

County Employees Are Reclassified

by Doris Cherry

Despite concerns voiced by elected officials and county employees about a proposed employee classification plan, county commissioners adopted the plan unanimously at their special meeting held in Ruidoso May 29.

With the new plan, employees can advance based on evaluations and merit, but they no longer will be rewarded for years of service. The plan places employees in vari-

ous classification levels based on job description, and does away with the old "step" increase given every five years of county employment.

The plan was drafted by professional employee management firm of Management Associates. The firm was contracted by the county to conduct a job description evaluation and to recommend an employee classification plan that is based on merit and not years of service.

Commissioners held a pub-

lic hearing May 29 on the proposed plan. County manager Frank Potter said the plan uses an evaluation process to reward people who are performing. "It's a ladder rather than a step increase," Potter said. "It's almost like corporate structure."

Potter said some of the employees would only give up about .82 of one percent to .9 of one percent a year increase if figured over the five years by going with the new plan. County employees were

given time from their jobs to attend the hearing in Ruidoso. Of those present, the largest group came from the road department. The most vocal group came from the assessor's office.

Those who spoke were concerned about the fate of an impending step increase, their recommended classification level (which in at least two cases were below the level under the old personnel plan), how they will be rewarded for years of service, and how

evaluations will be done.

County clerk Martha Proctor said one of her employees whose step increase was coming in July, had made a loan based on the higher salary. She asked that those employees near a step increase this year be given that increase, on top of the three percent.

"I started this," commissioner Ray Nunley responded. "We can't have a mix and match program. It's one or the other."

Commissioners questioned

where they could stop in compensating employees who were due a step increase. They agreed they had to stop the old plan and begin the

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County Creates Committee For Info On New Jail

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners authorized creation of an ad hoc committee to study the needs and costs of a new jail.

Meeting May 29 in Ruidoso, commissioners approved the committee of district attorney Scot Key, attorney Gary Mitchell, jail administrator Wayland Hill, county manager Frank Potter and commissioner Bill Schwettmann. The committee was directed to return within 60-90 days with recommendations.

Commissioner Rex Wilson said he presumed there is a need for the project, and asked that the county not over-build a facility. Commissioners considered the new jail constructed by Chaves County, and how Chaves county commission had to raise taxes to pay for the additional employees needed to operate the expanded new jail. "Once we expand, we need to consider how we will pay for the operation," commission Chairman Monroy Montes said. "We need more than one option."

Ruidoso Will Answer Alto Emergency Calls

by Doris Cherry

In a move to "enhance" the county emergency medical service, Lincoln County Commissioners approved a \$20,000 yearly contract with Presbyterian Healthcare Services for Ruidoso Emergency Medical Services to provide ambulance coverage to the Alto area. The contract is pending approval from the Ruidoso Village Council, which provides funds for the EMS ambulance and equipment.

Commissioners approved the contract during their special meeting May 29 in the Ruidoso Convention Center. County commissioner Bill Schwettmann, from the Alto area, said he had received many calls and a petition with 318 names against the proposed contract. "The principles on the petition are very sincere," Schwettmann said. But he said the reality is there are 10 EMT volunteers

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CARRIZOZO TEXACO GRAND OPENING Saturday, June 7. The corner of Highways 380 and 54 sports a new Texaco Food Court Express, which will have its grand opening this weekend. See page six for specials.

Commissioners Accept Grant For Horse Arena

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners unanimously accepted a resolution to authorize the \$70,000 additional grant from the federal Farmers Home Administration (US Dept. of Ag.) for construction of the horse arena at the Lincoln County Rural Events Center at Glencoe. The grant binds the county to seek permission from the federal government before it can sell, lease, transfer or encumber the facility.

The resolution states "the additional county-wide impact on jobs would also be significant. The construction of an outdoor arena will provide immediate jobs for a large number of construction personnel. The very nature of the events to be held at the center would bolster farms and ranches in the area. There will be a consistent need for feed for participating livestock. Hay and grain farmers would prosper as would farms providing straw for stall bedding. Many livestock owners prefer bedding their animals on sawdust or shavings. Local sawmills will see an increased demand for this product. Practicing veterinarians and farriers will also see more business due to the animals housed at the center. Because the Glencoe Rural Events Center does not currently have security personnel on staff, firms providing this service will experience an increased demand."

The county also will be required to maintain insur-

ance, books and records relating to the operation of the facility and provide for an audit and provide the federal government with copies of all records.

Commissioners questioned whether the county will be required to provide a \$21,000 match to the \$70,000. During the May 8 meeting, Farm Home administrator Steve Anaya said his department would provide the funds, if the county could pay the remaining \$21,000 toward the cost of the construction.

During the May 29 meeting, chairman Monroy Montes said the resolution would not bind the county to matching the \$21,000. County manager Frank Potter said in working with the USDA office on the grant amendment statement, they did not really care if the county matches the money. "The intent is not to cost the county more," Potter said.

Commissioners all approved the resolution.

In other business, commissioners:

--Approved a road variance for a cul de sac with 13 lots in Ranches de Sonterra, on a 3-1 vote with commissioner Bill Schwettmann abstaining because he is involved with the project and Wilton Howell voting no, with a provision that the disclosure statements for the 13 lots state the county will not provide snow removal due to the grade which exceeds county specifications.

--Approved the summary review plat for a proposed

Type 5 Subdivision (which has five to 24 lots larger than 10 acres) of a 1,300 acre tract which was once part of Ranches de Sonterra which was not developed, as requested by Van Patten and Greg Perteet. Schwettmann abstained from the vote.

--Approved summary review plats of division of land in the Ruidoso Grindstone area as requested by Barbara Willard; a division of a 10 acre tract in the Otero County Electric

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Pay Increases Are Not Equal For Commissioners And Employees

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County elected officials are getting a 10 percent raise, thanks to a slim majority of the county commission.

During a special meeting Thursday, May 29 held in Ruidoso Convention Center commissioners approved the raise on a 3-2 vote: Commission chairman Monroy Montes and commissioner Wilton Howell voted against the motion for the raise made by commissioner Rex Wilson. Elected officials have not had a raise since 1991.

While elected officials like clerk Martha Proctor lobbied for the 10 percent raise because the "hard working" officials in Lincoln County make much less than the same officials in other Class B counties, both Montes and Howell were concerned about the cost of other issues facing the county, and a pending lawsuit about elected officials' raises.

Montes acknowledged the raise would not jeopardize the county's required general fund cash reserve, and the \$100,000 cushion after the reserve. However, he was concerned about the county's pressing issues of the overcrowded jail and insufficient manpower.

Howell was concerned about the discrepancy between the three percent employees' raise

and the 10 percent for elected officials and the county having "\$200,000 less than what it started with in the next fiscal year budget."

"And we have a group of taxpayers out there who deserve to be represented, and talked about," Howell continued. "I think what we're void in doing is representing the taxpayers, in a lot of cases as far as putting them first rather than some of the needs of employees and elected officials."

Howell also said he was against giving the raise because for five years he has been reminded he is not "the boss" of the other elected officials. "We're all equal. I find it hard to believe I can, not being someone's boss, give someone a raise," Howell said. "When you run for office you know what you're being paid for that office."

Howell said to him the intent of the law is that raises should be voted on in one term and given to the next group that comes in, which is the heart of the legal issue.

County attorney Alan Morel, who was reluctant to talk about the pending court case in open session, said three years ago the legislature cleared up the law to allow elected officials to receive salary increases during the term for which they were

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STURGES STORE MANAGER JANNA WOOLEY reads to the Carrizozo First Grade Class from a McGruff and Me book. Copies of the books, personalized with each child's name, were given to the first graders. The cost of the books was donated by Wooley's store, Sturges Venture Market in Carrizozo.

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Cooperative, Inc. sub station area into two five acre tracts with access via private roads; a division of a 37 acre tract in the Cedar Creek-Alpine Village area into four tracts of about 10 acres each with access via private road. Com-

missioners requested a sign be placed at the beginning of the private roads that announce "county maintenance stops here". Also commissioners approved a division of a six acre tract into four lots of more than one acre each for the Lincoln County Heritage Trust and Paul Rochester. Howell asked if the Lincoln division had been before the historical review board, and surveyor Tim Collins said he asked them and they said they had no control over divisions. Also there is no problem with water for the Lincoln lots because the Trust, which is splitting the land, is dedicating four of its 15 meters to the project.

—Adopted the New Mexico County Insurance Authority multi-line pool bylaws and joint powers agreement which could save the county up to \$40,000 for insurance next year.

—Accepted the cooperative agreement with the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to pay benefits for the district's secretary.

—Approved the contract with White Mountain Search and Rescue with the county providing \$2,250 a year in exchange for services.

—Accepted the high bid of \$120,000 from the village of Buidoso Downs for the unused chip seal equipment on a lease/purchase agreement. Commissioner Ray Nunley seconded the motion for the sale so he could "watch the equipment at work." The equipment has sat in the county road department yard since it was purchased more than two years ago.

—Rejected a request from the state Children, Youth and Families Department soliciting interested counties and municipalities for the purpose of obtaining a site for a proposed juvenile secure facility to house up to 150 juvenile offenders. "No penal colony?" Montes asked. "Enough's enough," responded Howell.

—Heard from citizen Jerry Carroll who requested the proposed county comprehensive land use plan include a "Private Property Bill of Rights." Commissioners said they would look at the proposed bill of rights during the public hearing on the proposed plan.

new one at some point. They also agreed the next step is to amend the county's personnel ordinance to give employees ability to change their classifications.

Potter said the step increases had been included in the budget, and they had talked about allowing the step increases for those employees coming due during the budget workshops. But county finance officer Punkin Schlarb said she had not figured the \$12,000 extra for step increases in the proposed budget. Commission chairman Monroy Montes said it was just a proposal discussed during the workshop. Commissioner Wilton Howell was surprised, saying it was the first time he heard of it.

