

Sewer Rates Increase In Capitan This Month

by Doris Cherry

When Capitan households and businesses get their sewer bill this month they will find the monthly fee to be a dollar higher.

This is due to an ordinance for the sewer increase approved by village trustees at their meeting Monday. Trustees approved the increase two years ago, but it was never

implemented. During public hearing on the 1996-97 audit, auditor Ronnie Hemphill said he estimated the village lost out on \$12,600 because the increase was not implemented. As a result, trustees rescinded the old ordinance and enacted the new one that begins the \$1 increase beginning October 1997. Rates will increase another \$1 a month a year for the next three years.

Sewer rates are included in monthly water bills.

Sewer fees go toward operation of the village constructed wetlands and sewer line maintenance. In order to lower the cost of testing the wetlands, Dr. Bernhard Reimann said he is working with the state environment department to have the number of required tests reduced. Dr. Reimann was

instrumental in getting the village to do the constructed wetlands for sewer treatment.

The forgotten sewer increase was one of the findings noted by auditor Hemphill during the public hearing on the 1996-97 audit. While the village bookkeeping had no material problems, Hemphill said there were two additional findings. One was the purchase of the

village jet router with a loan. "It's against state law to borrow money with a pledge from the General Fund," Hemphill said.

The village has remedied the situation. The bank which carries the note for the loan has agreed to change the terms of the loan to meet state statutes, Hemphill said. An addendum to the loan agreement drafted by village attorney Robert Beauvais

was mailed to the bank, Cummins said.

Hemphill said it was unfortunate the situation existed on June 30 as he had to report it as a finding in the audit.

Another unfortunate finding was also easy to fix once the village was made aware of it.

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Funeral Friday For Capitan Student Stacey Thorne

Friends and family will gather at Fletcher Hall arena at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan on Friday, not to cheer their favorite roping team, but to honor a young girl who spent many happy hours there.

Capitan Schools will recess at 2 p.m. Friday, to allow students to attend funeral services for Stacey Thorne, 13, of Alto. Stacey drowned in Elephant Butte Lake on Saturday, October 11, during a youth group outing. Her funeral services begin at 3 p.m. in the arena with the Rev. Ed Vinson officiating.

Stacey was an 8th grader at Capitan Middle School. She is survived by her parents Allison and Brad Thorne of Alto.

Capitan middle school postponed its Homecoming activities scheduled for today (Thursday, October 16) and the Capitan High School homecoming parade set for 2:30 p.m. Friday was canceled.

According to an article published in the October 15 issue of The Truth or Consequences Herald, Thorne was one of 19 children from the Crossfire Youth Group of Capitan who were attending a weekend retreat at the Lone Tree Camp facility on Long Point on Elephant Butte Lake. The children went into the water about 5 p.m. on Saturday when a large wave generated by high winds washed several children into deep water.

Tim Worrell, CEO of the Lone Tree Camp and owner of Sports Adventures at the lake, told THE NEWS he and Michael Flanagan were putting away boating equipment for the winter at a dock within view of the group. He said the kids had been wading into the shallow water of Long Point but he noticed several kids floating in the deeper water. Realizing there were problems, Worrell jumped on a jet ski and went to the cove where he pulled one child out of the water. Flanagan came over in a pontoon boat and began grabbing kids out of the water.

Worrell told THE NEWS that the camp counselor was in the shallow water with the kids. The counselor stopped to help a child with a life jacket, and when he looked up the

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1997 TAX BILLS PRINTING. Lincoln County treasurer's office staff deputy treasurer Beverly Calawa, Glenna Robbins, Mary Castaneda and Albert LaFave check as some of the 26,000 tax bills are printed. Tax bills will be mailed to property owners by November 1.

C'zozo Fire Department Proposes Sub Station

By Barbara Culler

The regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, October 14. Some of the items presented to the trustees were Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Advisory Board recommendations, Carrizozo Act Team (CATS) projects for 1998, and proposal for construction of a fire department sub station. Mayor Cecilia Kuhn and trustees Ruth Armstrong, Wesley Lindsay, and Eileen Lovelace were present. Trustee James "Willie" Silva was not present.

Ordinance 200, the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, which replaces Ordinance 91-150 Uniform Traffic Ordinance, was adopted after the public hearing at which there was no discussion.

During audience participation Ann Buffington told the trustees that the Carrizozo Historical Society will be

having a clean-up day at the old locker plant on Saturday, Oct. 25. She asked the trustees if some arrangement could be made for disposal of the trash. Kuhn said she would try and get an extra roll-off either at the dump site or down by the locker plant for use by the historical society that day. Anyone who would like to help is welcomed.

Carrizozo Police Chief Duane Vinson gave his general report and asked and received approval for several items. Approval was given for the Joint Powers Agreement between the New Mexico Supreme Court, Magistrate Court, and Carrizozo Police. This agreement is to help take care of a backlog of magistrate court warrants that have not been served and will pay the police department \$50.00 for every magistrate court warrant served in the

town limits of Carrizozo. Vinson said this would be about eight or ten warrants per year.

The Joint Powers Agreement/Lincoln County Sheriff Dispatch was tabled until after the October 17 Lincoln County Commissioner's meeting where this agreement is to be discussed. This agreement concerns paying Lincoln County \$4,000 for dispatch services.

Approval was given by the trustees for Vinson to attend the International Association of Police conference in Orlando, Florida.

The purchase of tires for \$246 from Lamay Distributing in Carrizozo was approved.

The route for the Carrizozo Grizzly Homecoming Parade on October 17 at 1:00 p.m. was approved.

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Ruidoso Police To Serve Outstanding Warrants

by Doris Cherry

Owe a traffic ticket or fine, or fail to appear for a court date in magistrate court in Ruidoso? If so Ruidoso police may soon be knocking at your door.

Ruidoso village council during its meeting Tuesday approved a joint powers agreement with the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts. The agreement provides a \$50 payment to the village for each bench warrant served to individuals within the municipality. Ruidoso police chief Lanny Maddox said magistrate judge Bill Butts informed him of a backlog of misdemeanor warrants in his court which need to be served. "It's a way to get the dollars that are out there, and the warrants are being served," Maddox said.

Ruidoso police department will be reimbursed by the state for warrants served.

Billboards urging visitors to fly to Ruidoso instead of driving may not go up. Councilors upheld a decision of the village lodgers tax committee (LTC) to rescind their approval of \$5,700 in lodgers tax money be spent on billboards to advertise Ruidoso and Aspen Airlines which serves Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. The LTC had approved the billboards that emphasize flying on Aspen Mountain Airlines because the airline had requested a show of support from the community. The airline agreed the billboards would fulfill that support. The airline also approached the Ruidoso Downs Lodgers Tax Committee to share expenses for the billboards.

However, the airline failed to have a proof of the billboard artwork at LTC's Octo-

ber 7 meeting, and LTC members were dissatisfied with the proposed billboard locations near Tularosa and on the way to Roswell. Instead LTC members thought a billboard would be more effective near Dallas or El Paso.

Mayor Jerry Shaw said she had met with the airline people regarding the need for support from the community. "The airline is important to our economy," she said. "We did promise to help."

LTC chairman Morgan Clough told councilors that the ad slogan of "I could have flown to Ruidoso" did not sound right. He said the committee thought the money could better be spent for a billboard in Dallas for a shorter time, rather than a location "leaving Ruidoso."

Councilor Robert Donaldson said people in El Paso will not pay to fly to Ruidoso. He agreed a Dallas location would be better for billboards. However those billboards are very expensive. Donaldson also was concerned that the airlines already was getting mention in Ruidoso ads. "The money (for the billboard) is four percent of the total ad budget (for Convention and Visitor's Bureau)," Donaldson said. "We need to be sure we do it the most effective way."

Sierra Blanca Airport manager Tim Morris said the airline did not want the village to just promote the airline service, rather promote the whole area. "Many people still don't know we have a service. We want them to get the concept they don't need to drive here, they can fly here," he said.

Morris said the airline was also willing to work with area

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LCSWA Vital To Capitan

by Doris Cherry

"It was always intended that Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority would have rate setting powers," said attorney Robert Beauvais to the Capitan village trustees at their meeting Monday.

Beauvais, who was the original attorney involved with the establishment of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) in 1989 responded to concerns raised by Capitan's LCSWA member Dr. Bernie Reimann. Reimann explained the current financial and legal situation with LCSWA and uncertainty

whether the authority board has power to impose taxes to fund operations. At the last LCSWA meeting, its legal counsel Don Dutton said the authority has power to impose a property tax without an election because of how it was organized.

"Since this is taxation with limited representation, if there is a vote (on a tax) I will abstain," Reimann said.

But since the last LCSWA meeting, Ruidoso village council authorized a lawsuit to ask the court to define what LCSWA is, its powers for setting rates or imposing

taxes, how environmental gross receipt taxes are to be distributed to LCSWA members, and whether Ruidoso would be entitled to the lower tipping fees at the regional landfill if it were no longer a member of LCSWA.

Ruidoso has long been dissatisfied with LCSWA because what some called poor service and its reluctance to haul away yard trash as a part of the regular household garbage collection service. Long convinced Ruidoso could go back to operating its own collection service at lower rates to customers than what LCSWA can

provide, councilors approved the lawsuit.

But Beauvais disagreed with everything Reimann and Dutton said about LCSWA. Beauvais said the 1992 state solid waste authority act was created using LCSWA as an example. At its inception, LCSWA was the first of its kind in the state.

