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Commission Elects Nunley As Chairman

by Doris Cherry

As first order of business at the regular November Lincoln County Commission meeting on Friday, November 21 in Ruidoso commissioners elected a new chairman.

Since chairman Monroy Montes' verbal resignation on October 31, vice chairman Wilton Howell had presided as acting chairman. On November 21, Howell voted against accepting Montes' resignation which the other commissioners accepted. Then commissioner Bill Schwettmann nominated L. Ray Nunley as interim chairman until the January meeting. Rex Wilson seconded the motion.

During discussion, Montes asked why the commissioners elect a vice chairman at the beginning of the year, if they are not going to allow the vice chairman to fill the chairman's absence. County attorney Alan Morel said the county has no ordinance defining its chairman and vice-chair, rather it has a resolution calling for a vice-chair. By state statute the commission can select a temporary chairman.

Wilson asked if there is a difference whether the chairman is temporarily absent or resigned when considering the

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Santa Cops Workshop Grand Opening Nov. 29

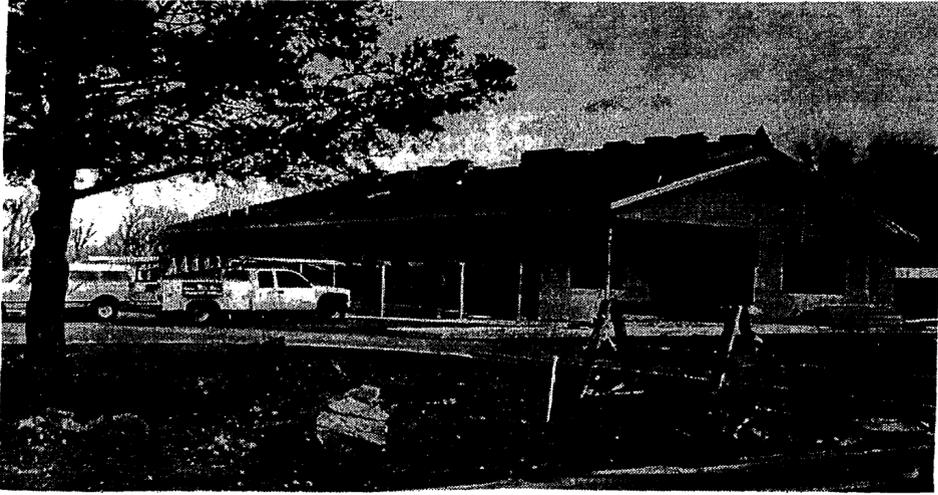
Santa Cops, a volunteer organization of area law enforcement officers and civic groups, is again taking donations to help needy families at Christmas time.

To kick off this holiday season, Santa Cops is having a grand opening at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 29 at the Santa Cops workshop in the Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. The jolly old man himself, Santa Claus, is scheduled to arrive at the mall at 10 a.m. to help open the Santa Cops workshop and to take wishes from children until 2 p.m.

Guests will be treated to live music, a Shire of Gillie Dhu puppet show, music from KBUY radio and refreshments.

The workshop will open at 9 a.m. Saturday to take donations. The workshop will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily until December 21 when packages are to be delivered.

Donations of money can be mailed to Santa Cops, POB 1852, Capitan, NM 88316. Santa Cops also need donations of food, clothing and toys.



NEW CAPITAN POST OFFICE GOES UP. Roofing crews began laying composition shingles this week on the new Capitan post office building. The construction company hopes to "dry in" the building by completing the roof and walls before cold wet weather sets in for the season. Once dried in, crews will finish the interior part of the building which is expected to be completed sometime late January or early February. Last week crews paved the building parking lot.

County Commissioners Dedicate \$150,000 For A Recreation Fund

By Doris Cherry

Under pressure from Ruidoso School Board, Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, and numerous citizens, Lincoln County Commissioners dedicated \$150,000 for a recreation fund and called for criteria to be developed by their December meeting on how to distribute the money.

Meeting Friday in Ruidoso Convention Center, Lincoln County Commissioners approved the fund after more than an hour of discussion on a proposed plan to fund recreational facilities from property taxes. Commissioners did not accept the proposed plan developed and presented by Parks and Recreation Commission members Ronnie Hemphill (who is chairman of Ruidoso Municipal Schools Board of Education), chairman Jim Stoddard, and Ron Anderson, and Ruidoso village manager Gary Jackson. Their plan takes a half mill of property taxes county-wide and returns the money back to each incorporated municipality and to the county based on the assessed valuation of each. The half mill is estimated to bring a total of \$200,000. The unincorporated areas of the county provide 44 percent of the total valuation of the county. Ruidoso properties provide 47.4 percent, Ruidoso Downs 4.9 percent, Capitan 2.1 percent Carrizozo 1.3 percent and Corona .3 percent.

The conceptual plan states that the purpose is to provide a recurring sources of revenue to fund recreation facilities on a county-wide basis. But in the section on "eligible projects" the proposed plan states that each entity (Ruidoso, Capitan, etc.) will be responsible for establishing the process to determine which projects/programs are eligible for funding. Repeatedly proponents said the funds would only go to infrastructure not "shoes and uniforms."

