

USDA Pledges \$70,000 More For Horse Arena

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners squabbled over \$2,500 requested by Zia Therapy Center to provide respite care for families with members who need 24 hour care at the same meeting where they dedicated \$22,000 more from this year's budget toward construction of the horse arena at the Lincoln County Glencoe Rural Events Center.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, commissioners again considered requests for

funding from their 1997-98 budget. County resident Bob Finley requested commissioners providing funding for the Zia program because it is the only program that gives the care givers in families with members who need 24 hour care any time off. All funds for the program stay with Lincoln County families.

County commission chairman Monroy Montes was reluctant. "Shouldn't these families take care of their own?" he asked. "What's the point interfering with fami-

lies." He didn't think it was the role of government to subsidize families.

Commissioner Ray Nunley suggested they split the difference between \$2,500 for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and Zia Therapy. Commissioner Wilton Howell objected. "If we do that, let's take \$2,500 from the coyotes (Animal Damage Control, ADC)."

Montes said the ADC takes care of the agricultural interests. "Old and sick people are not our problem," Montes said

in reference to Zia respite programs.

Commissioner Bill Schwettman was all for funding the Zia respite program. "It's the only humane thing to do," he said.

Other requests for special funding came from the village of Corona for \$2,500 to assist with its solid waste costs; Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District and \$10,000 more for Better Days counseling service which serves the detention center and county legal system.

But Howell said the proposed budget was already in deficit spending. "This is a long way from a balanced budget," Howell said. He claimed the proposed budget was \$1.56 million in the hole.

County manager Frank Potter said that to accurately figure the budget the \$800,000 for capital improvements to the hospital and the Rural Economic Business Grant funds must be taken out. Once taken out, "we have the greatest budget in Lincoln County."

Commissioners approved funding the \$1,000 to the Claunch Pinto Soil and Water conservation district, but denied the \$2,500 to Corona because the village does not

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American Marine Institute Wins Bid For Camp At CSB

American Marine Institute won the bid for operating a juvenile "boot camp" at Camp Sierra Blanca, reported Capitan board of education president Beverly Payne Calaway during the recent county commission meeting.

Calaway said she was one of an evaluation committee which met last week in Albuquerque at the office of Children Youth and Families secretary Heather Wilson to review the proposals for the juvenile camp.

Calaway said American Marine Institute, out of Florida, wants to send representatives to the county commission to discuss their plans for the juvenile camp which will have up to 50 male juveniles. "Public safety is their number one concern," Calaway said.

American Marine Institute plans to open the camp by July 1 and will be bringing about three kids a week to the facility, Calaway said.

Commission chairman Monroy Montes said Secretary Wilson called each of the commissioners personally about the contract, and "bragged on" the abilities and input Calaway brought to the committee.

Calaway said the institute plans to have a community advisory board, and brings a great deal of experience with such juvenile camp programs. The institute has had great success with its "Last Chance Camps" for juvenile offenders. The institute plans to bring only non-violent juveniles to the camp.

Sheriff's Office Seeks Identity Of Burned Body

A Ruidoso wood cutter found the charred body of woman in a vehicle at Hale Lake near Ruidoso Downs on Thursday, May 8.

According to Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, by late Wednesday his office had not received confirmation of dental records which would provide a positive identification of the body found in the burned out vehicle last week.

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THE OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. electrical safety program was presented for Carrizozo School May 8 for students grades K-8. Director of Member Services Wayne McGee demonstrates the unseen dangers of electricity and how to be safe. Each student attending the program received a certificate of recognition for successfully participating in the electrical safety program.

Carrizozo Wants Airport Grants, Not Drag Racing

by Barbara Culler

The Carrizozo Board of Trustees on May 13 held their regular meeting.

Professional Engineers, Inc., from Socorro was awarded the Community Development Block Grant planning grant. They will receive the \$25,000 for conducting the study for the town.

Bill Lorang, project manager for Professional Engineers, Inc., discussed at the public hearing right after the awarding of the of the grant how he will be gathering information for the Infrastructure Master Plan, which will be a ten-year plan. The study is to identify infrastructure improvement needs, which include streets, water, and sewer. The goal of the plan is to improve the economics of Carrizozo.

The public hearing was the first of three public hearings to be held for this study. The tentative dates for the other two public hearings are June 11 and July 8.

Lorang stated he will be gathering information and recommendations from the town staff, police chief, fire chief, state engineer, New Mexico State Highway Department, and from the public. The recommendations and information he receives on the needs of Carrizozo will then be prioritized and used in making application for funds to meet these needs.

He said it usually takes eleven months for a study, but he hopes to have September 1 as the date by which to have the prioritized list finished and to have the fund grant in around November 12.

During this study Professional Engineers, Inc. hopes to

attend every other town council meeting to give the trustees an update and to gather more data for the study. Lorang says he wants to expedite the process as much as possible but to do it right.

He welcomes citizen input and feels that the citizens of Carrizozo and Professional Engineers, Inc. have a common goal in improving the city and its economics.

During discussion, some of the items he said he will be investigating are: the potential of the industrial park, looking at the recent traffic study, fire protection system, how public buildings meet the fire code, and compliance with the safe drinking water act.

The trustees approved two proclamations. May 22-30 was proclaimed Veterans Appreciation Week to pay homage and give recognition to the men and women who served our country and gave special contributions to the security of our nation. This year is the 52nd year since the end of World War II. It was the largest and most costly war in the history of mankind resulting in the loss of 50 million human lives and was fought all around the world.

There will be a combined Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Service Saturday, May 24 at the Fort Stanton Memorial Cemetery.

Trustee Eileen Lovelace asked Carrizozo Chief of Police Duane Vinson to see if the Rotary flags could be placed out every day during Veterans Appreciation Week.

The week of May 18-24 was proclaimed as Emergency Medical Services Week. Two-thirds of all emergency medi-

cal services providers are volunteers, this includes emergency physicians, nurses, medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, educators, administrators, and others. Trustee Ruth Armstrong stated that "They are the reason people can live in Carrizozo."

Carrizozo resident Mary Lu Nickels asked the trustees for information and help in the

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Odd/Even Watering Required In Ruidoso

The village of Ruidoso is still in Phase 1 of its water contingency plan.

This means the village has sufficient water for residents to water outdoor landscaping. But residents need to know that Phase 1 still requires the odd/even system of watering.

With the odd/even system, residents who live at addresses with odd numbers may water on odd numbered days and residents with addresses with even numbers may water on even numbered days.

During the regular Ruidoso council meeting Tuesday, village deputy manager Alan Briley said as he drives about the village now he sees that most residents are not aware of the odd/even requirement. Under the water contingency plan, residents who violate the plan will be given verbal warning on the first offense, and could be fined on the second or subsequent offense.

For more information about the water contingency plan, call village hall.

Ruidoso Schedules Budget Workshops

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council will hold two special workshops to review its proposed 1997-98 budget at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) May 15 and at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 16.

The public is invited to attend the workshops being held in the village council meeting room in the village administration building on Cree Meadows Drive.

Final public hearing will be held during the regular meeting of May 27, when councilors will take action to adopt the budget.

The proposed 1997-98 budget shows a decrease of \$7.6 million in revenues, and a \$787,000 overall decrease in expenditures. In the budget package provided village councilors during their regular meeting Tuesday, village manager Gary Jackson states that gross receipt taxes are the single largest source of income for the village General Fund, and the next fiscal year will be the first in recent history that the village will have gross receipt taxes from Wal-Mart for only a portion of the year.

In the introduction to the proposed budget, Jackson concludes that significant reductions in expenditures are proposed, "which is the financially prudent approach to take." In addition to the budgetary reductions in the proposed budget, Jackson will

also recommend the village investigate consolidating services with other governmental entities, especially the county and privatization of delivery of various municipal services.

The proposed budget shows estimated revenues of \$15,528,484 in all funds combined with \$6,269,693 of those "restricted" or dedicated to various projects; and expenditures of all funds combined of \$19,355,453 of which \$9,421,221 are "restricted" funds. The proposed budget shows \$10,340,643 in beginning cash balance and \$6,513,674 estimated ending cash balance as of June 30, 1998.

Copies of the proposed budget may be viewed at village hall during regular business hours.

The public is invited to the budget meetings.

Does Capitan Baseball Field Need New Name?

Capitan Board of Education member Tom Trost wants to rename the baseball field located north of Highway 380, the "Herbert Lee Traylor Memorial Field" in honor of the now deceased long-time educator.

