

County Needs To Build A New Jail

by Doris Cherry

A county committee appointed to look at the county jail warned county commissioners they need a new jail, or else the courts will take control.

Attorney Gary Mitchell, a member of the committee, reported to the Lincoln County Commissioners during their meeting Tuesday in Carrizozo.

Also present were other committee members, district attorney Scot Key, Lincoln County Detention Center administrator Wayland Hill, county manager Frank Potter, county attorney Alan Morel and county commissioner Bill Schwettmann. A representative from District Judge Karen Parsons had attended a meeting of the committee held

Monday.

Along with the committee was Tommy Warren, president of T. Warren Investments, a private construction company that specializes in jails, prisons and other governmental facilities.

Mitchell said the county's 48-bed jail was obsolete when completed in the 1960s. "Today it is inadequate and a

liability," Mitchell said. The facility now houses up to 75 inmates, with only seven full-time detention center officers.

"It's more of a problem of whether you manage the jail, or the courts manage the jail. It's like dancing with a grizzly, you stop dancing when he stops dancing," Mitchell said.

Foremost the committee recommended the county

contract with a private company to build and operate a new 100-bed facility for adult men and women on county property. Otherwise the county will have to ship its extra prisoners to Chaves or Otero County detention centers, which charge \$79 a day and require a minimum of 10 prisoners, Mitchell said.

The committee also recom-

mended the county work with the courts, and hold the criminal justice system accountable. Mitchell said current public opinion is for tougher and longer sentencing, which requires bigger jails. "There is an truism that if you build it,

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Housing Found For Capitan Head Start

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Head Start program will start on time, thanks to a one time funding from the Lincoln County Commission.

Meeting Tuesday, commissioners unanimously approved a service agreement with Region 9 Educational Cooperative which administers the Head Start program in the county. In the agreement the county will provide \$5,166 to install temporary fencing, telephone, parking signs, smoke alarm, grip bar, for toilet and a concrete disability ramp so the Head Start program can be temporarily housed at the Capitan Community Church.

Capitan Head Start first was housed in Capitan Schools, but was displaced by overcrowding. Moved to a temporary building owned by Debra Ingle, the program was again displaced when Ingle sold the property for a new post office. Plans were to move the building to a permanent site for Head Start, but those plans were halted when the post office project was delayed.

In came the commissioners with a request to allow Head Start to hold class in the Lincoln County Fair Grounds. At a special meeting held July 22, commissioners asked the Lincoln County Fair Board to meet with the Head Start and Region 9 directors. They also asked Region 9 director Sandy Gladden to meet with representatives of the village chamber of commerce, senior citizens and various Capitan community churches.

Gladden told commissioners Tuesday that Carmen Chavez, Lincoln County Head Start director, met with the senior citizens who said their facility was not appropriate for Head Start. They said the senior building has limited parking, bathroom accessibility for adults only, poor location next to a busy street and the Head Start classes would conflict with scheduled events.

Federal funding for the Head Start program comes in grants and Gladden said the Dallas regional office assured her the grant application for Capitan Head Start has top priority. However, notification of grant award deadline is September 30. The grant will provide funding to purchase a temporary building, set it up on site complete with landscaping and Head Start ready

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WHAT'LL YOU GIVE ME? Lincoln County Fair Board members work the crowd at the Junior Livestock Auction Saturday at the Lincoln County Fair in Capitan, trying to solicit a higher bid for the grand prize winning pen of meat rabbits raised by Carrizozo 4-H member Opal Greer. Her rabbits brought \$600 from the bidders.

Carrizozo To Be Part Of Drug Dog Program

by Barbara Culler

A drug intervention dog becoming a part of the Carrizozo Police Department soon, applying for street repair and fire protection grants, and waste water treatment grants or loans were all a part of the regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees meeting held Tuesday, August 12.

Eddie Livingston, of Livingston Associates, gave the trustees an update of the Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) Water Filtration Project.

The split face block building was chosen as it would withstand wind and any corrosion best. Included will be a 10 foot by 10 foot overhead door for ease of removal of the treatment unit should it ever need to be taken out; also, this will enable the project to be done faster enabling the building to be built first and then the treatment unit put in. There will be a small lab so that water testing can be

done.

Twelve feet will be cut from the existing building. The remaining part of the building can then be used for storage. The removal of the twelve feet will be put out as a bid alternate. It was suggested that the town may want to have their personnel remove the footage.

The city has received permission from Gary Joe Lovelace to use a part of his

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Capitan Elected Officials Will Get Salary Increases

by Doris Cherry

With no objection from citizens, Capitan Village Trustees voted unanimously to increase the salaries of village elected officials, including their own.

No one spoke against the proposed ordinance to raise salaries during the public hearing held Monday night even after village attorney Bob Beauvais said the raise will apply to current elected officials. The raise takes effect five days after passage. During the last public hearing on the proposed raises held before the July meeting, trustees discussed the raise that they believed would take effect only for the next group of elected officials.

On Monday, Beauvais explained that the raise can apply to incumbent (sitting) elected officials. He said the courts have determined raises may apply to incumbent elected officials. He said 12th

Judicial District Judge Robert Doughty III ruled in favor of the counties in a lawsuit filed by Otero, Lincoln and other county commissions that challenged the salary increase rule. New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and attorney general have appealed the decision to the state supreme court, and oral arguments on the appeal are expected to begin in 30-45 days, Beauvais said.

He cautioned the raises could be rescinded if the supreme court overturns the district court decision.

Later in the meeting portion, trustees unanimously approved the ordinance to raise compensation for elected officials to \$100 a month for trustees, \$500 a month for mayor and \$400 a month for the judge. Salaries had previously been \$25 a meeting for trustees, \$200 for mayor, and \$100 for the judge.

Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) requirements filled the rest of the meeting. Trustees held a public hearing on the current CDBG for water improvements, and prior CDBG projects. Village clerk Deborah Cummins reported the village received bids for construction of the two million gallon water tank that will be located next to the east side tank. Trustees accepted the low bid of \$347,788.58 from Eatson Steel of Albuquerque. The CDBG is for \$380,000. Construction is expected to begin August 25.

Mayor Norman Renfro said the new tank will give the village a 10-day to two-weeks supply of water in an emergency situation.

Other projects funded by CDBGs and completed by the village are the planning maps in 1997 with a \$25,000 CDBG ; Phase 3 of street repaving in

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County To Consider Gross Receipts Tax

Politicians Talk Taxes

by Doris Cherry

Tuesday was a day for Lincoln County politicians to talk taxes. In Carrizozo the Lincoln County Commission talked about imposing a sales tax. In Ruidoso, the village council got a prediction that residential property tax rates will decline by nearly 20 percent from last year.

Late in an all-day meeting in the courthouse in Carrizozo, the Lincoln County Commission tossed around an idea to impose a three-eighths of a cent gross receipt tax, or sales tax, on all businesses within Lincoln County. In exchange, the commission will lower millage on property taxes. Commissioner Wilton Howell proposed the gross receipt tax and said it was part of his search for ways to lower county taxes.

Howell said he and commission chair Monroy Montes recently visited the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in Santa Fe. There they discussed tax options with David Harris, the governor's key financial advisor. There they learned the county commission can impose up to three-

eighths of a cent of sales tax on all businesses in the county. Howell said the commission would approve the first eighth and the public had the option to remove it with a "negative referendum." The second eighth would be imposed the following year with commission approval. The final eighth would require a county wide referendum the following year.

Howell said estimates show the gross receipt tax could generate more than \$1 million in revenue for the county general fund, or for the indigent hospital care fund and county fire departments. With that supplement to the county budget, commissioners could give a tax break of maybe up to four mills on property taxes, Howell said.

Four mills on property taxes generate about \$500,000 for the county. Reducing mills by any less than four would make very little impact on taxes for residential property owners, Montes said. "To lower it just one mill would only benefit nonresidential property owners," Montes said.

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STRUGES VENTURE MARKET has a new manager. Jason Vinson shows some of the fresh produce available at the market in Carrizozo. Vinson's first day as manager is Friday. For this week's specials at Struges Venture Market, see the ad on the back page of THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS.

County To Consider

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Howell reasoned that sales taxes are fairer, because everyone will pay them, including visitors, tourists, people who rent or receive public assistance. Currently the county has a one-sixteenth environmental gross receipt tax that could generate \$77,000 this fiscal year. The environmental gross receipt tax is dedi-

al landfill payment. Anxious to change the property tax rates before DFA issues them in late September, Howell said the commission needed a public hearing to learn what the citizens want. The county must advise DFA of any tax changes before September 1. Howell then called a public hearing and special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 25, in Ruidoso Convention Center.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann voted no to holding the public hearing. He said the "public" at that special meeting will favor cutting taxes 100 percent because they live in a municipality with services. "But that's what democracy is," Schwettmann said.

After the vote, commissioner Ray Nunley asked if they would take action on such a proposal at the special meeting. Nunley said he needed more information about the gross receipt tax before taking action. "I don't want to be hasty," Nunley said. "When we get in a hurry, we make mistakes".

Howell responded that he took time off work to go to Santa Fe without county per diem to educate himself because he thought it important.

"Until we take the first step we'll never know," Montes said. He then referred to old families in the Santa Fe area who are being displaced by dramatically rising property values and subsequent taxes. "They are the endangered species," Montes said.

Revenues from gross receipt taxes vary, making budgeting based on revenue from gross receipt a fortune-telling show. The village of Ruidoso found that out this year, as it struggled to budget with an estimated \$1 million loss in revenues as the Wal-Mart store moves to Ruidoso Downs.