"I've been tempted to respond to editorials (against LCSWA) with their conclusions not grounded in fact," Beauvais said.

LCSWA's story began in 1989, when the state Environmental Improvement Board

(EIB) decided to increase the costs of landfill closure. Lincoln County's landfill on Fort Stanton Mesa, operated by the village of Ruidoso, had a short life span at the location. If it was kept open, the county faced huge closure fees, but if they closed it, where would they take the trash.

At the time, county trash collections consisted of several large green dumpsters hauled to the county landfill on Fort Stanton mesa by the county road department. The cost to haul the county trash was

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lodgers in creating special packages with special lodging and flight rates. After discussion of the effectiveness of billboards versus radio messages, Donaldson made the motion, to uphold the LTC decision, then

amended the motion to call for a special meeting of the LTC on October 20 to discuss further options for promoting the airlines. All councilors voted aye. Councilors also: —Approved changes to the

lease agreement with Ruidoso Snow Play & Ice Skating, Inc. that allows the snow play company to construct a multi-chute tubing area and skating rink at the Eagle Creek Sports Complex. In the changes the size of the rink is decreased by 50 feet and Ruidoso Snow Play is given an additional 60 days to obtain financing for the project. Village manager Gary Jackson said a portion of the snow play area is an Eagle Creek Intercommunity Water Supply Inc. property. "Hopefully that will soon be Ruidoso property," he said.

—Heard the mayor proclaim Sierra Blanca Festival of the Trees, an event organized by the chamber of commerce as a way to extend the Christmas holiday season with events every weekend between Thanksgiving and New Years.



CAPITAN HOMECOMING '97 king and queen candidates are seniors (back from left) Cody Joiner, Matt Daniel and Eric Ferguson, (front) Ann Holt, Sonya Wood and Heather Wooddell. The queen and king will be crowned during halftime at the football game Friday. Homecoming bonfire will be ignited after dark tonight (Thursday, October 16) at the baseball field north of Highway 380. A homecoming dance will be held Saturday night. There will be no homecoming parade this year.



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Saturday, starting at 10 a.m., exhibitors from White Oaks, Las Cruces, Capitan, Roswell, Carrizozo and Ruidoso displayed unique and rarely shown arts and crafts. The quality of their work made the festival one we hope will be repeated again next year!

Many thanks to everyone at the Recreation Center for a delicious lunch at the Cafe Centre Pointe and for providing a wonderful facility for the exhibitors and the many visitors.

Thank you, members of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, CATS organization and the Carrizozo Historical Society. Your help, donations and advertising of the event made it a real success.

THANKS to everyone that helped make this Arts and Crafts Festival a success and Suzanne lets do it all next year!

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Sewer Rates Increase . . . (Continued from Page 1)

Four funds showed they were expended in excess of the budgeted amounts and showed negative balances on June 30. Because this is violation of state law Hemphill had to also report this finding. Hemphill said the problem could have been solved with a simple budget adjustment resolution before June 30.

Cummins said the funds involved were the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the storage tank, Law Enforcement Protection Funds, Infrastructure and Cemetery. The fiscal year ended before Cummins was able to get the budget adjustments to the trustees. "We just didn't do a resolution," said trustee Connie Hopper.

Hemphill said he came across some operational issues that he discussed with Cummins. He

commended Cummins and the administration staff for being "extremely cooperative" and creating a very pleasant working environment. "Especially since this was my first time (audit)," Hemphill said.

The village ended its fiscal year on June 30 with general fund revenue exceeding expenses by \$13,000. The village also got more revenue from Gross Receipt Taxes paid by businesses within the village than they expected. Taxes were budgeted at \$95,778 and actual collections were \$108,893.

Village debt continues to get smaller. In October 1998, a major general obligation bond will be paid off, making the village debt even smaller. "This may be fixing to change, however," Hemphill said with no explanation. "But, at this point the village doesn't owe very much money."

Hemphill explained the format of his report, showing how he put the debt incurred to purchase water rights as debt service instead of the previous description as capital outlay.

Overall the village is in very good financial shape, Hemphill said. He was impressed with the attention to details and how good the records were kept. "I'll pat her (Cummins) on the back, she deserves it," Hemphill said.

After the public hearing, trustees went into their regular meeting. They approved two items that remedied the problems found in the audit—the ordinance for sewer rate increase and a resolution for budget transfer. Then they accepted the 1996-97 audit.

Trustees also approved a resolution requesting the U.S. Postal Service to designate the new Capitan post office as Smokey Bear Station in honor of the village's favorite bear.

Smokey Bear Museum still has no lease. Instead trustees voted to hold a special meeting Monday, October 20 to review three proposals and award the lease. Trustees were to have opened proposals and awarded the lease at their meeting Monday. Four proposals were received by deadline. But two of the proposals came from one offeror—Friends of Smokey Capitan, Inc. Beauvais said this was a "unique" situation which he found is not illegal, but he questioned if it was appropriate. Beauvais said it seemed to him that two proposals from one source was contrary to the procurement code which seeks the best competitive bid. "I think this would establish precedence (if trustees accepted two proposals)," Beauvais said.

A citizen said allowing more than one proposal per offeror would not be in the best interest

of competitive bidding. He suggested the village instead allow one proposal per bidder, open them, evaluate them and make a decision. "Don't throw it open for dogs and cats to tear up. Otherwise competitiveness of bidding will be completely lost in the village of Capitan," Leon Livingston said.

Debra Ingle, president of Friends of Smokey, said her group had withdrawn one of the proposals the afternoon before the meeting, but had taken the wrong sealed envelope. Because of this she requested to withdraw both proposals.

Beauvais said that since none of the proposals had been opened that Friends of Smokey could make sure the right proposal was submitted to the village and the other proposal withdrawn. Pat Rennie, one of the bidders, said it would be unfair

for one proposer to submit two bids.

All trustees agreed and voted to hold the special meeting.

Trustees also: —Approved a request from resident Curtis Payne to exempt the road bore costs for water line placement to his house. Trustees also directed village staff to inform property owner Marvin Hugely that he also will not have to pay for a road bore to install water lines to his property.

—Rejected a suggestion from the state building inspector that the village require permits on any construction project within the village limits.

—Heard Dr. Reimann discuss his concerns that Capitan could be forced to pay very-high trash collection rates if Ruidoso withdraws from the Lincoln County Solid Waste authority.

Funeral Friday For . . . (Continued from Page 1)

kids were scattered into the deeper water.

Only four of the 19 kids were not wearing life jackets, although they had been urged to wear the jackets if they were not strong swimmers, Worrell said.

Once the adults got the kids got back to shore and they took a roll call they discovered that Stacey was not with them, Worrell added. Worrell and his staff began a search in the area where Stacey was last seen but could not find her. Worrell then contacted local authorities. State police divers, state parks officers and a coast guard auxiliary boat conducted a search that took two days. They found Stacey's body Monday afternoon, only about 10 feet from where she was last seen.

Worrell said a family friend came to the lake to identify the body on behalf of the

parents. "I think it was the best for them," Worrell said. "It's best to remember their beautiful young daughter as she was."



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.
 —Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.

SUNDAYS

—Music jam session 1-4 p.m. 320 Lincoln Street-Capitan.

MONDAYS

—TOPS 5:30 p.m. at Otero Electric office Carrizozo.
 —Writer's group 7 p.m. downstairs Carrizozo Masonic Building.

TUESDAYS

—Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's Ruidoso.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

—General Cancer Support Group, 7 to 9 p.m. Texas-NM Power Co. office in Ruidoso.
 —Community Health/Wellness Fair 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. La Placita in Lincoln; 1-5 p.m. San Patricio Senior Center; 9 a.m. to 12 noon Capitan Schools old gym; 1-5 p.m. Carrizozo School multipurpose room.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

—Lincoln County Commissioners 9 a.m. in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Public hearings at 1 and 3 p.m.
 —Carrizozo and Capitan Homecomings. Carrizozo homecoming parade at 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

—Lincoln County Historical Society 2 p.m. at the San Juan Church in Lincoln.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 & 19

—High Rolls Apple Festival 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

—Free film at First Baptist Church in Carrizozo, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

—Health/Wellness Fair 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.
 —Carrizozo Action Team 9 a.m. RC&D office 409 Central Ave.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

—Capitan Public Library Board 6:30 p.m. at the library.
 —Ruidoso P&Z commission 2 p.m. village hall.
 —Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.
 —Ruidoso Village Council workshop 5 p.m. village hall.
 —Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. school administration building.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

—Carrizozo FCE 1 p.m. at Otero Electric Co-op office.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 & 24

—No school for Capitan students, parent teacher conferences.

Carrizozo Chit Chat

New Preschool Hours

Hours for the Carrizozo Preschool story hour, starting today, will be from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the school library. All preschoolers, ages three to five are invited to attend. Activities include songs, fingerplays, stories and art. For information call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346.

Grizzly Action

The Grizzly varsity sent the other team running home. They played against Vaughn Oct. 9 and played a powerful game. Every time Vaughn made a point, the Grizzlies came back hitting hard every time. They played a great game, with wonderful team work and sportsmanship. Scores were 15-9, 15-4 and 15-7. They walked off the court, not knowing what was to come. The loss in Quemado Oct. 11 was what was to come. They tried to keep the score going up, but Quemado had the home court advantage, and succeeded in winning. The Grizzly girls compete in Fort Sumner today, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

The Grizzly football homecoming game will be tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 17. Support the Grizzlies.

by Robin James

Halloween Carnival

The annual Carrizozo PFK (People for Kids) Halloween carnival will be held Friday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the old gym. PFK discourages people from wearing costumes that portrays violence or extremely frightening characters, but other types of costumes are welcome.