Employees and department heads also were concerned about employees being placed in the wrong type job description or level.

Assessor Patsy Serna said David LaFave certified mapper was put in a classification lower than his current level.

Potter said the personnel files, which were a basis for the job study, did not always reflect what had happened with employees. He agreed with Serna that LaFave's job description probably did change.

Montes said the plan could be adjusted after it is adopted. "The old step increase was just longevity, not performance," he said. "There was no way to promote anyone."

Potter said the next step is to adopt a new personnel ordinance to allow adjustments. Commissioners extended their contract with Management Associates to draft proposed amendments to the personnel ordinance.

But until a new ordinance is adopted, employees will be locked into the classification listed in the plan. Commissioner Bill Schwetmann said the plan involves 60 county employees and he asked how many inequities were in the Class 15. Potter said there are 14 inequities. In Class 15 road department employees are classed the same level and salary as a finance clerk, assessor's workers and others with very different job descriptions. He said they needed to address the plan, and invited employees to address the plan, not their classification.

Montes polled how many of the employees thought they were entitled to have a review of their classifications. About 11 raised their hands. Montes said once the plan is adopted it will be incumbent on management to come back at the first of the year with a recommendation on those 11 employees to be reclassified if they're wrong.

Nunley said that is the reason for a new ordinance which will include the evaluation process.

Employees then got to speak. Michael Galloway with the road department said the plan is a good start, but employees were not given adequate input on their job descriptions and he wanted to know what commissioners based the three percent increase for employees versus the 10 percent for elected officials.

Finance office clerk Shelly Lindsay said she didn't know how the new plan worked and asked where Barela got his comparisons.

Montes said Barela took job description sampling of less than 20 employees. "He did not do all 86," Montes said.

Lindsay said she thought the intent was to compare Lincoln County employees salaries for certain jobs to salaries of those same type employees in other counties.

Montes said he didn't want Lincoln to be like other counties. "Barela does this for a living," he continued. "Respon-

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sibilities are comparable." Lindsay asked for an employee meeting to explain how the classification plan works.

Senior citizens program director Ada Henryx was concerned about a possible typographical error on a site manager who was classified two steps lower than other site managers and also for herself because she was listed in the lower classification she held before she accepted the director's job.

Assessor's appraiser Rick Silva and appraiser Ronnie Beltran were concerned about the compensation for certification. But they were told there will be no extra compensation for the certification.

Potter said employees were confusing salary with classification. He said Barela made only 10 or 12 changes, including classification increases for a building maintenance work-

er and the rural events manager. Potter stressed the reclassification did not effect salaries, except those frozen because they exceed the classification level. Instead, everyone will receive a three percent raise overall.

But Silva said the three percent will not make the salaries equitable.

"Not everybody will be happy," Montes said. "But under the old plan it would never be fair."

Montes said this was the first step, the next is a new personnel ordinance. After the ordinance it will be up to the manager and department heads to evaluate their employees for reclassification.

"We can only pay so much for a job done," Potter concluded.

All commissioners voted yes for the plan.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 10:	
Carrizozo Post Office	12:30-2:30 p.m.
Carrizozo Otero Electric	4-6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11	
Carrizozo Otero Electric	7:30-8:30 a.m.
Nogal	8:45-10 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:30-12:00 p.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fort Stanton	12:10-1:10 p.m.
Lincoln Post Office	2:45-3:30 p.m.
Hondo Store	4:50 p.m.

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NOTICIA DE JUNTA ABIERTA AL PUBLICO
Junio 24, 1997
PUEBLO DE CARRIZOZO

El Consejo de Comisarios del Pueblo de Carrizozo tendra una junta publica el martes 24 de Junio, 1997 a las 5:30 p.m. en el Ayuntamiento (City Hall). El proposito del la junta publica sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del Conjunto de Conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para avisar a los ciudadanos del las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de los ciudadanos sobre el desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gente con ingresos bajos y moderados.

Los objetos estatales y nacionales del programa de CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto se cumplan con por lo menos uno de los siguientes requerimientos: Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados; ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados e insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que poseen una amenaza inmediata a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no estan disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos publicos elegibles incluyen Infraestructura para la Comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Publico; Planificacion, Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos las grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y proporcionar datos que apoye su testimonio.

Con un minimo de tres dias de notificacion en avanzado, ayuda auxiliar estara proporcionada y asi estar en cumplimiento con el Acto de Americanos Incapacitados. Tambien con suficiente notificacion, un traductor estara proporcionado para los residentes que no hablen ingles.

Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta podran enviar sus comentarios a la Escribana Municipal, Carol Schlarb, en 648-2371, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

/s/ Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk-Treasurer
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Carrizozo Chit Chat

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- THURSDAYS**
- Alcoholics 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 354-2636 or 258-4880 or 267-5077.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 5**
- Ruidoso RSVP noon, Ruidoso Senior Center.
 - NMSU Food Class, 2-4 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 7**
- BLM National Trails Days, promoting the use of public recreational trails in the Fort Stanton Special Management Area.
 - Marine Corps League Zia Detachment meets 10:30 a.m. K-Bobs in Ruidoso. All retired and former Marines welcome.
 - Capitan Music Group rehearsal, 2 p.m. at Lincoln County Mercantile and Trading Post on Lincoln Street.
- MONDAY, JUNE 9**
- Lincoln County Health & Wellness Board 12:15 p.m. Ruidoso Schools Administration Office conference room.
 - TOPS 5:30 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative building in Carrizozo.
 - Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m. village hall.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 10**
- Ruidoso Annexation Ad Hoc Committee 9 a.m. village hall.
 - Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. Circle B Campground, Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs.
 - NMSU Food Class 2-4 p.m. Corona and San Patricio Senior Centers.
 - Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. city hall.
 - Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**
- Ruidoso Library Board, noon, convention center.
 - NMSU Food Class 2-4 p.m. Carrizozo and Ruidoso Downs Senior Centers.
 - Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Association 6:30 p.m. Capitan Village Hall.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
- THURSDAY, JUNE 12**
- Ruidoso Personnel Board 8:30 a.m. village hall.
 - Carrizozo Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board 1 p.m. city hall.
 - Ruidoso Arts & Film Board 4 p.m. village hall.
 - Lincoln County Democrats Roast 6 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center. Call 258-9090 or 336-4772 for information.
 - Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. in school administration building.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 14**
- Forest Health Workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ruidoso Civic Center.
 - 6th Annual Lincoln Masonic Family Day, 9:30 a.m. registration at Lincoln Park.

Swimming Pool is Open

The Carrizozo Municipal Swimming Pool opened Tuesday during a heat wave and filled to capacity immediately. The pool will be open Monday through Saturday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Admission will be \$1.50 for students through age 18, \$2.50 for adults, \$50.00 for a family season pass, and \$30.00 for an individual season pass. Lifeguards are Marcella Sandoval and Rodney Zamora with Melissa Leslie as cashier.

Alumni Reunion

Plans are underway for the Carrizozo Alumni celebration that will be held June 27 and 28. Festivities begin Friday evening, June 27 with a reception at 7 p.m. at the

Carrizozo Country Club, sponsored by the club members.

Activities Saturday, June 28 include breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Zia Senior Citizens Center, registration at the high school gymnasium at 12 noon, dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, and a dance at the Country Club at 9 p.m. All classes ending in "2" and "7" will be celebrating anniversaries this year. Please contact as many members from these classes as possible. This will be a perfect opportunity to visit once again. Alumni may mail pre-registration to Roy Dow, P.O. Box 156, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Dues are \$5 per year.

Little League

Carrizozo Little League games tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. begin with the Sturges Diablos vs King's Crushers followed by the Sturges Diablos vs The Leslie Family Bulldogs. Wednesday the game between the King's Crushers and Sturges Diablos begins at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to come and watch the games.

fork, hospitalizations, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is charge. Please call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

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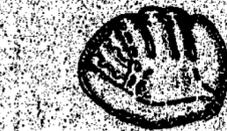
ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED: Myrum Melinda Whitaker, daughter of John and Myrum Whitaker of Capitan, and James Matthew Lyons, son of Geneva Lyons of Alamogordo, will be married June 28. Melinda is a 1989 graduate of Capitan High School and a 1994 graduate of Adams State College in Alamosa, CO. She is a 4th grade teacher in Alamogordo. She is the granddaughter of the late Jack Mayfield of Capitan and Mrs. Marie Whitaker of Youngstown, OH. James is a 1987 graduate of Alamogordo High School.

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Retired Marines To Meet
The Marine Corp. League Zia Detachment meeting and luncheon will be held Saturday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m. at K-Bob's in Ruidoso. All retired and former Marines are welcome and invited to attend.

County Masonic Lodge To Meet
The Carrizozo Masonic Lodge will meet Wednesday, June 11 in the traveling Masonic room in the Old Courthouse in Lincoln. The 6th annual family day will be held in Lincoln Saturday, June 14. Lanny Maddox will present "Pickin' & Singin'" at 11 a.m., and the dinner bell will ring at 12 noon.

Dentistry Degree For Barone
Lincoln County student Randy A. Barone, son of Ronald and Nancy Barone, was among the 51 dental students who had degrees conferred on



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Carrizozo Governing Body invites you to attend the 1st Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 24, 1997 at 5:30 p.m., at Town Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, N.M. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to advise citizens of the program objectives, range of activities that can be applied for and provide other pertinent information; to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the needs of low and moderate income people. The CDBG program is designed to meet activities which will address one to three state and national objectives.