County commissioner Wilton Howell was the first to make a motion accepting the proposed plan as presented that dedicates a half mill for recreation, but it got no second. Then commissioner Monroy Montes made a motion to create a line item for recreation/vocation with \$150,000 for this fiscal year, with funds to be distributed proportionate to value after the entities present specific plans to the commission and as needed. Howell seconded the motion, but time for discussion ran out as commissioner had set a public hearing at 11 a.m. After the public hearing, Montes amended his motion requiring staff to de-

velop criteria for distributing the recreation funds to be reviewed at the December regular meeting.

County manager Frank Potter said he appreciated the delay on distributing funds till the mid-year. "We do have additional demands on the budget in December," Potter said in reference to \$1.2 million of county funds committed to the hospital expansion project.

On a roll call vote of 3-2, commissioners approved the \$150,000 recreation fund with criteria to be adopted in December. County commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Rex Wilson voted against the motion. County attorney Alan Morel said the recreation funding plan is legal "as long as we have services contracts

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Capitan Mayor Questions Recreation Funding Plan

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro isn't sure about the county's new plan to provide funds for recreation based on the valuation of property within his village.

Renfro was present at the Lincoln County Commission meeting on November 21 during discussion of the recreation fund. Although not officially representing the village, commissioner Bill Schwettmann called on Renfro for comments. Renfro said his village would take any help it could get.

But on Tuesday, Renfro told THE NEWS he "re-thought" his opinion on the proposed recreation funding plan. "Once I heard Ronnie Hemphill give the percentages (of valuation) for each community, I began

thinking," Renfro said. "With Ruidoso's proposal for a half mill or \$200,000 a year, Capitan would only get about \$4,000. I'm not sure that's so good."

In discussing the recreation funding plan with friends and fellow citizens, Renfro said he thought the funding would be better distributed by school district.

Renfro said he will add a discussion about the recreation funding plan to the agenda of the December Capitan Village Trustees meeting to open it up to public discussion. Renfro also said he was concerned about Lincoln County Commissioners dedicating a mill toward a recreation fund, without taking it to a vote.

County May Have Violated Open Meetings Act

by Doris Cherry

By all appearances, Lincoln County Commissioners violated the Open Meetings Act by having three members at an unadvertised audit exit meeting held in the county manager's office this month.

Newly elected Lincoln County Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley told THE NEWS in a telephone interview Saturday, that he had contacted district attorney Scot Key to advise him of the audit exit meeting and the possible violation. Key told THE NEWS on Tuesday, that he believes there was a violation of the "spirit" of the Open Meetings Act that may or may not have been intentional. Key is now conducting an investigation to verify the facts surrounding the meeting to determine what action he will take.

Violation of the Open Meetings Act is a misdemeanor and carries a \$500 penalty. However Key said the law gives the district attorney discretion to determine what action is in "the best interest of the citizens of Lincoln County."

"By all appearances, it seems that three (Lincoln County) Commissioners got bad advice, and there was an unintentional violation," Key said. He went on to say he hopes to expedite the investigation to "put this behind us and get on with business."

The issue over the audit exit meeting began at the Lincoln County Commission regular meeting held in Ruidoso Convention Center on November 21, during discussion about the commission meeting calendar for 1998. Ruidoso citizen Tony Seno asked how many commissioners were present at the audit exit meeting. There were three, said Nunley. He also said the meeting was not advertised, because they believed and were told by the auditor that there was a provision for audit exit meetings to be held without notice to the public.

But county attorney Alan Morel said he was not aware of such a provision or exception for audit meetings.

Then Seno wanted a copy of the minutes of that exit meeting. County manager Frank Potter said the county audit does not become public information until it has been approved by the state auditor. Potter said he had advised all commissioners of the audit exit meeting, because at least one must be present. He also said copies of the audit findings will be given to all commissioners. But commissioner Wilton Howell, who was not at the exit meeting, asked if there was a copy of the exit meeting.

Commissioner Monroy Montes said he had great concern because the manager's office was supposed to protect the commission. Montes said the situation was giving the perception the commission was meeting illegally. To avoid such perception, Montes said "common sense says advertise that (any meeting), \$30 to \$60 for an ad is cheap insurance."

Nunley said there was no malice intended at the audit exit meeting.

But Montes said that three at the meeting was a quorum regardless what the auditor said. "Shall we fire the attorney and hire the auditor?" Howell said.

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County Accepts CDBG Resolution

by Doris Cherry

Although not unanimous, Lincoln County Commissioners on Friday approved a resolution selecting the 1998 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Application request for funding to improve the Fletcher Hall Lincoln County Community Center.

