniz, Richard Wheeler.
- Elementary School: \* Denotes students who have made the Honor Roll for all three nine weeks.
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- 8th Grade: Samantha Allen, Vanessa Cox, Shawna Cupit, \*Julie Jaquess, Gretchen Jones, Marlo Maroon, Ashley Martin, Esperanza Martinez, Ashley Miller, Codi Montes, \*Haylee Murry, \*BobbyRay Silva, Kenneth Stahl, Trenna Stephens, Jesse Wright.
- 8th Grade: Principal's List, all A's-Casey Helms, Darrell Brooks, Tracy Armenta; A-Honors- Amanda Arrowsmith, Lindsey Bush, Cody Glass, Melanie Hail, Jessica Kineella Armond Nicolet; B-Honors-Lem Bartley, Jessica Castaneda, Erin Cronin, Cheyenne Godinez, Beth Hetterick, Paul Holman, Jared Joy, Nataasha Lopez, Traci Maroon, Erin McGrath, Shauna Seidel, Dianna Smith.

- 7th Grade: Principal's List, all A's-Sam Boese; A-Honors-Rocky Burrows, Michael Trapp-Gingell Britt Ventura; B-Honors-Jennifer Buff, Ashlee Carner, Jena Clayton, Chandra Cogdill, Cody Connell-Crumpacker, Tessa Justus, Natasha Lackey, Jessica Neal, Kelly Owen, Douglas Smith, Lewis Stevens, Riley Switzer, Shauna Villado, Aubrey Volquardsen, Robert York.
- 6th Grade: Principal's List,

## CAPITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Members of the *Capitan Chamber of Commerce* met April 7 and approved president Frank Warth and treasurer Kay Strickland to continue in their respective offices for another year. Van Shamblin was elected to serve as vice president and secretary.

The Lincoln County Tourism Council invites the public to a reception April 13 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 320 South Lincoln in Capitan.

The *Capitan C of C* will again award a \$300.00 scholarship to a graduating senior from Capitan High School. Application forms are available at the counselor's office and must be turned in by May 2. The recipient must attend college in New Mexico.

Chamber members learned that Mom's Kountry Kitchen is open now, Mon. thru Fri. from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The new post office will be located just east of the Smokey Bear Restaurant. Some were surprised to learn that the Village of Capitan has a page on the internet. It was reported that this is a blank page at this time.

Those present received a short calendar of events. The Smokey Bear Stampede begins July 3 with a rodeo at 7:00 p.m. and a dance at 9:00 p.m. July 4 includes the parade at 10:30 a.m. followed by an old west rodeo at 1:00 p.m. There is another rodeo at 7:00 p.m. and the dance at 9:00 p.m.

Rodeos are scheduled on July 5 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A dance follows at 9:00 p.m. The events conclude on July 6 with a rodeo at 7:00 p.m. and a dance at 9:00 p.m.

Dates to remember include the Ranchman's Camp Meeting, July 16 through 20; and the Lincoln County Fair, August 6 through 9.

A clean-up day at the chamber building scheduled for April 19 will be rescheduled.

Janet Bradley and Peggy Najar told everyone that the New Mexico Cooperative Education Service will present food and nutrition classes at the Capitan Senior Center beginning May 1. The classes are free and will run from 10 to 12 weeks. Call: 505-648-2311 for more information.

Play Capitan Chamber of Commerce bingo on Thursday nights. It's fun. by Bartley McDonough

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# Sheriff's Report

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

**March 31:**  
12:35 a.m. a deputy advised of damage to property in Sun Valley Estates, where a blue pick-up had damaged some trees and was now in the canyon. The deputy advised if the vehicle did not belong to the property owner then he would need a wrecker.

10:14 a.m. a caller request-

ed to speak to a deputy about a truck stolen in the Alto area. A deputy took a report.

1:17 p.m. a caller reported suspicious people at the parking lot of a motel on Highway 70 in Ruidoso. The caller requested an officer to check out two male subjects in a small truck who were trying to get into the side doors and who kept coming in and asking questions. Ruidoso police were notified.

1:27 p.m. a caller requested a deputy to check out kids who were speeding on a four wheeler pulling a little trailer in the Sun Valley Heights area. A deputy responded.

2:50 p.m. a caller reported someone stole a watch at the ski run. A deputy took a report the next day.

6:48 p.m. a caller requested an officer to check out an open door on a trailer where the owner was gone. A deputy responded and advised it was unfounded.

8:31 p.m. a caller requested a motorist assist five miles south of Carrizozo. A deputy responded and advised he needed a wrecker, which responded.

## April 1:

5:47 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location in Carrizozo where a shelf had fallen on a little girl and cracked her head open. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

7:27 p.m. a caller from the Corona area reported an electric motor on a well had been stolen. A deputy took a report.

8:13 p.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle at a fueling station in Capitan. Capitan police were notified.

9:30 p.m. an officer advised of a traffic offense—driving left of center—at mile marker 268 on Highway 270. The officer arrested the subject, who was booked into the Lincoln County Detention Center in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

## April 2:

9:45 a.m. a walk-in reported a traffic offense in the north-bound lane on Highway 54, an 18 wheeler was driving all over the road. State police in Vaughn were notified.