- Benefit principally low-moderate income families
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight
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All counties and municipalities under 50,000 population are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance under categories including: **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING, PUBLIC SERVICE CAPITAL OUTLAY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EMERGENCY, PLANNING AND COLONIAS.**

Complete information concerning this program can be obtained at the public hearing along with information on how to receive technical assistance on preparing a proposal for consideration. For further information, contact Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk at 648-2371, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. The public is encouraged to attend.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Horses vs People

By Ruth Hammond

The Lincoln County Commissioners may have conducted their business in record time during their special meeting May 29 in Ruidoso but the actions taken will affect county residents for years and years. County commissioners denied requests made by Corona area residents for help, adopted a controversial employee classification plan that even they agree needs to be adjusted, and they approved their budget with more money for horses.

Corona is the northernmost community in Lincoln County and from the way Corona is being treated it may as well be on Mars. Actually Corona could probably get more help if it was on Mars than they are getting from the county commissioners. It is ridiculous for county commissioners to ignore the needs of the people in a community in Lincoln County while at the same time these county commissioners are spending more and more money on an indoor horse arena. Yes, we are aware that the indoor horse arena could help farmers growing feed and hay and it could help sawmills, veterinarians, and security firms.

The fact that the indoor horse arena "could" help select groups doesn't alter the fact that Corona needs help and the county commissioners denied their requests. The fact that the county commissioners are agreeing to spend more and more of our tax dollars for an indoor horse arena that will benefit a select few people while ignoring the needs of people in one of our own county communities makes us wonder. It would make as much sense to give everything to one child and not feed another child.

The people living in the Corona area aren't asking for as much money as is being spent on the horse barn and it seems the county commissioners could take a portion of the money that is budgeted for the horse barn and help PEOPLE. Maybe the main reason the county commissioners denied the request for help with solid waste costs is because county officials didn't ask Corona officials if citizens were paying for their service. They didn't ask the Corona officials before a decision was made.

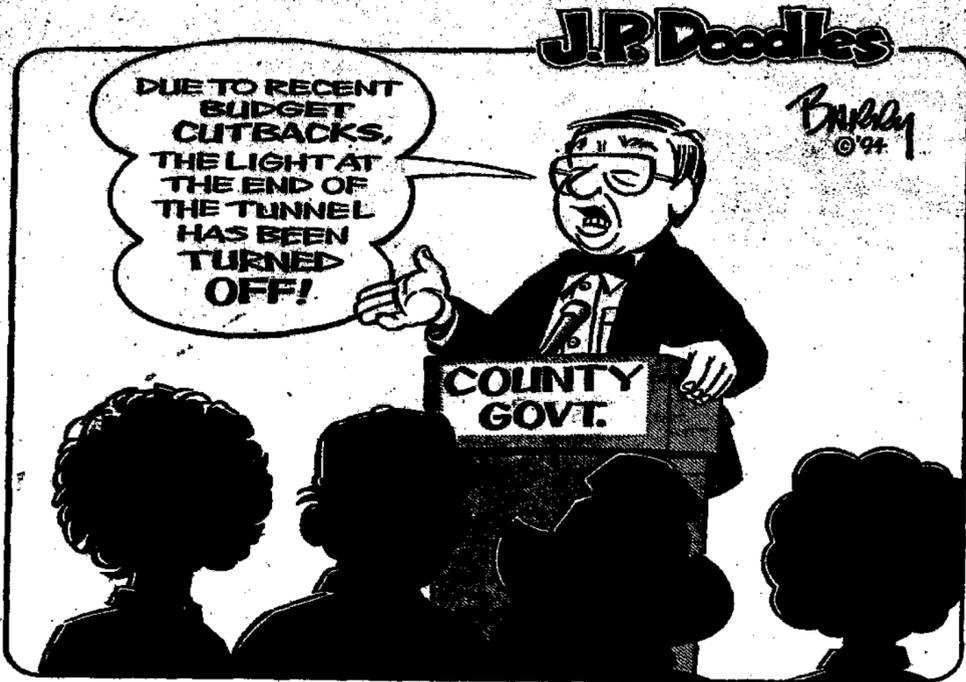
As for the need for a deputy in the Corona area, once again it seems county commissioners were willing to take the word of someone else instead of asking the people in charge. We agree there probably aren't as many calls to the sheriff's office because the response time doesn't make it worthwhile to call. It takes one to three hours for an officer to respond and that is a lot longer than most of us are willing to wait when we need help immediately. And most emergency calls are for immediate help.

As for the county employee classification plan, it doesn't make sense for the county to adopt a plan they know needs to be adjusted. It was announced there were 14 inequities in the plan for the 60 county employees that will be affected. That is almost 25 percent of the classifications that are incorrect and it seems the county would want to adopt a plan that had better odds than that. There were 11 employees present at the meeting that thought they were entitled to have a review of their classifications but that doesn't include the employees that weren't at the meeting. If all county employees were asked the number could be higher.

Employees were told there will be no extra compensation for certification and that needs to be explained. Additional training is usually a prerequisite for an increase in pay. The plan calls for classification increases for a building maintenance worker and for the rural events manager but doesn't call for increase in pay for additional training? Maybe an employee meeting should be scheduled as soon as possible to explain these discrepancies.

It appears the people in the Corona area may have to take the law in their own hands to protect themselves but horses will have the right to have sawdust bedding and security if needed. Gee, the rights of horses once again prevail over people rights.

Nothing for people, all for horses.



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE—New Mexico may be on the verge of making the most unusual contribution of any state to Statutory Hall in our nation's capitol.

With no fanfare, the 1997 Legislative passed, and Gov. Gary Johnson signed, a bill making Indian revolutionary Pope New Mexico's second statue in the historic chamber that originally was occupied by the U.S. House of Representatives. Pope is the San Juan Pueblo leader said to

have been the prime instigator of the Pueblo Revolt in 1680.

Pursuant to a law passed in 1864 and signed by Pres. Abraham Lincoln, each state was invited to contribute two statues of notable citizens. New Mexico became eligible to make its contributions at statehood in 1912, but waited until 1965 to make its first selection, U.S. Sen. Dennis Chavez, who had died in office three years earlier. At this point only three states — North Dakota, Wyoming and Nevada — have not decided on a second inductee.

The selection of Pope wasn't a complete surprise to legislative observers. Former All Indian Pueblo Council Chairman Herman Agoyo of San Juan Pueblo had been promoting it for a decade. He got the Pope recognition introduced twice but couldn't get it to the desk of then-Gov. Bruce King who promised to sign it. But by this year, Indians had put themselves in a stronger position. Senate President Pro Tem Manny Aragon introduced the bill and it passed both houses by large majorities.

The Legislature made only one change. In the original bill "Pope" was "Popay," a more Anglicized spelling, and possibly less confusing to those seeing the name in Statutory Hall. The Senate changed it to the more traditional Spanish "Pope," but not without first changing it to "Manny Aragon," an amendment the sponsor had trouble opposing.

Many states have had difficulty selecting just two people. Historical and artistic controversies have resulted in the removal of some of the winners from Statutory Hall. Colorado recently solved its problem by settling on a recent astronaut for its second selection.

Pope faces a similar struggle. Historians aren't unanimous about his role in the revolt. New Mexico's revered historian, the late Fray Angelico Chavez, argued that Pope was no more than a staff officer for Naranjo, from Santa Clara, the real brain behind the rebellion. Had the Senate been privy to this information, it might well have decided to honor a more, recent Naranjo from the same county.

It is only fair that the selection be from Rio Arriba County since Agoyo convinced that county's commission to appropriate \$5,000 toward the project. That will be the

only money available to get the project moving. Senate Bill 404 contained \$60,000 to fund a commission to raise money for the design, creation and transport of a statue to Washington, but Gov. Johnson removed the money before he signed the bill.

The historical problem pales, however, next to the artistic dilemma of how to portray Pope. Nobody ever painted a picture of the guy. One contemporary Indian artist suggests a sculpture depicting the meaning of Pope. Do I see a cloud of controversy forming on the horizon?

Regardless of the outcome, the Pueblo Revolt is worth commemoration. It was a wake-up call to the Spanish who returned 12 years later to treat the Pueblos with more respect. Pueblo historians credit the revolt with preserving their culture to a greater extent than any other tribe in the nation. And Pope won't be the oldest of the honorees in Statutory Hall. Several states selected their founders, who date back to the mid-1600s.

But the selection is sure to cause controversy. State historian Tom Chavez sounds unimpressed. Sen. Pete Domenici calls the selection "interesting." There is sure to be disagreement over the statue's design, political correctness, and historical accuracy. But the process will highlight New Mexico's unique history.

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NEWS AROUND THE STATE

ENMU Summer Registration
Regular summer registration for Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in Portales will be tomorrow, June 6. The first four-week session will begin Monday, June 9 and end July 3. The eight-week session will be from June 9 through August 1. The second four-week session will be from July 7 to Aug. 1. For more information call 1-800-FOR-ENMU.

Full UNM Tuition
Most New Mexico 1997 high school graduates who attend the University of New Mexico this fall will be eligible for UNM's new Bridge to Success Award, which will cover tuition costs at UNM. If students meet and maintain eligibility requirements, the New Mexico Lottery Success Program then will cover their tuition beginning with the 1998 spring semester.

For more information call the UNM Scholarship Office at 1-800-CALL-UNM.

Cincinnati Reds Tryout Camp

The Cincinnati Reds tryout camp will be held June 14 in Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico Lobo Field and June 15 in El Paso at Hanks High School. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. All Legion players must bring with them written permission from the Post Commander or Legion Coach to work out. Any player under the age of 21 must have a written release from a parent or legal guardian accepting full legal liability. This must be a release of liability, not just a permission slip to participate.

Classic Car Show

The 2nd annual Red River Classic Car Show will be held June 13-15. It will be a step back into the nostalgic era of bobble socks and blue suede shoes. For more information call 1-800-348-6444.