Visitors At Bar W

Visitors at the Spencer's Bar W Ranch last week were Mrs. Frank Wynn and family from Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Wynn is Steven Spencer's Godmother and Steve was born at Orlando Air Base.

Dr. Paul Turner, whose

Carrizozo Schools Events

Thursdays:
 Pre-school story hour time 9-9:45 a.m. every Thursday, at Carrizozo School Library. Come by for a fun story!

Tuesday, Oct. 21:
 Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. board conference in the administration building.

Volleyball matches in Mountainair.

Second grade field trip.

Wednesday, Oct. 22:
 Middle School, High School field day at Bonito Park. Kids try their hands at THE WALL.

Thursday, Oct. 23:
 End of the first nine weeks grading period.

ACT testing for juniors and seniors.

Kindergarten to the Pumpkin Patch.

Saturday, Oct. 25:
 Football in Pine Hill

Volleyball in Vaughn 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30:
 No school to allow for parent-teacher conferences from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reports go out that day.

Friday, Oct. 31:
 PFKK sponsored Halloween Carnival 6-9 p.m. old gym.

Capitan Schools Parent Conferences Next Week

There will be no school for students on October 23 and 24 to allow teachers to conduct conferences with parents. From 3:30 to 7 p.m. October 23, teachers will meet with parents to give out report cards and discuss their children's progress. The conferences will continue on October 24 with conferences held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

father Dr. J.P. Turner was physician for the local people of this area for many years, visited from Pensacola, Florida.

Susan Spencer Frost and husband Jack, who reside in San Carlos, Mexico, enjoyed a month's visit with Susan's family.

Free Film Showing

A FREE film, *Repeat Performance*, will be shown at the First Baptist Church in Carrizozo Sunday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The movie is about problems a 17 year old boy has after being abandoned by his mother as a small child and the death of his father as a teenager.

Wedding Date Set

Danielle Renee Giordano and Kevin Jones will be married Oct. 25 in Monticello, Utah. The bride is a 1994 graduate of Carrizozo High School and plans to attend a Utah community college. The groom works full time in construction and cowboys and rodeos in his off-hours. The couple plans to settle in the Monticello area. Their family members are Mr. and Mrs. Bob MacKenzie of Carrizozo.



Daniel Giordano of Florida, Mrs. Melva Jones of Monticello, Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. Steeve Jones of Alaska.

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

Please call Ruth at 648-2338 with your news items.

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THOUGHTS

Face the Editor's Desk

County meets tomorrow

By Ruth Hammond

Be ready for an extra long day if you plan to attend the Lincoln County Commission meeting tomorrow. Yes, we know the county commissioners usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month, but this month they changed it to Friday because Monday was a holiday. It didn't seem to bother county workers from showing up Tuesday but apparently there are different rules for elected officials because they delayed the meeting date.

The same thing will happen again next month when Veteran's Day is on the second Tuesday. Seems like our elected officials should be able to look at a calendar in advance and not have to delay regular meeting dates. Maybe it didn't "just happen" that the meeting was changed this month. Maybe it was all planned.

Have you stopped to consider that some elected officials seem to prefer to discuss certain "business" when there is a smaller audience? Have you stopped to consider that even though it is public money being spent, some elected officials seem to act as if the money they are spending is theirs to do with as they want? Have you stopped to consider that by having different meeting dates it makes it more difficult for the public to keep track of what the elected officials are doing? It does make you wonder.

Tuesday has been the date set for the county commission meetings for several years. When they met every third Tuesday it was more difficult to keep track of the date but seldom did any of the county commission meetings last into the afternoon. When the county commissioners met every third Tuesday, it didn't matter if county offices were closed on Monday or not, the meeting was held every third Tuesday as was scheduled.

Then someone decided to change a system that was working. The first drastic change came when three new commissioners decided to hold their meetings in the evening. Too often agenda items had to be tabled until state offices were open to get more information. Fewer people attended the evening meetings and there was grumbling from other elected officials about having to give up an evening to conduct county business that should have been conducted during the daytime, just as it always had been.

The next change was when the county commissioners decided to meet once a month on the first Tuesday of the month. That schedule was working, which probably meant someone had to change it again. Now the county commissioners are supposed to meet the second Tuesday of the month, with the exception of when it is the day after a holiday, and with the exception of when some drastic business needs to be conducted, such as when the county accepted an oversized check at a PRIVATE reception that was NOT open to the public and was not publicized as is required by state law. Seems as if the rules can be changed at least as often as meeting dates are changed if not more often.

It would be nice if our elected officials would realize the people not only have a right to know what county business is being conducted, many want to be involved. Many people want to attend county commission meetings because it gives them an opportunity to watch government in action. Or it is supposed to give the public the opportunity to watch government in action.

Our government is supposed to be "Of the people, by the people and for the people," and it is time our elected officials made every effort to conduct all governmental business that way. It is time our elected officials stopped trying to confuse the public by changing meeting dates, holding "so-called" special meetings that are nothing more than personal ego trips, and by not only inviting the public to attend but to welcome their input and participation. It is time our elected officials took their oaths of office seriously and include the people in making decisions.

Be ready for a long day tomorrow at the county meeting.

When should commissioners meet?



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE — Beginning October 1st candidates for office in next June's primary election could pick up their nominating petitions and candidate guides from county clerk's offices statewide.

Let's you think an eight-month head start is a little too lengthy, remember the overly-eager candidates three months ago who began circulating nominating petitions of their own design. The Secretary of State's Office had to issue a news release remind-

ing potential candidates that although the law spells out the contents of nominating petitions, it says they shall be on forms developed by the secretary of state.

The candidate guide provides and explains key provisions of the state election code and lists the number of signatures needed by candidates for each office and each political party. The reasons some candidates like to get an early start is because the number of signatures required. Democrat candidates for statewide office had to secure approximately 4,000 signatures two years ago. Republican candidates needed around 1,900.

The number of signatures required is based on the total vote for all the party's gubernatorial candidates in the last primary election. Since the New Mexico GOP traditionally has few primary contests, turnout is nearly always low. If predictions hold true that Gov. Gary Johnson will be the only GOP candidate for governor next year, look for the disparity in signatures required in the 2000 election to be even larger.

Why are so many signatures required? Even though it's hard to find candidates for some offices, others get clogged up with candidates. In 1972, when ballot restrictions were temporarily removed by court order, 26 candidates filed for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, including Bull Ring cocktail waitress Sparkle Plenty.

New Mexico has tried other methods of limiting ballot access. Filing fees were ruled unconstitutional by that 1972 court decision. Pre-primary nominating conventions for state offices have been tried, discarded and tried again several times. At one time the signature requirement was five percent of the party's voters in the last general election for governor or president.

The resulting huge number of required signatures led many candidates to hire com-

panies, which sprung up overnight, to secure their signatures. But some of those companies resorted to sleight-of-hand techniques, such as copying voter lists onto petitions or photocopying one candidate's petition signatures for another candidate.

So the five percent was reduced to three percent, which worked well until political party chairmen convinced the Legislature to reinstate pre-primary nominating conventions as a way of strengthening political parties, which have been losing influence for some time. Now the requirement is that candidates subject to convention designation collect signatures from two percent. If they fail to secure 20 percent of the nominating convention votes, they can collect another two percent and get on the ballot anyway. All other candidates must still meet the three-percent requirements.

Anyone can secure petitions and a candidate guide from a county clerk's office. There are no forms to complete. Candidates don't have to appear in person. Major candidates nearly always send a campaign worker. Statewide candidates can pick up their petitions from their county clerk rather than traveling to Santa Fe. That's because every petition looks the same. Each candidate fills out his or her name, address, office sought, and the county in which the petition will be circulated. Every name on a petition sheet must be from the same county.

Candidates subject to state pre-primary convention designation will file their nominating petitions in mid-February. All other candidates have until mid-March to file. For most candidates, there still is plenty of time to pick up those petitions, but many were at the clerk's office early October 1.

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Allsup's Road Race
The Allsup's 23rd annual fall road race will be held Oct. 25 in Clovis starting at 8 a.m. and will offer four different types of races: a 1/2 marathon, 10,000 meter, 5,000 meter. And one mile run.

Free German Oldies Concert
The Flickinger Center in Alamogordo will present *The Oldies Concert Band* from Luneburger Heide, Germany on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. The tickets are free but must be picked up in advance of the concert. Tickets are available at the Student Services building at NMSU-A. The band is touring the southern part of New Mexico because of the sister cities program between Las Cruces and a town in Germany. While in the area they are performing free concerts for the general public. The performance is divided into three parts; the first part will be played by the band alone, the second part will be a *Modenschau*, which is a fashion show, and the third part is Bavarian hoom pah music that will include a folk dance from northern Germany.

ENMR Open House
ENMR Telephone Cooperative will celebrate National Cooperative Month will Open House celebrations at offices located in service areas including today, Oct. 16 in Logan, Oct. 17 in Santa Rosa, Oct. 21 in Vaughn, Oct. 24 in Clayton, Oct. 28 in Farwell, Texas, and Oct. 31 in Clovis. All Open House celebrations will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. Activities include refreshments, registration and drawings for door prizes.