10:55 a.m. a 911 call requested an ambulance at a ranch to transfer an elderly woman to Roswell. Hondo Ambulance responded, and

requested Roswell Advance Life Support (ALS) meet them at the county line.

10:54 a.m. a caller reported a vehicle in the ditch in Sun Valley. The vehicle had been there a couple of weeks and the caller wanted an officer to check it out. The responding deputy advised it was okay, the vehicle had been checked before.

11:31 a.m. solid waste authority reported illegal dumping at mile marker 11 on Highway 48. A deputy responded.

1:37 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer at a business in the Alto area where the business was open but no one was around. A deputy responded and advised employees were around and plumbers were inside.

2:08 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on the north side of the airport road. Benito Fire Department responded.

2:59 p.m. a grass fire was reported at Highway 246 and county road B001. State forestry was advised.

3:24 p.m. a 911 caller reported phone harassment. A deputy was assigned.

4:23 p.m. a 911 caller reported a two car accident at mile marker 303 on Highway 70. State police were notified.

4:28 p.m. vandalism was reported at a business in Ruidoso Downs. A deputy took a report.

A person walked into the sub office and reported someone kept letting his horses out of the fence. A deputy took a report.

7:05 p.m. a caller reported damage to property behind a business in the Alto area where a fence was torn down. A deputy responded.

11:09 p.m. a motorist reported a possible drunken driver on Highway 70 into Roswell. State police in Roswell were notified.

## April 3:

4:10 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with injuries at a campground east of Ruidoso Downs where an 18 wheeler hit a vehicle. A 50 year old woman had injuries. Ruidoso ALS transported the woman to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. State police also responded.

6:59 p.m. an accident without injuries was reported at Three Rivers, just below the campground. State police were notified.

8:28 p.m. a caller reported hitting a deer on Highway 48 on Angus Hill. The caller advised that the deer was dead on the roadway so he put it in the back of his truck and had it at his residence in Capitan, instead of leaving it on the side of the road. A Game and Fish officer was contacted but he was unable to handle the call, so a message was left for the other game and fish officer.

9:24 p.m. state police reported a possible drunken driver west bound on Highway 70. A deputy responded and drove to the county line but he did not see the vehicle.

10:28 p.m. a police officer advised of a breaking and entering and criminal damage to property at the Southern Pacific Railroad modulars in Carrizozo. 14 of the modulars were broken into, and there was extensive damage inside.

## April 4:

6:03 a.m. Capitan police advised of an open door at a business.

9:15 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance in the Loma Grande area. Alto was paged, but there was no response, so RALS responded.

1:47 p.m. a subject walked into the sheriff office and reported a larceny, a cell phone was taken, which occurred at a motel in Las Vegas, NM. A report was taken.

3:24 p.m. A deputy advised he took a report of a larceny at a Corona area ranch.

3:45 p.m. a walk-in reported

## Capitan Notes

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And so will sign off for now, with a bit of the Irish: Time gave you hills of purple blue. Green valleys pearled by misted dew. The brown thatched roof, the wishing well, the greening haunts where Wee Folk dwell. The singing stream, small fields that run, Beneath more kindly rain and sun. With all these, the age-old glory of people famed in song and story. Katherine Edelman.

# Church Directories

## First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM  
648-2968 (church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

## Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

## Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

## SATURDAY:

Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm

## SUNDAY:

Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

## Church of Christ

PAUL WETZEL, minister  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

## St. Matthias Episcopal Church

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Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday

## United Methodist Churches

WARREN K. SCHOENECKER, pastor  
Trinity - Carrizozo  
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 257-5614  
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Men Breakfast  
2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am  
United Methodist Women Every  
3rd Wednesday..... 2:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
..... 12:30 pm

## CAPITAN

Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)  
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

## Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery

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Nogal Presbyterian Church:

Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
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Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Corona Presbyterian Church:  
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Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study & Youth  
Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

## Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, pastor  
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan  
Inter-denominational  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

## Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627  
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Services..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

## Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor  
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM  
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Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

## Trinity Southern Baptist Church

FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor  
Capitan (South on Highway 48)  
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AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

The following individuals were booked into or released from the Lincoln County Detention Center (county jail) in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

February 20:  
Ernest Trujillo, 28, Capitán;

failure to appear, \$10,000.00 bond, no 10 percent set by magistrate judge Bill Butts; released Feb. 20, bonded out.

Cynthia Dirden, 26, Ruidoso Downs; failure to appear, \$1,000.00 bond, no 10 percent,

set by Magistrate judge Gerald Dean Jr.; released Feb. 21, release order signed by Dean.

February 21:  
Steffon Ayers, 34, Albuquerque; failure to appear, \$1082.00 cash bond set by Dean. Released March 7, release order by Dean.

Ivan Johnson, 43, Ruidoso; DWI, 1st, careless, sentenced to two days by Butts; released Feb. 23; time served.

Thurman Gallerito, 21, Mescalero; robbery-armed with deadly weapon, \$100,000.00 set by Butts.