The resolution declares that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners conducted public hearing and made diligent effort to solicit public input for the CDBG project then goes on to specifically state the project and its intent. Funding is to be used for improvements at the Fletcher Hall Lincoln County Community Center on the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan so it will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act for doors, entry ways, restrooms and kitchen. During discussion, commissioner Monroy Montes said the resolution for the CDBG "does not strike me as very impressive." Then he read a January, 1989 county commission resolution which committed \$270,000 to the fairgrounds improvements with the intent to use the money to assist in with obtaining state funding. "I think that was much better than submitting a CDBG," Montes said.

Montes also was concerned there was not enough specific descriptive information in the resolution. Interim chairman L. Ray Nunley said the CDBG application has "a world of information." The resolution is the next formal step in pursuing the CDBG.

Commissioner Wilton Howell was confused because the proposed resolution first included in the commissioners agenda packet did not include

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(from each entity).
(Editor's note: Without a services contracts, which would define what benefits the county gains from distribution of the funds, such a plan would violate the state constitution Anti-Donation Clause.)

During discussion on the recreation fund Stoddard said his commission's proposed plan was a "win-win" idea which gives money to enhance recreation in all communities. The funds would go to capital improvements for recreation "not just for the young, also

for those young at heart." He also said the county could direct its money to a local college for vocational training programs. Stoddard asked commissioners for a half mill, or \$200,000, to give it a change to improve the quality of life in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County Commission new chairman E. Ray Nunley asked how Eastern New Mexico University learning center at Ruidoso could benefit from the funding. Stoddard said the vocational part was a "compromise on our part." At a recent special meeting with

the Ruidoso Village Council, Ruidoso School Board and Ruidoso Downs trustees, Montes requested a vocational program be considered when talking about dedicating property taxes to recreation. Montes said he wanted the county's share to go to a vocational program.

Stoddard said the county's share could be about \$40,000 and could "God forbid be spent in Ruidoso." Stoddard said they were not talking about buying baseball equipment, rather permanent facilities.

Hondo valley citizens Baldo Alvarado had a different type of request for recreation money—a health center in Hondo. "We need a health center very bad," Alvarado said. "To support our children and elders." Nunley said he believed there were some inaccuracies of the county being very wealthy. But he requested Alvarado to be on the agenda of the December regular meeting to discuss a health clinic for the valley.

Ruidoso municipal schools superintendent Mike Gladden explained that the county's school districts are working on a concept for a vocational school or "Career/technical Academy" through the ENMU School To Work program. "It's important to provide opportunity to gain vocational skills," Gladden said.

Citizens comments varied widely. Tony Seno and Dwayne Williams believed government should not be involved in recreation programs. Seno said why not invite Boys Clubs and YMCA organizations to provide recreation programs.

Ruidoso citizens Bonnie Richardson who is on the board of directors for Ruidoso Gymnastics, Ron Anderson, Joe Zagone, Joan Bailey, and Al Jungo urged commissioners to accept the plan or pay later in terms of needing a larger jail. Zagone got specific asking for the county's help in rebuilding the Gavilan Canyon little league baseball field. "Let's spend some tax money on (recreation facilities)," Zagone said.

Anderson asked for the county's "excess" money to be put in the recreation fund. Montes said in the county's operational fund there is about a \$300,000 "cushion" and putting a half mill to recreation and skill training would not jeopardize the operation of the county. However, Montes said the county has a strong commitment of \$1.2 million for the Lincoln County Medical Center remodeling project.

Ruidoso citizen Harvey Foster said a good recreational facility will attract more tourism which would generate more revenue.

Montes said \$150,000 was not much, it was about what the county paid for the road chip seal equipment which was never used and was sold for a slight loss.

Nunley asked for comments from State Representative Dub Williams who said that the appropriations committees in the state legislature always ask how much help for projects is coming from the community. He said any funding for recreation should be considered according to need. "Recreation for the Hondo or Corona student is just as important as those in Ruidoso," Williams said.

Schwettmann was in favor of placing \$150,000 in a fund to seek matching legislative money. But he was concerned about obligating \$150,000 for a plan not endorsed or reviewed by the other entities.

Bailey said commissioners were not for children if they did not pass the plan. "It's absurd you contemplate being against anything that will help children," she said. "It's an obscene conversation and I

am ashamed of it."

Ruidoso citizen Ovela Estes said parents also benefit from recreation programs and the recreation fund would provide an avenue for capital improvements. "I'm not against this if it is judicially spent," Estes said. "I believe communities have the wisdom to know how to spend the money."

Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro was in the audience and was asked his opinion of his community receiving money yearly for recreation facilities. Renfro said Capitan has no ball field and it could take "all it can get."

Wilson said it was good to hear people speak with such convictions and compassion, but he was "not warm to the idea." While he agreed recreation is valuable, he was concerned about the fast movement of the proposal and preferred such funding requests be made during budget time, or at mid-year.

Howell said the county does spend money between budget times, with \$350,000 in budget adjustments last year. He said he visited with the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and found the county had enough money. "It's a case of where our priorities are."

"What happens if we don't agree with what Ruidoso wants to spend its money on," asked Nunley. "Are we in for another fight?"

James Paxton, a Ruidoso school board member, said in the proposed Ruidoso Parks and Recreation plan the funding would not be under the county commission's control. Rather the property tax would go back to the entities "with no strings attached."