Tuesday night, at the end of a short meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council, village manager Gary Jackson gave his image of future taxes. He said according to figures calculated by village finance officer Lorie McKnight, residential properties may experience a nearly 20 percent decline in tax rates from last year. Predictions show the tax rate for nonresidential properties, businesses and other commercial property in Ruidoso, could be low-



STATE 4-H CONFERENCE CONTEST WINNERS: (l to r) Robert Malcom Shafer, Mary Beth Bond, Mollie Frances Hightower and Bryan Allen Hightower, all of Carrizozo, won first place in the wool judging contest at the State 4-H Conference at New Mexico State University in July. Shafer also won high point individual in wool judging. The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of NMSU's Cooperative Extension program.



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ered by more than 15 percent. Earlier this year, just after property owners received their notices of re-appraisal from the county assessor's office, many Ruidoso area citizens complained, alarmed at the dramatic increase in values. They feared their actual taxes would also dramatically increase, and they wanted tax relief. Howell held a town hall meeting calling for tax reform and more than 500 people came. Village hall attempted to assuage property owners by holding a separate meeting to show how sometimes higher values lead to the same dollar amount of taxes as before the reappraisal or lower.

New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department, in which the DFA is located, sets the property tax rates for the counties. The tax rates are based on the total value of properties in the county, municipalities and separate school districts. DFA then adds in mills imposed by each entity and bond debt approved by voters and the funding needs of the governments that rely on property taxes.

Until now, Lincoln County property taxes have been the source of revenue for county government. The environmental gross receipt tax is dedicated to the regional landfill debt payment. The village of Ruidoso receives some property taxes, the majority to pay back several millions of dollars in bonds approved by voters. Mostly the village operates on money from gross receipt taxes.

Jackson provided a chart the finance officer prepared which shows the Ruidoso residential taxable values at \$153,839,347. With this number, McKnight predicted that residential properties will have a tax rate of 4.659 mills for municipal operations and 7.28 mills for debt service totalling a rate of 11.939 mills. That would be the 19.94 percent decrease from the millage on last year's property taxes. Jackson emphasized the rates were only estimates.

Taxable value of property is one-third the actual appraised market value. Mills are imposed on a one mill to \$1,000 taxable value of property. For instance, if a residential property is worth \$30,000 on the market value. It has a taxable worth of \$10,000, which is one-third the actual value, and the taxes could be \$119.39 using the predicted Ruidoso residential tax rates.

Jackson said in his opinion lowering the tax rate would not be prudent. A lower rate could only result in savings of maybe 60 to 70 cents a month for residential property owners, and could jeopardize the village's bond rating.

Councilor Bob Sterchi said as the property values go up, the mills go down. "That's the way the state statutes prescribe, and that's the way the system works," Jackson replied.



TRANQUILINO and NORA SILVA celebrated their 50th and 51st wedding anniversaries August 2 at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan. Approximately 450 people attended. Frankie's open heart surgery prevented a celebration in 1996. Frankie Silva married Nora Madrono on May 10, 1946 in Roswell. Nora was raised in San Paflicio and attended school in Hondo. Frankie attended school in Capitan. The Silvas have three children, Becky, Frank and Janice, and six grandchildren. Frankie and Nora live five miles west of Capitan on Highway 380.

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 - Carrizozo Lodge's Tax Advisory Board 1 p.m. city hall.
 - Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. village hall.
 - Third Annual Rancho de Terres Mass 8 p.m. at the Alder Ranch west of Lincoln. Meet at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Carrizozo to caravan to location.
 - Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. board room, school administration building.
 - Lincoln County Democratic Party 6:30 p.m. Jack and Chuck Johnson home in Capitan. Turn at balloons about one mile south of the state highway "Capitan" historic sign on Highway 48.
 - Comprehensive Land Use Plan public hearing 7 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.
 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**
 - Capitan Public Library 1st birthday party 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - 4-H Expo Saturday, outside Wal-Mart in Ruidoso 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**
 - Music jam session 1-4 p.m. at 321 Lincoln Street in Capitan.
 - MONDAY, AUGUST 18**
 - Corona Schools parent-community-staff orientation, board room. 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for parents and community. Staff inservice continues through Tuesday.
 - Capitan School substitute clinic, 6 p.m., administration building board room.
 - Public Hearing on draft Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, 7 p.m. county commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.
 - Writers Group 7 p.m. downstairs Carrizozo Masonic Building.
 - TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**
 - Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. recycling center in Ruidoso Downs.
 - Ruidoso P&Z 2 p.m. village hall.
 - Lincoln County Public Land Advisory Council 3 p.m. county commissioners' room courthouse in Carrizozo.
 - Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso.
 - Public hearing on Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
 - Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7 p.m. Lincoln Fire Department building.
 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**
 - Lincoln County Fair Board, 7 p.m. fairgrounds in Capitan.
 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**
 - Lincoln County Medical Center Board of Trustees 6 p.m. hospital conference room, Ruidoso.
 - Cancer Support Group, 7 to 9 p.m., Texas New Mexico Power Company building in Ruidoso.

Carrizozo Chit Chat

Sheshans Return From Ireland
Frank Sheshan and sons Billy and Kevin returned recently from a three week trip to Ireland.

They visited many places and the boys got to meet their grandmother for the first time and meet other Irish relatives. It was a memorable trip for Billy and Kevin as this was their first trip to their father's country. They went to where Frank was born and visited with Frank's two sisters and a brother and their families and Frank's mother.

McDaniel Family Reunion
The McDaniel family reunion was held at a camp on Negal mesa under some big shade trees for three weeks. More than 75 relatives attended and welcomed friends as they came and visited and sat by the campfire and ate dinner. Family members came from California, Mississippi, Arizona, Virginia, Colorado and New Mexico.

Lodge Raffle Winners
The Carrizozo Masonic Lodge completed its antelope hunt raffle ticket sale for 1997 with the drawing held at the Lincoln County Fair Saturday, Aug. 9. Lucky winners were Jay Bob Roberts of Angleton, Texas and Keith Barrow of Tremonton, Utah. All of the proceeds from the raffle ticket sales is used for scholarships.

Municipal Judge Report
Carrizozo Municipal Judge Bill Meeks judicial activity report for July: eight warrants for arrest, bench/criminal, 13 summons issued, all types, 58 marriages performed, driver licenses pulled, and five days jail time used.

Financial summary for July: \$2,212 general fund fines levied, \$616 court cost levied, \$2,602 general fund collections, \$762 court costs collected, \$494 time payments owed, \$2,563 unpaid July assessments as of July 31.
Fees paid to town for disbursement: \$550 correction

Carrizozo School Board Hires Coaches And OKs Head Start

By Doris Cherry
Carrizozo board of education accepted resignations from coach Sean Wootton and music teacher Dolores Earwood during a special meeting held Monday, Aug. 4.
Most of the meeting was held behind closed doors in executive session for personnel. Once in open meeting, the board took quick action to accept the resignations, and to accept recommendations from the superintendent to hire Joseph Sanchez as Spanish teacher/coach and Rick Beserra as P.E. instructor/coach for the 1997-98 school year.
The board also approved the Head Start program for the 1997-98 year. The federally-funded program is for three and four year old children whose families meet certain income guidelines. Carrizozo Head Start will be located on the Carrizozo schools campus in the classroom by the wood shop, and will have access to the playground. This is the first time Carrizozo has had the program that prepares children for elementary school by giving them time in a structured classroom.
School superintendent Paula Papponi told THE NEWS that she saw a need

fees, \$150 court automation, \$53 judicial education.

School Offers Reduced Meals
Carrizozo School will offer free and reduced meals for certain income guidelines. Applications will be available at the school. The public release for free and reduced meals will be posted at the Carrizozo Post Office, city hall, the school administration building, high school office, and Lincoln County News. Contact the school for more information.

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

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Impose another tax?

By Ruth Hammond

Anytime we hear of a new tax it makes us wonder if the tax money will be used for the good of the people or if it will be used for pet projects. Taxes in Lincoln County were discussed at both the county commission meeting during the day Tuesday and again that night at the Ruidoso Village Council meeting.

The tax situation is interesting. County commissioners are considering imposing a gross receipts tax on all purchases made in the county. Gross receipts is the same as sales tax in other states but for some reason New Mexico prefers to call it gross receipts tax. That may be because it is gross to have to pay tax on all the money a person spends, whether it is for food and prescriptions or whether it is for services such as for plumbers, doctors, hospital services, and builders. The one thing you don't have to pay tax on is The Lincoln County News. Reading about what is happening in the communities in Lincoln County is one, if not the only, tax-free thing you can do here in New Mexico.

There would be advantages to having a county-wide gross receipts tax. Those hundreds of thousands of visitors that will be coming to Lincoln County for the events at the Sales Barn would be paying gross receipts tax if they happened to spend any money while in Lincoln County. These gross receipts taxes would help pay the county back for the millions of dollars that are being spent at the Sales Barn but at one-eighth of one cent gross receipts tax on each dollar spent, each visitor would have to spend a few thousand dollars before the county would ever get back even a small portion of the money that has been spent.

One county commissioner said Tuesday that estimates show the gross receipts tax could generate \$1 million in revenue for the county. It wasn't explained what amount of gross receipts tax would be charged for the county to get this amount but the one-sixteenth cent gross receipts tax money the county is now getting, which has to be spent on the landfill, COULD bring in \$77,000. If the county were to impose the one-eighth cent gross receipt tax it is allowed to do the first year, it COULD bring in double the \$77,000 or a total of \$154,000. That is far short of the estimate of \$1 million. Taxable sales in the county would have to be six and a half times what they are now for the county to be close to generating \$1 million in gross receipts tax money.

We don't want to bore you with math but it doesn't take much math to figure out that \$1 million in gross receipts taxes would mean lots and lots more sales being made here in Lincoln County.

We aren't against the idea of imposing a gross receipts tax in the county but we do hope people will attend the public hearing and will ask questions and get answers, not estimates. We do hope people will ask for actual dollar amounts of projected sales necessary to generate different amounts of money for the county. We do hope people won't be misled by the emotional statements that will probably be made as to where proposed gross receipts tax money could be spent, such as for county fire departments and indigent hospital funds. We do hope people will ask if the gross receipt tax money would go into the county general fund to be used for the entire county or be used for a select program.