Gomez Terezo Herrera, 28, Ruidoso; perjury, \$5,000.00, no 10 percent, set by Butts.

Shane Rogers, 19, Ruidoso Downs; failure to appear, abuse of aerosol, sentenced to 364 days by Butts.

Patrick Vanhorn, 28, Ruidoso; resisting, failure to yield, no insurance, reckless, aggravated assault on police officer; \$75,000.00 bond, no 10 percent, set by Butts; released Feb. 28 order by Butts.

Karl Peso, 27, Mescalero; court commitment, 10 days to be done on weekends, by Butts; released Feb. 23, time served.

February 24:  
Henry Sanchez, 54, Ruidoso Downs; parole violation, no bond set by probation officer; released March 3, release order by probation officer.

Charlie Morris, 46, Carrizozo; court commitment 364 days by Dean.

Ricardo Ontiveros, 18, Ruidoso Downs; contributing to delinquency of a minor, \$2,500.00 bond, no 10 percent, set by Butts; released Feb. 24, release order by Butts.

February 26:  
Robert Houston, 42, no address; contempt of court, violation of condition of release, intimidation of witness, no bond set by Butts.

February 28:  
Bobby Rainey, 50, Ruidoso; commit order, no bond set by district judge Robert Doughty.

Karl Peso, 27, Mescalero; court commitment by Butts; released March 2, time served.

The following individuals were released from the Lincoln County Detention Center:

Larry Roach, 40, Ruidoso Downs; booked Feb. 15, court commitment seven days by Butts, released Feb. 22, time served.

Jay King, 21, Carrizozo; booked Feb. 15, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50,000.00 bond, no 10 percent, set by Dean; released Feb. 26, release order by Dean.

Henry Ortega, 46, Los Lunas; booked Feb. 19, failure to pay fines, \$508.00 fine or 364 days by Dean, released Feb. 21, posted cash bond.

Matthew Beene, 25, Carlsbad; booked Feb. 19, court commit by Dean, released Feb. 26, time served.

Aaron Ramos, 19, Ruidoso; booked June 20, 1996, probation violation, no bond, released March 8, time served.

Louis Arambula, 66, Roswell; booked Oct. 7, 1996, J and S six months, released March 10, time served.

Danny Breuninger, 36, Mescalero; booked Jan. 22 violation of probation, failure to pay fines and cost, four day mandatory, do not release until \$498.00 is paid or \$5.00 a day; released March 7, release order by Butts.

Carlton Chimal, 44, Mescalero; booked Jan. 24, driving on revoked license, 180 days by district judge Richard A. Parsons, released on furlough March 7 by Parsons.

Mary Moore, 40, unknown; booked Feb. 13, failure to comply with conditions of probation, no bond set by Parsons, released March 4, transported to WNMCF.



**RUIDOSO LITTLE THEATRE CAST AND CREW** of the play *Throckmorton, Texas*: from left, back row, Gene Templeton, Kimble Kearns, Piance Price and Richard Cone; front row, Patti Kearns, Louise Cone, Mary Maxson and Lynn Price. The group won first at state and will represent New Mexico at the Southwest Regional Theatre Festival competition in Denton, TX April 17-20.

## Ruidoso Little Theatre To Compete In Texas

The Ruidoso Little Theatre (RLT) group took first place at the 1997 American Association of Community Theatre Festival (AACT/Fest) during state competition March 21-23 in Hobbs. They presented the play *Throckmorton, Texas*.

Competing were little theatre groups from Artesia, Hobbs, Los Alamo, Santa Fe and Ruidoso.

The plays were judged on the overall production, the major elements of which are acting and directing. Among the criteria considered were: is the acting believable, is the

acting technically skillful, does the company display ensemble work, is the concept appropriate for the material, do the actors display effective timing, and what was the total impact.

Judges comments were that RLT presented a very good show, great directing and believable characterizations, perfect casting, and it was like visiting hometown again. The first place award at the state level was for outstanding production.

Kimble Kearns also received a plaque for best characterization by an actor.

RLT will now represent New Mexico in the Southwest Regional Theatre Festival and regional competition April 17-20 in Denton, TX. They will compete against Little theatre groups from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

RLT will present a benefit performance, Act I of *Throckmorton, Texas* Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Little Theatre on Highway 70 in Ruidoso. Refreshments will be served and admission will be donations. The proceeds from the benefit performance will be used to pay expenses for the cast and crew to go to the regional competition.

## CORONA NEWS

The birthday party Saturday for Fred Lackey was a great success in spite of the Cedarvale winds. There will be a writeup soon and pictures of Fred, 90, and his brother Raymond, 93, for this paper.

Weekend guests of the Kesslers included Renee's mother, Mrs. Rachel Randle of Santa Fe, and sister and nephew Jeanene and Brian McCarty of St. Petersburg, Florida. Two year old Brian will stay with his cousins, Julie, Amy and April while his father, Bill McCarty, a commercial diver, works off Miami and his mother goes on US Navy exercises at Fort Bliss.

Corona elementary students took a field trip Monday to the Albuquerque Zoo.

Remember the Aglow meeting Saturday afternoon and the CowBelles on Monday.