"We're always polarizing," Paxton continued. "I hope we can look with unity on what's best for Lincoln County."

County Accepts CDBG

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The location of the project. An updated resolution was passed out by staff at the start of the meeting which included the language specifying the Fletcher Hall Lincoln County Community Center at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. The lacking information was detected by THE NEWS when the county submitted a legal notice about the resolution adoption.

Once satisfied the proper wording was included in the notice that was advertised and in the resolution to be forwarded to the state, commissioners voted 4-1 to accept the resolution. Howell cast the lone nay vote.

Commission Elects Nunley . . .

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vice chairman. Morel said the commissioners could amend their resolution to "take out" the vice chairman. Nunley chided the attorney for his "bad choice of words."

Montes asked why the commissioners have a vice-chair if they don't abide by it.

Howell then bundled up his papers and said he had no problem with Nunley "chairing this" and he asked for a roll call vote. Howell then required Nunley to move to the middle of the table as they did what Howell called the "Chinese Fire Drill."



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Citizen Jerry Carroll read a copy of the state Open Meetings Act which dictates how public meetings are called, and the exceptions. The section of the act Carroll read states that proper public notice shall be given on all meetings of the quorum of any policy making body discussing public business.

Nunley said they were told that it was common procedure (to not publicize) for audit exit meetings. "And he (auditor) does it for a living," Nunley said. "If we're wrong, we will address it."

Commissioners also approved their Open Meetings Act Resolution with an amendment that allows only the majority of the commission to call a special meeting, and allows either the chairman or a majority of the commission to call an emergency meeting. All special meetings require at least three days public notice prior to the meeting. Emergency meetings, which require 24 hours public notice, are called under circumstances which demand immediate action, such as disasters manmade or natural. In previous resolutions, special meetings could be called by either the chairman or a majority of the commissioners (three).

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann first made a motion to require a majority of commissioners to call both special and emergency meetings. But arguments from Howell and Montes that the chairman has the responsibility to establish need in an emergency situation. "There won't be ability of one person to dictate (meetings)," Howell said. In reconsidering, Wilson called for another amendment to allow the chairman, and/or a majority to call an emergency meeting. On the vote, Schwettmann cast nay.

In other annual housekeeping, commissioners adopted meeting calendar that call for a minimum of four meetings to be held in Ruidoso. Although Howell made a motion to hold four regular meetings in Ruidoso in February, May, September and November, his motion, died with Nunley, Schwettmann and Wilson against it and Montes for it. After considerable discussion, Nunley made a motion calling for a minimum of four meetings, whether regular or special, to be held in Ruidoso. The motion slipped by on a 3-2 vote, with Montes and Howell against it. Nunley said his motion is more flexible and allows the commission to set Ruidoso meetings when the subject matter most affects Ruidoso.

Howell said the commission should give people opportunity to participate. "We should accommodate the stockholders of this business," Howell said. Ruidoso citizen Tony Seno said he was glad there will be meetings in Ruidoso. "Four regular meetings in Ruidoso is convenient for us, and we can get more (citizens) here," Seno said. Then Seno led into the discussion about the exit meeting.

Ruidoso citizen Al Jungo said four meetings were a "bare minimum". He was concerned about Schwettmann and Nunley who represent Ruidoso, but you would hardly know it." (Schwettmann represents District 4 which includes Alto area, Nogal Mesa, Capitan and surrounding area—not Ruidoso.)

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Carrizozo Chit Chat

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAYS

Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2312 for information.
Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shaffer at 648-2346 for information.

MONDAYS

TOPS 6:30 p.m. at Otom 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.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Early dismissal of students for Thanksgiving holiday.

Carrizozo Middle School Thanksgiving Feast.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, THANKSGIVING

All offices closed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Municipal, state and Lincoln County offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. in the chamber building off 2nd street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Capitan Schools Music Boosters 6:30 p.m. band room.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoe-Down 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m. village hall.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. town hall.
Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.
Carrizozo varsity boys and girls basketball games against Capitan in Carrizozo 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Capitan FCE Christmas Party 11:30 a.m. Cafe Mesclero on Carrizozo Canyon Road near Ruidoso.

First hall at Lincoln County property taxes and deadline before 15 penalty imposed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Capitan FCE Christmas party 12 noon Ellis Store in Lincoln.

Capitan Computer Consultants (Capitan students) present program on Web Quests 3:30 to 6 p.m. Capitan School Library.

Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. board conference room, administration building.

Thanksgiving Visitors

Jim and Charlene Furnas of Stockton, CA are in Carrizozo visiting family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday. Charlene's mother is Catherine Cornett, and her brother is Bob Hemphill.

Also visiting with Bob and Judy Hemphill and Catherine Cornett on Thanksgiving will be Robert and Cece Hemphill of Flagstaff, AZ.

Sunday Sing

The 5th Sunday Sing will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this interdenominational service of song and praise. If you wish to participate singly or as a group please call 648-2191.