Imposing a county gross receipts tax could be a help if it did reduce property taxes, not be an added tax in addition to what everyone is now paying. Imposing a county gross receipts tax is more than a possibility and people should realize that once a gross receipts tax is imposed it will be too late to ask questions.

If imposing a gross receipts tax will be good for Lincoln County and be good for the residents of Lincoln County then it should be imposed. We want what is best for Lincoln County and only hope the actions taken by our elected officials will be for the best for everyone and help improve life in Lincoln County.

Gross receipts tax might be a help.



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — "Government by lawsuit" is the best way to describe the situation in which New Mexico currently finds itself.

This heyday for lawyers is the result of a governor who is committed to change but isn't playing by the rules that govern how those changes are made.

It's hard to follow the action without a scorecard, so here's a brief rundown.

WELFARE REFORM: Scheduled by the state Supreme Court to be heard yesterday, but postponed

until Sept. 10 at the request of Gov. Gary Johnson and Human Services Secretary Duke Rodriguez. The suit was brought last month by the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty on behalf of several welfare recipients and three lawmakers, Rep. Paul Taylor and Sen. Mary Jane Garcia of Dona Ana County, both Democrats, and Rep. Murray Ryan of Silver City, a Republican.

The suit contends the Johnson administration violated the state constitution by implementing its new welfare program through regulation rather than changes in state law. Johnson says he had the authority under the federal welfare reform act to restructure welfare through executive fiat.

Not so, say the plaintiffs. Federal law cannot confer authority on the governor that the state doesn't give him. That issue already was decided by five different courts in the Indian gaming case. So confident were the plaintiffs that they limited their case to this one issue instead of getting involved in the merits.

The court put the suit on a fast track because it will have an immediate effect on many welfare recipients.

On another welfare issue, the high court ruled last week that putting a 12-month limit on benefits for disabled adults in the General Assistance program was illegal because other adults don't have that short a benefit period.

PRISON CONSTRUCTION: Last year Rep. Max Coll, a Santa Fe Democrat, and Rep. Jerry Lee Alwin, an Albuquerque Republican, filed suit against the governor's prison financing plan, contending it lacks legislative authority and that the bonding procedure is illegal. With those plans on hold, Johnson and officials in Lea and Guadalupe counties, where the prisons are to be built, devised an alternate plan in which the counties would build the prisons and lease cells to the state.

Coll and Alwin, represented by Victor Marshall and Tony Williams, both former Republican senators, have filed a motion adding complaints about the latest version of the finance plan to their original suit. That action has put Lea County officials on offense. The County Commission voted to file a countersuit against Coll and Alwin for malicious use of the judicial process. And Sen. Billy McKibben from Hobbs has begun asking who is funding the suit.

GAMBLING: Two years ago, Rep. Coll and Rep. George Buffett, an Albuquerque Republican, joined Albuquerque dentist Guy Clarke and the New Mexico Coalition Against Gambling in filing suit to prevent gaming compacts between Gov. Johnson and several Indian tribes and pueblos from going into effect.

Subsequently the state Supreme Court, three federal district courts and the 10th Circuit federal Court of Appeals all ruled that Johnson didn't have the necessary legislative authority to enter into the compacts. The federal appeals court granted a stay allowing tribal casinos to remain open while the case is before the U.S. Supreme Court.

By one vote, the state Legislature passed its version of a gaming compact in March. It requires a 16 percent state take and expands gambling off the reservation when the compacts go into effect. Johnson signed the compacts.

U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has until Aug. 22 to approve or reject the compacts. He also has the option of doing nothing and letting the compacts go into effect minus any provisions not in conformance with the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

There is widespread belief that the revenue sharing is not in conformance. Any decision Babbitt makes will lead to additional lawsuits.

I wonder if my kids would like to go to law school.



Josh Turnage Award Winner
The United Achievement Academy announced that Josh Turnage of Mayhill has been recognized for his achievement as an American Champion Athlete Award Winner. Josh, formerly of Ruidoso and Captain now a senior attending Cloudcroft High School, will appear in the official yearbook which is published annually. Josh is the son of Jim Turnage of Mayhill.

Prints Of Albuquerque
The Albuquerque Museum is one in a consortium of Albuquerque museums, galleries, educators and print workshops joining in a city-wide celebration of prints.

The Prints of Albuquerque is a city-wide, multi-institutional festival that opens Aug. 10 and will continue through Oct. 5.

The exhibition at the Albuquerque Museum is presented admission-free.

Hunting Changes Planned
The State Game Commission and the Department of Game and Fish are in the process of developing hunting regulations that will take effect in the fall of 1988. Hunters may see some drastic changes in the way the seasons are set up, especially in deer hunting.

The State Game Commission has asked the Department to dramatically reduce the number of deer harvested in the state. The Department is in the process of evaluating methods that would reduce the deer harvest by 50 percent which would mean a tremendous reduction in the number of deer hunters.

County Needs To Build A . . .

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they will fill it," Mitchell said. Mitchell advocated the use of more community service sentences and support of house arrest programs that keep the jail population down, such as the county DWI program considered one of the best in the state. He added that there is a problem with the probation program in the county.

Third suggestion from the committee was to do something for the juveniles in the county. Mitchell said juvenile crime increased 300 percent when local school boards adopted their suspension policies. Currently Lincoln County juvenile offenders are held in Otero or Chaves counties which have juvenile detention centers. After sentencing, juveniles are usually sent to the state juvenile school in Springer.

Commissioner Ray Nunley questioned if a 100 bed facility would be obsolete when built. Mitchell said it would take a change in the public mood for longer harder sentencing to not fill the new jail. In finding a location for a new jail, Mitchell said the committee would consider the safety, welfare and taxpayers expense.

Then Warren stepped in, giving his slide show of statistics, and sample jail floor plans. He said his company would design and construct the jail, then find a private operator. Based on growth in the number of criminal cases in Lincoln County, Warren recommended the minimum of a 71-bed jail, designed to be expanded in the future. The jail would include space to accommodate the county magistrate who could conduct routine court at the jail. It's cheaper to bring the judge to the detention center than it is to transport a prisoner to the

courthouse, especially in a juvenile situation," Warren said.

Warren said he would like to build a whole courthouse. "But that's not what the taxpayers need in this county," he added.

Warren also advocated the community service programs that keep nonviolent offenders working and paying taxes.

Needing at least 10 acres to construct the jail, commissioners sent members of the committee out to the manager's office to look at maps of county property. Later in the meeting, Mitchell returned and said the only county property big enough, "other than the Glencoe center which was another matter", was on Fort Stanton mesa. That property does not have water or electrical service. Mitchell said the county seek some type of exchange with another governmental entity, such as the Town of Carrizozo which has property in the industrial park.

Commission chair Monroy Montes asked his fellow commissioners in the next 30-60 days to visit the jails constructed by Warren Investments, check into the company's credibility and satisfy themselves that this would serve the county's needs. He said the commission did not have to limit itself to Warren's company.

Montas also said during his recent visit in Santa Fe, he met with David Harris, the governor's key financial advisor. Harris tentatively agreed to give his blessings on a private jail for Lincoln County.

The committee did not recommend remodeling the existing jail. Not only would it cost the estimated \$2 million to remodel the old jail, the jail would have to be closed, and Lincoln County prisoners

shipped to other jails. At \$70 to \$79 a day for each prisoner, the county could find the total to remodel was more than the cost to construct a new facility.

At the end of the discussion about the jail, commissioner Wilton Howell said three area counties are now in financial trouble, mostly because they built their own jails which they cannot afford to staff. "This points out the need for a private jail facility, not too large, to house 70 to 75 of our own, then rent out the other cells," Howell said.

Howell also attributed overcrowding in the existing jail to the probation officers who leave probation violators "in jail two to three weeks before they come to see about them."

"We wouldn't need a new jail if the probation officers do their jobs better," Howell added.

Commissioner Rex Wilson said the county also needs to look at other private companies.

In other business: —commissioners approved a committee of Schwettmann, sheriff Tom Sullivan, undersheriff Cliff Macenas, county manager Frank Potter, chief dispatcher Johnnie Johnson and Ruidoso village manager Gary Jackson, and Ruidoso chief of police Lanny Maddox meet and discuss the possibility of consolidating dispatch services in either Ruidoso or Carrizozo. Howell proposed the consolidation. The committee is to report at the September meeting.

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Capitan School Substitute Clinic
 Capitan Municipal Schools will conduct a clinic for anyone wanting to be a substitute teacher during the 1997-98 school year. The clinic will be held Monday, August 18 at 8 a.m. at the administration building board room.
 New substitutes not attending this clinic will be required to complete two days of classroom observance and any person that substituted last year not attending this clinic will be required to complete one day of classroom observance.

County Fair Info Wanted

Rosalie Dunlap is working on a project about how the Lincoln County Fair was started and would like help getting information and photos, etc. Rosalie's request:

"There are so many who worked hard at getting the fair started and have never really been recognized for their efforts and dedication. The fair actually started with an Achievement Day held at the school grounds of the Capitan Schools. This was held for three years then the group was able to use the old school gym building and grounds in 1956. (I found Ralph's slides that he took and were in his office when we lost our home to fire and lost most of our photos, which shows that the fair started in 1956.) Among the photos were the men building the livestock pens."

"I would like to have photos of those who worked on the fair from 1953-1963 and stories of events, happenings and fun things during that time. Some of the stories I have heard have concerned the moving of the grandstands from the old rodeo grounds east of Capitan to the fair grounds, Champ Ferguson and his tea and coffee, stories of the funny things that the 4-Her's did and others."

"I will be sending out a letter this week with the list we have already compiled. If anyone knows of anyone we have missed, please let me know. There will be a self-addressed envelope to those who get a letter for a reply."