Currently the park bears the name "Don Dose Memorial Park" in honor of the deceased Lincoln County

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CARRIZOZO GREATEST GRIZZLY awards were presented to seniors Keri Shafer and Willie Silva during the Grizzly Athletic awards banquet Tuesday. Silva also received the Golden Helmet award for defensive and offensive player of the year.

Carrizozo Wants Airport Grants

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handling of what she believes is a zoning code violation at 7th and E Avenues with James Zimmerman. Nickels stated that Zimmerman had been advertising 24-hour car repair at this location, which is zoned for residential.

Nickels stated she has made many requests for the city police department to handle this situation and understands that the police have given Zimmerman both verbal and written warnings. Nickels says this has been going on for a year and a half and she is not clear on the statute of

how many warnings are given and what happens when the warnings are not heeded. Nickels wanted to know what steps will be taken now and in the future. Vinson was asked if there were any time limits between warnings and penalties. Vinson said that there was not. Armstrong said that maybe the trustees should look into setting time limits.

Nickels feels that if it is this is allowed in a residential area people will not want to move to Carrizozo.

Carrizozo resident Nick Vega told the trustees that Johnny Ortiz has started a repair shop and is running a wrecker across the street from his home.

He also stated that Mr. Hammond was working on vehicles across the alley from his residence. Ruth Hammond told the trustees it was not a shop but was a private garage. Their son Josh Hammond was building his stock car and repairing a pickup to tow the stock car. Hammond's and their son's personal vehicles are worked

on there.

Vinson said he would look into the reported code violations and report back to the trustees at the May 27 meeting. He said that the police Public Service Aide (PSA) handles code enforcement and he has moved him from the midnight shift to days. Vinson told the trustees they will see a great improvement in the code enforcement area.

During the police general report, Vinson thanked The Lincoln County News for the article on the latest mail scam in the Carrizozo area.

About ten local businesses have received letters from Nigeria offering 20 percent of \$21 million for allowing money to be transferred from Nigeria into the businesses checking account. The letters come in Air Mail envelopes with no return address - just a telephone and fax number. Vinson asked if you receive one of these letters please bring it to the police department. The New Mexico Attorney General's office is working on stopping this mail scam.

Vinson introduced new police officer Milton Herrington.

On May 15, Vinson said the flag in front of police headquarters will be at half mast. That is National Peace Officer Memorial Day for police officers who have died in the line of duty. Memorial Day is the only other day that it has been approved by the federal government to fly the flag at half mast. New Mexico has had 127 officers that have died in the line of duty. May 10-16 is National Peace Officer Week.

Several weeks ago Bob Kurtz, traffic engineer out of Roswell, was in Carrizozo to look at the traffic situation in town with Vinson. At the intersection of Highway 380 and Highway 54, Vinson is hoping to get the speed limit lowered coming in on Highway 380 from the golf course. He hopes this can be accomplished within the next three weeks. Last year by this time there were 15 accidents; so far this year, there have been three. Kurtz agreed this is a dangerous intersection and he

is receptive to Vinson's ideas for the intersection.

The local people realize how dangerous the intersection is, Vinson said, the problem is that those from out-of-town do not realize the danger.

Other items handled by the trustees were:

-Approved Resolution 97-5 Increase in 1996-97 Budget. This will transfer \$1,000 from the general fund to the law enforcement fund to cover police vehicle repairs until the 1997-98 Budget goes into effect.

-Passed a motion to continue the drag car racing contract at the airport through November, but not to renew the contract in 1998. The trustees want to apply for funding to improve runways, taxiways, numbering, and other improvements of the airport. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Fort Worth had previously informed the trustees that as long as the drag racing was at the airport the city could not be considered for grant money. The trustees feel that without the drag racers there they would be eligible and receive grant money for airport improvements.

-Approved the municipal court clerk attending the Municipal Conference in Albuquerque June 2 and 3.

-Approved the municipal judge to attend the Municipal Conference on June 3-6 in

Does Capitan Baseball . . .

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Sheriff's Department dispatcher.

During the May 8 Capitan school board meeting Trost questioned if the park had been officially named, and no one knew, so he suggested the name change. School superintendent Diana Billingsley suggested the board solicit opinions from the public.

Get an opinion about re-naming the ball park? If so, call Billingsley at 354-2239.

Sheriff's Office Seeks Identity . . .

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On Monday, Sullivan sent a deputy to the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) in Albuquerque with dental records of a person police believed could be the victim. Sullivan said the body was of a female in her 40s. He believed the woman was from the Ruidoso area.

The woodcutter found the burned out car and called the sheriff's office about 2:25 p.m. May 8. Two deputies immediately responded, and called for assistance from the forest service officer and another deputy. Sullivan said he also responded to the scene.

Sullivan said his office is treating the incident as a possible homicide, but there was evidence at the scene to make officers believe it could have been a suicide. The remnants of a dryer vent hose was found stretched from the back area of the car to the front, leading officers to suspect it could have been connected the exhaust pipe to the cab of the car.

The vehicle burned so hot that vehicle identification numbers were melted, but police were able to identify part of the license plate and with the help of the Motor Vehicles Department narrowed the possible make of the car to a 92 Oldsmobile Cutlase Supreme.

The responding fire marshal determined there was no evidence of accelerant used in the fire, which started within the cab of the car.

Sullivan said he could not provide positive identification of the victim until the OMI confirms the dental records.

Albuquerque.

-Approved the town foreman to attend Water School May 22-23 in Farmington.

-Approved payment to Carl Vaypot of \$250 for preparation of the new town logo. The Lodger's Tax Committee would like to see the logo on everything in town.

-Denied Ruth Armstrong's request for a variance at 400 10th Street. Armstrong abstained from voting.

-Accepted resignations from Planning and Zoning Committee of Ann Buffington and Rene Burton.

-Approved all business registrations.

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Carrizozo Board of Trustees is May 27 at 6:00 p.m.

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Odyssey Closer To Goal

The Capitan Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team received more than \$4,000 May 10 to help pay expenses for their trip to represent New Mexico at the World Championship Odyssey of the Mind competition in Maryland next month. The Capitan Odyssey group participated in the annual Cinco de Mayo roping at the Espuela Arena in Hondo.

Ralph and Lindy Montes and their family donated their time as flagger, announcer and timer for the event and they also donated the proceeds from the roping, \$2,400 to the Capitan group.

Approximately 70 ropers from around the state competed in the ropings.

Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. donated \$1,000 for the event and that money was used to purchase a hand-engraved saddle for first place and six engraved breast collars for the team winners in each roping.

Roswell Livestock and Paul's Veterinary Supply donated saddle blankets and ropes for the competition. John and P.K. Jones (J.J.J.) Ranch in Nogal donated food for the concession and Furr's donated soft drinks. Ten employees from the Walmart store in Ruidoso donated their time and effort to support the roping. In addition, Walmart will contribute matching funding of \$1,500.

The Capitan Odyssey group will need \$7,000 to \$8,000 to pay all the expenses for the trip.

Scenic Byways New Brochures

The Billy the Kid Scenic Byway is being publicized in a new brochure. The Billy the Kid Scenic Byway is a loop from Ruidoso to Hondo on Highway 70, back to Capitan

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 - Adult singles group 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso. For more information call 354-2635 or 258-4680 or 257-5077.
 - THURSDAY, MAY 15**
 - Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Advisory Board special meeting 1 p.m. city hall.
 - NMSU Food Class, 2-4 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
 - Ruidoso Council budget workshop 5:30 p.m. village hall.
 - Lincoln County Medical Center board of trustees 6 p.m. hospital conference room.
 - Annual San Isidro Fiesta at Peralta Ranch, Mass at 8:30 p.m. followed by potluck dinner.
 - Lincoln County Democratic Party meeting 6:30 p.m. Swiss Chalet Motel in Ruidoso.
 - Cancer support group 7 p.m. Texas New Mexico Power Co. in Ruidoso.
 - Ruidoso #85, Order of Eastern Star study class 7 p.m.
 - Carrizozo FFA Awards Banquet, 7 p.m. school cafeteria.
 - FRIDAY, MAY 16**
 - Ruidoso Village Personnel Board special meeting 8:30 a.m. village hall.
 - NMSU Food Class 9-11 a.m. Ruidoso Senior Center.
 - Capitan Kindergarten graduation 6 p.m. new gym.
 - Carrizozo Kindergarten graduation 6:30 p.m. old gym.
 - SATURDAY, MAY 17**
 - Republican Women of Lincoln County annual membership brunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ruidoso Women's Club.
 - SUNDAY, MAY 18**
 - Drag Races at Carrizozo Municipal Airport.
 - MONDAY, MAY 19**
 - TOPS 5:30 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo.
 - Capitan Music Festival group 7 p.m. Lincoln County Mercantile and Trading Post (old bargain store) in Capitan.
 - TUESDAY, MAY 20**
 - Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. Ruidoso civic center.
 - NMSU Food Class 2-4 p.m. Corona and San Patricio Senior Centers.
 - Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. administration building.
 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**
 - Capitan Baccalaureate 5 p.m. new gym.
 - Carrizozo Baccalaureate 7 p.m. St. Rita Church.
 - NMSU Food Class 9-11 a.m. Ruidoso Senior Center.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
 - FRIDAY, MAY 23**
 - Last day of school at Capitan.
 - Carrizozo High School graduation 7 p.m. old gym.
 - SATURDAY, MAY 24**
 - Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Service 10:30 a.m. Fort Stanton Cemetery.
 - Capitan High School graduation 11 a.m. football field.