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Pay Increases Are Not Equal . . .

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ected. "Article 4 Section 11 of the New Mexico Constitution say you cannot receive an increase during the term for which you were elected," Morel said. "So we have legislative body creating the law which says you can do it and constitution that says you can't do this, except as otherwise provided."

However a clause in the constitution, "except otherwise allowed," was used by the legislature for the measure which allows the raises during the elected officials' term.

Elected officials all over the state filed suit to uphold the new state law about two years ago. 12th Judicial District Judge Robert Doughty ruled in favor of the suit. But the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) through the attorney general appealed the decision.

The state court of appeals did not hear the case, rather certified it as an issue for the state supreme court on May 12. Morel's main concern was how the supreme court ruling on the suit will affect

the salary increase for Lincoln County elected officials.

While county commissioner L. Ray Nunley said he did not want to be compared to other counties, he praised the other elected officials who presented prudent budgets for their departments to allow the increase. However, Nunley said that with the raise, the "public should expect more out of us."

Wilson, who initiated the raise, said he was the least deserving because the other officials had been re-elected. He credited Howell for doing a good job. "He deserves a raise for all the work he's done," Wilson said.

Along with the raise for elected officials, their chief deputies will receive raises. The 10 percent salary increase for the elected officials, their chief deputies and their benefits will cost the county \$122,899.60 more in 1996-97. With the raise, commissioner salary will be \$11,006.50 a year; salaries for the clerk, treasurer and assessor \$33,143 each a year; the sheriff salary will be \$34,661 and probate judge \$7,716.57. Chief deputies for the clerk, treasurer and assessor will make \$28,834.41, the sheriff's chief deputy will make \$30,155.07.

Combined with benefits (FICA, Medicare, PERA 7% for all employees but sheriff's who have 18.5%, workers comp and group insurance of which the county pays 80%) commissioners will cost the county in 1997-98: Monroy Montes—\$17,345.86; Wilton Howell—\$17,345.86; Ray Nunley—\$12,800.55; Bill Schwettmann—\$11,891.44; Rex Wilson—\$17,342.21.

The 10 percent raise represents an increase of 1.6 percent a year since the last raise for elected officials.

LETTERS to the editor

EDITOR: I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that was involved in Drag Racing at the Carrizozo Airport. I was born and raised in Carrizozo, my family currently still lives there. I know when I was growing up there, we didn't have much to do. I thought that by bringing Drag Races to the town, not only would it give people young and old something to do, but it would bring in good revenue, and bring the town alive.

There are people who obviously were not for racing in your town. That's fine, that's their opinion. But there are people who loved having races and were not given the opportunity to voice their opinion. The citizens of ZOZO have voted the Town council in, remember, this is your town, you control who is elected. If they are not fulfilling their positions, you can change that and take back control of your town.

We have had a wonderful time racing in ZOZO and I would like to say thank you to all the people that helped us during the last two years. Thank you to the Lincoln County News, you have given us tremendous support and have always printed what was really going on. A special thank you to Joe and Ida Herrera for all of their support and help, the Fire Department for their support, the concession stand staff, that made sure we had plenty of food and drinks at each race. The Country Club, for their support of our Annual Awards Banquet. And thanks to all of you that wanted Drag Racing at your airport and supported us for the past two years.

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CORONA NEWS

Joyce Taylor, Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters of New Mexico, made her official visit to Primrose and Cedar Temples at a Dutch treat luncheon Monday, June 2nd, at La Cocina de Corona. This is the last official visit of her term. She will concentrate now on plans for Grand Temple in Socorro, September 18th to 20th.

Mrs. Taylor who lives in San Antonio was accompanied by sisters from Victory Temple No. 1, Socorro, Katy Juracka, Grand Senior, Mary Jane Woodruff, Grand Treasurer, and Ellena Nourse Grand Temple Mother, Elmer and Adam Buckwald, Sister Knights, accompanied Angie Buckwald from Albuquerque. Glenn McGee accompanied his mother, Erma Ann McGee, who represented Primrose Temple, Estancia.

Mrs. Taylor collects owls and Mrs. Buckwald added to her collection. She received gifts of money from both Temples. Her colors of red and white were used in the table decorations. Primrose gave refrigerator magnets for favors, Cedar Temple assorted lapel tacks.

The Grand Chief's goal is to serve the Pythian Order by promoting membership. Her project is cancer. She distributed her yearbooks with its silk rose on the front.

Present from Cedar Temple were Pauline McCloud, Geraldine Perkins, Edna Robinson and Leta Sharp. Absent were Gayle May, MEC, who was in Albuquerque for cataract surgery, Lee Shumate, who could not get a driver from Roswell, and Sherrill Bradford who was in El Paso winding up math and other reports for Austin High School.

It was a delightful day to renew love and altruism.

Crown CowBelles will meet at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 9 at La Cocina de Corona.

Mrs. L.K. Merritt has visitors this week, her daughter, Louise Owens, granddaughter, Sandra, and great-granddaughter Shawna, all from Round Rock, TX, daughter, Betty Minton and her granddaughter, Caitlin from Fort Sumner. Neuman Merritt was here for a short time. That means that all Mrs. Merritt's three surviving children were together for a reunion.

Mrs. Kennan Fuller and Mrs. A.J. Gibbs drove to El Paso Saturday for an overnight visit with Noel and Ken Gibbs.

Ernest Lueras and Curtis Duke went to Bent Sunday where Louise Seth let them have 35 of her young emus. They promise a taste of emu burger soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Duke returned from a week vacation in time to celebrate Mr. Duke's birthday on Sunday. They had been to Splendors, TX to check on his two younger sisters and their families. Gladys Collins and Lillie Faulkner honored their big brother with two birthday parties, a fish fry on Wednesday and a roast beef dinner the next evening.

Rachel Lueras and Meghan Romans pleased their teacher, Mrs. Joseph Erranouse, relatives and friends with their performances at the piano recital Sunday afternoon. Later all shared lunch, brownies and conversation.

Erdine Behunin returned Monday from a two week vacation visiting her son, Steve and Alice Kiefer, Brittney and Brandon in Little Rock, Arkansas and her son, Kevin and Emma Kiefer, Justin and Megan in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Kevin and his family came to Little Rock one weekend to visit his brother and attend Steve's church.

Erdine's daughter, Bethany and Wayne Brazil, Joseph, Holly, Diana and Stieve from Tatum, NM, surprised them by arriving in Little Rock on Tuesday to spend a week. The kids swam in Steve's pool, went to movies, ate, visited and one day everyone went to Petit Jean State Park and hiked two miles into the wilderness up a canyon to a huge waterfall where everyone was properly impressed, especially the New Mexico kids. Praise God for the wonderful time and for everyone having a safe trip.

CHS FFA officers are at the state convention in Las Cruces this week. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Travis Lightfoot. In attendance are Rick Bagley who is to receive a State and National Award, John Gnatkowski who is to receive a State Award, Courtney Perez, Mariah Romans, Rocky and Andrew Bagley and Mark Cartwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harelson have returned from a two week vacation that took them to see her mother, Vera King, at Fruitvale, TX. They attended a Blue Grass festival, did some shopping, and brought a grandson, Adam Thurman of Mineola, TX home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Garza entertained more than 80 friends and relatives with an enchilada supper before graduation.

Anna Garza's grandmothers Carmen Saiz of Duran and Juanita Garza from Rio Rancho were here to hear her speak. Aunts and uncles came from Albuquerque, Hobbs, Fort Sumner, Santa Rosa, and Bernalillo.

Victor Perez has had some wins lately, third in the breakaway in Clovis, and in Farmington first in the step-down and second in the breakaway.

Mrs. Janell Robinson, Las Cruces, spent the weekend with the Perkins.

Mrs. Clint Sultemeier made a quick trip to Sterling City, TX to see her brother, Jim Latham, and family.

Gayle May had cataract surgery Monday in Albuquerque where she was the guest from Sunday until Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steele. Mr. Steele furnished the transportation, which is appreciated by Mrs. May and her family.

Bob Bradford stopped Sunday afternoon enroute to Palmer Lake, CO to spend a week with his aunt, Mrs. Betty Casey.

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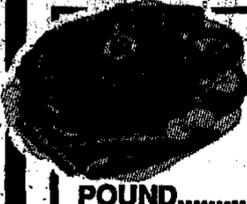
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Capitan School Budget For 97-98 Is \$2.9 Million

by Doris Cherry

Capitan schools staff will get a three percent raise next school year.

Capitan board of education at its May 8 meeting, approved the \$2.9 million district preliminary budget for

the 1997-98 school year which will be based on a projected enrollment of 607 students in grades K-12. The budget includes funds to provide a basic three percent salary increase for teachers, which will be added to their step

increases which averages about 5.22 percent increase among all teachers.

The preliminary budget was sent to the State Department of Education (SDE) in Santa Fe for review and approval. After July 1, Capitan board of education will approve the final 1997-98 budget with accurate ending cash balances from this current school year and any possible adjustments made by the SDE.

The bulk of the operational funds come from the state equalization funding formula. Based on the 607 students, the district plans to receive \$2,569,151 from the state equalization guarantee. Other state funds include a state department of education flow through grants of \$10,468, instructional materials credit of \$28,226 and instructional materials cash of \$12,097.

Revenue from property taxes is projected at \$28,468, and other revenue includes \$5,000 in summer school fees and \$11,000 in interest. Cash carry over from this current school year was estimated at \$324,248.

Last year, the district received a total of \$2,906,793 in revenue.