"As of now we don't know when we will have this recognition event but hopefully in the next two months. I know it is a busy time of the year

but hopefully we can do it before November.

"This all came about when I took a photo of Ralph Dunlap and Grady Eldridge in Smoky Bear. I realized here were two who worked hard to get the fair started and it hit me we were losing some of those early founders and I thought it was time to recognize them. The response from others has been great."

"You can reach me at 1-505-653-4047 (telephone and fax number) or if you have e-mail to rd@pyznetworks.net."

DAR Installs Wanda Duke

The Sierra Blanca Chapter of the NSDAR installed Wanda Duke of Corona as their new Regent at the May 8 meeting along with her officers.

Guests included Kathy Garrett, Connie Falstead, Kaki Schwetmann, Patty Sheppard, and Jean Schaerer.

Guest speaker Captain Victor Schaerer gave an informative talk about his wartime experiences as well as the Memorial Day Services held at Fort Stanton Cemetery each year.

New officers installed were vice Regent Faye Rowland, recording secretary Sally Martin, treasurer Majel Powell, corresponding secretary Bobbie Milburn, registrar Gloria Fogerson, chaplain Alice Tompkins, historian Lanita Rasak and librarian Dorothy Bailey. Mrs. Travis received a past Regent's pin from Mrs. Duke for her two years of service as Regent.

The purpose of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is to promote God, Home and Country. This last year the emphasis was on education. This year it will be patriotism.

State Senior Olympics Winners

The State Senior Olympics games were held in Albuquerque August 6-9. The 36 senior citizens from Lincoln County participating won 43 medals and 20 ribbons for 4th and 5th place. Gold medals were awarded for 1st place, silver medals were awarded for 2nd place, bronze medals were awarded for 3rd place and ribbons were awarded for 4th and 5th places. Winners were:

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CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!!! Have always wondered what it would be like to be

cloistered, how people shut themselves off from the outside world and continue to exist. Now I have a pretty good idea. I have cloistered myself from the outside world, that is the bit of world just outside of my small domain, to endeavor to exist where peace and quiet reigns supreme inside my cubicle that I call home. Where the outside noises and problems are not any of my concern. I wished myself luck and settled down for a few days of nothing but peace, solitude and bliss.

And Congratulations to our own Bessie Jones and Robin Armental

Bessie Jones won the purple ribbon for her fair entry of canned apricots. Seems like Bessie always wins something for whatever she is interested in at the moment. This time it was apricots and our heartiest congratulations to you Bessie, not just for this entry, but for all the other times you have won. It just boils down to the fact that Bessie Jones is a winner.

And to Robin Armental our highest praise for winning the purple ribbon for her hot rolls. I haven't stopped drooling since I heard them described to me and kept thinking how great to have just one of Robin's rolls topped with Bessie's canned apricots. Well, a person can dream can't they?

Mrs. Paul Sullivan and daughter Kirbi and son Grady have been house guests of Tom and Pat Sullivan. Paul Sullivan joined his family on Sunday for a few days with his parents. His aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Dyne Buckley of Las Cruces, joined the family for lunch on Monday. Kirbi and Grady are two beautiful children, but you only need to take a good look at their parents and grandparents to understand why. And Grady was named for Paul's best friend in high school, the late Grady Eldridge, son of Janice Herd and grandson of Grady and Margie Eldridge. Grady left two beautiful little boys and a lovely wife and I hope in the near future to have some pictures of his little family to show you. They are making their home in Capitan which is where Janice hopes they will always feel is home, their father's home, their grandparents home, and their home.

Part Two of Nathaniel Britton's story:

For the next few years Britt and Pauline made several moves and worked for various ranches as they looked for a big outfit to run. They also had two children during this period, Nathalee in 1941 and Carlton in 1944. The great opportunity came in 1951 when Britt received word from Allen Reynolds that Toke Foster needed a manager for the historic Block Ranch in south central New Mexico.

The Blocks encompassed 200 square miles plus a forest permit to graze most of the north side of the Capitan Mountain. When Britt arrived he found 20,000 head of sheep and not much grass. He quickly cut this number down to 5,000 and hung on through the drought of the 50s. His greatest enjoyment during this period was working with his daughter as she learned the finer points of rodeo. Britt trained Nathalee an excellent barrel horse. Catsup gave her a ride to many first place prizes.

The Blocks had a permanent crew that included Lonnie Sedillo, Shorty Trujillo, Adonio Montoya,



MORE THAN 150 MEMBERS OF THE CAPITAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION met July 25 and 26 in Capitan. This group gathered at the home of Janice Herd July 26 to talk over old times: from left, front, Billy Lujan, Janice Herd, Joe Gallegos, Alma Walker Chambers, back, Dora Peralta Chavez, Julian Herrera, Phoebe Taylor, Nancy Sutherland Hasbrouck, Shorty Jones, Sharon Miller Burrell, Billy Ferguson, Mary Ann McKnight Harris, Ronnie Chambers, Irene Lasiter Drake, Mary Guck Crenshaw.

Eddie Montoya and Tudor Booher. Many others came and went and there was this summer help which always included the Montoya boys, Claudio, Jimmy, David, Joe, and the Sedillo boys, Eloy, Paul, Eddie, Joe, plus Robert Runnels, Steve Bonnell, David Barber, Larry Trujillo and other boys from south of the mountain. Marking lambs took a lot of help and 5,000 ewes made for a lot of work.

Britt had an awesome peer group of ranchers on the north side of the Capitan Mountains. As a group, you will find no better ranchers in the nation. This group which met every month in a small group known as "Chuck and Chat" included such notables as Bill and Marie Edgar, Charlie and Eleanor Jones, and Grady and Margie Eldridge. This was a close and competitive group which ranched in the finest sense of the word, their dedication was to the land and the livestock which roamed it.

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This is the beginning of Ralph Dunlap's story in Lincoln County: Ralph and his family arrived in Lincoln County on a cold wintry Thanksgiving Day in 1952. He had moved his family from Raton in one of



N.E. Britton / Ralph Dunlap

the worst snow storms of that year.

Arriving in Carrizozo to live, his first item on his agenda was to start a County Fair. He and A.J. Bivens, the Capitan Vocational Agriculture teacher got together with the Capitan School administration and parents of the 4-H and FFA to see what could be done.

The first two years they had their Achievement Days on the school grounds of Capitan. Temporary pens were built to hold the livestock and the Home Ec. projects were held inside. To raise money for ribbons, turtle races were held at the old school gym where the fair building now stands. I think Ralph still thinks of this

as the most fun things of his work. In 1955 the first full-fledged fair was held. Fletcher Hall was the first fair superintendent.

Ralph also had a Fun Day for the 4-Hers, their families and friends with outings to Nogal Lake and elsewhere. Everyone brought their lunches and games and contests were held. Three-legged races, etc. were played along with other activities. More about Ralph next week.

And so this wraps up the news for this week and now it is time to bid you all sayonara and adios and may the good Lord take a likin' to you one and all.

Capitan School Begins August 14

Slow down in the Capitan School Zone today, August 14. It is the first day of class for the 1997-98 school year.

All Capitan students report to class at 7:55 a.m. this year, with tardy bell ringing at 8 a.m.

Capitan students will attend half day sessions on both today, August 14, and tomorrow, August 15, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., then go to a full day schedule on Monday, August 18.

Middle and high school students picked up their fall class schedules and made changes if necessary beginning Monday, August 11 through Wednesday, August 13. New students could also enroll at that time. They needed to bring birth certificates and immunization record.

Football and volleyball practice began August 11. Volleyball players practice daily at 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the old gym. Football players practice from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Eating breakfast at Capitan School cafeteria costs more this fall. Student breakfasts now cost \$1 a meal. Lunch prices remain the same as last year with elementary students paying \$1.25 and students in grades 6-12 paying \$1.50 a meal. Families with low incomes may be eligible for the free/reduced price meal program. Applications for the program are available at the school.

Students will receive applications for student insurance on the first day of school. Students involved in sports are required to take the insurance, especially football.

Capitan school board made no significant changes to the student dress codes. Students may not wear clothing that

represents gang membership, violence, sexually explicit or obscene messages, or the tobacco industry. They can only wear a single item of jewelry or earring in either or both earlobes. And students may not wear pierced body

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jewelry, other than in the earlobe.

Varsity football games begin Friday, August 29 against Loving at home. Kick off at 7:30 p.m. The following Friday, September 5, the Tigers take on Fort Sumner at home. After a road game with Estancia on September 12, the Tigers return to home field on September 19 for Homecoming 1997. The Tigers take on Hagerman at 7:30 p.m. The Tigers will be on the road for three weeks, playing Animas September 26, Dexter on October 3, Hatch on October 10. On October 17, the Tigers come home for a district game with Reserve, and to honor their best supporters in "Parent Night". On October 25, the Tigers hit the road again for a game with the Alamogordo Sophomores at 2 p.m. The final regular game of the season is October 31, a district game with Cloudercroft.

JV football begins Saturday September 6 with Cloudercroft there. September 13, the JV team plays Mescalero there. The last four games are at home; September 16 with Ruidoso C team at 4 p.m.; September 20 with Fort Sumner at 1:30 p.m.; September 27 with Tularosa at 11 a.m. and October 4 with Dexter at 11 a.m.

Junior high football begins September 4 with Tatum at home at 4:30 p.m. September 11, the junior high travels to Tularosa for a game at 4 p.m. September 18, the junior high plays Hagerman at home at 4:30 p.m.; September 25 with Dexter at home at 4:30 p.m.; October 2 with Cloudercroft there at 4 p.m.; October 9 at Estancia at 4:30 p.m. and October 16 at home with Cloudercroft at 4 p.m.