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Capitan School Has More Students Than Projected

by Chris Cherry

Capitan Schools have 40 more students than the enrollment projected in May.

Capitan board of education during its meeting October 9 learned that the 40th day enrollment of all three schools was 647. There were 289 students in elementary, 145 in middle school and 213 in the high school. The district had projected 607 students for this school year and based its 1997-98 school year budget on that number. Because enrollment met the project number, the district will receive all budgeted funds, and it will receive additional funds for enrollment beyond 607. However, those funds will not be available until after the state legislature meets in January 1998.

In the last seven years, Capitan schools enrollment has increased 33 percent, from total enrollment of 487 in 1990-91 to the 647 counted this school year.

In order to meet the needs of a growing student body, the school board began work on a five year strategic goal for the district. They told teachers to dream about all their needs and wants, and then tell about those needs and wants during a special work session scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, October 29. School superintendent Diana Billingsley said the board also plans to hold several meetings about the five-year strategic plan to get input from parents, community and teachers. The board developed the idea for the strategic plan during its retreat held in late September.

Some of the goals listed in the board's staffing vision statement include additional staff in the elementary for speech, library aide, P.E., custodial, counselor, office and

auxiliary by the year 2003. The Middle school will need half time staff in language arts, social studies, science, counselor, Spanish, home economics/living skills, full time additional resource room teacher, and special education teacher to assist special education students at night with homework. The high school needs its own staff separate from the middle school, additional special education aides and a vice-principal. Other suggestions were to increase salaries by six to eight percent each year, provide a \$5,000 step increase at the master's level and provide rewards and recognitions for staff.

Other vision goals included curriculum and facilities. The district hopes to acquire additional lands for growth, construct additional athletic facilities, additional paved parking, swimming pool, one additional classroom for each grade level in the elementary. For middle school improved grounds with grass, library, four additional classrooms. For the high school the district would like to construct a new facility and allow the middle school to use the existing high school and the elementary to expand into the current middle school. The district also would like to air condition all classrooms and offices in the high school and construct a fine arts building.

Included in the vision statement on student behavior were suggestions to develop a stricter dress code, require school uniforms and provide incentive programs for improvement of school pride.

The public is invited to the work session on October 29 on the strategic plan.

The board approved its 1997-98 district mission state-

ment that states that the mission of Capitan Municipal Schools is to provide "our" young people with quality educational opportunities; provide the skills needed to be productive citizens and instill local values and qualities in a safe environment.

At 2 p.m. December 7, the board will dedicate the multipurpose gym as "Traylor Gym" in honor of educator Herbert Lee Traylor who died last year.

On personnel recommendations, the board approved employment of Frank Walston as high school science teacher. He has a Master of Arts Degree and 11 years teaching experience. The board also approved the employment of Gail Brown as high school English teacher for three periods. She has a BA and two years teaching experience. She also will be half day kindergarten teacher beginning October 9. Linda Green was hired as half time special ed instructional assistant for the middle and high schools and Cathy Darrah was hired as special education assistant and Head Start.

The board also got a clean audit report from De'Aun Willoughby who had no findings on last school year's financial accounting.

Middle School principal Bill MacVeigh discussed some of the new programs at the middle school. A parent's group will look at the student handbook, especially the discipline rules. MacVeigh plans to begin a mediator program at the middle school. With the mediator program students who violate the discipline code will meet with the mediators first before they go to the principal's office.

CORONA NEWS

Crown CowBelles served a warm noon meal to 152 people attending the Ram Test Field Day at NMSU ranch headquarters Friday. The guests were interested in the various lectures and especially in the windows in the sides of cows which allowed a view of the digestive tract.

The nominating committee gave a report and election of officers will be at the next meeting and Shelly Frost will speak on "Keeping the Flame" of heritage and history. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at La Cocina de Corona, Thursday, Nov. 6. Note the change in date to the first Thursday.

Connie Lynn and Bill Ledbetter brought their sons, Brandon and Colt, and other scouts from Albuquerque Troop 459. The troop consists of 15 boys plus leaders. They met scouts from Troop 217 from Roswell, 20 boys plus leader for a weekend in Red Cloud Canyon. The Ledbetter seniors went on to the ranch while the boys enjoyed a boisterous weekend from Oct. 3rd through the 5th. Mrs. Ledbetter is tour coordinator for the troop. She teaches business computer application at Albuquerque High School. NOTE: The boys had five cookouts and remarked that there was no one to caution them about noise.

Mrs. A.J. Gibbs and Mrs. Ken Fuller went to Albuquerque Sunday for a session of mid-Eastern music and dancing program at a coffee house. Jason Gibbs is a member of the seven-piece ADDA band.

Miss Julie Kerr was honored at the West Point, Miss. homecoming game. Two board members presented a plaque in recognition of her 17 years of teaching in their elementary schools. They mentioned her taking her pupils to the farm and her continuing interest in Monarch butterflies. She takes the various stages to different schools. Congratulations, Julie, for a well deserved plaque.

Mrs. Ken Fuller, Mrs. A.J. Gibbs and Mrs. Fenner Jones attended the wedding of Amanda Fuller and Andy Richards in Oakton, VA on September 27. The bride's parents are Harrell and Pat Fuller of Falls Church, VA. The groom's parents are William and Louise Richards of State College, PA. The bride is employed by World Books of Knowledge. She is the editor of classics division. The groom is a computer programmer for Sears. After a honeymoon week in Canada they will live in Chicago.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Fuller, niece of Mrs. Gibbs and great niece of Mrs. Jones. A mini reception was held at the church and a dinner reception at Fort McNair Officers Club in Washington, DC.

Private Eric Wetzel left Fort Polk, LA Sunday morning for Boonia. He had basic training at Fort Knox in Cavalry Scouts where he earned awards in sharp shooting, grenades, and Ms. Kyle will remain in Louisiana with his stepmother while Eric is gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harelson spent the weekend in T or C with a daughter and grandson at the special request of the grandson.

Cathy Muniz is in Santa Fe for the Municipal Clerk School - started Sunday afternoon and runs through Friday. Some college credit is earned.

Marietta Powell of Ignacio, CO spent the weekend at the ranch. Saturday she joined Juanita Sultemeier who had come from Roswell to help with the fall delivery work.

Mrs. Helen Lavagnino reports the theft of expensive physical therapy equipment including an exercise bench, weights and therabands.

Ty Jones of Canyon, TX was again in the area this week to receive yearlings and calves.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins left Thursday for their home in Port Angeles, WA. They decided to skip Las Cruces and instead go by Albuquerque for some needed repair to the motorhome and to see the balloons.

Mrs. Deana Holman of T or C visited the Virgil Owens over the long weekend. She enjoyed doing some painting of windows before returning to her work with the Hot Springs schools.

Sherry Luera has resigned as cook at the senior center. Tim Sanchez is cooking until the position is advertised and filled.

Kristy Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Jones, and her three sons, Alex, Ven and Kevin are visiting from their home in North Pole, Alaska. She celebrated her birthday at the ranch with her parents, two sisters, Connie Jones, and Cathy Caffrey and niece Catlin Brianna Caffrey. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fuller and Jeanene Gibbs were there to enjoy the spaghetti.

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

Seems like I just submitted a column and here it is that time again. How quickly the present and even the future becomes the past and the older we get, the more that remark holds true.

I promised by friend Vanessa Shamblin that I would give her submission to this column "Top Billing" this week and so here we go Vanessa:

The Lincoln County Historical Society will present it's October program on Saturday, October 18 at 2 p.m. at the San Juan Church in Lincoln. The speaker will be Ervin Aldaz, former administrator for many years at Fort Stanton. Following the comments by Mr. Aldaz, the Historical Society will hold Open House at it's new location for archives in the old La Paloma Bar building across from the courthouse in Lincoln. The public is invited to both events. And if anyone knows where the Lincoln County Historical Society can borrow a World War II yearbook of Capitan area servicemen and veterans, please call Vanessa at 354-3104. And on another note, Louis Padilla will be driving the Senior Citizen's van to the event and all seniors are more than welcome to call Louie and ask for a ride. And the number at the Center to call is 354-2640. A good turnout would be most welcome and appreciated. Isn't that right, Vanessa?

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting my special daughter in Albuquerque sans husband, sans daughter, and sans two vivacious little dobermans, who are very much a part of her modus operandi.

Needless to say, I savored every moment with her between her meetings that she had to attend. Thomas drove me up to Albuquerque and from our ninth floor room, I think it was, we had a ringside seat for the Balloon Fiesta, which we all enjoyed interspersed with conversation, et cetera.

Also let me congratulate two very special people that I viewed on television while there, namely Lois Aldrich and Merle Ray and certainly enjoyed their comments on investigation of charges that have been made regarding Fort Stanton. I vowed to ask for their autographs when I returned home, as how many Capitanians can boast about being interviewed on television? Way to go girls, and congratulations to you both. It takes gals like you to put Capitan on the map.

And if any of you are wondering who that new pretty girl at City Hall is, let me introduce her to you. Her name is Kathryn Griesin and will profile her for you next week.



CAPITAN TIGER BAND marches down Roswell's Main Street during the ENM State Fair parade.

I know we are all saddened by the death of John Denver. There is an old saying that some people are born to live short lives. They enter this world as a special envoy from the world above. They are sent to give special joy to all those around them and then almost as quickly as they are loved and adored, they are swiftly summoned "home."