Boy's Grizzly Awards

The Carrizozo Grizzly athletic awards banquet was held May 13 in the school cafeteria. Boy's awards presented, grades 5-12:

The golden helmet defensive and offensive player of the year and the greatest grizzly award were presented to Willie Silva, third team all-district running back, first team all-district defensive back, second team all-state defensive back, six man all-star game June 14. He also received a certificate, two bars (for his letter), one football and one basketball.

Ryan Roper, first team all-district punter, first team all-state punter, third team all-district QB, honorable mention all-state QB, third team all-district linebacker, honorable mention all-state linebacker. He received letter and certificate, three bars, one football, one basketball and one track.

Certificate, two bars, one football and one basketball were presented to Bud Maynard, Justin Serna, Josh Vega.

Certificates, one bar, football were presented to Cash Spanhanks, Eldon Offutt, Miguel Najer, Briton Goad.

Certificate, one bar, basketball were presented to John Paul Ortiz, Rob Shafer, Carlos Garcia.

Letter and certificate, one bar, one basketball were presented to Adam Samora.

Letter and certificate, two bars, one football and one basketball were presented to Bryan Hightower.

Schlarb To Attend Conference

Carrizozo Town Clerk Carol Schlarb, CMCAAE, will attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Conference in Buffalo, NY May 17 through May 25. Schlarb is president of the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Financial Officer's Association.

The theme of the conference is *Building Bridges to the 21st Century*. The Municipal Clerk's profession has been around almost since the beginning of time and has also been known as the oldest profession. This 51st annual conference gives clerks the opportunity to stay abreast of advances in technology and to apply these changes to their profession.

Advanced academy programs at the conference include Planning a Life and Living a Plan which explores the benefits of systematic life planning; the Changing Dynamics of Local Economic Development which highlights the major trends expected to influence the way to do business in the coming years and their impact of major areas of concern; Re-Engineering the Municipal Clerk's Department which shows how to organize by core processes and results, manage implemented change, track performance, and successfully manage processes and results and learn what top managers are doing to re-engineer their organizations and what works and doesn't work for them; Beyond Diversity, Actions Speak Louder Than Words, designed to help the clerk's municipality move beyond debate about diversity toward demonstrating a commitment to valuing diversity as a vital resource in the workplace and community; Managing Change and Conflict in Today's Municipal Organizations, which will allow participants to examine their own approaches to both change and conflict and learn how to channel their styles into successful and less stressful adaptations to change and the management of differences.

Concurrent education sessions include: Small Town

Issues and Solutions, Current Problems and Some Solutions, Technology and Municipal Management, Leadership, Teamwork and Performance, Standards and New Releases, Growing Personally and Professionally, and On Community Service to Citizens.

An advanced academy study tour Sunday will be Communicating Today and Preserving Tomorrow. A Plenary Session May 22 will be Managing to Have Fun, on the use of fun and humor as a management skill.

Highlights of the week-long conference are the board of director's meeting, standing committees, annual business meeting, opening ceremony, and exhibit hall information showing what is the latest in municipal clerk related services and products.

The mission of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks is to prepare its membership to meet the challenge of the diverse roles of the municipal clerk by providing services and continuing professional development opportunities to benefit members and the government entities they serve.

Schlarb took office Oct. 1 as president of the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association. Her duties began in May last year when, as president-elect, she helped the New Mexico Municipal Clerks host the IIMC International Conference in Albuquerque. More than 1,500 municipal clerks from around the United States and other countries attended the week-long conference in Albuquerque.

Schlarb's expenses will be paid by the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Financial Officer's Association.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

It looks easy from here

By Ruth Hammond

The cartoon on this page last week included the statement: Nobody knows more about raising kids than someone who's NEVER had any! That is true not only for raising children, but also for holding elected office. The majority of us have never held public office but it is easy for us to tell the politicians how they should be conducting business. It looks easy from this side.

Elected officials have certain rules they must follow, or rather they have certain rules they SHOULD follow. Actually, if these elected officials would do the things they SHOULD do it would make for better government at all levels, municipal, county, state and federal. But too often elected officials are too busy trying to promote projects for their own benefit or the benefit of someone "special" to those that government gets complicated instead of providing efficient, better government for all of us.

One instance is the Carrizozo Town Council agreeing they want to apply for grants to improve the airport and decided to not renew the drag racing contract next year. That is their choice and it may or may not be the correct thing to do. The one major thing that is wrong is that the town council isn't following the plans for the airport that were determined several years ago.

Some of you may remember the airport plan with the display of overlays that showed how the airport looked at the time and how it would look as each improvement was being made. The airport plan progressed according to schedule with the tie-down area being paved, the tie-downs being installed, paving of the apron and taxi-way and paving the area where hangars could be built. The plan called for only T hangars to be built which would nest together. These T hangars would help improve the look of the airport as each hangar was built according to plan.

Then the town council apparently decided to not follow the plan, because now the town is NOT requiring that T hangars be built according to the original plan. Instead of being uniform, as was planned, the town apparently forgot or didn't care enough to make certain the plan was followed for growth at the airport. Another instance is the Lincoln County Commission meeting dates and places. The county commission decided they would meet in Ruidoso three times this year but those three meetings were held a long time ago in Ruidoso and we have seven and a half months to go before the end of the year. Actually the county commission said three "Regular" meetings and the majority of the meetings being held in Ruidoso are "Special" meetings but the "Special" meeting May 29 will take the place of the regular June 10 meeting which makes it more confusing to the public.

When we suggested in this column February 27 that the county might be trying to slip something by everyone without notice by changing the meeting date and place, county commissioner Moory Montes clarified that it was never the intent to get away from the regular meeting. We accepted his clarification and assumed county business would be conducted in the official county headquarters, not miles away from the county records.

Yes, we are aware the June 10 meeting date had to be changed to allow county officials to attend the New Mexico Association of Counties meeting but that is a poor excuse for changing the meeting place. Makes us wonder what "Surprises" will be placed on the agenda now that the meeting will be held in Ruidoso.

Mr. Montes also said during the March 1 meeting in Ruidoso that he found the comments in this column a little misleading. It has never been our intent to mislead anyone, but we would like to have answers to our questions and we would like to be told the truth about what actions are being taken and why.

We would like to know why elected officials don't follow the rules and do the things they SHOULD be doing for the public.

Who isn't following the rules?



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—The treasure hunt at Victorio Peak has been on hold for over a year now, with no signs that we'll learn anytime soon whether "Doc" Noss really found thousands of gold bars and historical artifacts stashed in caverns beneath the hill.

Noss claimed to have found the fabled caverns in 1937. Indian and Spanish lore told of such a place that had been used by various groups over the centuries to hide their wealth. Noss claimed to have brought up a small number of gold bars, but since they were illegal to possess or sell, he couldn't use them to finance a recovery operation.

His troubles grew when he tried dynamiting a narrow passage so government agents and possible financiers could traverse the treacherous descent. The blast sealed the passage with tons of dirt and rock.

But the biggest blow came when the federal government began using the area for a bombing range in World War II. Following the war, the area became White Sands Missile Range and remained closed to further excavation by Noss.

Over the years, many stories of unauthorized entry, some by individuals and some by the military, were added to the fable. In 1987 some of the Noss heirs, led by grandson Terry Delonas, formed a corporation to get back on the peak and put the stories to rest one way or the other.

When they received no cooperation from WSMR, they went to Washington and convinced Rep. Joe Skeen to sponsor legislation directing the Army to allow the Ova Noss Family Partnership (ONFP) to hunt for the treasure.

According to Delonas, the secretary of the Army lent his full support, feeling that it would aid the Army's mission to put the matter to rest. But WSMR officials, apparently saw the operation only as a detraction from the base's mission. That meant charges at least as high as those charged commercial contractors rather than much lower prices originally quoted to ONFP.