Volleyball begins with a scrimmage on Saturday, August 30 at home. Official matches with the A, B, and C teams begin at home on September 4 against Tatum beginning at 4 p.m. On September 6, the JV/C tournament will be held in Cloudercroft; September 9, the volleyball teams travel to Estancia for matches that begin at 4 p.m.; September 15 the C/7th grade teams play in Mescalero beginning at 4 p.m.; September 18, the C/7th teams play Gateway Christian at home at 4 p.m.; September 18 the A/B teams play Hatch at home beginning at 4 p.m. The Hagerman Roadrunner Tournament is September 18-20.

Volleyball action returns home on September 22 with Estancia beginning at 4 p.m.; September 23, Mescalero C/7th grade teams come to Capitan for matches beginning at 4 p.m.; September 25, Gateway Christian plays the Capitan C/7th grade team at home at 4 p.m.; September

26-27 is the Capitan Classic tournament for varsity teams.

The JV/C team will play in the Cloudercroft tournament September 27; September 29 Hagerman comes to Capitan for matches beginning at 4 p.m.; October 2 the teams travel to Cloudercroft for district matches at 4 p.m.; October 7, Dexter comes to Capitan for matches beginning at 4 p.m.; October 9 Capitan travels to Tularosa for district matches; October 11 Capitan at Fort Sumner; October 16 Cloudercroft at Capitan; October 21 Capitan at Dexter; October 23 Tularosa at Capitan; October 25 Capitan at Melrose; October 26-November 1 District tournament; November 7 and 8 regional tournament and November 13-15 state tournament.

Junior high volleyball teams (7th and 8th) begin play September 4 at home with Tatum; September 15, 7th grade at Mescalero; September 18 7/8 grade teams at Chaparral; September 18, Gateway Christian 7th grade at Capitan; September 20 at Roadrunner Tournament. 8th grade; September 22, Mescalero 7th grade in Capitan; September 23, 7th/8th grade at Tularosa; September 25 7th grade at Gateway Christian; September 29 Hagerman 7/8th grades at Capitan; September 30 7/8 at Cloudercroft; October 6 Chaparral 7/8 at Capitan; October 9 Capitan 8th at Ruidoso; October 11 Capitan 7/8 at Fort Sumner; October 14 Cloudercroft 7/8 at Capitan; October 21 Tularosa 7/8 at Capitan; October 25, Capitan 7/8 at Melrose.

Grant For Ruidoso Police

Senator Pete Domenici reported that New Mexico will receive \$446,812 in federal grants for the COPS Universal Hiring Program to boost community policing efforts. The funds will help law enforcement agencies pay the salary and benefits of additionally hired sworn officers and will be awarded as follows: \$68,245 for the Ruidoso Police Department, \$71,043 for the Espanola police department, and \$307,024 for the San Juan County Sheriff's Department.

Ruidoso EMS Award

The New Mexico Department of Health's Injury Prevention and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau, along with the statewide EMS advisory committee, honored Ruidoso Emergency Medical Services with the 1997 New Mexico Systems Excellence Award, presented during the statewide EMS conference.

CORONA NEWS

You are invited to Parent-Community-Staff Orientation on Monday, August 18, 1997 in the Board Room of Corona Schools.

Dr. Earl McKinley, superintendent, will outline the educational plan for Corona Schools.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude for parents and community members at 9:30 a.m. Staff members will continue the inservice on Monday and Tuesday.

Refreshments will be furnished by the Corona Parent-Teacher Organization.

Call 849-1911 if you have questions regarding this meeting.

People are still commenting about how enjoyable recent gatherings have been, the Holleyman Golden Wedding Anniversary, Leta Sharp's birthday party, the Cedarvale reunion and the Corona Festival with all the class reunions.

Jackie Davidson, Clifford Grosenbacher and Peggy Kelin Owen were here for their fiftieth year. Now there is rumor of a reunion for the CHS Class of 1938.

Milton Romans is in Los Alamos attending Instructors' School. He will be giving various classes statewide for the NM Livestock Board pertaining to law enforcement.

Tom Perkins brought some Missouri friends to look over the ranch Sunday evening: Lance, Wendy and Dan Hayhurst of Potosi, MO. Lance is a corrections officer and Dan is a high school junior totally involved with basketball.

Henry and Clara Rodgers of Sapallo stopped by briefly Tuesday morning. They were enroute to visit a relative in Ruidoso. Rev. Rodgers served the church here about 18 years ago.

Wanda Duke and Lanita Rasak attended a two day DAR workshop at the Elephant Butte Inn last week.

Friends were saddened Monday morning to learn that Don Surratt had died during the weekend. Mr. Surratt of Lago Vista, TX still spent time on the ranch here. Services were pending Monday.

Corona del Rey Chapter of Women's Aglow has been cancelled until further notice.

Mrs. L.K. Merritt has returned home after spending several days in Fort Sumner before and after going to Hunt, TX for final services for her daughter, Louise Owens. Mrs. Owens, 72, of Round Rock, TX died after several years fighting cancer.

Corona Elementary teacher, Betty Ann Bell, taught a workshop at the annual Leadership Conference for the New Mexico Council of the International Reading Association in Angel Fire on August 1-3. Local reading association officers from all over New Mexico planned a wide variety of activities to promote literacy at the local, state and international level. The state NMIRA Conference will be in Santa Fe on October 23-25 with a wide range of workshops and author sessions designed to promote reading for persons of all ages.

Dean Bradley of Alamo-

gordo was reported in stable condition Monday after multiple bypass surgery in El Paso. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulberry were in El Paso to be with her mother, Mrs. Bradley, during the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Robinson were enroute from Oklahoma to Corona to spend some time with Elvin Robinson when they were informed of the death of Jackie's mother. They left immediately for Brownwood, TX.

Members of the class of '67 and the class of '62 met at the home of Mack and Betty Ann Bell for an outdoor meal following the Corona Festival events. Tables were decorated in Cardinal colors topped with oil filled lanterns. Both classes had commemorative cakes. Lerry Bond led a toast in memory of deceased classmates: 1967 Tommy Simmons, Ernie Encinas, Noble Snodgrass, Jr. 1962 James Akin, Charles Roper, Lynn Stoneman, Pat Sanchez. A donation to the library of Corona Schools will be made in their memory.

Classmates and spouses enjoyed music of the '60s while they caught up on times past and present. Corine Roper Weehunt photographed the event. The party ended just as the power went off, so the lantern light helped guests regroup indoors. A rain storm ensued, and the electricity didn't resume until around 11:00 p.m. but the spirits of the class reunions were not

dampened!
In attendance: Janie Sharp Cartwright-Moriarty, Carolyn Hutton Grubbs-Artasia; Ednen Hindi-Duran; Roy and Jacque Sue Davidson Allen-Roswell; Bruce Sickle-Comer, Georgia; Lerry, Martha, Debbie and Mary Bath-Bond-Ancho; Earl Roper, Corine Roper Weehunt, Earlene Roper Holgren-Tularosa; Joe, Clint and Teri Roper-Farmington; Dorothy Jean Roper-Richardson-Tucumcari; Mike and Viola

Jaramilla D'Arco-Albuquerque; Radn Proctor-Tatum; Vivian Porter-Buxton-Roswell; Sissy and Dustin Yandell-Carlaba; Carrie-Artasia; Bonnie East-Barlow and Leanne-Benson-Arozo; Rex and Shield Robinson-Bluewater; Katelyn, McKayla and Colton Gunn-Fort Sumner; Taylor McDougal-Oklahoma; Clint and Lee Sultemeier; Dorothy Nell Lightfoot and John Bond.

OBITUARY

DONALD RAY SURRETT
Donald Ray Surratt, a former Lincoln County resident, of Lago Vista, Texas, died at the age of 67.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne of Lago Vista; mother Lillie Surratt of El Paso; brother Bobby Surratt of El Paso; daughter Lynda Surratt of Lago Vista; son Rick Surratt and wife Chris of San

Antonio, TX; daughter Leasa Surratt of El Paso; son Russ Surratt and wife Suzanne Westminster, CO, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Surratt was a 30 year member of New Mexico Cattlegrowers Association, past president of El Paso Federal Land Bank, and past president of Carrizozo Masonic Lodge #41.

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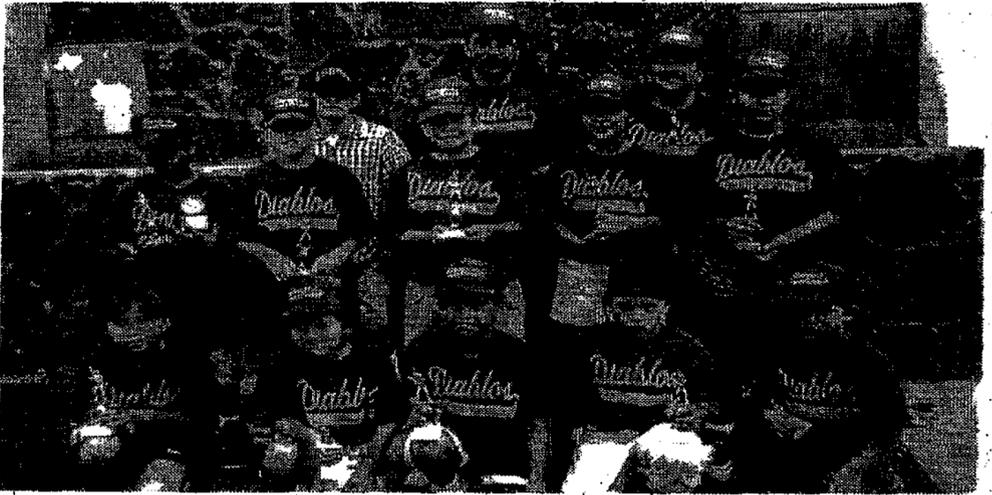
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LITTLE LEAGUE FIRST PLACE WINNERS KING'S CRUSHERS: from left, front, Jesse Greene, batboy Jeremy Zamora, Robert Dutchover, batboy Matthew Samora, Adam Zamora, Krista Padilla, back, Sarah White, Nathan Chavez, Anthony Beltran, assistant coach LeeRoy Zamora Jr., Sam Greene, coach LeeRoy Zamora, Bud Clay Hammond, Adrienne Zamora.