I think that is true of John Denver. He reached so many folks in life and he will reach so many more in death. Surely he was sent by God to remind all of us that God giveth and God taketh away. There will be national mourning for John Denver but his legacy will be remembered forever. Eternal rest grant to you John and may you rest in peace and we are all grateful for having known you. Your beautiful music leaves us all an everlasting

memory.

And so for another week, let us hope that this missive arrives on time and connects with the missive that I mailed too late to reach it's destination for last week's paper. And Ruth it is your job now to sift, sort, add to or delete as you see fit from the two different entries. Lots of luck to you.

And for another week it is sayonara and adios time once again and as I have no intention of leaving Capitan any time in the present or future time. Let me say God Bless each of you that read my trivia and even those who cannot be bothered.

And may I say God bless Betty Joiner who knows everyone in the area and writes all the "goodies" about all the special

activities so I do not have to worry about "gittin the news myself."

And my apologies to Laverge Anselmo and Penny Fearon for not contacting them the past two weeks. Folks that attempt to write columns should not even anticipate leaving the territory and so my apologies to one and all. Hope to re-connect them and bring you up to date with the movie folk that have arrived in our little metropolis. God Bless.

OBITUARY

STACEY JOHNETTA THORNE

Services for Stacey Johnetta Thorne, 13, of Alto will be Friday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m., at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Arena in Capitan.

Stacey died at Elephant Butte Lake in a drowning accident. She was born December 5, 1983 in Dallas and had lived in Alto all of her life. She was involved in Crossfire II Youth Group in Capitan. She was in the 8th grade at Capitan mid-school. She was treasurer for the 4-H group, F.F.A. at Capitan, and a member of the Lincoln County Rodeo Club for 10 years. She played volleyball for the mid-school team and on the student council.

She is survived by her parents, Brad and Allison Thorne of Alto; grandparents, George and Sylvia Thorne of Lake Almanor, CA, and several aunts and uncles.

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

Lone Tree Bible Ranch 15th Anniversary Is 26th

Lone Tree Bible Ranch invites everyone to help celebrate its 15th anniversary with an open house on Sunday, October 26.

The open house begins at 3 p.m. with a Wild West Show filled with local talent. That will be followed by a special presentation and tour of the camp facility. Barbecue will be sold after the tours. Events wrap up at 6 p.m.

Lone Tree Bible Ranch is located near Capitan Gap, about eight miles northeast of Capitan. It can be reached by taking the Capitan Gap road which intersects with Highway 380, east of Capitan.

Lone Tree Ranch is a non-denominational independent Christian camp for youth governed by a board of directors. It was begun by the original Lone Tree Bible Ranch in Wyoming. Land for the Ranch was purchased in 1980 and Tim and Charlene Worrell came down from Wyoming to begin the new camp near Capitan. A rustic cabin was built of logs cut in Mescalero, and the camp was finally opened in 1982.

The camp's philosophy is to use the outdoors and adventure-based programs to help young people build trust, develop relationships and create an atmosphere for ministry and teach Biblical principles. Campers are taught various skills and good work ethics while participating in adventure activities as mountain rappelling, horseback riding, rodeo and archery.

Lone Tree Ranch offers programs for youth 13-18 years old. Because of its popularity, Lone Tree developed and began Fort Lone Tree for children 8-12 years old. Lone Tree Ranch also operates the Lone Tree Lakeshore Camp at Elephant Butte Lake, and Lone Tree Missions in Juarez.

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Grizzly Play-off Hopes Hinge On Must Win Over Mountainair

The Carrizozo varsity football team returns home this Friday (Grizzly Homecoming) against Mountainair after a rough two-weeks on the road. The Grizzlies traveled to Floyd on October 4 and lost 49-19, and followed that up with a trip to El Paso where they fell to Jesus Chapel by the score of 60-16. On both occasions coach Rick Beserra reports that the Grizzly's slow start in the first half hurt his team. "Leaving at 6:00 a.m. and having to play at 2:00 p.m. after a lengthy trip, I believe, had something to do with our slow start in both games," stated the coach. In both instances the Grizzly performance in the

second half compared to their play in the first half proved the point. Carrizozo came out slow in both games, but were able to stay with both teams in the second half of play. In the Floyd game soph. Simon Beltran scored on a 10-yard reception from soph.

Ryan Roper with PAT good also by Roper. Senior John Paul Ortiz had two TD receptions from Roper good for 20 and 30 yards. Against Jesus

Chapel, who coach Beserra said was the best team Carrizozo had faced all season, Ortiz latched on the two Roper strikes good for scores of 15 and 25 yards — soph. Jimmy Vermillion converted on a 2-point conversion. In the Jesus Chapel game coach Beserra stated that his team just ran into a quicker, stronger and bigger team. "A very good and talented team" said Beserra. Beserra was proud of

get some help from Ramah in their game against Mountainair on Oct. 25. A win by Carrizozo in both games, and a Ramah victory over Mountainair will get Carrizozo into the playoffs.

Coach Beserra said he plans to change his game plan against Mountainair some, and expects to air it out a little bit more than usual — and plans some changes in his defensive scheme also. He

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the way his team hung in during the two losses, and discounting the first half in both contests, actually played very well, after a few adjustments made at halftime.

Carrizozo will host district rival Mountainair tomorrow (Friday) in the Grizzlies homecoming game, with kickoff set for about 7:30 p.m. — coach LeeRoy Zamora's jr. high team will start the action with a 5:00 p.m. kickoff against the young Mustangs. This will be Carrizozo's second and last home game of the season. A victory over Mountainair and Pine Hill next week could possibly assure a chance of making the playoffs. "First we need to take care of our part by beating both Mountainair and Pinehill", said Beserra, "then we have to

stated that a lack of experience has hurt his young team this season. "The kids have the ability and are capable of winning the next two games, our defense is good enough to stay with both our opponents, we just need to stop the run and get off to a good start. Those slow first-half starts are killing us!" stated the coach.

Homecoming festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday with the presentation of the court in the old gym, with the homecoming parade beginning at 1:00 p.m. Junior high game will be at 5:00 p.m., with varsity game to follow with kickoff set for 7:30. The king and queen will be crowned during half-time of the varsity game.

Tough Road Ahead Next Week For Carrizozo Volleyball Team

Carrizozo's varsity volleyball team improved its district mark to 2-2 after Thursday's victory over the Vaughn Aguilas. Carrizozo playing their last home match at home of the regular season won in three straight games by the scores of 15-9, 15-4, and 15-7. Grizzly junior high team lost their match 13-15 and 5-15. On Saturday Carrizozo was back on the road and lost at Quemado in a non-district match. Jr. High and JV teams also traveled to Quemado and lost. Jr. High scores were 11-15, 15-8, and 7-15. JV fell by the scores of 15-1, 4-15, and 3-15.

A killer schedule awaits the varsity girls, as they will play their next four matches (all district games) in the next 10 days, with all four on the road. The schedule will begin with a match against always tough Vixens today (Thursday, Oct. 16) at Ft. Sumner. Jr. High, JV and varsity will all see action with play slated to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Next will be a trip to Mountainair on Tuesday, Oct. 21 to do battle with the Lady Steers with play set to begin at 4:00 p.m. — jr. high, JV and varsity will all see action. On Thursday, Oct. 23 the Lady Grizzlies will head north to Corona and square off against the Cardinals with action set to start at 6:00 p.m. (varsity only). Two days later on Saturday, Oct. 25 the Grizzlies will load up and head to Vaughn and finish their regular season schedule. Jr. high and varsity will see action starting at 5:00 p.m. — district play-off will start October 27th.

Coach Joseph Sanchez thinks the Mountainair match will be pivotal in determining where the Grizzlies end up in the district standings. "If we can manage to win 3 out of our 4 remaining games, we could possibly finish second in district," Sanchez said. "Winning at Mountainair is a must for that to happen". Mountainair defeated the Grizzlies earlier in the season in three close games 15-12, 15-7, and 17-15. Sanchez said the team had set a team goal before the season started, and that was to finish 2nd in district, with a possibility of finishing first — with four games remaining on

the schedule the goals set by the team are still attainable. The Grizzly coach said he has been impressed all season at how hard his team has worked, and that the talent to have an outstanding season is there. "It's just a matter of everything coming together once we get on the court," he stated.

The Grizzly coach said he was pleased with the play of Mollie Hightower over the weekend, especially with the way Mollie was serving; Courtney Maynard earned kudos for her net play as well as her kills; Amber Vallejos for setting really well — and said Amber is fast becoming one of the top setters in the area; Nikki Duncan served real well in JV action, then stepped up to the varsity and contributed to the team's success; although the team has been struggling in their passing, Melissa Nava was recognized by Sanchez for her improved passing along with Melanie Whittaker; Joanie Bingerman served well over the weekend and only missed two serves; Kayla Hammond, defensive specialist, drew praise for her passing and only needs to be more consistent to be a top player; youngsters Stella Brewer and Mary Beth Bond also were recognized for their contributions to the team.

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- Jesus Chapel 63, Carrizozo 16
- Capitan 42, Hatch 13
- Ruidoso 37, St. Teresa 7
- Mountainair 48, Pine Hill 0
- Dexter 7, Cloudfrost 6
- Tatum 55, Floyd 40
- Texico 36, Hagerman 0
- Melrose 42, L. Arthur 25
- Tularosa 24, Lordsburg 8
- Gt'wy Christian 76, Vaughn 46
- Ft. Sumner 39, Loving 21
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The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

October 2:
9:08 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check of a subject on Highway 380 east of Capitan who was walking a motorcycle. Capitan police responded.