The cafe opening was delayed by one day, reportedly while awaiting an official inspector okay.

Cathy Yancey took her mother Bernice McCord, on an overnight trip to Melrose where they stayed with Lillie Hampton, returning Monday afternoon to Corona.

Bernice Davis Jarnagin arrived by bus in the snow storm Friday afternoon for a weekend visit with the Perkins. Mrs. Jarnagin, daughter of the late Ollie and Jim Davis, was born on the Davis homestead east of Corona, now a part of the Adams ranch. She reported the deaths of two brothers, Riley and Lawrence. She attended schools at Punkin Center and Joneta, graduating from Corona and attending ENMU. She was a classmate of Bernice McCord. She enjoyed visiting with friends and especially being able to visit her old home here, now transformed by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin James. Rand Perkins honored the two Bernices with a family dinner Saturday evening, giving them a chance to reminisce about their childhood, people and places. Sunday afternoon Ms. Jarnagin rode home

## County Will Hold . . .

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dents who use the Ruidoso library and who receive fire and ambulance service from the village. Ruidoso recently sent a letter to the county to invite two commissioners to meet with two Ruidoso village councilors to discuss the proposed fees to county residents. "Rather than us meeting," Howell said. "Let the people speak."

**Ruidoso Little Theatre**  
presents a  
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# NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

(Con't. from P. 4)

years or so. Mail to the Photographic Society may be sent to P.O. Drawer T, Ruidoso, NM 88366.

**Tourism Council Reception**  
Lincoln County Tourism Council invites the public to a reception Sunday, April 13 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 320 S. Lincoln in Capitan.

Guests from tourism councils in southeastern New Mexico will be honored. The Lincoln County Tourism Council is part of New Mexico State University's Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) project.

REDTT spring 1997 regional task force meetings will be held Sunday and Monday in Lincoln County. Agenda items include a public discussion of the Lincoln County Arts Council, the state's Art in Public Places program and the relationship among art, culture and economic development.

### Army Group To Arrive

The group of 24 from the U.S. Army will arrive in Carrizozo Saturday and stay until the 29th. They will participate in the Roving Sands 97 air defense artillery exercise. The group will be wearing gray uniforms, probably T-shirts and shorts with Army tags, while exercising during the mornings and running through town. When they leave Carrizozo about 11:30 a.m. each morning they will be wearing jet black uniforms with red name tags and jet black booney hats to simulate the enemy during their participation in Roving Sands 97.

### Community Action Agency Of Southern New Mexico Weatherization Assistance Program

We are currently accepting applications for our weatherization program for your area. Our program is for low income, elderly, and disabled residents. There is no charge to qualifying clients. If you are interested, you may get an application from Weatherization Program, P.O. Drawer 2227, Roswell, NM 88202. Or call 1-888-624-1660.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED:** Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lindsey of Corona announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Wayne to Marc Polosky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Polosky of Canton, OH. The couple will be married April 26 at Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Albuquerque.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the *News Around Lincoln County* column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.



**SIERRA BLANCA DAR MEMBERS**, with guest, from left: Gloria Fogerson, Lanita Raabak, president general Doris Kemper of Washington, D.C., Marcie Stewart, Wanda Duke, and June Rawley.



**EASTER EGGS WERE A DELIGHT TO THE YOUNG** at heart as well as the youngsters at the Carrizozo Park by the golf course March 29. Great grandmother Bessie Jones of Capitan watches her granddaughter Audrey Davis and great grandchildren Kerstie and Jace show off their eggs. Proud grandmother Betty Lou Joiner was filming the special event which was sponsored by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse. They hid more than 800 eggs.

## Capitan Mid-School . . .

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place in the high school division.

Other elementary teams were: Cindy Jackson's team of Dalana West, Stacey Trapp, Kate Cherry, Keith Sultemier, Brendon Osborn and Ryan Jackson which placed sixth in their division; Kathy Soliday's team of David Griego, Candle Turner, Kendall Jackson, Kaleo Wallace, Anna Hail and Javier Trost which placed eighth in their division; Mary Castenada's team of Josh Castenada, George Boese, Katrina Johns, Colt Freemole, James Boese and Jayna Johns which also placed eighth.

Odyssey of the Mind was founded by Dr. Samuel Micklus, professor emeritus at Glassboro State College in New Jersey. His goal was to capture the "spark of creative genius in all students" and give them freedom to develop it. The first world competition was held in 1980. This year more than 5,000 students will compete at the World Finals.

## Ask The AG . . .

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How can I protect myself?

The most useful tool in protecting yourself is to be skeptical of any wealth-building scheme that sounds too good to be true. Ask the company to back their claims in writing, including any guarantees they might make. If they refuse, don't bother! Do not allow yourself to be pressured into acting quickly, and think it through before you buy. Also, check with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division to see if the business has any outstanding complaints against it.

If you have any questions or think you might have been the victim of a wealth-building scam, contact the Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-678-1508 or write to PO Drawer 1508, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1508.

Odyssey of the Mind is now the largest worldwide creative problem-solving competition for children. Each year teams are given five new "problems". Odyssey has competition for children from kindergarten through college. All receive the same problems, but their solutions vary greatly because of individual innovation and imagination.