In direct student instruction, most of the budget goes to pay salaries and benefits, with \$982,305 budgeted for salaries of 32 teachers in grades 1-12; \$148,630 for five special education teachers; \$60,570 for two kindergarten teachers, \$12,000 for substitutes for teachers who take sick leave and \$10,000 for substitutes for teachers who are gone for other leave; \$17,611 is budgeted for one and a half instructional assistants in grades 1-12 and a

half time instructional assistant for kindergarten.

Employee benefits will cost \$103,887 for educational retirement, \$15,388 for retiree health care, \$93,135 for FICA taxes, \$17,796 for medicare, \$85,330 for health/medical insurance, \$1,090 for life insurance; \$11,903 for dental; \$2,817 for vision; \$7,300 for workers comp premium; \$500 for workers comp employer's fee and \$1,100 unemployment insurance premium.

Instructional materials credit has been decreased from last year, with the district budgeting \$28,226 in credits, and \$12,097 for instructional materials cash. \$1,000 is budgeted for software and \$22,000 for general supplies and materials. Employee travel was budgeted \$1,000 and employee training \$500.

Capital outlay expenditures for fixed assets was budgeted at \$10,000 and supply assets under \$500 at \$5,000 for a subtotal for direct instruction at \$1,608,250 for 41.14 full time employees.

Instructional support is budgeted at total of \$504,595. Of that \$139,804 is budgeted for the base salaries for three principals; \$15,051 for a half time subject matter coordinator; \$32,658 for one library specialist; \$38,673 for one full time guidance counselor; \$11,844 for a half time nurse; \$40,492 for three full-time secretaries \$17,113 for a half time speech therapist; \$500 to pay substitutes for sick leave and \$500 for other leave. Employee benefits are estimated at \$28,410 for educational retirement, \$4,399 for retiree health care; \$22,434 for FICA taxes; \$4,580 for medicare; \$21,237 for health insurance; \$275 for life insurance; \$4,422 for dental; \$880 for vision; \$170 for workers comp and \$90 for workers comp employers fee; \$170 unemployment insurance.

In purchased services under

instructional support, the district budgeted \$12,000 for contract diagnostician; \$12,000 for contracted occupational therapists; \$5,500 for other contracted therapists; \$5,500 for contracted psychologists; \$4,500 for other professional services; \$30,000 for interagency contracts. Supplies and materials for the purchased services were budgeted \$3,863 for software; \$3,500 for library and audiovisual; \$22,000 for general supplies and material. \$1,500 was budgeted for travel and training; \$10,00 for fixed assets and \$5,000 for supply assets.

Administration was budgeted a total of \$165,386, which includes \$58,567 for the full time school superintendent, a four percent increase over last year; and \$18,606 for a full time secretary; benefits of \$6,668 for educational retirement; \$775 for retiree health care; \$5,892 for FICA taxes; \$1,120 for Medicare; \$6,340 for health insurance; \$60 for life insurance; \$897 for dental; \$200 for vision; \$360 for workers comp premium and \$16 for workers comp employers fee; \$85 for unemployment insurance.

Administration purchased services were budgeted at \$4,500 for auditing; \$30,000 for legal expenses; \$2,200 for other professional services; \$2,800 other contract services; \$3,500 other charges and \$500 for county tax collection fees. Supplies and materials are budgeted with \$1,000 for software; \$1,000 for board expenses; \$3,500 for general supplies and materials. For Travel and Training is budgeted \$2,500 for board travel and \$1,500 for board training; \$2,000 for employee travel and \$800 for employee training.

\$5,000 is set aside for Capital Outlay fixed assets and \$5,000 for supply assets.

In business and support services a total of \$77,812 is

budgeted for two employees and expenses. With a three percent salary increase plus scheduled step increase \$45,810 is budgeted for the base salaries of two secretary clerical and technical assistants, plus benefits of \$4,911 for education retirement; \$451 for retiree health care; \$3,261 for FICA; \$860 for medicare \$3,270 for health insurance premiums; \$53 for life insurance; \$925 for dental; \$205 for vision; \$380 for workers comp premium; \$16 for workers comp fee; \$65 for unemployment insurance. Purchased services for the business office were budgeted at \$300 for rents and leases; \$1,000 for maintenance and repair of furniture, fixtures and equipment in the office; \$500 for other charges; supplies and materials were budgeted \$1,823 for software; \$3,000 for general supplies and materials; for travel and training—\$500 for employee travel and \$200 for training; Capital outlay—\$10,000 cash carry over for fixed assets and \$2,000 for supply assets.

Operation/maintenance of physical plant was budgeted a total of \$361,815 for six full time employees, purchased services such as insurance and supplies. For employees \$800 was budgeted to pay substitutes for sick leave; \$30,502 for the maintenance supervisor; \$74,475 for five custodians; \$49,047 for educational retirement; \$1,047 for retiree health care; \$7,880 for FICA taxes; \$1,560 for Medicare; \$15,600 for health insurance; \$160 for life insurance; \$2,334 for dental; \$663 vision; \$2,860 for workers comp insurance which is decreased from last year's \$3,595 because of the district's safety record; \$66 workers comp fee and \$125 for unemployment insurance.

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CAPITAN NOTES

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

Just a word of caution to all you folks that are smirking and salivating over the messy situation that our president seems to be in and all of this "hoopla" could not have come at a worse time for our world status, which we all know is at its highest peak.

We are admired and looked up to and we definitely are the leader of the Free World. I lived through those "good old times" in the 20s and also the crash that followed. My father was on the top of the world and I thought the world was mine for the asking. What a blow to go from the top to the bottom in one fell swoop.

I remember the beggars, the fathers standing on street corners trying to sell apples for a pittance to help feed their families. I remember the youth that hopped on freight cars and rode the rails going from nothing to whatever, which most often also turned out to be nothing and they rode the rails back to where they started from.

It was a terrible time and you that are chuckling with glee that President Clinton has been embarrassed and humiliated before the entire world while he was representing our great country abroad, a cheap little "broad" was given the green light by our Supreme Court to bring charges against him, the man we elected to the presidency twice. He was elected twice so he must have done something right. So all you smirkers out there wipe the smirk off your faces and pray to the Heavenly Father that the cockeyed stock market does not start to quiver, shake, rattle or roll, because "chaos" folks it ain't funny.

We have a two party system in this great old country of ours. We have the God given right to free elections and we have this two party system so that one party cannot be in control all the time. You enjoy it and I enjoy it.

I have lived through a number of presidencies, Republican and Democrat, and I was taught by my parents

that you showed respect for whoever was elected and for the American Flag at all times. Of course in my day we were taught all those things in school.

And now I will bring my little sermon to closure, but it might be a good idea to read it again. Living through depressions, believe me when I say, it just ain't one bit funny.

Congratulations and whole lot of thanks and credos are certainly due our one and only Jerrold. All those cars you may have seen last Monday night were supporters of the special and important effort that is being made to save Fort Stanton.

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What a downer to have such a famous institution turned into a place to house women prisoners. Almost an insult, wouldn't you agree?

Let us all get behind this with our assistance and our prayers. This is the second benefit that Jerrold has hosted and we certainly owe him our heartfelt gratitude.

I was unable to attend but am still hearing that the gourmet dinner was surpassed only by the enthusiasm of the large group that did attend.

And for all Lincoln County county history buffs as well as all newcomers to the area, here's your chance to learn about the "Good Old Days". For on June the 21st the Historical Society will host a panel discussion at the Senior Center here in Capitan.

Art Blazer and Peg Pfingsten will be relating stories about their lives here in Lincoln County. That should be very, very interesting because both of these prominent gentlemen have a huge repertoire of stories and

both gentlemen are very talented when it comes to relating them. Also Ralph Dunlap, another prominent gentleman of Lincoln County, will be the moderator. And our friend Louis Padilla, our Center director, has promised plenty of good coffee and refreshments. So come one, come all and we guarantee you a most interesting and entertaining evening.

And before I forget, the Chamber of Commerce is making big plans for our Fourth of July celebration. Remember our own Bessie Jones and Dick Beck are Grand Lady and Grand Marshall, so make your plans to stay right here in Lincoln County for your Fourth of July celebration and have a lot of fun.

And now in closing let us all remember those survivors in the Oklahoma bombing and ask the Heavenly Father to grant them some peace and happiness. What a terrible and horrible ordeal they have all been through. And may God have mercy on the ones that were responsible.

Adios and God bless everyone that reads my efforts and even those that don't. See you next week, I hope.

P.S. Thanks to you Vanessa for being my Cub Reporter as well as my friend. M.S.

CAPITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Members of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce meet June 2 with the primary business being the Smokey Bear Stampede Parade on July 4. The theme of the parade is "Smokey Bear says Be Aware". Parade entries are encouraged. Let the parade committee know what you have by writing, P.O. Box 441, Capitan, New Mexico 88316. Dial 354-2699 for parade information.

To be eligible for a trophy your entry should be in by June 27. Judging begins at 9:00 a.m. in front of the elementary school. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m.

Parade categories include, Musical, Float, Pedestrian, Equestrian, Best Dressed Cowboy, Best Dressed Cowgirl, Fire Department, Decorated Bicycle, Antique/Classic Vehicle, Tractor, Horse Drawn Entry, and a category for any other entry. There will be a Capitan Chamber of Commerce Award presented to the most outstanding entry.

The parade marshal will be Dick Beck. The Grand Lady will be Bessie Jones.

Chamber members learned that there will be two categories for the Smokey Bear Run. There will be the 10K run and a two mile fun run. To enter be at the Ruidoso State Bank Parking lot by 7:00 a.m. Make your \$10.00 entry check payable to the Friends of Smokey. Call Howard Shanks at 354-2699 for more information.

The chamber of commerce will have a workday on June 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the chamber

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Forest Health Workshop, 14th

The 3rd Annual Forest Health Workshop is planned for Saturday June 14, at Ruidoso Convention Center.