Delonas claims that subsequent years were filled with delays, lack of cooperation, refusal to itemize charges, and unreasonable restrictions. There are also stories of WSMR officials using the excessive charges for improvements to base recreational facilities.

A year ago ONFP said it

had paid the base over \$800,000, mostly for unneeded services and that it would make no further payments until it received itemized bills so those services could be tracked. WSMR denied further access until ONFP deposited another \$100,000.

During the ensuing year, little has happened to resolve the issue. Rep. Skeen's office has requested an accounting of the charges but has received only an assurance that an internal audit revealed no problems.

Shortly before the shutdown, a large collapse occurred in which an area suddenly dropped 60 feet into a large void. Could this have been one of the caverns Doc talked about?

Recently the Vatican Museum wrote Pres. Bill Clinton and Gov. Gary Johnson stating that it had heard enough stories about the recovery of religious artifacts from the peak that it feels any relics recovered would illumi-

nate much of the early history of the Catholic Church in the New World. The Vatican requested to be kept advised of the excavation's progress and to have a representative on site while items are recovered.

Gov. Johnson replied that New Mexico has no jurisdiction in the matter other than environmental. This is a weak position in light of previous state officials who have maintained that the state retains much more than environmental rights when it gives up land for use by the federal government.

The battle isn't over yet. Charges and countercharges of the past year mean that it will take more than just money for ONFP to return to the peak. Delonas has begun going to the press with accusations against the Army that he kept quiet for years while seeking cooperation. He's working the congressional angle again. And if relations get bad enough, it eventually could end up in court.

DA Says Lincoln County Needs More Jail Space

by Doris Cherry

Scot Key, the 12th Judicial District Attorney, told the Lincoln County Commissioners during their meeting Tuesday in the courthouse that they must plan to expand the existing jail, or plan for a new jail, to meet the needs of future inmate populations in this time of toughened penalties.

Key presented his recommendations to the Lincoln County Commissioners during their regular meeting Tuesday in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Lincoln County Detention Center administrator Wayland Hill said the jail had 43 inmates that day, only nine less than capacity. Since

1992, when the jail had a population made up of inmates convicted of simple misdemeanors and inmates from Tularosa, and Otero County, until March 1997, the jail population has increased 50 percent for both males and females.

Key said other counties have been forced to build new jail space because they managed by crisis. He suggested Lincoln County look at its problems with its jail and begin to plan now. To relieve the current crowding, Key said he analyzed the county jail inmates to determine if he could release any misdemeanant or nonviolent prisoners to

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

Fishing Report

The New Mexico fishing report released on May 6:

Fishing is good at Elephant Butte using split shot rigs for black bass in main lake coves. Some good black bass are being taken in the Upper Lake flipping plastics. Fishing is good using jugging spoons and crank baits for white bass. The best white bass activity is in the Narrows. Fishing is fair for striped bass but they are moving around quite a bit. If you can find them, best bets are top water lures and live bait/balloon rigs. Fishing is good using cut bait and minnows for catfish north of the Narrows.

Bonito Lake: fishing is good using garlic cheese, red marshmallows, salmon eggs and power bait.

Grindstone: Fishing is good using fly and bubble combinations and power bait.

For complete information pertaining to fishing conditions, handicapped accessibility, or boating conditions, call the state department of game and fish toll-free line 1-800-ASK-FISH.

Battle Of Glorieta

The New Mexico Civil War Commemorative Congress in conjunction with the Museum de Las Golondrinas invites the public to attend a living history Civil War weekend to commemorate the famous Civil War Battle of Glorieta May 17 and 18. The schedule includes living history activities, daily battles at 2 p.m., authentic 1860s camp sites, and demonstrations of infantry, artillery, and cavalry.

EMU Commencement

Commencement at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales will be Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m. There are 380 candidates for graduation.

The day's activities begin at 9 a.m. with a meeting of the board of regents. At 1 p.m. the ROTC will hold a commissioning. The nurse's pinning ceremony will be at 2 p.m. a student-sponsored baccalaureate will be at 3 p.m. and the alumni reception will be at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: This spring, 52 years after his death, our country has finally dedicated a memorial to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

He now officially joins the other great ones, Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln in our nation's capitol.

Born into an aristocratic New York family of Dutch origin, Roosevelt would have all the advantages of wealth and position. But at Harvard he was dismissed as a lightweight by his peers.

Then at age 39, this powerful and athletic man suffered a blow from fate that would have destroyed many a lesser man. Stricken by polio, he would never again walk unaided and would be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

Told that his political career was over, Roosevelt would have none of it and he rose first to be governor of New York and then to be elected to four terms as President of the United States.

When Roosevelt entered office in 1933, at the peak of the Great Depression, he became leader of a demoralized nation, where millions of desperate people were without work or hope. Many were on the verge of starvation. The most powerful industrial nation on earth had virtually ground to a halt.

With his iron will, unquenchable spirit and great soul, Roosevelt rallied our nation. He assembled a brain trust that would, in the best American tradition, try a number of measures to lift our nation out of the Depression. Some were undeniably Socialist, some worked, some didn't. Some were knocked down by the Supreme Court.

With the help of his compassionate and intelligent wife, Eleanor, (considered by many historians to be America's greatest First Lady), the aged, the ill, the poor and hungry and the downtrodden minorities would at last see a ray of light enter their otherwise dismal lives. Just as he had risen above his own personal misfortune, Roosevelt with his courage and jaunty self-confidence, inspired America to rise up out of the work depression in our history. And none too soon. Roosevelt would soon face an even greater challenge.

In Germany, Adolf Hitler, with stunning and barbaric genius, had turned that country into the most powerful military nation on earth, with the ultimate aim of world domination and the enslavement or annihilation of the Jews, Slavs and all peoples of color.

In Asia, the Japanese warlords saw this as an opportunity to cast off the chains of European imperialism and to take over all of Asia for themselves. 53 million people would perish before this madness came to an end. The allied victory in World War II was largely due to Roosevelt's leadership.

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His early aid to Britain, the Soviet Union and China, enabled those countries to stay in the war until the full industrial and military might of the United States could be brought to bear.

The United States came out of WWII by far the most powerful nation on earth, a position it still holds. Roosevelt also positioned our nation for ultimate victory in the Cold War (that sometimes turned hot, as in Korea and Vietnam.)

This Memorial Day, give a moment of thought to the memory of this great man who was so instrumental in leading our nation to its present pre-eminent position on earth.

DONALD QUEEN
Carrizozo, NM

DA Says Lincoln

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house arrest. He was unable to release more than two. "We're about at our limit," he said.

"I don't want to alarm anyone," Key said. "I just suggest the county look at the problem."

Key then suggested the county consider expansion, contracting with another county to provide jail space or consider a private contractor to construct and operate a jail.

Key said the current operation at the county jail has potential liability problems—only one jailer on duty during weekends and other times and other compliance problems such as separation of inmates according to crime. "For a number of years the local attorneys have helped the county to protect it from liability," Key said.

"As a public servant I want to let you know the problem," Key continued. "In two years you could be so crowded in the jail, it would be too costly to contract for outside jail space."

Then stepped in former Attorney General and former New Mexico governor Toney Anaya and Tom Warren. Anaya represented Warren's company which constructs private jails. Commission Chairman Monroy Montes said the county's \$300,000 remodeling of the jail three years ago was a "bandaid." He said the aggressive law enforcement by the new judge and district attorney will put the jail at full capacity. He said Anaya and Warren were at the meeting to provide "possible answers" to the county's space problems.

But the remodeling three years ago included expansion and remodeling of the sheriff's office, which Montes muttered "that was a mistake."

Anaya, who was governor during the 1980 riot at the state penitentiary in Santa Fe, gave three recommendations—don't rush to over-build and make sure any building is done for the various stages of inmates; protect the county's general fund by financing a new facility construction with potential review from the jail because this may not happen. Instead Anaya suggested looking at different options such as privatization. And learning from the mistakes of other counties.

Warren said his company is the biggest designer of county jails in the country. He recommended the county conduct a needs assessment for the jail to determine how many men and women's beds are needed (there may be an increase of women from the state prison at Fort Stanton), whether there will be a work release program (those inmates are kept separately from the rest); rehabilitation, county administration at the facility, private operation and if so what type, length of stay and other needs. Then the county needs to consider the cost of the project and liabilities.