## News Around The State

### Stiffer Unemployment Penalties

In an effort to discourage fraudulent claims for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, the New Mexico Department of Labor will prosecute cases where UI benefits have been fraudulently received. Clinton D. Harden, Secretary of the Department, stated this will demonstrate that UI fraud will be dealt with as a serious criminal offense and, through court action, will recoup money for the trust fund that the Department is bound by law to protect.

Secretary Harden stated that the District Attorney from each Judicial District will be contacted for their assistance in prosecuting these cases. "In the past, this has been a very effective method in preventing fraud and collecting overpayments that are due the UI program," Harden said. "Our administrative penalties, denying future benefits, have little deterrent or punitive value in these fraud cases."

The New Mexico Department of Labor administers the UI program in New Mexico. Any person who has questions regarding UI benefits or outstanding overpayments, should call their nearest New Mexico Department of Labor Workforce Development Center for more information.

# Mountainair Ranger News

by Frank R. Martinez  
Mountainair District Ranger

The spring season has arrived with many exciting projects being planned and implemented on the forest.

### Highlights include:

**Fee demonstration project at recreation sites:** As with other government agencies, fiscal year budgets have been cut on the Mountainair Ranger District. With current trends for appropriations going down, local units will have less funding to manage and maintain recreational sites. Currently fees collected from recreation sites are given to the U.S. Treasury.

**Across the nation a new proposal called the fee demonstration project is being submitted.** This proposal would allow 80 percent of the fees to be returned directly back to the district for site maintenance and operation costs. Under this new system 50 recreation sites will be accepted into this program. If approved, our proposal for implementation of the fee demonstration project will be implemented in three phases. Phase 1, Red Canyon and Fourth of July will be incorporated summer of 1997. Phase 2, will add all picnic sites, parking at developed trailheads and campgrounds by 1998. Phase 3, will include the rest of the developed areas.

The fees collected under this project will augment appropriated funding in providing visitor information and on-site Forest Service visibility, operation and maintenance of the facilities, and collection compliance. As a user of the Mountainair Ranger District I would like to solicit input concerning this proposal. Please take the time to express your opinion on this issue. The feedback will help to better assess the situation and needs of the community and forest.

Fourth of July campground is closed for renovation. It is expected to be closed through the end of September 1997.

Forest products, wildlings and rock: Currently we are issuing permits for wildlings and rock. Wildlings are \$8.00 each up to 8 ft. pinyon or juniper. The type of rock

available is sandstone and the permit is \$10.00 for two tons.

**Fuelwood-weather permitting fuelwood areas will be open May 1.** Plan to cut wood early so it can be ready for burning by next fall. Cutting areas are in the Gallinas and Mangano units.

**Fire-new FMO:** We have a new FMO (fire management officer) for the Mountainair and Sandia Districts Fire Zone. Ruben Carrillo, born, reared and working in New Mexico most of his life, will be joining our staff in fire management. With his skills and experience in New Mexico we look forward to a successful program.

With the warm weather, winds, and lack of moisture, the forest is still very dry. We are asking everyone, again this season, to be very careful with fire while camping and picnicking and working at home. Remove dead and down material away from your home, trim back all fuel "ladders" at the bottom of trees, remove woodpiles from the side of your house. Call if you need information concerning urban-interface and wildfire. We will gladly help you in your defensible space planning.

Fire funding was reduced this year. We are down two fire fighters. Engines will be staffed five days and we will overlap their times to have at least one engine on every day.

**Wildlife-bighorn sheep:** Wildlife biologists are in the planning stages of transplanting approximately 30 head of bighorn sheep in the Mangano unit of the District. They will be released and monitored later this summer.

**Forest plan revision:** We need your interest and involvement in the Forest Plan Revision. This plan will guide management on direction and implementation of projects for the next 10 years. We have had minimal responses or interest in this important undertaking. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the future of forests. Contact us to receive information and be put on the mailing list.

If there are any questions, please contact the Mountainair Ranger District at 505-847-2990.

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**LEGLALS**

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 26, 1997, Rui, Inc., 1086 Mechem Drive c/o Lincoln Tower, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-579-S 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   | NW¼ NW¼ NE¼ | 30      | 10S      | 17E   |
| H-579-S-2 | NW¼ NE¼ NE¼ | 30      | 10S      | 17E   |

and ceasing the irrigation of 7,6923 acres of land described as follows:

| Subdivision | Section | Township | Range | Acres  |
|-------------|---------|----------|-------|--------|
| Pt. NE¼     | 30      | 10S      | 17E   | 7.6923 |
| Pt. SE¼     | 19      | 10S      | 17E   |        |
| Pt. NW¼     | 29      | 10S      | 17E   |        |

Applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing shallow wells:

| Well No.   | Subdivision | Section | Township | Range |
|------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------|
| H-2501     | SE¼ NW¼ SE¼ | 35      | 10S      | 13E   |
| H-2501-S   | SW¼ NE¼ SE¼ | 35      | 10S      | 13E   |
| H-2501-S-2 | SE¼ NE¼ SE¼ | 35      | 10S      | 13E   |
| H-2501-S-3 | SE¼ NE¼ NW¼ | 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. N¼ SE¼  | 35      | 10S      | 13E   | 7.6923 |
| Pt. SW¼ NE¼ | 35      | 10S      | 13E   |        |
| Pt. NE¼ SW¼ | 35      | 10S      | 13E   |        |
| Pt. SE¼ NW¼ | 35      | 10S      | 13E   |        |

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) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state and conservation of water within the state.