9:08 p.m. a cell phone caller reported a traffic hazard on Highway 54 about 11 miles north of Carrizozo. A vehicle pulling a trailer had broken down and was partially in roadway. A deputy responded.

9:30 p.m. an unknown male cell phone caller reported an accident without injuries about five miles west of Ruidoso on Highway 70. A pickup rolled over and debris was all over the road. A deputy responded and advised there were no injuries. A wrecker responded.

11:36 p.m. a caller reported suspicious activity and requested an officer check it out off Mon Jeau Road where a dog was barking. A deputy responded and checked out the area and advised all was okay. A subject working for the neighbors was working late that and the next week.

October 3:
12:12 a.m. Ruidoso Downs police reported an accident without injuries. A subject hit a deer at the intersection of Highways 380 and 70. State police were notified.

2:20 a.m. a 911 caller requested to speak with an officer about a battery which occurred at a location in Carrizozo at 12:30 a.m. by two male subjects that were also beating up a female. Carrizozo police responded.

6:28 a.m. a caller reported a dead deer at mile marker 140 on Highway 285. State police in Roswell were notified.

8:44 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance on a forest road where an elderly man was down on the roadway. RALS responded, but the patient refused transport.

8:56 a.m. a caller reported drunken pedestrian on 12th Street. Carrizozo police took the subject home.

11:38 a.m. an unknown caller reported an out of service truck, a money hauling truck, at mile marker 94 on Highway 380. A deputy responded but made no contact with a vehicle.

1:31 p.m. a caller reported a dog fight in Bonita Canyon. A deputy responded.

1:34 p.m. a caller requested a VIN check of a 5th wheel trailer and truck at an RV park. A deputy responded.

3:31 p.m. a 911 caller advised of a drunken driver who was refused service at a bar on Highway 70. State police and a deputy responded.

3:32 p.m. Carrizozo police secretary advised that a subject was on the premises of Carrizozo schools administration building who was not supposed to be there. Carrizozo police responded.

4:33 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle rollover on Highway 70 between Apache Summit and Mescalero. State police were notified.

5:31 p.m. an unknown caller reported an unconscious female at mile marker 291 on Highway 70. A woman had her head hanging out of the window and appeared unconscious. State police and Hondo ambulance responded.

8:16 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fatality on Lincoln Ave. in Capitan. Capitan police (Harrison) and ambulance responded. The caller advised of an accident with injuries involving a subject on a motorcycle.

At 8:22 p.m. Capitan police requested state police and at 8:27 the ambulance crew advised it was a fatality and the OMI was at the scene. The body was taken to LaGrone. Capitan fire department crews assisted with crowd control. The sheriff and undersheriff were advised of the accident.

8:38 p.m. a cell phone caller reported an alarm sounding at an office on Mechem Drive. Ruidoso police were notified.

8:56 p.m. Ruidoso police requested a deputy to assist with a bench warrant on a subject at a location in Ruidoso, then transport the subject to the detention center. The responding deputy advised he was transporting a subject arrested on a bench warrant from Lafayette, LA to the detention center.

9:24 p.m. a caller reported kids running through the backyard and he wanted to talk to an officer. Carrizozo police responded.

9:36 p.m. a caller requested an officer because a skunk was in her backyard. Carrizozo police responded.

October 4:
12:05 a.m. Ruidoso police requested a deputy to give a 32 year old woman who was scared a courtesy ride from a business in the Alto area to her home in Capitan. Two deputies responded, but made no contact with the subject.

9:27 a.m. a deputy reported for a woman about criminal damage to property at an RV park on Highway 70 east.

12:18 p.m. Capitan ambulance advised they were making a run to LCMC from the Capitan football field.

1:29 p.m. a caller requested to speak with an officer. Capitan police responded.

1:46 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker for a truck at mile marker 112 on Highway 54. A wrecker responded.

5:45 p.m. a 911 anonymous caller hung up. Carrizozo police responded and advised all was okay, the caller was trying to call El Paso.

5:52 p.m. a 911 caller advised she hadn't heard from her daughter in an hour and 15 minutes and she was worried her daughter's boyfriend was causing problems. At 6:08 p.m. the woman called back and advised that her daughter called and all was okay.

5:59 p.m. an unknown cell phone caller requested an ambulance at Ski Apache. A person was nauseated. The call was dispatched to Ruidoso police, because no one in the Sheriff's Department had a key to get into Ski Apache. RALS responded, and transported the subject to LCMC.

7:02 p.m. a caller reported possible criminal damage to an RV park at Highway 70 east. Two little girls entered the laundry room who were not supposed to be there. A deputy responded.

8:06 p.m. a caller requested an officer to assist with a lock-out. Carrizozo police responded.

9:03 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious person at a business in Capitan. The subject was requesting a place to stay. Capitan police responded and took the subject to a motel.

October 5:
12:16 a.m. a caller requested an officer because someone was up on her roof, then jumped off and got into a vehicle and drove off. The caller's daughter went after the subject and vehicle, then lost the vehicle when she got to the highway where there was lots of traffic from the Spencer Theater. A deputy responded.

12:28 a.m. an anonymous female requested police check out a party in Capitan where underage kids were drinking and doing drugs and adults were also there. Capitan police responded.

1:48 a.m. Bonito Fire Department requested a Class A wrecker to tow the department water pumper. A wrecker responded.

8:20 a.m. a caller advised that her husband left taking items and she wanted the items back. Capitan police were notified and advised he would talk to the calling party about the civil situation.

9:49 p.m. a caller reported criminal damage to a windshield of a delivery truck and trailer. A deputy took a report.

10:28 a.m. state police reported a possible drunken driver west bound on Highway 380. Capitan police advised he made no contact with the vehicle, which turned off at Baca Campground.

11:01 a.m. a deputy advised he was giving a motorist assist to two women back to their vehicle on Highway 54.

11:32 a.m. a caller requested animal control in Capitan for a dog at large. Capitan police responded and transported the dog to the humane society.

11:38 a.m. a caller requested a deputy deliver a message to a Capitan police officer to call his sister. A deputy responded.

2:04 p.m. a person walked in and reported a suspicious vehicle, an abandoned vehicle at mile marker 110 on Highway 54. A deputy responded.

2:57 p.m. a caller reported a barking dog and cruelty. The caller reported the dog was barking because it had been abandoned and she was unsure if it had food or water and had happened before. The dog was at the owner's second home and they would leave the dog at the vacant house. The dog barks and cries all hours of day and night. The assigned deputy attempted to contact the owners with no luck.

3:34 p.m. a deputy advised of an out of service motorhome at mile marker 7 on Highway 37. The deputy also requested a wrecker which responded.

3:38 p.m. a 911 caller reported harassment at a location in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded.

5:28 p.m. Carrizozo police requested a deputy to give a motorist assist, courtesy ride for a motorist with an out of service vehicle. A deputy responded.

6:47 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a vehicle lock-out. Carrizozo police responded.

7:04 p.m. a caller reported vehicle damage, a license plate was damaged, at a business. Carrizozo police responded.

8:29 p.m. a caller reported kids shooting fireworks and burning candles on Lincoln Ave. Capitan police responded.

9:30 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic dispute at the neighbors. Carrizozo police responded.

9:41 p.m. an anonymous caller reported loud kids and music. Capitan police responded.

October 6:
10:21 a.m. a caller reported unknown subject jumping his mining claim in Nogal Canyon. A deputy and Forest Service officer responded.

1:13 p.m. a caller reported criminal damage to property on 80 acres on Highway 70 in Agua Fria, the fence was cut in four places. A deputy responded.

7:45 p.m. an EMT requested an ambulance at a residence. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

7:55 p.m. a caller reported a lost wallet at a business in Capitan. The wallet was left on the top of the car when she drove off. The responding deputy advised he drove up and down Highway 380 to the caller's residence west of Capitan and couldn't find the wallet. He suggested the caller check the county gravel road.

October 7:
9:14 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for an elderly woman who needed transport to Roswell. Hondo ambulance was paged with no response. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) responded.

10:44 a.m. a caller reported a larceny of medical equipment from a residence in the Corona area. A deputy responded.

1:40 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious/stolen vehicle at a location in Agua Fria. Kids had parked the vehicle at the location and yet to pick it up. Ruidoso Downs Police requested a deputy at 2:30 p.m. to talk with a subject about a stolen car. Dispatch advised the subject about the vehicle in Ruidoso Downs. The subject went with Ruidoso Downs police chief and discovered it was the stolen car. Ruidoso Downs police assisted a deputy with the case.

1:50 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries on private property. State police were notified.

2:29 p.m. a 911 caller reported an accident without injuries in Alto. State police were notified.

3:38 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 69 year old woman at an RV park in the Ruidoso Downs area. RALS responded.

6:28 p.m. a person walked into the sheriff's office and reported a verbal confrontation by the tracks. A woman stopped him and started to curse him because other people were yelling at her and calling her names. Carrizozo police responded.

8:41 p.m. Ruidoso police advised that a vehicle had slid off the road on Gavilan Canyon. A deputy was dispatched. Then Ruidoso police called back and advised that one of their officers would go to the scene. The responding deputy advised that Ruidoso police had dispatched a wrecker.

A deputy advised of criminal damages to a vehicle.