FFA Attends Nationals

Seven Carrizozo FFA Chapter members attended the National FFA convention in Kansas City, MO, November 12-15. Despite the fact that the temperature never rose above 40 degrees, the Carrizozo chapter enjoyed participating in many activities.

Workshops were provided to help develop leadership skills, personal growth, and career choices. Colleges advertised at the FFA national agricultural career show. Hypnotist Chuck Milligan performed. Besides these, a huge dance was held and also the American Royal Rodeo tool plase featuring Diamond Rio.

Among the many fun-filled activities was a visit to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, a tour of the Ford Motor Company plant in Kansas City, and dinner at the famed Golden Ox restaurant at the Kansas City stockyards. While at the Hallmark Center, the entire group, ice skated for the first time.

Katie Hightower earned third place in Zoology for her agri-science project *Creep Feeding: Is It Worth It?* She is a freshman at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, and is an alumna of the Carrizozo FFA Chapter.

Members attending the state convention were Ed Adams, Mary Beth Bond, Jordan Hightower, Katie Hightower, Mollie Hightower, and Rob Shaffer. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hanby. Mollie Hightower Carrizozo FFA Reporter

Letter Of Recognition

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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 648-2333 with your news items.



CARRIZOZO 6TH GRADE KNOWLEDGE BOWL team. On front from left Steven Rowin and Jamine Boble, on back Torrey Bossan, Monique Morales and Brent Dixon. Team member Miley Greene was not pictured. The team competed in Cloudcroft but did not place. They said the questions were "hard".

Navy received a letter of recognition from Aircraft Maintenance Officer Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron THREE, for his selection as VQ-3 Junior Maintenance Professional of the Month for April 1997.

He is stationed at Tinker, Air Force Base in Oklahoma and works on "Take Charge And Move Out" TACAMO E-6 Mercury Aircraft. More than 1,100 active duty sailors, 100 contractors and 25 DoD civilians work out of Tinker to accomplish the TACAMO mission. They work together to provide maintenance, security, operations, administration, training and logistic support for the Navy's E-6 aircraft.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club proudly present their annual **HOLIDAY HOE-DOWN** Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **CARRIZOZO WOMAN'S CLUB** Carrizozo, New Mexico

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Carrizozo School To Buy New Activity Bus

Carrizozo Board of Education approved the purchase of a 1997 activity bus at a cost of \$30,000 from Steve Gore Transportation.

The board approved the bid during its November 18 meeting where it accepted the resignation of teacher/coach Joseph Sanchez and heard a favorable report about the school's "Power Hour."

This is the first year that Carrizozo Schools has had the Power Hour pilot program which is a thirty minute time period for high school students to do remedial work in needed subjects and for enrichment for students who are excelling academically. The district plans to take at least three years to establish the program, building on what elements work the best and eliminating or changing elements that don't work so well.

Carrizozo School superintendent Paula Papponi reported the results of a survey given to Power Hour students in late September when the program was only a month old. She said two more surveys will be given to students half way through the year and at the end of the year. The surveys are intended to gauge the success of the program, and to help create a data base of different projects that work.

In the survey given in September, more than half the students responded that the Power Hour was beginning to address their remedial and

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From the Editor's Desk

What Open Meeting?

By Ruth Hammond

Violating the Open Meetings Act is not the end of the world but it is troubling to know that Lincoln County Commission Chairman L. Ray Nalley contacted district attorney Scott Key to advise him of a possible violation of the Open Meetings Act when those Lincoln County Commissioners attended the public cost meeting recently. Mr. Key is conducting an investigation to verify the facts and determine what action will be taken.

It is interesting that our county commissioners had concerns about the situation during the presentation the commission was meeting illegally. He also mentioned that some commissioners at a meeting was a gagman. WAIT ONE MINUTE... Why is it a concern now and wasn't a concern when it happened before?

We have questions that need to be answered about a gagman. June 30 there was a reception held at the Glendon Rural Events Center, better known as the Sales Barn, and there was a gagman of the Lincoln County Commissioners at that "by invitation only" event. The photo we saw showed a gagman of Lincoln County Commissioners accepting an overtime check. That meeting of the Lincoln County Commissioners was not advertised, yet there were more than three commissioners together and apparently county business was discussed because the gagman was to have the report on the Joe Street Arroyo was read. It seems that reading a county resolution is definitely county business.

The Open Meetings Act states all meetings of a governing body of any agency or authority of any county, held for the purpose of formulating public policy, including discussing public business, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as otherwise provided. The Open Meetings Act also states that meetings at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public. We questioned whether the gagman was sent to a select few people for the June 30 meeting at the Sales Barn would be considered an informing the public. We questioned the legality of that meeting in this column July 10, 1997.

Why didn't this one county commissioner leave concerns about the meeting June 30 giving the impression the commission was meeting illegally? We wonder if one possible violation of the Open Meetings Act is more important than another violation?