C/RRR No.: P 067 535 576

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**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 18, 1997, Eagle Creek Inter-Community Water Supply Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1078, Alto, New Mexico 88312, filed application No. 0178 & 783 into H-685 et al, with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion from surface to groundwater by ceasing the diversion of 500.0 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of Eagle Creek, which has its point of diversion located in the NW¼ SW¼ SE¼ of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental shallow wells H-1497 located in the SW¼ NW¼ SE¼ of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M., and H-1497-S located in the SW¼ NE¼ SE¼ of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes use of the following existing wells:

| Well No.  | Subdivision       | Section | Township | Range |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| H-685     | SW¼ NW¼           | 8       | 8S       | 14E   |
| H-685-S   | Blk. 24, Original |         |          |       |
|           | Capitan Townsite  | 10      | 9S       | 14E   |
| H-685-S-2 | NE¼ SW¼ NE¼       | 18      | 9S       | 15E   |
| H-685-S-3 | SE¼ SE¼ SE¼       | 12      | 9S       | 14E   |

for the diversion of 500.0 acre-foot per annum of groundwater for municipal purposes within the Village of Capitan.

Eagle Creek Inter-Community Water Supply Association, Inc. will enter a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey to install a surface water gauging station below the confluence of Government Spring with the Rio Bonito to assure a sufficient flow of surface water within the Rio Bonito to provide irrigation water supply for downstream surface water rights diverted from the Rio Bonito.

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 Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 20, 1997, Sun Mountain, Inc., P.O. Box 1948, Hobbs, NM 88240, filed application No. H-694-S-2 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to drill a supplemental shallow well 8 inches in diameter and approximately 600 feet in depth, at a point in the SW¼ of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 14 East or in the SW¼ SE¼ of Section 25, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the following existing shallow wells:

| Well No. | Subdivision | Section | Township | Range |
|----------|-------------|---------|----------|-------|
| H-694    | NE¼ SW¼ NW¼ | 30      | 10S      | 14E   |
| H-694-S  | NE¼ NE¼ SW¼ | 30      | 10S      | 14E   |

for the continued diversion of up to 193.2 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater for subdivision, domestic, and golf course purposes for Lincoln Hills County Club Subdivision, located as follows:

| Subdivision | Section | Township | Range |
|-------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Pt. SW¼ SE¼ | 25      | 10S      | 13E   |
| Pt. W¼      | 29      | 10S      | 14E   |
| Pt.         | 30      | 10S      | 14E   |

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 Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Village of Capitan Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on April 14, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Bldg. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) objectives. The CDBG program will 1) Benefit Principally Low and Moderate Income Persons. 2) Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slums or Blight. 3) Meet other Community Development Needs Having a Particular Urgency because Existing Conditions Pose a Serious and Immediate Threat to the Health or Welfare of a Community Where Other Financial Resources Are Not Available to Meet Such Needs. The CDBG Program will allow localities to apply for assistance under seven funding categories: 1) Community Infrastructure. 2) Housing. 3) Public Service Capital Outlay. 4) Economic Development. 5) Emergency. 6) Planning. 7) Colonias. The CDBG Program will be discussed in length. The public is encouraged to attend.

DEBORAH CUMMINS  
Clerk-Treasurer, CMC  
Village of Capitan

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**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 21, 1996, C.S. McCrossan, Inc., P.O. Box 1717, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed application numbered T-3118 (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to appropriate a total of 30 acre-foot of ground water during calendar years 1997 and 1998 within the Tularosa Underground Water Basin in Socorro County by use of a well 976 feet in depth with 6-inch casing, located in the NW¼ NW¼ NE¼ of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, N.M.P.M., for highway construction purposes under NMSHTD Project No. TPM-390-130399 US 390 Reconstruction across Sections 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15, all in Township 6 South, Range 7 East and Sections 18, 19, 20 and 29, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, all in Socorro County.

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 protest or objection shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas is accepting sealed bids for a 3M Personal Copier with stand, one paper tray, and five ink cartridges. The copier may be seen at the business office at 217 Lincoln in Capitan, NM between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A minimum bid of \$50.00 will be required. Reference "Copier" on the outside of the sealed

envelope and deliver it to the business office or mail it to Kay Strickland, Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, P.O. Box 640, Capitan, NM 88316. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 1997 and will be awarded on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at the monthly board meeting of the Board of Directors. Published in the Lincoln County News on April 3 and 10, 1997.

**LEGAL**

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

No. CV-96-12

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, 1/3 FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

McCULLOUGH REFRIGERATION, FOXWORTH-GALBRATH, INC., AND BUCKNER ELECTRIC,

Defendant(s).