October 8:
1:17 a.m. a caller reported theft of pills. The caller's ex husband and friend came by to get his things and the friend took three bottles of pain pills. The caller wanted a report taken so Ruidoso police could pick up the person who took the pills.

7 a.m. a caller requested a wrecker 10 miles north on Highway 54, the fuel pump on his vehicle was not working. A wrecker responded.

12:18 p.m. a caller reported a theft of some items from a residence on Airport Road. A deputy responded.

1:50 p.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic in progress in Palo Verde Slopes. Dispatch requested Ruidoso Downs also assist. A deputy and Ruidoso Downs police responded.

2 p.m. a 911 caller reported a

possible drunken driver northbound on Highway 48. State police were notified.

7:44 p.m. a caller reported a possible domestic on the south side of Alto lake. The caller heard an adult male yelling and cursing with two younger pleading for him to leave them alone. Three deputies responded.

10:59 p.m. Capitan police advised he thought he heard a gunshot on Lincoln Ave. Capitan police and a deputy responded.

11:28 p.m. a caller reported a minor accident with injuries between Sierra Blanca Airport and Fort Stanton. A white car was upside down in a ditch. State police, a deputy and Capitan ambulance responded. Two subjects signed a refusal for the ambulance.

11:52 p.m. a deputy advised that a semi truck driver reported seeing a car hit a deer at mile marker 296 on Highway 70. A deputy responded and removed the deer from the highway, but the vehicle was already gone.

October 9:
2:38 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker for a truck pulling a trailer on the Ski Run Road. A wrecker responded.

4:01 p.m. a 911 call was made from a cattle company in Tinnie, but the line was left open. Dispatch noted the line sounded like it was dead, so dispatch tried several times to call the number back, only to get a fast busy signal. Dispatch had a deputy go to the location while she contacted the operator and phone company. The operator was unable to break through and advised it could be a broken line, but the phone company advised the line showed it was working.

7:12 p.m. a caller requested a motorist assist 30 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380. The vehicle was an employee vehicle and full of tools. A deputy responded.

8:25 p.m. Ruidoso police

reported a horse tied to a tree near a riding stable on Gavilan Canyon and requested a deputy check it out. A deputy responded and advised he found a horse and it was tied up at an RV park, but it was off the roadway and was not hurting anything. He also advised that the owner of the horse was not at home.

9:34 p.m. a caller requested to speak with a deputy regarding a restraining order against her. A deputy responded.

October 10:
12:24 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location 10 miles west of Grants in Cibola County. Cibola County Sheriff's Office was notified.

12:37 a.m. an anonymous female reported a possible drunken driver on Birch and the subject may be armed with a pistol. Carrizozo police responded and checked the address but found no vehicle. He advised he would check town for the vehicle.

11:18 a.m. a 911 caller reported a dead deer on Highway 48. Game and Fish Department was notified.

1:33 p.m. a business reported a civil situation, a disgruntled employee quit, then left with keys and his uniform. A deputy responded.

2:22 p.m. a vehicle fire was reported at mile marker 268 on Highway 70. No one was around the vehicle. A deputy, Glencoe Fire

Department, Ruidoso Downs Fire Department and a wrecker responded.

2:49 p.m. a 911 caller reported a stolen license plate. A deputy responded.

3:27 p.m. a 911 caller reported a fight, her two sons were fighting. Capitan police responded.

3:25 p.m. a caller requested an officer for peacekeeping at a location in Capitan where a 16 year old boy was to be taken to a psychiatric hospital by his mother. A deputy responded.

3:53 p.m. a deputy reported an accident without injuries at mile marker 268 on Highway 70. State police were notified.

3:56 p.m. a deputy reported livestock on Highway 380 at Indian Divide and requested the possible owner be called.

6:20 p.m. a caller requested an officer for peacekeeping so her ex-roommates could get their possessions. A deputy responded.

7:34 p.m. Alamogordo police advised they received several 911 calls from a woman reporting a possible structure fire in Ponderosa Heights area. Dispatch contacted Ruidoso police about the calls and they said it was in the county. Dispatch looked at the map, then called Bonito Fire to confirm if it was in their district, they were not sure. So when dispatch contacted

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Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-258-4144

Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches
BOB BOYD, pastor
Trinity - Carrizozo
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2848

Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 am

Worship Service 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday) 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm

—CAPITAN—

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

Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors 648-2650

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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

Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan Inter-denominational

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 338-4627

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-89-78 Div. I

DGS ENTERPRISES, INC., As successor-in-interest to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver of Community Bank & Trust, Esq., Oklahoma.

Plaintiff,

THOMAS SIDNEY ORR, SUSAN ANN ORR, and LEWIS BLACKWELL,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the third consecutive day after the fourth and final publication of this notice at 9:00 a.m. at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Administrative Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, to wit:

Lot 23, Block 13 of Black Forest Subdivision, Unit 2, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the revised plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico on May 8, 1972, in Tube No. 445.

Said Judgment directed foreclosure of the Mortgage held by Plaintiff as follows:

- 1. Remaining balance on Promissory Note dated September 29, 1982, including accrued interest for a total amount of \$190,311.41; plus
2. Remaining balance on Promissory Note dated November 19, 1982, including accrued interest for a total amount of \$213,259.73; plus
3. Attorney fees including New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax for a total amount of \$10,693.75.

FOR A TOTAL JUDGMENT OF \$414,264.89.

In addition to the above, there will be accruing costs, together with the cost of publication of this Notice, Special Master's fee and attorney fees. WITNESS my hand and seal this the 18th day of September, 1997.

SANDRA O'REILLY, SPECIAL MASTER

THE DUTTON FIRM, LTD. Don E. Dutton 229 Rio Street Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 Tel. (505) 257-2323 Fax. (505) 257-9203 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF DGS ENTERPRISES, INC.

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV 97-173 Div. III

GRACE M. MULLEN, a widow, Plaintiff,

vs. GROUP I: DEBRA JOYCE ROBERSON and WILLIAM MATTHEW MULLEN;

and GROUP II: THE ESTATE OF BERT MULLEN, and its UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and THE ESTATE OF BERT MULLEN, JR., and its UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS;

and GROUP III: JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and

GROUP IV: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED:

DEBRA JOYCE ROBERSON, WILLIAM MATTHEW MULLEN; and,

THE ESTATE OF BERT MULLEN and its UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and

THE ESTATE OF BERT MULLEN, JR. and its UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and

JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and

and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Quiet Title in the above captioned cause wherein you are named as the Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general subject of this action is to quiet title to real property, as more particularly set forth in the Complaint on file in the above-captioned cause.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Lee Griffin, Legal Services Inc., P.C., 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intend to contest this suit, you must respond to the Complaint within 30 days from the last date of publication of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 16th day of September, 1997.

ALICE BACA BAXTER Clerk of the District Court By: Elizabeth Ederes, Depty

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NOTICE is hereby given that on September 23, 1997, G.S. McCrossan, Inc., P.O. Box 1717, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed application numbered T-3208 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to divert 30 acre-feet of ground water within the Tularosa Underground Water Basin in Socorro County, from an existing well 875 feet in depth with 8-inch casing, located in the NW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, N.M.P.M., for highway construction purposes under NMSHTD Project No. TFM-380-(30)39 US. 380 Reconstruction across Sections 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15, all in Township 6 South, Range 7 East and Sections 18, 19, 20 and 29, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, all in Socorro County. Use of water will be during calendar years 1997, 1998 and will cease upon completion of said project.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

LAJUANA HOOKS, Petitioner vs. MICHAEL HOOKS, Respondent

12-26-DR-DR 96-0006233-000

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

- 1.) The marriage of the parties be dissolved on the grounds of incompatibility.
2.) Lajuana Hooks be restored her former name of Lajuana Blanco.
3.) The court grant such other and further relief as it may deem just and proper.

Lajuana Hooks P.O. Box 88 Ft. Stanton, NM 88323

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ELECTION NOTICE (Second Notice) CHAVES SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of November, 1997 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. polls will be open to elect two supervisors of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act. Location of the polling place will be 1011 S. Atkinson, Ros-

well, NM. The positions to be filled are position #3 currently being filled by W.E. (Bill) Bonham and position #4 currently being filled by LeRoy Lang.

All owners of land within the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation 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 October 6, 1997 and October 16, 1997. The District will mail requested ballots 15 days before the election to persons requesting them. Absentee ballots must be returned to the address shown below by election day to be counted.

Absentee voting may be done between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 1011 S. Atkinson, between the dates of October 21, 1997 and October 31, 1997.

CHAVES SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT G.W. SHANKS, Chairman October 8, 1997

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ELECTION CONTACT: Joy Wagner between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday at 622-8748 or at 1011 S. Atkinson, Roswell, New Mexico 88201.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo did on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, adopt Ordinance No. 200 establishing the current updates of the Uniform Traffic Code and any amendments.

Amendments to the Uniform Traffic Ordinance shall take effect Five (5) days after Publication.

MARGARET LABELLE, Deputy Clerk, Town of Carrizozo

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RC&D Is Seeking Support For Grant Research Center to Be Located in C'zozo

South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (RC&D) is seeking letters of support for a public accessible, full grant research library in Carrizozo.

The research archive is needed to assist grant writers who are seeking financial help from giving foundations.

RC&D has provided initial funding to purchase a small grant research library to be located in Carrizozo. Also, RC&D sent a group of local people who make up a Community Action Team to a recent grant writing course held in Tucumcari. Members of the team are Louise Brooks and Tina Full from Carrizozo, Gene Green from Hondo and J. Zane Walley of Lincoln.