Warren left a packet from his company with other "propaganda" as he called it about prison constructions. Warren said his company can construct a jail for 25 to 30 percent less than it costs govern-

ment to do. Commissioners said they needed time to study the information. Commissioner Rex Wilson jokingly asked Warren if he'd ever done a rodeo arena.

Montes said the private jail was a conceptual idea and a possible future need. "I'm not guessing that we'll say to do anything about this, other than to schedule more time to move forward."

Warren said his information packet includes the name of a private jail operator, which he suggested get involved with the discussion.

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on Highway 380, and returns to Ruidoso on Highway 48.

Printed on tan paper using brown and black ink, the brochure lists attractions on the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway as well as Lincoln County Side Trips. The side trips include Bonito Lake, Nogal, Carrizozo and the Valley of Fires recreation area, White Oaks, Ancho and Corona.

The brochure also lists events throughout the year in Lincoln County, including winter and summer events, the Memorial Day services at Fort Stanton Cemetery, fireworks in Carrizozo July 4, Smokey Bear Stampede and Old West Rodeo in Capitan in July, Santa Rita Fiesta in Carrizozo in July, Old Lincoln Days in Lincoln in August, and the luminaria display in Lincoln and Carrizozo on Christmas Eve.

Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held Monday, May 26 at 10 a.m. at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso. The service will be conducted by the American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79 and Auxiliary Unit 79, Disabled American Veterans Coe-Curry Chapter 23, The Marine Corps League Zia Detachment, Veterans of Foreign Wars Jerome Don Klein Post 7072 and Auxiliary Unit 7072, and the Women Marine Association Desert Chapter, New Mexico 2.

The public is invited to attend.

Scholarships Available

The Lincoln County Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) is offering two scholarships to continuing college or university students or a high school graduate who plans to attend a trade school.

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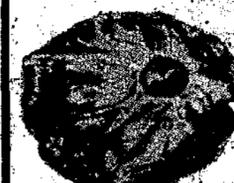
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CAPITAN NOTES

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

Hope all of you mothers had a wonderful day and that all of your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, if you have any, remembered you. It is a day that is only celebrated once a year, naturally, but it is a day that should be celebrated every day, because you only have one mother and a mother is the most forgiving and forgetting (?) person in the whole world, but always, comes through in a pinch whatever the need may be. So again I say, I hope all of you folks remembered your mothers. If you didn't, then you deserve three swats with a wet noodle, as Ann Landers so aptly reminds us.

Shirley and Bill Crews have joined the Habitat Builders

and have gone on a trip to Alaska and Gordon and Nina Ross have joined them for the wonderful trip, as guests, not as builders. Excuse me if I have my wires crossed, but I believe that is the national organization that former president Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalind have originated. What a wonderful thing to do. More of us should think about doing nice things for others instead of expecting "nice things to be done for us, don't you agree?"

Anita and Larry Peters have put their house up for sale and will be moving to Texas to make their home. We are sorry to lose you.

Walter and Freda Hicks, who have been living here in the area, are selling their home also and are moving back to Texas. We wish you

well.

But on a cheerier note we wish to welcome Joe and Trish Farrell to our vicinity. And in case those names are a bit unfamiliar to you they are the brand new folks at the grocery store. We welcome you lovely folks and are glad to hear that you have purchased a home and plan to stay. May it be a prosperous and happy stay for you. And we will be looking forward to your story that Joe promised would be forthcoming in the near future.

Congratulations to Capitan's new King and Queen that will be honoring us with their presence leading the big parade for the July 4th festivities. It is almost that time again and seems it was just a few weeks ago that Joe and Mary Skeen were waving to the crowds from the special convertible.

Well we gave the Skeens a hand-clapping salute and we are looking forward to doing the same for our King Richard. Any relation to the famous king Richard of Merry Ole England, Dick? If so then you really do have a bit of the Royal Blood in your veins.

And Bessie methinks, if my history serves me right, that there was a Queen Elizabeth of England who was referred to as Queen Bess and that is the way we will and should refer to you. You have been and are a queen among women Bessie and we will all be more than honored to view you for our Queen of Capitan.

And will close with a bit of the Irish if you don't mind.

The Emerald Isle
As the Master Artist sat thinking
Of what His next subject would be,
He decided to create a landscape—
The fairest man ever would see.
He painted its flowering meadows
And with grace and infinite skill,
He fashioned a lovely green carpet
To cover each mountain and hill.

Sayonara and adios.

Permit Is Needed To Cut Curbs In Capitan

by Doris Cherry

Capitan property owners who want to cut the new curbing in order to put in a driveway, must first get a permit from village hall.

Capitan village trustees during their regular meeting Monday, approved an ordinance establishing guidelines for residents who want to cut the curbing on downtown streets. Property owners must get a permit from village hall before any cutting can take place. They must also provide information on why they want to cut the curb, and designs of any proposed driveways.

The ordinance came about because property owners in the downtown area, where streets were curbed and repaired during the last two years, have requested permission to cut the curbs in order to install driveways to previously vacant lots. Village clerk Deborah Cummins said village staff made efforts to talk to property owners in order to allow for as many driveways as possible before the projects began. The ordinance also provides penalties for unauthorized curb cuts.

Information about the permit application is available at village hall.

For the first time ever, Capitan police officers have a handbook of procedures to guide their response to various situations. Trustees approved the manual during the meeting Monday. Previously, officers had to rely upon general procedures listed in the personnel policy. The manual incorporates those procedures and adds more specifics. "The manual is part of our safety program," said Cummins.

The manual was drafted by police chief Carroll Durbin with help from Cummins and review by attorney Robert Beauvais.

Trustee Connie Hopper said she liked the manual, except for a "couple of typos." Trustees also updated their personnel policies concerning employee drug and alcohol use, and sexual harassment with passage of two ordinances.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved beer and wine license to Spanky's Cafe.
- Accepted the proposal for auditor from Ronnie Hemphill, CPA from Ruidoso, on a five year contract, renewable annually.
- Accepted proclamations for: Small Business Week

June 1-7; EMS Week of May 18-24 and Veterans Appreciation Week of May 22-30 with invitation for all to attend the Merchant Marine/Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 24 at the Fort Stanton Cemetery.

-Approved Resolution 97-4; which pledges support for the Capitan Library efforts, with help on information on grants. Trustees have said they would provide \$1,000 in youth recreation money for the library in the proposed 1997-98 budget.

-Discussed the need to improve village hall. Recent winds have damage the "Old West" facade on the building. Mayor Norm Benfro solicited comments whether the village should rebuild the "Old West" facade to keep that look, or should do some other improvements. Some at the meeting liked the "Old West" look and wished all the buildings in Capitan had the look. Village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox said regardless what is done, it needs to be "fast tracked" because the wood planks which cover the metal building have dry rot. Resident Lonnie Lippman said he has seen many tourists stop at village hall to take pictures because they like the "old west" look. "I think it is appropriate to continue with the Western false front," he said.

Trustee Leroy Montes said they should determine how much the village can afford in repairing village hall then continue with plans.

OBITUARY

**ELEANOR LORRAINE
SCHWARZ**

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Eleanor Lorraine Schwarz, 78, of Nogal. She died May 6, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. She was born September 23, 1918 in New York City.

She married Arthur William Schwarz on December 10, 1938 in New York City and he preceded her in death on January 28, 1983.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol Hettenbach of Nogal and a son, Richard William Schwarz of Brooklyn, NY; three sisters, Helen Sedibey, Annette Sinisi and Madaline Bruns, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Capitan Wants Comment For CDBG Grant Projects

Capitan residents are invited to comment on what projects they think are needed in the village.

During the public hearing before the regular Capitan trustees meeting Monday, trustees discussed possible projects for their next Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Village clerk Deborah Cummins said Ed Livingston who is doing the village 40 year water plan, recommended the village not apply for any more CDBG water storage projects. She said the village had a hard time getting their most recent grant to fund construction of the two million gallon storage tank, because the state environment department thought that would make too much storage for the village. She said with the new tank the village will have storage to serve its needs until year 2010.

Water storage and acquisition of additional water rights was listed first on the village Infrastructure Capital Improvements Project (ICIP) list. But Cummins said trustees need to do a new ICIP list at their next regular meeting.

With the new CDBG for the storage tank, the list now has the 40 year water plan first, followed by additional fire hydrants, street lights, community meeting building, sewer extensions, addition to Smokey Bear Museum and a youth center. Trustee Connie Hopper said they could put water system improvements, such as pipe replacement and extensions, as a first priority.

CDBGs are also available for planning. Cummins said the aerial photo overlays funded with the last CDBG planning grant, will be done by May 31. Planning commission member Greg Hausler said the maps will include areas just outside the village limits which might be subject to future annexation, and the wetlands. The maps show all village utilities such as water and sewer and roads.