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on April 16, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendant in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 4, Block 13 of Pinecliff, Unit 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on the Amended Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on August 7, 1967, in Tube No. 284; SUBJECT TO: All outstanding easements, rights-of-way, mineral leases, mineral reservations and mineral restrictions of record.

The address of the real property is 121 Reese Drive Box 15, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 9, 1996, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$51,454.46, plus interest from October 16, 1996 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.00% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Defendants Foxworth-Galbrath, Inc. and Buckner Electric have valid liens against the Property, subject only to the lien of the Plaintiff. At the date and time stated above, the Special

Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: March 13th, 1997.

NICK VEGA  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 383  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
505/648-2317

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Thursday, April 17, 1997, 7:00 p.m., MDT, at the Capitan School Board Room, present and publicly review a budget increase for the 1998-97 fiscal year. This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this 13th day of March 1997.

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Beverly Payne-Calaway,  
President

ATTEST:  
Freda McSwane,  
Secretary

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

JUAN LOPEZ, Petitioner,  
vs.  
CYNTHIA LOPEZ, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT THE STATE OF NEW

MEXICO TO: Cynthia Lopez.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now pending in the 12th Judicial District Court, Lincoln County Court House, Carrizozo, New Mexico, a lawsuit in which Juan Lopez is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent. The general object of the suit is a divorce, including an equitable division of community property and community debts, and attorney's fees to be awarded against you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion before May 29, 1997, judgment will be rendered in this cause against you by default.

The attorney for Petitioner is: Patricia S. Ortiz, 301 Mechem St., Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, 505-257-3525.

Alice Baca Baxter  
Court Administrator  
By: /s/ Joy Leslie  
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

No. 28-02-97-0061 GC

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO Plaintiff,

vs.  
BOB DUGGER Defendant

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On April 25, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, I will offer for sale and sell the below-described property to the highest bidder for cash or immediately available funds. Amounts due on the date of sale are \$5883.60 including interest at the rate of 20% per annum to date of sale, plus costs of sale estimated to be approximately \$250.00.

Said sale is pursuant to a judgment in the captioned cause filed October 29, 1996, in the Magistrate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico wherein the following property was seized under a Writ of Execution by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department:

- \* 1 ATC computer main frame with CD ROM Serial #A19020006
- \* 1 Panasonic Video Cassette Recorder Model PV-1520 Serial #L88A30790
- \* 1 Kenwood AM/FM Stereo tuner Serial 74K11572
- \* 1 Toshiba Compact Disc Player Serial #655209522
- \* 1 Emerson Computer Monitor Model 1400EM Serial #00904803
- \* 1 Tandy DMP 202 Printer Model F2010 Serial #20451
- \* 1 Quality Computer Keyboard Serial #19215
- \* 1 Volk's 6420 Phone modem Serial #04013
- \* 1 JVC controller Serial #05500253
- \* 32 Compact Discs
- \* 1 Gold/Mother of Pearl Mens ring
- \* 1 Turquoise/Silver Mens ring
- \* 1 Gold/Black Onyx w/ diamond chip Mens ring
- \* 1 Accutron Silver Watch
- \* 1 Midland Color Television Serial #161000826
- \* 1 Gray plastic toolbox w/misc tools
- \* 3 Men's suits & trousers

TOM SULLIVAN  
Lincoln County Sheriff

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a special budget workshop on Monday, April 21, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The budget workshop is open to the public, and will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The purpose of the workshop is to review budget requests for Fiscal Year 1997/1998. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the budget workshop.

MARTHA GUEVARA  
Assistant County Manager

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# A Plain Ole' Cowboy . . . Alex Fambrough

(Part One)

by Alexa Suenell Hooser

In the late 1800's, in Lincoln County, New Mexico, days bristled with activity. John Chisum, Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, and other not-quite-so famous men adorned the stage around old Lincoln Town. By the turn of the century, big progress had occurred. Gold mines in White Oaks enticed newcomers to stake a claim and try their luck. A new railroad cut a path through Carrizozo where area ranchers shipped livestock to other regions, and locals welcomed fresh produce from California. Copper mining in Carrizozo resulted in significant revenue and a brick factory commanded a brisk business in the tiny town of Ancho. With green lush, grass growing belly high to a pony, area ranchers knew the land was ripe for the cattle industry to bloom. Although bandits, an occasional Indian outbreak, and frequent cattle-rustling happened in the valley, the routine rowdiness of ranch hands performed the loudest cacophony on the prairie.

Cowboys, in general, were the lifeline of the times. These men, usually young, dotted the scene with flying lariats, jingling spurs, and chaps that flapped with every step. A well-worn stubble on cheeks tanned by the sun and chapped by the wind greeted strangers. Simple shirts, denim-clad legs, and boots laden with dirt, mud, and sometimes cow manure accentuated their presence. Accustomed to hard work, beads of perspiration covered faces that were always shielded by buff-colored sweat-rimmed Stetsons. Very often the aroma of Ben-Gay and Turpentine followed the cowboys affirming a fearsome battle with a wild one the day before. Routinely, bucking bulls and wild broncs intimidated the weak, challenged the strong, and took the wind out of countless braggarts. To be sure, many will recall the old west with great attachment, but some remembered overwhelming elements of raw misery.