Currently the nearest full grant research library is in Albuquerque. Because of its heavy use, grant writers must wait for hours or even days to utilize the facility. In this day of shrinking governmental money, grant funding has become a way for small communities to undertake costly projects. The research library provides information on the many private and public foundations that offer grant funds.

RC&D is seeking letters of support for a full research library to be located in

Carrizozo. The Foundation Center of New York will provide such a library if the local communities show a need for the archive. At least 100 formal letters of support for the center from non profit organizations are needed immediately. Any organization involved with education, social charity,

religious, municipal or public effort such as volunteer fire departments and libraries. Letters from private citizens

also would help.

Letters of support should be addressed to: Howard Shanks, South Central Mountain RC&D, P.O. Box 457, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Letters should state support for a Foundation Research Center in Carrizozo, NM, then a statement why such a center would be a worthy endeavor. For more information, call Shanks at 648-2041, or E-Mail Jay Walley at jayzane@pyvnetworks.net

OBITUARY

DR. JAMES A. BEALL

Graveside services for Dr. James A. Beall, 76, of Ruidoso were October 15, at the Sweetwater Cemetery in Sweetwater, TX. Officiating was the Rev. Allan Guthrie, retired minister.

Dr. Beall died October 13 at the Ruidoso Care Center. He was born May 17, 1921 in Sweetwater. He moved to Ruidoso in 1957 from Odessa. He was a member of the Lion's Club, on the board of directors at Ruidoso State Bank. He was very active with the Ruidoso Hondo Valley Chamber of Commerce, serving as president in 1966. He was a Charter member of the New Mexico Judicial Council and

served until it was disbanded in 1986, and a member of the Lincoln Historical Preservation Board.

In 1967 he was elected to represent the U.S. Presbyterian Church of New Mexico and West Texas at the Presbytery General Assembly. He was the first layman to be elected. In 1971 he worked to get Ruidoso Presbyterian Church into the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1968 he was President of the community relations council for the Eight Canyon Job Corps Center. He also served as chairman of the Southern Rockies Community Council for the Eight Canyon.

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LINCOLN COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM members Louise Brooks, Gene Green, Tina Full and J. Zane Walley pose with Dr. Don Udell instructor of the accredited grant writing course at Mesa Technical College in Tucumcari. The team members attended the course that focused on how to obtain grants from corporate and private foundations.

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Advertisement for Lincoln County News. It features the newspaper's masthead, 'Established in 1905', and the slogan 'THE NEWSPAPER FOR ALL OF LINCOLN COUNTY'. A large phone number, (505) 648-2333, is prominently displayed. Below this, there is a subscription table with rates for Lincoln County, the State of New Mexico, and outside New Mexico for both 1-year and 2-year terms. A form for subscribers to provide their name, mailing address, city/town, state, and zip code is included. At the bottom, it says 'MAIL CHECK or MONEY-ORDER TO: LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS, P.O. Drawer 459, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301'. There are small illustrations of a cowboy on a horse and a person with a rifle.

C'zozo Fire Dept.

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Vinson told the trustees that the Outfitters movie will be filming in Carrizozo on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 6:30 a.m. to dark. He requested permission for a road block on 4th Street from 10th Avenue to Central. The trustees approved.

Christina Full gave a report on the Carrizozo Recreation Center. She reported that the center has made \$5,400 in the six months it has been opened. There has been \$4,800 in expenses, which includes \$800 that has been paid to the town. The town's expenses were \$1,524.69. November 8 is the anniversary date of the contract. Full stated that she would like to look at a full year contract instead of a six month contract.

Full wants to continue to

get the word out that the recreation center is an alcohol and drug free environment and is a safe place for children. There are 20 people in the Wednesday mixed league, 15 women in the Monday women's league, and as of yet no men in the Thursday mens league. Full told the trustees.

Full reported a group of people are trying to get a public accessible full grant research library located in Carrizozo and placed at the recreation center.

Resolution for the 1998 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) was approved. It also was approved for Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) to administer the 1998 CDBG proposed grant. Their fee for this is 3 percent of the funds received.

CATS presented their projects for 1998 to the trustees. CATS is in phase 3 of the South Central Mountain RC&D Grant. There is \$27,000 available in this phase. The projects are as follows: ten light poles on Highway 54 through Carrizozo. These will cost \$532 each; They will be using part of the money to promote local events through advertising; Part will be used to help in the renovating the locker plant on 12th Street for the historical society museum; Paid tuition and travel expense for Christina Full and Louise Brooks to go to the accredited grant writing course at Mesa Technical College in Tucumcari; The cost to move the caboose to Carrizozo for use as a museum.

The trustees approved waiving green fees for the Lincoln County United Way golf scramble tournament to be held at the Carrizozo Golf Course on October 26.

The lodgers tax advisory board received approval for two recommendations that were presented to the trustees. The trustees approved taking \$8,000 from the Lodgers Tax Committee special fund to be used to move the caboose to Carrizozo. This special fund is used for items not related to tourist promotion.

The other approval they received was for placing a half page ad in the Lincoln County 1998 Relocation and Community Guide. The cost for this ad will be \$1,700.

The trustees accepted the resignation of Barbara Culler from the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Pat Voss and Roy Dow were reappointed to the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board.

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department asked the trustees for permission to construct a sub station on the south side of the railroad tracks. The fire department feels there is a need for a sub station in case the rail road crossing is blocked by a train or any obstacle. The location will be on town owned property, the triangle lot on Birch and 14th Street. The trustees gave their permission for the building of the sub station on the town owned land. The building will be about 9,300 square feet and approximately 16 feet high. Lovelace requested that a survey be done of the houses around the land to make sure the surrounding houses approve.

Vinson told the trustees where the new stop signs will be on the south side of the railroad tracks. It will be a four-way stop on Birch at 3rd. Their will be stop signs on Aspen, Birch, and Cedar where they intersect at 14th. The stop sign on 14th west-bound at Birch will be removed.

The next Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m.

LCSWA Vital To Capitan

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paid by county property taxes. But several in the municipalities realized the county dumpster system was being subsidized with property taxes, and county residents were paying no fees.

When it became evident the county landfill would be closed, Ruidoso went to Roswell and made an agreement to dump in the Roswell landfill for very low rates. Lincoln County Commissioners Karon Petty, Bob Hemphill and Rick Simpson sued the EIB and negotiated a settlement to keep the old landfill open longer. While it was open, commissioners began seeking ways to acquire a landfill. But county trash alone was not enough to pay for a landfill, so commissioners went to their neighbors and invited the mayors of every municipality to meet.

Beauvais said the LCSWA originators looked at every state law at the time. First county commissioners considered a special service district, but they decided it would not work because there was no law to create an authority. "That's why they did Joint Powers Agreements," Beauvais said.

Two joint powers agreements establishing LCSWA were approved by the county and each municipal board within the county. Original membership included the elected mayors of each municipality and the chairman of the county commission. Plus Ruidoso got four additional members and the county one other member. After a lengthy negotiation requiring LCSWA to purchase trash equipment owned by the village of Ruidoso, the landfill in Capitan, and the county's market base, LCSWA first began service for Ruidoso. LCSWA hauled the trash to

the Otero Landfill in Dog Canyon while it negotiated with Otero County to also create an authority and together construct a regional landfill.

Now eight years later, LCSWA is still using most of the old trucks acquired from Ruidoso, lacking funds to purchase badly needed equipment. Ruidoso residents are grumbling wanting free yard trash pick ups. Ruidoso is suing LCSWA to find out what powers the authority has to impose rates, and other questions, and LCSWA's new attorney Dutton had advised the board it may have power to impose property tax.

"If Don Dutton thinks LCSWA has taxing authority without an election, just let them try, they'll get sued," Beauvais added.

"The JPA always intended for LCSWA to have rate making abilities," he said. "They just never set rates for political reasons."

"Ruidoso is the only entity that could afford to be (alone) in the trash business," Beauvais said. "The bottom line is there is tremendous mistrust between the authority members."

"If Ruidoso pulls out, they will lose their environmental gross receipt tax (which is dedicated to pay the loan that financed the regional landfill)," Beauvais said.

"If Ruidoso pulls out, it will be real expensive for little towns like Capitan to contract garbage service," Beauvais said. "The problem has always been political."

Beauvais also said that originally LCSWA contemplated that elected officials would sit on the board for no more than one year.

"Ruidoso is the dog wagging the tail," Beauvais said. "The tail is big enough to do its

own trash economically, but it will leave the little towns out in the cold."

Watershed Workshop

An organizing watershed activities workshop will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center Thursday, Oct. 30. The workshop is sponsored by the New Mexico chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society in conjunction with the New Mexico Environment Department, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Western Network, and hosted by the Ruidoso River Association.

There will be a charge for the workshop which will include several activities. The workshop will provide an overview needed to carry out planning while taking in the big picture.

OBITUARY

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He served on the State Board of Dental Examiners from 1968 until 1971. He was a member of the New Mexico Dental Association and served as President in 1971. He was appointed a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry in 1974 and the International College of Dentist in 1978. He was a life member of the American Dental Association.

He married Edie Richards on August 15, 1957 at Odessa, TX.

He is survived by his wife Edie of Ruidoso; son, James A. Beall II of Albuquerque; three daughters, Judy Cranfill of Ruidoso, Cecelia Coskrey of Odessa, and Judith Beall Lucas of Houston; 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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