Any comments or suggestions for projects for CDBG can be taken to village hall.

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Capitan School Considers Policy On Health Ed.

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Board of Education named winners of the Jack O. Pogue, Jessie E. Fay and Dub Williams scholarships during its meeting Thursday, May 8. Senior Mandi Aldaz will receive the Jack O. Pogue and Jessie E. Fay scholarships. Joni Autrey and Kristy Sunnamaker will receive the Dub Williams scholarships. The Pogue and Fay scholarships funds come from interest earned on endowments from the two individuals. The Williams scholarship funds come from his unused campaign donations.

Board vice president Tom Trost presided over the meeting because president Beverly Galaway was in Santa Fe serving on the evaluation board for the Camp Sierra Blanca juvenile facility proposals.

All current non-certified staff got re-employed as recommended: administration—Dawn Goodrum secretary, Elizabeth Montoya payroll clerk, Frances Traylor business manager; maintenance—Nick Pacheco supervisor, custodians Jerri Wilson, Rose McCarty, Inge Sedillo, Beverly Brazel and Rose Ann Wright; cafeteria—supervisor Liz Montes, cooks Anna Silva, Theresa Baca, Mozell Sparks, dishwasher Ceil Chaffins and computer clerk Sheril Zamora; elementary instructional as-

stants Debbie Bird, Kathy Dean, Mary Holman and Ruby Trost and secretary Liz Boese; middle school secretary Renita Freeman and instructional assistant Nancy Hail; high school secretary Stephanie Aldaz and instructional assistant Dinah Roybal.

But after the vote, superintendent Diana Billingsley asked the board to amend the motion, because Trost had a conflict of interest, his wife Ruby is an elementary instructional assistant. So all four present board members voted again, to re-hire all staff but Ruby Trost. Then they voted separately to re-hire Ruby Trost, with Tom Trost abstaining from vote.

Abstinence is basis of one of the district health committee's proposed policies on school health curriculum, that will also incorporate the Character Counts program of values, morals and respect for selves and others. Through many hours of meeting of a diverse group of parents and school supporters, the committee developed their ideas of what and how health issues are presented by teachers and staff of all grades, chairman Charles Hail told the board.

The proposed policies mandate written parental consent for any topics about body development and reproduction, "controversial" or sex education in grades 4-12. Parents will be given opportunity

to view materials before the classes, including guest speakers. The proposed policies require that all topics on body development or reproductive be taught to boys and girls separately with a male teacher instructing the boys and a female instructing the girls, only with written parental consent.

In Mid and high school the sex education curriculum will be separate from other health programs, and will be abstinence based with emphasis on consequences of choices made. In the elementary level, parents become responsible for their children's questions beyond the offered curricula.

Other health issues outlined in the proposed policies include state mandated health topics of substance use and abuse (alcohol and drugs), nutrition, tobacco free schools and disease prevention (HIV/AIDS), and suggested health topics for all grade levels of personal health promotion, growth and development, self image and respect, injury prevention and first aid.

The board voted to accept the proposals and directed the superintendent to draft board policies using the health committee recommendations. The draft policies will have a first reading at a future meeting.

Another policy superintendent Diana Billingsley will develop will affect the definition of employee sick leave. Capitan Association of Classroom Teacher (CACT) officer JoAnn Vinson presented a proposed policy which would change the sick leave policy for all nine months employees (mostly teachers). "One of the complaints heard most often in our organization concerning sick leave policy," Vinson said.

The proposed policy will allow employees on a nine or 10 month basis be allowed 11 days "sick" leave plus one day with the substitute teacher paid by the employee on leave, with leave requests to be made a week in advance. Principals would be given 12 days sick plus one paid, 12 month employees (such as business office and maintenance) will be given 13 days sick leave plus one paid. "This lets us be honest, because we use the sick leave for the other reasons," said Billingsley.

The proposed CACT policy also requests that personnel with accumulated sick leave receive increments. But Billingsley estimated it would cost the district \$5,700 more just for the increments. Current policy allows staff to carry over sick leave from one school year to the next.

Definition of leave is also expanded to include funerals, deaths, hospitalization of family member, buying or selling property, weddings of immediate family, litigation, to enroll children in college or attend graduation, emergency situations and others to be explained in the request.

This proposed policy also will receive a first reading at a future meeting.

In other business, the board:

—Accepted the offer from Ric Berglund to coach a golf team at no cost to the district, with the district to provide the use of a vehicle. He plans to solicit free course time and lessons from the local golf pros. Board member Jack King suggested that if future funds allow, the golf coach could be given an increment.

—Accepted a proposal from librarian Becky Borowski and computer teacher Diane Riska to use the Computer II class as a student technology mentoring program. Under the program, students with eligible grades will teach teachers how to use computers and technology, while learning employability skills

Boosters president Doris Cherry and vice president Sarah Wybie and her daughter band student Monica Gonzalez request more funds to purchase new sheet music for the bands because the music is classroom instructional material, and to remember that music is an academic and deserves funding and staffing relative to the number of students participating. The elementary band has 58 mem-

bers with one band instructor. —Approved the 1996-97 tentative budget.

—Heard parent Ed Vinson ask why the board does not set its executive sessions at the end of the printed agenda, or not include it unless needed. Board member Pinda McSwane said at a recent school board association meeting, Las Cruces school board members said they never had closed sessions.

Alto EMS To Become Part Of Ruidoso EMS

Lincoln County Commissioners gave the nod to Ruidoso Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to begin ambulance service to the Alto and other areas of the county.

During their meeting May 13 in the courthouse in Carrizozo, commissioners approved a proposal from Jim Stover, manager of the Ruidoso EMS which is a branch of Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC), to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance coverage for the Alto, Cedar Creek, Ski Apache, Glencoe, Carrizo Canyon, Bonito Lake and other unincorporated areas of the county. Stover proposed the service to cost \$20,000 a year. Commissioners had asked Stover to return with the proposal during their last meeting. They justified the privatization of the county EMS by saying the Alto volunteer ambulance crews had responded to less than half the ambulance calls in their district.

But not only did commissioners want Ruidoso EMS to take over ambulance services to the Alto area, they asked Stover to come back in 30-60 days to present a proposal to provide ambulance coverage to all the county.

There were a few questions about what would happen to the existing Alto ambulance service, mostly what will happen to the county EMS volunteers. Stover said Ruidoso EMS will have to determine if it can utilize the Alto ambulance and possibly do an equipment transfer. As for the volunteers, Stover proposed to train the volunteers and utilize them as first responders through the Volunteer Fire Departments. "But this will be a community based decision," Stover said.

County manager Frank Potter said the county needs to be practical with its EMS because many people now call LCMC directly for ALS.

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1:52 p.m. a caller requested animal control at a location on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs where four dogs were running at large. A deputy responded.

3:13 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance to transfer a patient from a location in Carrizozo to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

7:49 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for an 82 year old not feeling good at a location in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

7:56 p.m. a caller reported an on-going domestic incident between a mother-in-law and son-in-law. Three deputies responded.

10:29 p.m. a 911 caller requested a deputy at a location in San Patricio, the son took the vehicle without permission. A deputy responded.

11:06 p.m. a 911 caller reported disorderly conduct and criminal damage at a location in Arabella, where there was a possible breaking and entering. A subject had driven a truck through a gate and tore it down. Two deputies responded, met with the Hondo school superintendent and later they arrested a subject.

8:08 a.m. a caller reported a domestic violation at a location off Highway 48. The caller advised they saw a subject who was not supposed to be there. The responding deputy advised he made no contact with the subject.

11:29 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic incident between a mother and son at a location on Gavilan Canyon Road. State police responded.

4:45 p.m. a caller reported threats at Carrizozo school. A mother and daughter threatened the granddaughter. Carrizozo police responded.

4:53 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a report of vandalism at the Eagle Creek ball parks men's room. A deputy responded.

5:07 p.m. a caller reported livestock on a county road, a black cow and a tan and white horse. The brand inspector was contacted.

8:45 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a report of a loud party off Paradise Canyon. A deputy responded.

9:08 p.m. a caller reported kids throwing rocks at a business in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

11:50 p.m. a caller reported vehicles racing up and down D. Ave. in Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

May 8:
11:45 a.m. a caller reported 10 grass fires along the railroad tracks near Highway 54 north of Carrizozo, started from sparks from the train. Carrizozo, White Oaks and Nogal Volunteer Fire Departments responded.

11:46 a.m. a caller reported four dogs at large at a location off Highway 70. A deputy responded.