Poverty, hard work, heartbreak, a questionable suicide, a range war, a strange lady with an overwhelming smile, court battles, austere health problems, and untimely deaths are painful elements that will cast a shadow over the arena when we peruse the turn-of-the-century history of a self-professed plain old cowboy. Our writing begins with the birth of our plain old cowboy in Ancho, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April 9th, 1906.

Alex Fambrough, the fourth of six children, was welcomed into a two-room, poorly built, cold and drafty dwelling on the family homestead in the Jack's Peak area near the Jicarilla Mountains. Ten days later, as his mother slapped the family wash on a rubboard, a stroke rendered her right arm and right leg partially paralyzed. Alex's older sister, Anna assumed the major portion of his care. Anna was only six years old at the time but Alex quickly became spoiled and looked to her for every-

thing. Alex remembers little of his pre-school days, but when the children began to reach school age Alex's parents made exceptional efforts to obtain education for them. (The Fambrough children include: Anna, born in 1900; Bill, born in 1902; Roy, born in 1904; Alex, born in 1906; Harve, born in 1907; and Harry, born in 1908).

In the beginning, tutors were hired to come into the home to teach the older children. Ms. Talbert, Ms. Griffin, and Ms. Burnett were among those who are remembered. In 1910 or 1911, Alex's father built a second home in the town of Ancho.

This is where Alex started first grade. He vividly remembers the first day of school. He recalls the fear and anxiety he experienced when some bigger boys took his shoes and hid them in a tree. Only after the teacher, Mr. Cardwell, retrieved the shoes and scolded the boys did Alex enter the school house clutching the teacher's hand and hiding his tear-stained face from the laughing children. Alex's mother and the children lived in Ancho for possibly two years, but the thirty mile round trip for the father each weekend eventually grew too cumbersome and the family moved back to the homestead.

Then a structure of some sort, possibly a shed, was commandeered for a schoolhouse at Jack's Peak which was only three miles from the Fambrough homeplace. After the family moved back, the children attended this school until a regular schoolhouse was constructed. Alex remembers mixing cement, and laying adobe blocks for the new one-room structure. Excitement abounded as the children either rode mules or rode in a hack pulled by mules to the new school. They carried water to drink and a lunch consisting of a five pound lard bucket full of beans and biscuits. They ate out of the community bucket with spoons, and Alex remembers, his older brothers had the advantage of longer arms and commanding authority. School was only held during the summer because winters were harsh in the Jack's Peak area. During one late blizzard, Alex's father came to fetch the children in the family Overland Sedan. No road was visible, and the sedan had to snake its way across the prairie to find the little schoolhouse. The return trip home was terrifying for the children. When the homesite was reached, snow

was a foot deep everywhere. The children were hoisted, one by one, onto the big strong shoulders of their dad to be carried into the house.

Anna lived with a family friend in Carrizozo to complete high school. For the most part, however, the boys attended only elementary school because of the heavy work load on the ranch. But Alex's parents made sacrifices to get the best education possible for all the children. Perhaps this was because they, as children, had little opportunity for formal learning.



Alex's father, Sam B. Fambrough, was the first of eight children born to Molly Boone and William Thomas Fambrough in Breckenridge, Texas, in 1873. When his mother, died at a young age, Sam had difficulties with a new step-mother, Emmaline Williams. Details about Sam's relationship with his father are unknown, but as a teenager, Sam chose to leave home and seek his own fortune.

He headed toward New Mexico, and stopped at windmills, stock tanks, or creeks for water and a place to rest. When he reached the Capitan Mountains, he landed a job on the Block Ranch. The Block Ranch was known as the largest ranch in New Mexico. Sam worked at the Labadee Canyon Camp. It was located east of Patos Mountain. Sam left his father's home in Wayland, Texas at 17, and traveled around for awhile before going to work on the Block Ranch in 1893 at the age of 20. Sam was of large stature, extremely strong, and a very hard worker. He quickly made headway as a wrangler, then bronc rider, and later, a top hand.



Being as the cowboys were often paid in calves, when Sam left the Block Ranch ten years later, he had the beginnings of his own herd. He also had a darkeyed daughter whom he would always favor, and a pretty young wife whose name was Minda. Sam Fambrough met Minda Hazelwood at social gatherings and dances at the Pine Lodge, which was near the present town of Alto. He was impressed with Minda's ability to play the fiddle and soon asked her to specialize her music just for him. Sam, about 24, and Minda, at 20, were wed in Roswell, New Mexico, in January, 1907.

Minda's mother was pleased with the union as she had struggled to raise her children after an Indian attack took Minda's father. (Minda Hazelwood, born July 17, 1877, was the child of Luizy "Curley" and Jerry Hazelwood of Cedar Hills, New Mexico. Little is known about Minda and her family except that Jerry Hazelwood's death happened when Minda was older than eleven, and that he was killed by Indians). After living at the cow camp for several years, Sam and Minda chose a site to homestead.

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