LITTLE LEAGUE SECOND PLACE WINNERS STURGES DIABLOS: from left, front, Sofia Ramirez, Samantha Portillo, Joseph Samora, Jimmy Morris, batboy Kenneth Vega, back, Johnny Beltran, Matthew Silva, Trevor Douglas, Jesse Samora, assistant coach Jimmy Samora, Whitney Whitaker, coach Orlando Samora, Ashile Samora. Not pictured: Monique Morales.



LITTLE LEAGUE THIRD PLACE WINNERS: The Leslie Family Bulldogs, from left, front, Timothy Barela, batboy Casey Barela, Ramon Zamora, Corey Lopez, back, Jack Greene, Miley Greene, Jason Philhower, Mathew Barela, Cody Craig, Jessica Philhower, coach Michael Barela, Brandon Morales, assistant coach Chris Barela. Not pictured: Stephen Margis, Tony Medrano.



- (Cont. from P. 5)
- and Fred Savedra.
Women's Team Event: 2. Gladys Neill, Virginia Danielson, Lucy Savedra and Elsie Parr; 3. Thelma Stephens, Ann Burns, Susie Fern and Barbara Ward.
Men's Team Event: 4. Fred Savedra, Floyd Danielson, Bob McCann and C.E. Chavez.
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 1. Mary Young, 3. Henry Ernest.
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Doubles: 3. Mary Young, 3. Bart Young.
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 1. Dorothy Payne.
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 4. Bart Young.
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 2. William Hern.
Long Jump Standing
 2. William Hern.
Softball Distance Throw
 2. Bart Young.
100 Meter Track
 3. William Hern.
800 Meter Est. Race Walk
 1. Yvonne Lanelli.
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Distance: 1. Bart Young, 3. Mary Young.
Accuracy: 1. Bart Young.
100 Meter Track
 3. William Hern.
200 Meter Track
 3. William Hern.
5K Race Walk
 4. Bart Young.
1500 Meter Race Walk
 5. Bart Young.
- Capitan Public Library Hours**
 The Capitan Public Library will be open Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in addition to regular hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.
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Sheriff's Report

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

August 2:
9:45 a.m. a caller reported a breaking and entering at the garage at Capitan school. Capitan police responded.

10:59 a.m. a security guard reported finding a package with an unknown white substance in the Alto area. A deputy responded.

12:47 p.m. a 911 caller reported livestock at mile marker 283 on Highway 70. Dispatch left a message on the owner's phone.

2:22 p.m. Lincoln Fire Chief made an unknown request for a deputy at the Tunstall Store. A deputy responded.

2:59 p.m. a person walked into the sheriff's office and requested a wrecker for a vehicle at mile marker 53 on Highway 380 that needed gas. A wrecker responded.

3:44 p.m. Ruidoso police reported a dog bit a woman at an RV park on Highway 70. The deputy was advised the woman was bitten by her own dog.

7:19 p.m. a caller requested animal control at a location in Alto. The caller advised the neighbor's dogs had been barking all day long. A deputy responded.

7:45 p.m. a caller reported lost subjects on Trail 24 near Villa Madonna. When dispatch called state police she was advised that the state police officer had just left duty. At 8:27 p.m. the woman

called and advised all subjects were found and all were okay, except they were out of breath.

8:14 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer to stop a vehicle because she wanted to file charges for reckless driving. The vehicle, a gray truck, was coming into Carrizozo from Capitan. Carrizozo police responded and later advised he made no contact with the vehicle of that description.

10:30 p.m. a deputy advised of a lost 10 year old boy at Old Lincoln Days. The deputy advised he had the 10 year old boy, who got separated from his parents who were in separate vehicles and they had both headed home to Ruidoso. The deputy and a sheriff's posse member transported the child to his house in Ruidoso. Dispatch tried to contact the parents on their cell phone, but there was no answer.

1:19 a.m. a 911 caller requested a deputy check out a possible domestic at a location off Highway 70 near Biscuit Hill where a woman was screaming and a man was in a vehicle racing its motor and honking the horn at the woman. Dispatch tried contacting two deputies because the state police officer was busy with a prisoner, but neither would respond. Finally dispatch contacted Ruidoso Downs police which sent an officer to a deputies home. At 3:02 a.m. two deputies responded and arrested the subject.

6:55 a.m. a caller reported livestock at mile marker 283 on Highway 70. The responding deputy was advised of the owner.

7:45 a.m. a 911 caller reported livestock, about 20 head of cattle, on Deer Trail in Capitan. Dispatch tried contacting the owner with no response, and also to contact with the livestock inspector.

10:52 a.m. a caller reported a traffic offense at the corner of B Ave. and Highway 380. A 40-50 foot trailer was abandoned in the roadway. The responding deputy advised that the weld on the trailer tongue had broken and they were working on it.

2:05 p.m. Hondo ambulance advised that a small child was missing in Lincoln. A deputy responded.

2:42 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with injuries, involving a 13 year old girl with possible head injuries and a young boy with leg injuries who were riding on a four wheeler about three miles south of Weed in Otero County. Dispatch notified Otero County Sheriff's Office.

2:25 p.m. a caller reported juveniles with paint guns on Highway 37, and possibly up Nogal Canyon. The responding deputy made no contact.

3:13 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with injuries in the Wortley Hotel area. A woman and child were thrown from a horse. Hondo ambulance responded and

transported the injured to LCMC. A deputy also responded.

7:38 p.m. a 911 caller reported missing children from a residence in Capitan. At 7:47 p.m. Capitan police advised the children had returned and all were okay.

8:31 p.m. a caller requested animal control in Cedar Creek. The caller advised he had a court order by Judge Butts that the dogs were not to be loose or barking, and they've been barking for two hours. A deputy responded, and advised he didn't hear any dogs barking.

9:48 p.m. a 911 caller reported domestic in Capitan, then hung up. Capitan police responded.

August 4:
12:26 a.m. a 911 caller requested an officer to check out people at the end of her road who had been there for about 30 minutes. State police were notified.

4:58 a.m. a 911 caller reported a person loitering at a convenience store and the subject would not leave. Dispatch notified state police, then called the store back. The clerk advised the subject left. Dispatch notified state police.

8:31 a.m. a caller requested animal control for two or three dogs running at large at a church camp in Angus. The animal control officer responded and transported a dog to the humane society.

9:14 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a woman having a stroke at a residence in Alto. RALS responded and transported the woman to LCMC.

9:26 a.m. a caller reported a trailer stolen from a motel on Highway 70. A deputy responded.

11:08 a.m. a caller reported a stolen license plate. A deputy responded.

3:30 p.m. a caller requested a deputy for a VIN check on three vehicles. A deputy responded.

6:04 p.m. a caller reported a stolen bicycle from a business east of Ruidoso Downs. A deputy responded and took a report.

6:24 p.m. a traffic report was reported in Palo Verde Slopes, two children without helmets were speeding a dirt bike. A deputy responded.

7:21 p.m. a person walked in to the sheriff's office and requested animal control for a skunk in the Episcopal Church. Carrizozo police responded.

9:04 p.m. a caller reported loud music coming from a house nearby. Capitan police responded.

9:28 p.m. a caller requested an officer because a male subject with mental problems kept hanging around the grandmother's house. A deputy responded.

9:43 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic dispute between the mom and dad. Carrizozo police and a deputy responded, and arrested an individual.

9:46 p.m. a deputy requested dispatch notify Ruidoso police and dispatch an ambulance for a male subject with possible seizures. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) and a deputy responded. The deputy arrested a woman subject.

10:09 p.m. an EMT requested an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance from Torrance County to transport a possible heart attack victim from the Corona area. At 10:59 p.m. the ambulance met with the Lifeguard helicopter which transported the patient to Albuquerque.

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Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
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354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2988 (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)

JOHNIE 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
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Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
Czozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

Church of Christ

PAUL WETZEL, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 8:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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258-4144
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches

BOB BOYD, pastor
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3000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2846
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am

Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 8:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every
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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
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Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth
Fellowship..... Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4827
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)
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Table with columns: Well No., Subdivision, Section, Township, Range. Lists well numbers H-719-S-1 through H-719-S-19 and their corresponding subdivisions and sections.

and ceasing its use for golf course/municipal uses within 2114.0 acres of land located in part of Sections 25, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35, and 36, all in Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing shallow wells:

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for the diversion of 50.0 acre-feet of shallow groundwater for golf course and domestic purposes within the SE 1/4 of Section 10 and the E 1/2 of Section 15, both in Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

This is a temporary application, with all rights to revert to the move-from points of diversion on November 1, 2001.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe C/RRR No.: P 067 535 604

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN No. CV-97-148 Div. III

CROWN POINT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, Plaintiff.