1:24 p.m. a caller reported theft of his coin collection and valuable jewelry at a location east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded.

2:25 p.m. a cell phone caller reported an abandoned burned vehicle and a possible death. The caller advised it looked like a burned body in the burnt out car. The sheriff and five deputies responded. The Forest Service officer was notified, and an officer from the Medical Investigator was called.

6:59 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire near the intersection of Highway 380 and 70 in Hondo. Hondo Fire Department responded.

May 9:
10:28 a.m. a caller reported a broken cable on the traffic warning light at the intersection of Highways 380 and 54 in Carrizozo. State highway department was notified.

12:38 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a report of criminal sexual penetration of a 12 and a half

year old girl at a location in the Hondo Valley. A deputy responded.

12:33 p.m. a 911 caller reported an assault at a business in Carrizozo, where a man requested an officer regarding a woman who wanted to file a report on two male subjects who came in and cussed her husband and tried to start a fight with him. Carrizozo police responded.

3:59 p.m. a caller requested to speak with the Capitan police chief, the chief was notified.

4:53 p.m. an accident with injuries involving two vehicles was reported at the intersection of state roads 48 and 37. A deputy responded and requested an ambulance. Alto ambulance responded and transported the injured to LCMC. State police also responded.

6:52 p.m. someone dialed 911 and hung up 21 different times. Dispatch was able to talk to a little girl on one of the calls. She was at her grandmother's and just wanted to chat. No one was at home but her dad who was asleep. All other calls no one responded, but dispatch was able to hear young children talking in the background. A deputy responded to the location and advised all was okay.

7:32 p.m. an unknown caller reported a possible drunken driver in a vehicle headed east on Highway 70. Two deputies responded but made no contact.

7:44 p.m. a caller requested an officer for peace keeping at a location east of Capitan. State police were notified.

10:09 p.m. a caller reported a loud party in the Loma Grande area, a bunch of kids were drinking and being loud. Two deputies responded but advised the report was unfounded.

May 10:
1:17 a.m. a 911 caller reported a one vehicle rollover on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. State police, Carrizozo police, and two deputies responded.

9:51 a.m. a doctor requested an officer deliver a message to an individual at a ranch in the

Glencoe area, for the individual to call the emergency room at LCMC about his mother. A deputy responded and delivered the message.

10 a.m. a 911 caller reported a hit and run accident at a business in Hondo. State police responded.

11:44 a.m. an alarm company advised of a fire alarm sounding at a location in Ajo, Bonito Fire Department responded, and advised all was okay, they believed the lightning had set off the alarm.

11:53 a.m. Capitan ambulance advised that they were at the fairgrounds in Capitan and had one patient on board on route to LCMC.

12:36 p.m. a caller reported an accident at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded and advised that there were no injuries.

2:44 p.m. Capitan ambulance crew advised they were on route to LCMC with an injured person from the fairgrounds in Capitan.

4:18 p.m. a caller requested a deputy to take a report of damage to a vehicle at a location in the Alamo Canyon area. A deputy responded.

7:32 p.m. a caller reported a civil incident in Hondo, a man bought gas and his check wouldn't clear, but the man had no money. A deputy was assigned, but later the call was canceled because the situation had been resolved.

May 11:
4:29 a.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a domestic order violation at a mobile home park, and a domestic incident was in progress for about two hours. A deputy responded, and talked with the owner of the trailer park. The owner was advised of the situation, and that all the neighbors were extremely upset. The owner advised he would talk to all of the parties involved.

5:23 a.m. an ambulance was requested at a residence in Carrizozo. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

10:33 a.m. a deputy advised he would be at a location in Cedar

Creek to take a report.
12:30 p.m. state police from Roswell requested an officer to deliver a message to subject living behind a motel in Ruidoso. Ruidoso police were notified.

3:57 p.m. a 911 caller (a five year old) reported a possible domestic incident at a location in Capitan where the boy advised that the female babysitter had struck his head in a blanket for crying and he was still crying when he talked with the dispatcher. The woman was watching four kids and one child of her own.

The boy's mother was gone to Roswell to see a man at the prison. Dispatch talked with the babysitter, who was cussing one of the boys while on the phone. At 4:04 p.m. dispatch tried to contact Capitan police with no contact, so four deputies responded.

5:49 p.m. a caller reported a two vehicle accident on Highway 48 just inside the Ruidoso village limits. State police were notified.

11:55 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance in Capitan for a man who was unconscious. Capitan ambulance responded and transported the man to LCMC.

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FORT STANTON FACTS and FICTION

by Betty Lou Jones

"A SIMPLE FAITH" was the description Mel Snodgrass gave for the memorial of Billy Norman who passed away on April 27 in a home in Carlsbad. When I was going to school in the first grade in Ancho, my family became acquainted with Levene and Allie Snodgrass. Mel (Butch) their son and I were the only two first graders attending the six grade school, then open in Ancho. As a youngster I didn't understand why Billy wasn't exactly like us or why he acted different. Only years later after working at Fort Stanton and being around retarded people did I realize their handicaps, potential to influence others, and their intelligence.

Sunday was the first some of us knew why Billy was born retarded and the story was that his mother died at his birth and they were sure that he would not live more than a week either. As Mel said, there came a spark of life that would make this person want to live, and he did for over 60 years. A very big accomplishment.

The influence he had on many lives will never be known but it was a big one. In

the 50's, the responsibility of raising Billy fell on Levene and Allie's shoulders and for over 30 years they took care of him along with their two children, Mel and Katie. As was also said at the memorial ... if what some of us read in the bible is true he now has a new body and is not handicapped anymore. This small memorial was very emotional, fun, sad, and very unique.

Bessie Jones, 83, Allie Snodgrass, 84, and June Straley (also close to 80) were three women who now are each dependent on canes to help them walk and were all a big part of the small Ancho community in the late 40's and 50's. Mother cooked at the lunchroom, Allie's husband drove the school bus and June helped her husband run the store and post office.

Myself, June's two daughters, Jo Ann and Esther or (Sweet Pea) and Mel, Allie's son had not been together since many years either. The other two from our area present were Sara Jackson and Janice Gnatkowski and Mel's wife, Lou, and two children Chance and Stephanie.

Memories of so many

loved ones who had passed on, and others that were discussed when we all had lived in the little town of Ancho made for a very interesting Saturday afternoon. Sara and Janice are writing a book on families that lived around Ancho. Any of you that have any history of anyone please get in touch with them at Ancho's House of Old Things.

Thursday brought about another event that I'm still trying to figure out. Leaving work at ten I hurried to Fort Stanton to pick up some stamps I needed for my cancellation on Friday. I visited with Willie for a little while and felt the coolness of the Fort with the women prisoners there. It is so closed up and makes you feel as if you are the one enclosed. Just can't believe the governor has allowed this beautiful place to become the home of this kind.

Anyway back to the Captain post office to pick up other things and as I was fixing to leave a customer came in and asked if the postmaster was in. Mike had left earlier and we said no may we help you? He asked if the one who work-

ed at the Fort was in. I said yes that's me. How can I help you? He proceeded to tell us that as a boy of 18 years old, a small town near Atlanta, GA he was walking down a road and found a trunk that had fallen by the roadside. He picked up a handful of papers and took them home to his family. His father kept these papers all these years, he was now 78 years old. For 65 years he had stored these away for safe keeping.

On his way to California he stopped in to just discuss the Fort and see what it was like. These papers he had, listed many Indians and their scores that were recorded when they had evidently joined the cavalry in 1859. Two Captains names were at the top of the list and then all the Indians underneath. Another of the papers had prices of items of clothing that had been issued to many of these same Indians with a few other names listed also.

While we were talking about all this another lady came in and was listening and talking to this man. I thought she was his traveling companion, but come to find out she was from Oklahoma and was just in to rent a box. The interesting thing she told us was how one of the Indians got his name. Looking at the list she asked the Georgia man if he had ever heard of "Short Bull". She proceeded to tell us that this Indian got his name by going hunting when he was at the age they were to kill a buffalo and bring back parts, to let the tribe know they were men. This one shot a big bull calf instead of a buffalo and so she said this was the way he got his name.

It never fails to amaze me that people happen to be in the same place at a certain time like this and live nearly clear across the USA from each other.

Thanks to John Whitaker for sending the man-down to see me. A few of the other Indian names were: "Hides" ... "Sitting Eagle" ... "Bull Dog" ... "Old Elk" ... "Two White Men" ... and "Even".