The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Forest Health Coalition of Lincoln County, Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico Forestry Division and U.S. Forest Service. The workshop is designed to inform residents of the potential dangers of living in a heavily forested community and what can be done to make homes safer and the forest healthier.

Participants will have opportunity to view informative displays and meet Smokey Bear at 8:30-9 a.m. Formal presentations, including slides and videos, begin at 9 a.m. After a mid-morning break is the last presentation. A "round table" discussion will conclude the workshop.

There is no fee for the workshop. Last year more than 100 people attended to learn how to avoid a catastrophic forest fire by creating fire safe zones around homes by raking pine needles, removing overcrowded and unhealthy trees, and pruning ladder fuels.

This year's workshop participants will learn what is being done on the Mescalero Apache Reservation and get advice on how to protect homes and communities in a forest setting.

For more information call 257-4624 or 257-5332.

Girl Scout Day Camp June 9-14 in Ruidoso

Animals Near and Far is the theme of this year's Lincoln County Girl Scout Day Camp to be held June 9-13 in Ruidoso.

Campers meet each day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount on Mescalero Trail in Ruidoso, with a sleep-over planned for Thursday, June 12.

Girl scouts of all ages are invited to attend. To register write camp director Kimberly Pope, Box 7472, Ruidoso NM 88355.

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building on 2nd Street.

The Virginia Jones Music Group will have a rehearsal at their building on Lincoln Street on Saturday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. There will be another rehearsal at the same time and place on June 21.

Play Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo on Thursday nights and win.

by Bartley McDonough



Sheriff's Report

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

May 27:
2:25 p.m. a caller requested a deputy because she wanted to file a domestic violence order on her husband. A deputy responded and arrested the man.

6:12 p.m. Ruidoso police reported a possible fight involving several people at the Eagle Creek ball fields. Three deputies responded, and one tried to talk to the alleged victim who said he would call if he has trouble, then he drove off.

6:42 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Carrizozo for a 50 year old man with severe stomach cramps. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

6:45 p.m. a caller with a realty company requested a deputy to check out a woman who wasn't supposed to be at a location where she had been vacated, and the caller wanted to file charges on the woman. Two deputies responded and advised it was a civil situation.

6:47 p.m. a caller requested an officer pick up a dog at a location on E. Ave. The caller didn't want the one year old female dog anymore. Carrizozo police responded.

8:29 p.m. a caller reported kids shooting a 22 rifle after dark at a location off Highway 47. A deputy responded.

8:46 p.m. a deputy advised he made a DWI traffic stop by the golf course east of Carrizozo on Highway 380.

May 28:

3:18 a.m. an accident with injuries was reported at mile marker 296 on Highway 70 near Hondo, a semi truck had rolled over. Hondo ambulance and Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) responded and transported the injured to LCMC.

A telephone harassment was reported.

12:53 p.m. a 911 caller reported someone shooting from a pickup with two kids in the back in Philadelphia Canyon near Bonito. A deputy responded and advised they were looking for the white truck with two teenagers in the back who had a rifle and a pistol. At 1:59 p.m. the deputy located the vehicle and spoke with the driver and occupants. The weapons were B-B guns. All was okay.

8:49 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Carrizozo for a 76 year old man with a possible stroke. Carrizozo ambulance and police responded, but was refused because the patient was taken to the hospital in a private vehicle.

8:59 p.m. a caller requested to speak to an officer about loud music and items dealing with drug dealing. Carrizozo police responded.

11:17 p.m. a 911 caller reported a possible domestic violence incident at a location on South Fork Campground at Bonito Lake. The caller advised that people camping below them were fighting real loud, and it was unknown if there was physical violence. Two deputies responded, but made no contact. Security was to be checking the area.

May 29:

12:02 a.m. a caller reported loud music and a party at a location near Biscuit Hill. The subjects had been warned before by a deputy. Two deputies responded.

9:28 a.m. Carrizozo fire department advised of a small shed

structure on fire, and the animals got out. Carrizozo police and an additional fire unit responded.

10:14 a.m. a caller reported a dog bite in Corona. A nine year old was bitten by the neighbor's dog, the dog had been quarantined as it was unknown if it had shots. The child received 10-15 stitches at a doctor in Estancia.

10:50 a.m. an individual contacted a deputy on the roadway to report a burglary at a location on Sierra Blanca Trail. The responding deputy located the broken window, and the rock was sitting on the bed, apparently entry was not gained. The owner was contacted.

2:21 p.m. a caller requested a deputy to do a vehicle identification number (VIN) check. A deputy responded.

7:26 p.m. a caller reported juveniles throwing rocks into the yard and at the dog at a residence in Capitan. Capitan police responded.

7:43 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker at mile marker 111 on Highway 54 for a motorhome with a flat tire. A wrecker responded.

10:03 p.m. a caller reported a burglary at a location in Alamo Canyon and the caller wanted to talk to a deputy. A deputy responded.

10:20 p.m. a caller reported six barking dogs at a location on State Road 246 north of Capitan. The woman requested Capitan police do something about the dogs because she and her husband both have to go to work the next day and they are trying to sleep. Capitan police advised he would talk with the people and gather the dogs up the next day.

10:53 p.m. Ruidoso police reported a two vehicle accident without injuries at the Eagle Creek ball fields. A deputy responded.

11:47 p.m. a caller reported a possible domestic violence at a location in Capitan. The caller requested a deputy check out the location, where a man was threatening to hurt a little boy and a woman was yelling obscenities. The responding Capitan police officer and deputy advised they were told two boys left the location after the fight with a man and got a ride to Ruidoso before police could reach them.

May 30:

8:43 a.m. a 911 caller reported

a stolen vehicle from a church camp in the Bonito area. Two deputies responded, and located the vehicle at a business parking lot in Ruidoso. The vehicle was released to its owner.

9:05 p.m. a caller requested an officer about a vehicle she had sold and had received no payments. Capitan police responded.

10:25 p.m. a caller requested a deputy to help with peace-keeping in a child custody situation. The responding deputy advised there were no documents to support custody either way. The deputy was checking with the district attorney's office for more information.

10:38 a.m. a caller requested a wrecker at mile marker 114 on Highway 54 for a vehicle with a flat tire. A wrecker responded.

11:36 a.m. a wrecker was requested at a location 20 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. A wrecker responded.

1:12 p.m. a caller requested animal control at a location on Buck Drive. Capitan police responded.

2:24 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on Musketball. Bonito Fire Department and Alto ambulance responded.

6:06 p.m. a 911 caller reported a drunken driver. The driver was passed out in a vehicle on a dirt road off Sierra Blanca Airport road. The subject was located and

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taken home. His wife retrieved his vehicle.

7:34 p.m. an EMT requested an ambulance at the basketball courts at Capitan school for a male who fell and hit his head. Capitan ambulance responded, but the patient refused.

11:07 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident about 14 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance and state police responded, but the ambulance was refused.

11:28 p.m. a subject at a cabin in Ruidoso reported a subject with a weapon in the next cabin. The report was referred to Ruidoso Police.

1:17 p.m. state police advised of a harassment at a location between Ruidoso Downs and Tinnie. They had received a call from a woman at a business in Tinnie about some girls tried to run them off the road. The suspicious vehicle was at the business at the time of the call, and the driver inside. A deputy responded.

5:30 p.m. a deputy requested assistance at a traffic stop on Highway 380. A deputy responded.

7:02 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location at mile marker 272 on Highway 70 for a 14 year old boy who fell out of a tree. RALS responded and transported the boy to LCMC.

7:13 p.m. Alto Neighborhood Watch reported smoke in the Eagle Creek/Lake Shore Drive area. Bonito Fire Department responded, but canceled the call.

7:56 p.m. an unknown caller reported shots fired near Alto Lake and a deer running through the woods. The caller would not give her name, and later called back on 911 and was upset because dispatch had asked for her phone number. Also the caller advised she still heard the shots. A deputy responded but found nothing on the south side of the lake.

9:24 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fire 15 miles north of Carrizozo. The fire had a 30 foot diameter. Carrizozo fire department responded but found no fire.

9:19 p.m. a person walked in and reported a domestic incident in Carrizozo. A deputy responded and went to a location to speak with the male subject.

June 1:

4:58 a.m. an accident was reported at mile marker 306 on Highway 70. A vehicle had rolled over. Hondo Ambulance responded and requested Roswell ALS meet them out of Roswell, to transport the injured to Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell. State police also responded.

9:02 a.m. forest service reported some smoke northeast of Alto and requested someone check it out. Bonito fire department responded.

11:22 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with injuries at mile marker 257 on Highway 70, one vehicle rolled over and the subject was pinned inside. State police and BIA police responded.

1:40 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries involving

two vehicles at a location off Highway 37. State police responded.

1:54 p.m. a caller reported a possible breaking and entering at a location on Highway 48. Capitan police responded.

2:07 p.m. a caller reported shots fired in the Glencoe area and requested an officer check it out because there were show steers in that area. A deputy responded.

5:36 p.m. an accident with injuries involving four vehicles was reported at the Red Cloud Turnoff on Highway 54 south of Corona. Extrication equipment was also requested for a subject pinned inside a vehicle. Carrizozo fire department and ambulance and Corona ambulance responded. Corona transported the injured to Albuquerque and Carrizozo transported to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

6:03 p.m. a deputy requested a wrecker at the intersection of Highways 37 and 48 for a vehicle which blew a transmission in the middle of the road. A wrecker responded.

6:24 p.m. a caller requested to speak to a deputy about his ex-wife who wouldn't return the child to him after visitation. A deputy responded.

9:13 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer because her son was totally out of control. Carrizozo police responded.