ANTONIO BRAUN, NEBH ISSA MURRA and BEATRIZ G. de ISSA, CROWN POINT CORPORATION, a Texas corporation, LUCIA MARIN and unknown spouse, if any, DAVID REYES and RACHEL J. REYES, TRINDA USSEY and MONICA DAWN STIPLIN, and unknown spouses, if any, JOSE R. ROMERO and MAY S. ROMERO, EDGAR L. WILLIAMS and CATHY V. WILLIAMS, JUAN LOBENZO GRIJALVA SOTO and unknown spouse, if any, FELIPE ESCUDERO H. and unknown spouse, if any, ALEJANDRO LOPEZ A. and unknown spouse, if any, and FELIPE ESCUDERO H. and ALEJANDRO LOPEZ A., a partnership, RICHARD J. SPESHOCK and unknown spouse, if any, and VERA A. SPESHOCK and unknown spouse, if any, EDUARDO ADIB KARAM and unknown spouse, if any, RUDOLFO CHAVEZ PEREZ and AIDA RIOS de PEREZ, FRANK E. GRANT and PATSY A. PARES, JAMES E. GRANT and PAMELA A. GRANT, MANUEL ESPINOZA and BLANCA E. ESPINOZA, LIC. SERGIO ORTUNO O. and DELFINA AGUILAR de ORTUNO, JUAN FRANCISCO GALAN DINGLER and IRMA YOLANDA ENCERRADO de GALAN, CHERYL G. JOLLY and unknown spouse, if any, RONALD W. FRANKLIN and SUSAN M. FRANKLIN, JAMES L. JACOBS and B. LEE JACOBS, LEMUEL T. YOUNGBLOOD and SANDRA J. YOUNGBLOOD, JAVIER PEREZ and IRENE ORTEGA de PEREZ, CHESTER A. HUNKER, JR., and unknown spouse, if any, and HARMON GENE McCUTCHEON and CHARLETTE CHARLENE McCUTCHEON, Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO EACH AND EVERY DEFENDANT NAMED IN THE CAPTION OF THIS CAUSE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The general object of the action is to foreclose a Notice of Assessment of Lien concerning the interval weeks of real property described in the Complaint on file, which real property is situate in the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint, on or before September 24, 1997, judgment will be entered against you by default and the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The name and address of Plaintiff's attorney:

Lee Griffin LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C. 1086 Mechem Drive, Suite 102 Ruidoso New Mexico 88345

WITNESS my hand and seal this 8th day of August, 1997.

ALICE RACA BAXTER Clerk of the District Court By: Eugenia Vega, Deputy Clerk

Published in the Lincoln County News on August 14, 21 and 28 and September 4, 1997.

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

NOTICE is hereby given that competitively sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88901, until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4, 1997, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 1997-3: HEAVY-DUTY REVERSIBLE SNOWFLOW AND SALT SPREADER TO BE INSTALLED ON A 1995 FORD INT 9000 DUMP TRUCK (RE-BID)

BID NO. 1997-4: ANNUAL FUEL SUPPLY

BID NO. 1997-5: ANNUAL PROPANE SUPPLY

BID NO. 1997-6: ANNUAL CONCRETE SUPPLY

BID NO. 1997-7: ANNUAL BASE COURSE SUPPLY

BID NO. 1997-8: TAX FORMS (TREASURER)

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during a regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 1997.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2885.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the bid number(s) shown above.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on August 14, 1997.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Thursday, August 21, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office, on Monday, August 18, 1997.

Published in the Lincoln County News on August 7 and August 14, 1997.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV 97-141 Div. III

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF RUBY COLLEEN ARMSTRONG, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF SETTING

Take notice that on the 28th day of August, 1997, the matter of the name change of Ruby Colleen Armstrong shall come on for hearing before the Honorable Karen Parsons at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, at the hour of 8:30 a.m. All persons in opposition shall be heard at that time or their objections shall forever be barred.

Name of Petitioner's attorney: Patricia S. Ortiz, 301 Mechem #5, Ruidoso, NM 88345, 505-257-3525. Clydene Hull Calendar Clerk

Published in the Lincoln County News on August 7 and 14, 1997.

MEETING NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a special Board meeting for Monday, August 25, 1997, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a Public Hearing and consider other proper business that comes before the Board. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2885 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MONROY MONTES, Chairman Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Village of Capitan is requesting proposals from Contractors for the use of the building and premises now known as THE SMOKEY BEAR MUSEUM, Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico, herein after referred to as the PREMISES.

The Contractor shall provide a lease amount payable to the Village as a monthly sum, said amount due and payable on the date of execution of the Lease Agreement with the Village,

Hall in Capitan. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Deborah Cummings, Clerk-Treasurer, CMO Village of Capitan. Published in the Lincoln County News on August 14, 21 and 28, 1997.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 1997, at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input on the Lincoln County Tax Rates and address alternatives to property taxes.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. MONROY A. MONTES, Chairman Lincoln County Commission

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV 97-00081

G.E. CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, vs. HEATHER PARKER BRANCH, MILES BRANCH aka MILES BERNARD BRANCH, LISA J. BRANCH, and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LISA J. BRANCH. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the following above-named defendant(s): Heather Parker Branch and Miles Branch aka Miles Bernard Branch

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 foreclose a mortgage on property located at 145 West Circle Drive, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 1, OF THE RUIDOSO DOWNS HEIGHTS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDED OF LINCOLN COUNTY.

TY, NEW MEXICO, ON MARCH 26, 1967. Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before September 11, 1997, judgment by default will be entered against you. Plaintiff's attorneys: ELIZABETH MASON 320 Gold Ave., S.W. Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 505/243-2323

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 14th day of July, 1997. ALICE RACA BAXTER, Clerk of the District Court

By: Elizabeth Lucas Deputy

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Published in the Lincoln County News on July 22 and 29, and August 7 and 14, 1997.

ELECTION NOTICE (Second Notice) UPPER HONDO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all owners of land situated in the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, counties of Lincoln and Chaves, State of New Mexico:

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of September 1997 at the hour of 8:00 p.m. a convention will be held to elect two supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act. Location of the election will be the Glenoee Rural Events Center, Highway 70, 12 miles east of Ruidoso, NM and 10 miles west of Hondo, NM.

The positions to be filled are currently being filled by Bob Boebinger and Fred W. "Peg" Pflington. Nominations will be allowed from the floor.

All owners of land within the district are eligible to vote. Persons may be asked by election officials to provide a tax receipt or other documentation of land ownership to verify eligibility to vote.

Absentee ballots will be available to persons requesting them by mail between August 5th and August 15th.

The District will mail requested ballots 15 days before the election to persons requesting them. Absentee ballots returned by mail and received by the district on election day or before will be counted. Absentee ballots received after election day will not be counted.

Absentee voting may be done between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the above address between August 15th and September 1st.

UPPER HONDO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ELECTION CONTACT: See Book between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday 505-354-2220 505-648-2341

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Land U Advisory Council has rescheduled their regular September meeting Tuesday, August 19, 1997. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call/Introduction
III. Approval of Minutes June 2, 1997
IV. OLD BUSINESS
A. BLM Memorandum of Understanding
B. Discussion Resolution of Non Support for the American Heritage River Initiative
C. Discussion final rules of three sand and gravel species - flat-tailed horned lizard - southwestern willow flycatcher - jaguar
D. Draft letter regarding BLM-Bonito Tract 5 Exchange on shortcomings of previous exchange.
E. Reading of correspondence received.
V. ADJOURN

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ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL SPECIALIST II
New Mexico Department of Agriculture has an opening for an Animal Damage Control Specialist II located in Carrizozo, NM. \$25,549.00 annually. Reply to: Larry Killig, USDA, APHIS, ADC, P.O. Box 1301, Roswell, New Mexico 88201. (505) 623-3310. New Mexico Department of Agriculture application form must be received by Aug. 29, 1997. Defensive driving required within three months after employment. Driving record subject to investigation.

REQUIRED: High school diploma or GED certificate and three (3) years experience in agriculture or a related field which includes considerable predator trapping or rodent control work or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Considerable knowledge of the habits and behavior of predators and rodents; state and federal environmental laws as they apply to this; and knowledge of and skill in preparing scents and poison baits. Considerable skill in handling 4-wheel drive vehicles and snowmobiles and in riding a horse; using high-powered rifles, and in using predator calls, steel traps, snares, cyanide guns and rodent baits. Considerable ability to gather facts through observation and to conduct field surveys and census of wildlife populations; apply control techniques so as to afford maximum protection to people, livestock and animal species other than those controlled; establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates and the public; prepare and maintain records; write reports.

NMSU/EEO/AA EMPLOYER
1tc/Aug. 14

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

August 12, 1997

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Carrizozo Municipal Schools

Paula Papponi, Superintendent

P.O. Box 99

Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until Filled.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: Preliminary screening will be made on the basis of information included in the materials submitted. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview before a committee.

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1tc/Aug. 14

FORT STANTON FACTS and FICTION

by Betty Lou Jones

One of my former customers from Fort Stanton said I shouldn't keep writing under this. Know I probably shouldn't but Fort Stanton will always have a special place in my heart.

My apologies to Jerry Wilson. She came in over a couple of weeks ago to tell me that Cody and a roping friend won the big roping in Albuquerque. Cody had entered with a couple of local ropers and when he arrived in Albuquerque another one came and asked him if he would rope with him. Jerry said Cody had taken just enough money to enter with one more. To their surprise and delight Cody and this roper won first and bringing home \$8,000.00 for first place and many other prizes. I was so busy with the

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ride I just didn't get this in. Know everyone will be glad to know this even though its a little late.

Audrey and Eddie Davis and two little ones spent the weekend in Clovis at a ranch rodeo there. Karati hoped to visit her little friends, Seaver and Terryn Taba.

Many good items were displayed at the fair. The quilts were beautiful with Janice Gnatkowski making one with the pictures done on fabric. Mrs. Rue's that were made of chili peppers and Indian bowls were also works of art. Robin said there was a very old quilt there that was in perfect shape.

The animals sold for high money and hope the kids all took home a lot of money and had fun doing it. Lacy and Casey Moore won with their chickens. They were big beautiful animals, made a special effort to see them. Tracy Armenta's rabbits were just a quarter of a pound too light. So close.

Ken and Robin are the proud owners of a new pickup. Jimmy Clark came by in his new one too. Understand Courtney did a good job handing out the ribbons to all the winners at the fair. She looked beautiful riding with the posse at Lincoln and I am sure helped with the winning of first place at that parade.