Beautiful hand writing had recorded these scores under the listing of a paper called the Report of the Revolver Firing of Troop L. Frazier A. Bontelle ... Capt. and 1st and 2nd Lts. were Edward S. Wright (1st Lt.) and Robert H. Williams (2nd Lt.) ... May 25, 1895 was many of the dates on these papers.

Isn't it strange that on this day one year ago I came to the post office here? These papers were written 102 years ago on this day. Wouldn't you know that this man was in a hurry and we ran out of copy paper and the copy machine quit

working after I made only a couple of copies. Oh well, the ones I did make were fun to read and reread.

Home and loaded the big white suburban with stamps and envelopes for the cancellation. A big thanks to Mary and Chet Gourley for typing my insert. The work they did on the computer is unreal.

Mary always comes to my aid when I need her. Jane Livingston and Willie Hobbs helped me at the school from 8:00 to 4:00. After 5:00 we took the stamps and display for the Friends of Smokey supper held in the new gym where we had about 30 attend the dinner prepared by Debbie

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 - Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
 - Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
 - Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
- Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**
JOHNIE 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'ozco Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
- SUNDAY:**
- Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
 - C'ozco 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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Trinity - Carrizozo
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 - 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 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
354-2025
- 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)
354-3119
- Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
 - Morning Worship..... 11 a.m.
 - AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.
- 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
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- Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**
- Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
 - Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
- Corona Presbyterian Church:**
- Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 - Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
 - Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.
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living; if deceased, his unknown heirs; JOSE B. BACA, if living; if deceased, his unknown heirs; JOSE V. BACA; and ALLIED STORES, INC., and/or its successors in interest, AND UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS.

are returned, in good condition, within ten days after the bid opening. Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of not less than five (5) percent of the total amount bid...

PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 18-24, 1997 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-95-119 Division I

MEXICO BANK RUIDOSO, Plaintiff. vs. JAMES R. STROUD, Defendant. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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Published May 15, 22 and 29 and June 5, 1997.

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Said issue constitutes a portion of the bonds which were authorized at an election held on February 4, 1997 and will constitute general obligation bonds of the District, payable from general taxes which may be levied against all taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above named Defendants, GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to quiet title to certain real property.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET INCREASE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Education of Carrizozo School District #7, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Tuesday, May 20, 1997, at 7:00 p.m., at the Administration/Board Room, 800 D. Avenue, present and publicly review an increase to the 1996-1997 Fiscal School Budget.

NOTICE OF SUIT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Fred L. Woodruff 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 Veronica S. Woodruff is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK and encourage the residents of Carrizozo to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies.

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will on Tuesday, May 27, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico conduct the final budget hearing for the 1997-1998 Budget. Governing Body will consider the approval of Budget Resolution 1997-06 for 1997-1998 Fiscal Year Budget.

Published in the Lincoln County News on May 15, 1997.

The Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the District's financial adviser, Southwest Securities, Inc., Two Park Square, 6565 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 50, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, Attention: Secretary, Board of Education. Only unconditional bids shall be considered. The District reserves the privilege of allowing any irregularity or informality (except time of filing) in any bid.

LEGAL TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-97-001 DIV. III

SECTION 1 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received by the City of Alamogordo, as agent for the Otero/Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, at 1376 E. Ninth Street, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 88310, for the construction of the project known as "Otero/Lincoln County Regional Landfill Paving Project, Public Works Bid No. 97-009, until 2:00 p.m.; May 27, 1997, at which time the opening and reading of the bids received will begin in the Engineering Conference room at 1376 E. Ninth Street. The tabulation of bids will be considered by the Otero/Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority for final acceptance.

MEETING NOTICE The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has canceled their regular Board meeting scheduled for June 10, 1997 and in its place will hold a special commission meeting on Thursday, May 29, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to hold two Public Hearings and consider other proper business that comes before the Board. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

LEGAL John P. Pennington intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Bank for permission to acquire 21.41% of Ruidoso Bank Corporation and Subsidiary Ruidoso State Bank, 1710 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico pursuant to the Change in Bank Control Act of 1978 (12 USC 1817 (j)).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to consider the following two items:

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Chit Chat

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Kindergarten Field Trip

The Carrizozo kindergarten class field trip April 30 to the Alameda Zoo in Alamogordo included playing at Kid's Kingdom and lunch at the zoo. Accompanying the students were teacher Kellie Gallacher, bus driver Ralph Baroz, Lorene Baroz and parent Rosemary Shafer.

Officer Of The Month

Detective Jay Barnes, a graduate of Carrizozo High School, was selected as one of the Albuquerque Police De-

partment's Officers of the Month for April. He has been with the APD since October 1992.

The published report states that Barnes has cultivated the reputation as diligent and hard worker who can be relied upon to assist field officers as well as his fellow detectives with any assignment. He has received several letters of commendation from citizens and businesses and is the Neighborhood Patrol Training Coordinator.

Barnes is married to the former Geneva Narvaez of Carrizozo. His mother is Myrtle Osborne of El Paso.

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

USDA Pledges

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charge its residents for trash service. They had no final consensus on the request for Zia therapy respite programs. They refused the extra \$10,000 for Better Days because the county has a contract with the company which will expire in August.

Commissioner Rex Wilson asked that in the future during budget time that all requests have a deadline of April 15, and any received after that date will not be considered. "These came as a surprise," Wilson said. "We need a cut-off date."

Commissioners will hold their final public hearing on the proposed preliminary 1997-98 budget during a special called meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at the Ruidoso Civic Center. The meeting will take the place of the regular June meeting, (which was set for June 10) to allow commissioners to attend the New Mexico Association of Counties meeting.

While Montes had problems subsidizing families who need respite care, he had no problem in subsidizing horse arenas. In an action not associated with the proposed 1997-98 budget, commissioners awarded the bid to construct the horse arena at the Lincoln County Rural Events Center in Glencoe to Cortez 3 Corporation, Inc. for a total price of \$221,294 which includes gross receipts taxes.

The bid came in over the \$130,000 the county has for the arena from the original U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBE). However, the bids were done in two basic lots and 10 other separate lots.

But a new development occurred during the meeting. Steve Anaya, New Mexico Director of the Rural Develop-

ment department of the USDA said his department thinks the horse arena is a "very good project for Lincoln County and Glencoe" which they would like to see completed. He then said his department could "come up with" another \$70,000 toward the project if the county could cover the remaining \$21,294 to get the arena built.

Wilson asked if the extra \$70,000 was contingent to the county providing the \$22,000, but he got no real answer. Wilson also asked if the county was realistic in what it believed it could get for \$130,000. "Was our list too big?" he asked.

Instead of letting the rural events center manager Linda Wallace answer, Howell said that anytime governments do projects they get 35-40 percent less than what they would if it was private enterprise. Finally Wallace answered, saying she got her numbers from private enterprise for the cost of the arena. Also she had underestimated on the cost of the bleachers.

Commissioners awarded the bid to Cortez 3 contingent USDA, RBE provide the additional \$70,000 as Anaya promised.

Montes said the county's \$22,000 share could come from the \$26,000 county match in the 1997-98 proposed budget. That funding was to serve as a match for a \$700,000 grant for which the county has applied to continue work to enclose the rural events arena.

Because the bid from Cortez 3 included the price of the pipe for the arena, commissioners rejected the separate bids for the arena piping. At a previous meeting, commissioners agreed to bid the pipe separately, hoping to get a better price than what a con-

tractor would provide. Potter told THE NEWS on Wednesday, that Anaya's offer at the meeting was a total surprise. Potter said he had written Anaya a letter inviting him to attend a commission meeting, but had made no mention of any more funding.

Potter, county attorney Alan Morel and project architect Wayne Andrews will meet with the RBE administrator Mike McDow in the USDA offices in Albuquerque in a workshop to help the county meeting the conditions of the federal grant.

Also at the meeting Tuesday, commissioners appointed the members to the new Lincoln County Glencoe Rural Events Board. They are: from district one Scott Shafer; district 2 Sharon Wells; district 3 Carl Barton; district 4 Robert Runnels; district 5

Patty McCarty Reynolds; at large John Underwood and Michael Hurd.

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Corona News

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her three daughters, Amy, April and Julie to Fort Lone Tree Home School Camp on Monday afternoon. She was accompanied on the trip by Sheila Gray and son Asa.

On April 5 Fred Lackey was honored by a dinner party

at the Cedarvale Senior Center. About 50 friends and relatives were present from Espanola, Belen, Tijeras and Cuba. To celebrate the occasion with Fred was his 92 year old brother, Raymond from Belen. Fred's three children, their spouses and children hosted the party.



Fred Lackey, 90 (right), Raymond Lackey, 92 (left).

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