Two weeks ago today all five Lincoln County Commissioners attended a meeting in Ruidoso to discuss youth recreation. That meeting of the Lincoln County Commission was not advertised as a meeting of the board of county commissioners and county attorney Alan Morel advised the county commissioners to act as if it was a gagman and to take no action on motions because the special joint meeting was only advertised by the village of Ruidoso. Two county commissioners sat at the table and the other three county commissioners sat in the audience but they did give their opinions when asked. We believe this was also a violation of the Open Meetings Act because county business was discussed and all five county commissioners were there. We believe this possible violation should also be investigated.

We do appreciate Mr. Nalley's action of contacting district attorney Scott Key and advising him of the audit cost meeting and the possible violation. We assume there won't be a penalty because whatever action is taken will be in "the best interest of the citizens of Lincoln County" and it would not be in the best interests of the citizens for the county to have to pay a penalty.

We do hope that this will be the last of the possible violations of the Open Meetings Act by the Lincoln County Commission. Former president Harry Truman said, "Secrecy and a free, democratic government don't mix." We agree. Happy Thanksgiving. Let's hope violations end now!



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE— Would it be better to elect local school board members in November instead of February? That's a proposal from Gov. Gary Johnson, part of his accountability program to improve education. Johnson is concerned that an average of only 15 percent of registered New Mexicans vote in local school board elections. The governor gives that turnout rate a failing grade in his report card for New Mexico schools. School board elections now are held on the first Tuesday in February of odd-

numbered years. That puts them three months after general elections, and possibly at a time when the public is tired of political campaigns. Plus the effort to get voters to the polls isn't as great for school board elections as it is for general election. So why not move them back three months? As Johnson notes, the expense of holding a separate election is eliminated. It also is much easier on county clerks, who would be saved the work of opening and closing voter registration books another time. General elections, turnout usually runs around 70 percent in gubernatorial election years and 80 percent in presidential election years, so five times as many votes would be cast.

Is that good? Purists say it is better for only those who are truly interested in schools to select school board members. We really don't need all the riffraff, who turn out for general elections, voting for school boards. They're too political and we don't need politics in our schools, which are sacred because they educate our children. But Johnson is worried that accountability for our schools is in the hands of too few. Since schools are the state's most important function, they must be moved out to center stage. Another problem with very small turnout is that they allow special interests in the school community to have too big an effect on the results. Would school board elections become partisan? Apparently they would remain non-partisan. The question isn't addressed in back up material for the governor's proposals and a question to his office took a little while to get a response. Making elections partisan might bring education more into the mainstream and political parties might be forced to spend more time taking positions on education. An upside, in my opinion, to non-partisan elections is that in heavily Democrat or Republican areas, they afford mem-

Ruidoso Needs Service Contract With LCSWA

AN OPINION

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso's intent to pull residential trash collection out of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) is a reaction to the village perception that it does not receive enough services from the county-wide trash group. LCSWA has received advice from solid waste consultant Joe Lewandowski, who was LCSWA manager two years ago, that Ruidoso could resume its own collection without hurting LCSWA. Lewandowski also suggested a simpler answer—a service contract.

Ruidoso needs to outline every service it wants out of LCSWA. If Ruidoso wants LCSWA to pick up everything at the roadside for the price of a set monthly residential fee, it should define that in a service contract for residential trash collection. Ruidoso has no service contract for residential trash collection with LCSWA. There has never been a legally defined list of services the village expects LCSWA to provide for the money its residents pay for trash collection.

If Ruidoso wants everything put at the curb to be picked up by LCSWA for the price of a monthly fee, it should say so, NOW! If Ruidoso wants household garbage and limited number or amount of yard waste to be picked up for the monthly fee it should say so NOW! Such a contract could be drafted by legal counsel for either Village of Ruidoso or LCSWA, with minimal fees. And both sides can avoid more costly litigation in court. If LCSWA failed to meet the obligations outlined in a service contract, then the village can easily seek relief.

LCSWA has service contracts with the Town of Carrizozo and Village of Corona which came into the collection aspect of LCSWA last year. Ruidoso Council needs to spell out what it wants LCSWA to do for Ruidoso residents so both groups can get on with the reality of business—picking up the trash!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Dr. Reimann Resigns from LCSWA Board

by Doris Cherry

Citing concerns about his ability to represent the village of Capitan on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), Capitan member Dr. Bernhard Reimann resigned from the LCSWA board during its November meeting held in Ruidoso Downs.

"I have tried to keep this Authority in one piece together," Reimann said. "I have tried to save (it) with my training, abilities and experience. To make things happen, to save taxpayers money. I do things and don't make long speeches about them. But the long speeches by folks who claim to have some knowledge in matters of solid waste appear to me a direct neglect if not an affront to what I have done."

So as of today I am resigning from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board," Reimann said.

Then Reimann handed over the key to the closed Capitan landfill, and his last work on the closure report for the old Class C (construction waste) landfill near Capitan. Reimann was in the process of completing the closure report, which he had done at no cost to LCSWA. Reimann has donated his professional services to LCSWA for a number of years.