11:57 p.m. a caller reported rapid shots fired at a location off Highway 70 in the Hondo Valley. Two deputies responded, but made no contact.

June 2:
12:13 a.m. a 911 caller reported smoke off Highway 48 in Capitan. The caller saw two kids running and playing with fire and there was lots of smoke. Capitan police responded.

1:43 a.m. a caller reported a breaking and entering at a business in the Hondo area. Two deputies responded, but another 911 call came in with the subject advising not to send anyone because the owner went into the store and no one was in there. The deputies were advised.

4:16 a.m. an accident without injuries was reported at a business parking lot. Carrizozo police responded.

7:35 a.m. Hondo school reported a broken window and vandalism at the teachers lounge. A deputy responded and took a report.

9:47 a.m. a caller requested to talk with a deputy about someone who shot at her two times at a location off Highway 70. Two deputies responded.

10:52 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance to make a transport from Carrizozo clinic to the hospital in Alamogordo. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

12:24 p.m. a cell phone caller reported vandalism at a location off Highway 70. The woman advised she had just sold the house and someone shot the windows out of two houses and she needed a report. A deputy was assigned.

12:54 p.m. a caller reported a dog running loose at a trailer park in the Alto area and she requested an officer to take care of the dog because it tried to attack herself and her husband. The woman advised if when she goes home and the dog is out and loose she was going to shoot it. A deputy responded.

3:42 p.m. Ruidoso airport reported two columns of smoke possibly coming from the lower Eagle Creek area. Bonito fire department responded.

3:55 p.m. Corona fire department advised they were responding to a grass fire about two miles north on Highway 54.

4:55 p.m. a possible breaking and entering at a location on Valley View. Capitan police responded.

8:33 p.m. animal control was requested in Carrizozo, dogs were barking since 2 p.m. Carrizozo police responded.

8:36 p.m. a caller reported kids turning the corner fast and had no lights on a go-cart. Carrizozo police responded.

10:03 p.m. a caller reported shots fired at a campground east of Ruidoso Downs. A 12 year old boy was walking and a vehicle stopped and shot three times in his direction. A deputy was assigned.

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them during the May 24 graduation exercises at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. Upon graduation and completion of all board examinations, dental students are qualified to practice general dentistry.

Scenic Byways Meeting
The Scenic Byways committee has rescheduled their June 4 meeting to June 18 at 2 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall.

Cece Griffin To Be Roasted
Democrats will "Roast" Cece Griffin Thursday, June 12 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Cece is co-chair of the 2nd Congressional District and recently retired as Lincoln County Democrat Party chair, a position she held for several years.

Memorial Roping
The Corriente CowBelles will sponsor the 9th annual Grady Le Eldridge Memorial

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3rd Wednesday..... 2:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month
..... 12:30 pm
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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
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors
648-2650
Nogal Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
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 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 Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor
Capitan (South on Highway 48)
364-3119
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 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

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 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188
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

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Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2998
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
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Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
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Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

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LEGALS

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

FRED BOAZ Plaintiff, vs. KENNETH GRAZAFFI Defendant.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE On June 6, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, 900 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 \$39,972.99. Cost of sale will also be added to amount. Said sale is pursuant to a judgment in the captioned cause CV-95-119 filed in this Twelfth Judicial District 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.) Ruidoso Jockey Club, Inc. One Share of the Capital Stock of Ruidoso Jockey Club, Inc. Rights and Pri-

vilages thereof. 2.) Cree Meadows Country Club, Inc. One Share (Share Number 373) out of 500 Shares issued. Rights and privileges thereof.

Pursuant to New Mexico Statutes SSNMSA 1978, Defendant may request ownership of above listed properties, by full payment of judgement and costs up to time of sale. TOM SULLIVAN Lincoln County Sheriff

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DIESEL

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Capitan will accept sealed proposals for on-road and off-road diesel fuel, price per gallon. Proposals must be received by the Village Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 6, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Proposals can be mailed to the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316 or hand delivered. /s/ DEBORAH CUMMINS Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Village of Capitan

Published in the Lincoln County News on May 22 and 29 and June 5, 1997.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will on Thursday, June 12, 1997, 8:00 p.m. M.D.T., meet in the board room of the administration building, 150 Forest Street, to present and publicly review the budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this 28th day of May, 1997.

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION BEVERLY PAYNE CALAWAY PRESIDENT

Attest: FRED McSWANE SECRETARY Published in the Lincoln County News on May 22 and June 5, 1997.

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ON ROAD BASE COURSE

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Capitan is accepting sealed proposals for 3/4" Class A State Spec Road Base Course. A spec sheet must accompany the proposal. Prices should include (1) base course hauled and (2) picked up and hauled by the Village. Base course quantity purchased by the Village will vary.

Proposals are to be for July, 1997 thru June 30, 1998. Proposals must be received by the Village Clerk no later than 4:00

p.m. on June 6, 1997 at the Village of Capitan, Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico 88318.

Proposals will be opened by the Governing Body at their regular meeting to be held on June 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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/s/ DEBORAH CUMMINS Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Village of Capitan

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. 95-78

NORWEST BANK, N.A. formerly known as UNITED NEW MEXICO BANK RUIDOSO, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES R. STROUD, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant, 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 collect monies due upon a debt.

The name of Plaintiff's attorney is: DAVID M. STEVENS Attorney at Law, P.C. P.O. Box 65 Alto, New Mexico 88312 (505) 336-7077

Unless you file a responsive pleading or motion in said cause within the time required, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 2nd day of May, 1997.

ELIZABETH LUERAS Deputy Clerk of the District Court (SEAL) Published May 15, 22 and 29 and June 5, 1997.

MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 1997, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department Building in Lincoln. 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.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on June 5, 1997.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Thursday, June 19, 1997, at 8:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office, on Monday, June 16, 1997.

Published in the Lincoln County News on June 5 and June 12, 1997.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for one member to fill a vacancy. Nominee(s) shall be involved in agricultural services, must be domiciled in Commission District No. II, and registered to vote within Lincoln County. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln

County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 30, 1997.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on June 5, 1997.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 22-8-10, 22-8-11, AND 22-8-41, NMSA, 1978, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CARRIZOZO SCHOOL DISTRICT #7, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, WILL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1997, AT 8:30 P.M., M.D.T., AT THE ADMINISTRATION/BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 800 D. AVENUE, PRESENT AND PUBLICLY REVIEW THE BUDGET FOR THE 1997-1998 FISCAL SCHOOL YEAR.

THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING AND ALL SCHOOL PATRONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. DONE AT CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO, THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 1997.

CARRIZOZO SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION STEVE HARKEY PRESIDENT

ATTEST: PATRICIA VEGA SECRETARY

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Board of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 1997 at 8:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 96-12, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

CAROL SCHLARB Town Clerk, CMC/AAE Town of Carrizozo

Published in the Lincoln County News on June 5, 1997.

LEGAL NOTICE

Cibola National Forest Mountaintop Ranger District, Torrance County, NM

This Mountaintop Ranger District will be implementing a prescribed burn within the Pruitt Well Area of the Gallinas Unit of the District (Township 1 North, Range 11 East Sections 6, 7, and 8). Due to recent weather patterns forbs and grasses are at a higher moisture content. This enables us to effectively manage a burn at this time. Weather permitting we expect to implement this project after June 15, 1997.

For additional information contact the Mountaintop Ranger District at 847-2890.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Health & Wellness Advisory Board will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, June 9, 1997, beginning at 12:15 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Ruidoso Municipal Schools Administrative Office Conference Room, 200 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM. 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.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Circle B Campground, Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs. 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.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Advisory Board will hold their regular scheduled meeting June 12, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED IN ACCOR-

DANCE with Resolution 96-12, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

PAT VOSS Secretary-Treasurer Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

Published in the Lincoln County News on June 5, 1997.

MEETING OF FRIENDS OF SMOKEY

JUNE 19 - 1:00 P.M. Smokey Bear Restaurant. Primary business is election of officers. Published in the Lincoln County News on June 5, 1997.

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ALICE BACA BAXTER CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: Elizabeth Lueras, Deputy Published in the Lincoln County News on June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1997.

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 24, 1997, Nancy Duley and the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, licensee, filed application numbered T-274-C(T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change place and purpose of use of 48.9 acre-foot per annum consumptive use of ground water within the Tularosa Under-ground Water Basin for a two-year period by ceasing the irrigation of 25 acres of land, locate in part 3/4 of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., from well D-274, located in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Section 29, and commencing the use of said well and 48.9 acre-foot diversion and consumptive use of water for highway construction and related purposes under Highway Project No. NH-064-2(11) 124, from 0.04 mile north of Junction 380 North approximately 6.287 miles, from Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 10 East to Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 11 East. Said water rights shall revert to the move-from place and purpose of use on December 31, 1998, or upon completion of the project, whichever is sooner.

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. Published in the Lincoln County News on May 29 and June 5 and 12, 1997.

Capitan School Budget

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with \$31,700 for liability insurance; \$10,000 for other contract services; \$50,096 for electricity; \$31,500 for natural gas for heating; \$22,200 water/sewer; \$8,000 for communications; \$1,000 for rents and leases; \$12,000 for maintenance and repair of furniture, fixtures and equipment; \$5,000 for maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds; \$5,000 for maintenance and repair of vehicles; \$600 other charges.

Supplies and materials were budgeted \$30,000 for general supplies and materials; \$300 for employee travel and \$300 for employee training.

Capital outlay for maintenance was budgeted \$5,000 for fixed assets and \$2,000 for supply assets.

Food Services was budgeted a total of \$11,890 with \$1,890 for employee benefits, \$10,000 for food.