The posse meeting on Sunday was attended by only 50 people, but those few enjoyed the dinner day of chicken and pot luck. Ruth

Birdsong made hat rolls for 80 people and were they good. She and Robin can sew like professionals. All of the money and bills have not been totaled and calculated so we don't know how well the ride went. Hope we did fair as the officers spent so much time working so hard. Tim Rich resigned as vice president as his health won't let him do the job. We will miss you Tim. Like Jane said we wish you could take an extra pair of pants and keep on till the end of the year, but know your health is more important. Do want you to know we missed you and Bonnie on the ride this year.

Thank you from Courtney May, Justin Joiner, Ken Jones, and one from the rider from Albuquerque, shows what a job the posse does.

The chamber has asked the posse to take over the parade next year. They would like to but just have to take in consideration all the other things going on during the fourth. The next big posse function will be helping with the symposium in October. The parades in Carrizozo, Appenado, and Eastern New Mexico Fair will also be considered.

Stop in and ask your favorite postmaster or clerk about the new stamps. Football coaches, dolls, and Humphrey Bogart are now on sale. The dinosaurs, airplanes and bugs are still in stock also.

Have met several of Capitan's new teachers and would like to welcome them all to town. Have heard many good comments on the new principal. Hope to meet him soon. Just hope he will want to continue the stampers program! Met a teacher from El Paso last week. She collects stamps and works it in with the classes. We visited too long but she was one of my best buyers.

Carrizozo School Board Hires . . .

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for a Head Start program in Carrizozo. She contacted Carmen Chavez, director of the Lincoln County Head Start program, who surveyed parents in Carrizozo School District. At a meeting 23 parents expressed interest in the Head Start program, Chavez said.

Carrizozo Head Start begins sometime after September 30. To obtain an application to register a child in Head Start, or for other information contact Carmen Chavez at 1-505-257-5025.

Housing Found For Capitan . . .

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within three months, Gladden said.

Not finding the senior center and fair building adequate for the Head Start program, Chavez went to the local churches, which are typical sites for Head Start programs. She found the Capitan Community Church to have facilities that would best provide the temporary classroom, with some modifications.

Commissioner Wilton Howell said he was disappointed the seniors could not fit the Head Start into the senior center. He also believed the program should be in Capitan Schools. Gladden said Capitan Schools superintendent Diana Billingsley serves on the Region 9 board, and has informed them there is no room at the school.

Howell made the motion to draft the services contract with Region 9, with understanding the funding is temporary assistance not to become a county program.

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Carrizozo To Be Part Of

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and to discharge treated backwash water on Livingston said this would be a trade-off. Lovelace would be able to use this water on his land and the city would have a place to discharge their treated backwash water.

Updating the trustees on the CDBG Infrastructure Master Plan were Robert Williams, Dave Maxwell, and Joe Schwer from Engineers Inc., Schwer was introduced as working on the master plan full time replacing Bill Sprang.

Eighty percent of the data needed has been collected and the remaining 20 percent of data to be collected is on economic development and the industrial park.

Engineers Inc.'s recommendation for the 1998 CDBG funding was for street repair and fire protection, which would include more fire hydrants and possible increase in line sizes.

A street analysis map was presented to the trustees. The streets that need repair or replacing were broken down into the first five years and beyond the first five years. Some of the streets should be overlaid and others should be left to deteriorate and then be reconstructed and that is in the street analysis. The street evaluation was made independent on how reconstruction would be funded. Engineers Inc. will now find the streets that qualify for CDBG funding and prioritize these.

Discussed also was the fact that the waste water treatment was also a priority. The council gave Engineers Inc. permission to go ahead and put together applications for grants or no or low interest loans from Rural Utilities Service (which used to be the FHA), New Mexico Mortgage Finance, New Mexico Envi-

ronment Dept. (they give grants for water and waste water), and New Mexico Finance Authority. Putting these grant/loan applications together for the waste water treatment plant is a service provided by Engineering Inc. under the CDBG planning grant.

Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson introduced Carrol Clore, military working dog handler from Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, to explain the drug dog program which Carrizozo will be part of.

Clore said that Carrizozo will be receiving a two-year old black labrador which is being trained by Aardon Cortez, president of the National Narcotics Detective Dogs Association. Clore is training officer Bucky Johnson as the main handler and officer Milton Harrington and Vinson as handlers.

The cost for this dog and the training of the dog to the odors of heroin, hash, coke, marijuana, and methamphetamines plus the training of the handlers is \$18,000; however, since Carrizozo is in what is considered a drug alley and because of being a crossroads of major Highways 54 and 380, the town of Carrizozo will be receiving the dog and all training free of charge. After a year, if the city can not fund the program or the program is not doing what is wanted the dog would be returned.

The Narcotic Task Force is putting up \$1,500 for the first year's veterinarian fees, facility for the dog, and dog food. The dog should support himself after the first year through drug forfeiture money collected.

Carrizozo's drug dog will be a full member of the Carrizozo Police Department with his

own badge number. If anyone were to shoot or injure the dog, the resulting penalties to the party causing the injury would be the same as if it had happened to any other officer.

It is hoped to have Johnson and the dog together by a week after Thanksgiving.

The trustees approved the purchase of a Sharp Copy Machine from Alamo Copier Systems in Alamogordo for the police department. The amount for the copier and one-year maintenance agreement was \$2,475.

The discussion concerning making changes to the town's Uniform Traffic Ordinances on the impounding of the vehicle of someone stopped for driving with a revoked license or for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol was tabled until the next council meeting. Municipal judge Bill Meeks is to provide the trustees with a copy of the new state statute on this subject.

Valley of Fires will be installing new picnic tables, benches, and canopies. Bill Murry, of the Bureau of Land Management, asked the trustees if they would like to have the old equipment. Due to the relationship Valley of Fires has had with Carrizozo, they wanted to give the town first chance for the equipment. The only thing the town would have to do is pull the old equipment up and remove it promptly after 48 hours notice by Valley of Fires. The trustees gave their approval. Murry was asked how many visitors had been out there this year. The Valley of Fires has had 143,000 visitors as of the end of July, he reported.

The trustees approved their project recommendations for the 1998 CDBG program. They will apply for a CDBG Grant for repair of streets and will apply for a Colonias grant

for fire protection.

Repairing well #3 at the Carrizozo Golf Course was approved by the trustees. Wes Hunt from La Lux and K. D. Husey Company from Capitan submitted bids. There was a third request for a bid, but the company did not put in a bid. Option B from the K. D. Husey Company was accepted for \$7,705.50.

Deciding of priority projects for the 1997 ICIP was tabled for the town clerk, Carol Schlarb, to gather further information. Among items discussed as priority projects were: streets, fire protection, waste water treatment, airport, swimming pool, and city hall improvements. Trustee Ruth Armstrong asked Schlarb to see if the town could put out a bond issue to build a new city hall.

During the trustee reports several items were discussed: Trustee Wesley Lindsey discussed doing blading work on 17th and some of the streets coming off of 17th. When it rains the streets have deep ruts in them. He also asked about the stop signs around Fred Chavez Park. Ten signs have been ordered.

Trustee Eileen Lovelace asked that the Street Fair and Parade be put on the next agenda. She asked that the trustees consider buying the property that was owned by Dollie Ward that connects to the back of the police and senior citizens building. Lovelace also asked Schlarb if Carrizozo was gaining in population or losing. Schlarb said it had grown between 20 and 30 people and that there were no vacant homes in Carrizozo now.

After the closed session held after the regular meeting, the trustees hired William Kerin as a police officer.

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26.

Capitan Elected

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1996 on a \$300,000 CDBG; Phase 2 streets in 1995 with a \$300,000 CDBG; Phase 1 streets in 1994 with a \$395,000 CDBG; fire hydrant replacements in 1993 with a \$275,000 CDBG; and the Wetlands in 1990-91 with \$400,000 in CDBGs.

Cummins said she is still working on the 1998 CDBG application that is due on November 7. During the regular meeting trustees approved three resolutions to fulfill the requirements of the 1998 CDBG application. One authorizes village staff to apply for \$400,000 for further water improvements—drilling another well, replacing valve boxes and water lines in the downtown area and additional hydrant. Another resolution earmarked 1/12th of the village water funds for the CDBG match, and the third application authorized the village to apply for a \$25,000 CDBG planning grant to update the village general plan.

Capitan Library will be able to keep its doors open thanks to a donation from the village. Renfro presented members of the Capitan Library board a \$1,000 check to help with library expenses. Trustees had authorized the appropriation in their 1997-98 budget.

Outgoing library board president Judy Newman thanked the trustees and invited them to the library's first birthday party from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, August 16. Newman said the library has about 220 patrons and is growing. Some of the patrons are from Corona area and outlying ranches who come to town to shop or do other business. The library is operated by volunteers and survived the first year on monetary and book donations. The library now has about 4,000 books. But the library

board continues to struggle to pay utilities.

Last month the library board asked the village trustees to consider making the library a village department. Monday, Newman said the expense to the village if the library is a department would be the utilities and rent, about \$600 a month total. She said volunteers would continue to staff the library. This way, the library could contract with the state library for book loans and other help.

Beauvais cautioned against making the library a department because of cost of personnel and liability insurance. For instance, the volunteers would have to be offered village insurance coverage. Beauvais suggested the mayor appoint an ad hoc committee to meet with the library board to discuss the needs for financial support and options to making the library a village department. Renfro then requested the village clerk meet with the library board.

"We're really an asset to Capitan," Newman said. "We are well located and serve a large area."

In other business, trustees: --Postponed action on a proposal to settle an easement problem with John Fish, until all parties are able to meet and discuss the proposed settlement.

--Agreed to add an action item on the next meeting to approve the incremental increase for sewer rates as allowed in a 1995 ordinance. The board took no action to authorize the \$1 increases per year for 1996 or 1997. Beauvais said the village auditor had raised concern about the issue.

--Heard citizens request that large trucks be prohibited from using the cross streets.

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