Reimann said he decided to resign from the LCSWA board after he received the minutes of the October meeting which he did not attend but was represented by proxy. In the minutes Reimann found an approved motion made by LCSWA member Ruidoso councilor Robert Donaldson which called for a committee of councilors, commissioners or mayors to work on a reorganization concept to be presented within 90 days. LCSWA chairman and

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst appointed a committee of Donaldson, Don Dutton, Cecilia Kuhnel and a county representative to be chosen by the Lincoln County Commission at its next meeting. By requiring mayors, commissioners and councilors be on the committee, Capitan was eliminated from representation on the committee, because Reimann is not an elected official.

Reimann said he read the minutes twice and had concerns about other actions taken during the October meeting. He said he believed involvement by the courts is unnecessary as "it is amateurish and sad. And a waste of taxpayers' money."

He agreed there needs to be changes to the existing Joint Powers Agreements (JPA) that set up LCSWA that address concerns about rate setting and increases and enforcement. But he believed it is not for the courts to decide, rather could be accomplished with simple rewriting and amendments.

The current trend by the Village of Ruidoso to separate in part or totally from the Authority will indeed cause serious problems for the rest of the smaller communities and the county, and perhaps not the least, for Ruidoso," he said.

Reimann also said he was concerned about the function of the LCSWA board of directors which has shifted in recent months from an operation supporting entity to a politically self-serving entity directed by the members of the Village of Ruidoso who are aggressively attempting to separate the Village of Ruidoso from the remains of the Authority.

"As a consequence of this shift, I feel unable to represent the Village of Capitan

effectively with my single vote and perhaps political ignorance opposing the trend of separation which is presently fueled by a previous manager of the Authority." And then he resigned.

LCSWA chairman Ruidoso Downs mayor Joe Hayhurst said he would miss Reimann. "I wish you would reconsider," Hayhurst said to Reimann. But Reimann bid everyone good by and left the meeting room.

After Reimann left LCSWA member from Ruidoso Ross Dingman said the board "should put in a vote of accolades for all Dr. Reimann has done for Lincoln Solid Waste Authority over the years." Taking it as a motion, the group voted unanimously aye.

But accolades were short, as members grew concerned about the reality of Dr. Reimann's leaving. How far along was the closure report, and who could complete it?

LCSWA manager Jerry Wright said he would get with Dr. Reimann about completing the report. If he is unwilling, then LCSWA will have to hire an engineer. Wright said the week before Dr. Reimann spoke to him about resigning, and he thought he had convinced the doctor to stay.

LCSWA member Lincoln County Commissioner Murray Montes said he hoped LCSWA would not lose focus on the closure report because of Dr. Reimann's resignation.

Former LCSWA manager, and now private solid waste consultant, Joe Lewandowski, offered his consultation services to help LCSWA get through some of its problems. Since he worked for LCSWA, Lewandowski has consulted for several other counties which formed regional solid

Dr. Reimann Resigns

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Waste authorities. He said he learned a lot while with LCSWA and took that knowledge to help other counties organize their trash collections.

LCSWA is one of only four authorities in the state that actually collect and haul all trash from its region. Otero County Solid Waste Authority acts only as a policy making body and allows the city of Alamogordo to bill, collect and pick up trash. He said he has tracked LCSWA's progress since he left. "I understand your problems," he added. Lewandowski said he did not want to manage LCSWA, rather just provide help and evaluation. Lewandowski said Ruidoso could separate from LCSWA and LCSWA will "not go broke."

Members did not act to accept Lewandowski's consulting proposal. Instead they endorsed Ruidoso councilor Frank Cummins' motion for Lewandowski to meet with LCSWA's special committee appointed to study how to restructure LCSWA. Then that committee can make its recommendation to the full LCSWA board. Cummins also reminded that the committee was given liberty to seek help from a consultant.

Citizen Al Jungo reminded the board the fourth member of the special committee had not been appointed. Montes said the person would be appointed at the county commission meeting on November 30.

During the old business section of the meeting, Montes asked for clarification about attorney Don Dutton's role on the restructuring committee. Members discussed whether Dutton was a volunteer, or if he would send LCSWA a bill for legal services. Hayhurst directed the manager to meet with Dutton to clarify his intentions. Hayhurst added that if Dutton plans to charge as a consultant, then the board needs to appoint a new committee member.

At the end of the meeting, Wright distributed to members copies of a "Ruidoso position paper on restructuring LCSWA" which apparently had been drafted by Ruidoso councilor Robert Donaldson. The paper included a handwritten note from Donaldson to attorney Don Dutton. In the note, Donaldson states: "This is sort of the direction we think would be a positive way to restructure." Later in the note, Donaldson says "we do feel this would satisfy everyone..."

The position paper has four points: a new joint powers agreement (JPA) portraying LCSWA as it is in the JPA for the regional landfill that establishes a new board with one member from each LCSWA entity; amend the first JPA to create the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Collection System that includes only entities using the service that include full collection, recycling, roll-offs, etc., and a board made up of one member from each entity using the service; terminate the lease purchase agreement between Ruidoso and LCSWA and return all equipment back to Ruidoso and allow Ruidoso to establish a tonnage rate based on the cost to transport trash by the LCSWA collection system, if used. The last step sets up a timetable for the transition.