Athletics was budgeted a total of \$97,045. Athletic salaries was budgeted \$33,425 for increments for coaches and assistants; benefits of \$2,892 for retirement; \$335 for retiree health care; \$2,407 for FICA; \$486 Medicare. \$2,000 was budgeted for purchased services; \$10,000 for general supplies and materials (up from last year's \$6,540); \$500 for employee travel. \$40,000 was budgeted for student travel.

During discussion of the budget, parent Ed Vinson asked why athletic travel had increased from last year. Superintendent Diana Billingsley said the district tied into two year sports contracts with other schools that requires a lot of travel, because the boys and girls do not play each other at the

same school on the same day. "For the district to take two buses to one football game is questionable," Vinson said. "I want to see the district slow down on some travel."

Vinson said last year's budget for student transportation was originally \$27,000, then boosted to \$10,000 at mid year.

Billingsley said that the district budgets adequate funds to cover costs of transportation to the state play-off games, even if the teams do not go to those. Also she said the school did not know the full costs of the new sports contracts because it was the first year to try the scheduling. "Now we have a two year commitment," Billingsley added.

She acknowledged there are problems with the scheduling. "Gate receipts suffered with this schedule," she said.

Billingsley said the situation has been discussed with coaches.

The last item budgeted under athletics is \$5,000 for supply assets. There were 147 student athletes in the 7-12 grade athletic program this school year.

Non-instructional student support was budgeted a total of \$25,756. This covers FFA, FHA, Student Senate, Mock Trial, Band, Choir, National Honor Society and other non-sports school groups. Activities salaries (increments which were increased) were budgeted at \$12,050; retirement at 1,048; \$121 for retiree health care; \$866 FICA taxes; \$176 for medicare; \$800 for purchased services; \$2,500 for general supplies and materials; \$400 for employee travel. For non athletic activity, stu-

dent travel \$7,300 was budgeted and nothing was budgeted for capital outlay supply assets.

"There's a big difference between \$7,800 and \$40,000 for athletics (for student transportation)," Vinson said.

Community services was budgeted a total of \$7,641 with \$5,250 for personnel services for summer school/after school; benefits of \$455 for \$455 for retirement; \$53 for retiree health care; \$391 for FICA; \$92 for medicare; \$600 for rents and leases; \$800 for general supplies and materials.

For capital outlay a total of \$86,000 was budgeted with \$37,000 for land improvements and \$49,000 for building improvements.

The budget has a \$45,000 emergency reserve, which was carried over from last year.

OBITUARIES

FRANCIS L. DOUGLASS

Graveside services for Francis L. Douglass, 84, of Ruidoso were May 30, at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Wayne Joyce of Ruidoso Baptist Church.

Ms. Douglass died May 29, at the Ruidoso Care Center. She was born April 6, 1913 at Monticello, Arkansas. She moved to Ruidoso 50 years ago from Big Spring, TX. She was a medical technician for the Civil Service and attended the Ruidoso Baptist Church.

She is survived by her brother Jake Douglass of Lubbock.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

LEO H. COOPER

Graveside services for Leo H. Cooper, 81, of Capitan were June 4, at Grace Hill Cemetery in Perry, OK. Mr. Cooper died May 30, in Alamogordo.

He was born August 28, 1915 in Oklahoma and moved to Capitan in 1977. He served in the Army during World War II. He married Mildred Saker in February 1960 in Miami, OK and she preceded him in death on April 5, 1993.

He is survived by a sister, Violet Pennington of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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for Alto ambulance with only four very diligent volunteers who answer the majority of ambulance calls.

Schwettmann said some of the more vocal EMT volunteers against the move live in Ruidoso not the Alto area.

"If we think this doesn't work, we can get out," Schwettmann continued. "If it stays in place four years, that would be the same as the \$80,000 we would have spent on a new ambulance."

As for the loss of revenue for the service, Schwettmann said the county now only nets about \$6,000, which is an insignificant loss compared to the improved service the area will get with Ruidoso EMS. He also said Ruidoso EMS coordinator Jim Stover has guaranteed the Alto volunteers will be considered.

But Schwettmann was concerned about a request he made for figures of the number of calls made to the sheriff's office requesting Alto ambulance. "I was told those figures were false, so I asked for those figures to defend

their position and to find if our staff was lying," he continued. "I've not gotten those records, even though I asked that the full commission get these."

Regardless, Schwettmann was sold on the Ruidoso EMS. "I feel we'll end up applauding this," he said. "Give it time to work, if it doesn't we'll go back to the way it was."

Schwettmann said he recently visited Stover and surveyed the ambulances and facility. He urged citizens with concerns to visit the EMS facility, or maybe EMS could have an open house.

An Alto citizen said she was most concerned about a possible longer response time for Ruidoso EMS, which could be the difference between life and death.

An Alto volunteer said they have nothing against Ruidoso EMS, but the volunteers are concerned because Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) wants only first responders. "We are EMT basics, and we cover a large area from the airport to Negal Hill," Senovia Richards said. "ALS now comes out to help, and now we're asking Ruidoso to take over the area and us to first respond."

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County Commissioners Deny Corona Requests

by Doris Cherry

Pleas of help to pay solid waste costs and for an additional deputy assigned to the northern end of the county where two convicted pedophiles live fell on deaf ears during the Lincoln County Commission public hearing on the preliminary budget.

At a special meeting held in the Ruidoso Convention Center on May 29, county commissioners adopted their 1997-98 preliminary budget. The budget includes salaries for elected officials and 86 employees, and several special projects, including \$68,326.59 for the rural events center manager salary and operation, but nothing extra to help Corona with its solid waste costs or for an additional deputy.

"We are also in the county," said Corona village clerk Cathy Muniz who with two others from the Corona area had traveled to Ruidoso to ask for help.

Muniz asked the county to provide the funds requested to help the village with its solid waste costs. Commissioners denied the request during a workshop, because one commissioner thought the village did not charge its citizens. "Corona does charge for solid waste, we charge every user, yet we're still in a deficit," Muniz said. "If we didn't charge we wouldn't ask for help."

County commission chairman Monroy Montes took credit, saying he had talked to the LCSWA manager who said Corona pays for its trash out of its general fund. LCSWA is the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority which provides trash service for Lincoln County.

Muniz also said Corona is in dire need for a deputy, because they have no state police officers there anymore, there are two convicted pedophiles in the area, and it takes more than an hour for a deputy to respond.

Corona area parent and rancher Jeanine Best said she would take the law in her own hands if an officer is not available. "The bus goes by the house of a pedophile paroled this week," she said. "We need some more help. If I took the matter in my own hands I'd be in jail for 25 years. (The pedophile was in jail 18 months)."

"It takes three to four hours just to get to us, they (deputies) don't know the back roads," Best continued. "Why should we make a report, it would be easier to take matters in our own hands and castrate the guy, patch him up. He may bleed to death."

Best said her neighbors who had grown up in the area were moving because of the pedophile, who molested their

daughter.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan said he has 14 deputies including himself and his undersheriff Cliff Macasas. He said they went to Corona the previous week to talk with residents about the need for an officer in that area. But commissioner Ray Nunley said he heard Sullivan was blaming the commission for the situation.

Sullivan said he told the residents he had asked for additional help to patrol the area, but was denied.

Montes said he didn't want to micro-manage, then asked for reports showing incidents or calls from the Corona area. But Sullivan said many times the Corona people don't report incidents.

"Why report? It's 25-45 miles to my house, the response time is unbelievable," Best said. "I'm not a hot head, but I will protect me and my family."

Montes went on to say that the county can't do anything about people who have been released from jail. "What do you want us to do, hire someone to watch these people?"

Nunley said the sheriff's office was given more than \$1 million for next year and the sheriff has the responsibility to put a deputy in that area. "Pressure him," Nunley said.

Corona Schools superintendent Bob Richardson also said the village needs an officer, especially during arrival and departure hours at school and during ball games.

Muniz also said they need an officer every day. She said recently someone shot out windows of old women's homes.

Howell agreed with the need for an officer in the Corona area and suggested the village employ a marshal who

could split time with a deputy. "Most areas of concern are in the village, which are the responsibility of the village," Howell said.

Muniz said the village cannot even pay for its solid waste, and could not justify raising its trash fees to the mostly elderly population. "Our population is 210, including surrounding ranches," Muniz said.

Commissioners suggested several ideas, including a cooperative effort with Torrance County, a Corona marshal, utilization of sheriff's posse for crowd control at games. But Sullivan said Torrance sheriff's office is understaffed and there are no sheriff's posse members in the Corona area.

"We're not willing to hire any more deputies," Montes finally said.

Sullivan said he would try to provide an officer in the area with the staff he has.

Corona area commissioner Rex Wilson told the Corona residents he appreciated their concerns and emotions and asked them to keep the input coming. He said he would not try to make a motion to provide funds for a new deputy because it would not pass. "We hope no one has to take the law in their own hands," he said.

After a brief discussion and questions whether the 10 percent salary increase for elected officials and their chief deputies and the three percent salary increase for all other county employees were included in the new figures, commissioners adopted the preliminary budget with a 4-1 vote. Howell voted no.

The preliminary budget provides a slim \$100,000 cushion above the mandated

1/12 of the general fund, plus funds for the "highly expensive" projects—on-going hospital expansion, the need for a new jail (which could cost more than \$1 million) and ongoing basic services.

Montes compared Lincoln County to Chaves County which increased taxes to pay for its services, and the Vil-

lage of Ruidoso which had to cut back services severely in anticipation of the loss of gross receipts with the loss of a major discount store.

"We spent a lot of hours on the budget," Montes said. "Lincoln County continues to hold the line (without raising taxes.)"

More News Around Lincoln County

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Team Roping June 14 in Capitan. Events begin at 9:30 a.m. A dummy roping competition will be held for the kids at about 1 p.m.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the News Around Lincoln County column; including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, va-

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