Donaldson was not at the LCSWA meeting to clarify the paper. Cummins said he had never seen the paper, "it's kind of frightening." Montes questioned whether the paper represented the entire Ruidoso council, or Donaldson's view.

Hayhurst also presented a "Ruidoso Downs position paper on restructuring LCSWA" but he said it was entirely his

own opinion and was not endorsed by his council. It's four steps state: ownership of the Otero/Lincoln County Landfill remain with LCSWA with profits shared on equal basis by all member entities who should be encouraged to divert waste from the landfill; entities remaining with LCSWA collection system will determine their own goals and objectives including what services are offered; terminate the lease purchase with Ruidoso and return all identifiable equipment and employees back to Ruidoso; Ruidoso/LCSWA establish a tonnage or cubic yard rate for use of the transfer station if used, establish a time table.

LCSWA also: --authorized purchase of two three-quarter ton 4x4 pickups from Wallace Chevrolet of Las Cruces for \$40,802.

--Approved a resolution authorizing application for a grant from the Solid Waste Facility Fund to expand a transfer/recycling system. LCSWA seeks \$265,000 to purchase a new trailer system for recycling to replace the recycling igloos; purchase new transfer trailers that could eliminate the need for a transfer station.

Capitan Veteran's Memorial Plaque Should Be Returned

Erma Trujillo of Capitan contacted *The NEWS* concerning information about the Veteran's Memorial in Capitan. Mrs. Trujillo said her father, Episano "Panama" Carvajal, built the memorial as a tribute to three veterans killed in World War II. These veterans were Robert E. Biggers, killed June 17, 1943, Kemp C. Pepper, killed April 28, 1942, and Jack Norton, date of death not available.

Mrs. Trujillo said her father built the memorial shortly after the end of the war, not in 1954. She also said there had been a brass plaque on the memorial that had the men's names on it. The plaque has been stolen. Mrs. Trujillo asks that the plaque be returned, no questions asked.



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CAPITAN NOTES

By [Name]

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

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day and we all have much to be thankful for, but how many of us say Thank You Lord for

making me a part of Capitan, New Mexico instead of all of those other places that are living on powder kegs, as it were. Not just figuratively speaking, I mean in actual reality. We know so little of how the other parts of the

world live, if you can call it living. So remember to thank our Heavenly Father above for bringing us to Lincoln County, New Mexico. O.K.?

We have so many treasures here, friendships, memories, fun times, a spirit of belonging, a spirit of loving and being loved in return. A good feeling when you cross the street and see so many friendly folks that have time to stop and enrich your life even more with their good wishes. If I had my way I would wish that every living soul on this earth could live in a place like Capitan, New Mexico. And spoken from a "Damned Yankee" shall I say, Capitan is a treasure. And speaking of treasures, just discovered a copy of an old newspaper named El Farol, Tomo I, Capitan, Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, Diciembre 12, 1905; Numero I. And the first advertisement is Welch and Titsworth Grocery Store. And if my memory serves me right I believe that my old casa by the side of the road belonged to some of the Titsworth family. Correct me if I am wrong.

Was invited to the Wrap Party at the Carrizozo Country Club Saturday night. The Wrap Party being the farewell party for all those fine folks that were connected in some way to the film crew of *The Outfitters*.

It was quite an experience, it being my first invitation to a Wrap Party. At first I thought it meant Rap Party, but when it seemed to be in a much more somber theme I suggested to Jack and Chuck Johnson - it must be a Wrap Party and all were saying their goodbyes. The highlight of the evening for me was meeting Dana Delaney and her note to me when she signed her name. I shall frame it for posterity. She is a special gal and has always been one of my favorite television actresses. And although I did not talk to Revere Anselmo, he left in just a few moments, I do want to thank him for the special invitation, and to tell him I am now halfway through his book *The Cadillac of Six-byes*. Jack Johnson loaned it to me to read. It is all about Marines and as some of you know, my eldest son was a Marine for four years, so that makes it even more interesting to me.

It seems that happy moments and events sometimes have their downside. Sunday as I was reaching for my glasses, after scouring all places in the house, decided I must have lost them in Carrizozo. I dug out the last pair that the doctor told me to dispose of and never wear again. Glad I kept them, and limped through most of the day. Then a thought hit me that perhaps, just perhaps, I dropped them when I stepped out of Agatha's car the night before. I went out and there in plain sight were my glasses in their case. The only fly in the proverbial ointment was that I had stepped on them and broke the frame. Thank goodness the lens are intact and my wonderful daughter told me she was mailing me her old frames. You see the frames are not made anymore which makes them even more valuable to me.

I have my Christmas tree up. End of conversation. Decorations are scattered thither and yon. I made the statement that I would have the tree up and decorated by Thanksgiving for once in my life. There is still hope, I think, but must finish packing gifts for the Sullivans in Dallas. Tom and Pat are going there for Thanksgiving and they will

be driving and offered to take them. And yes, I will be all alone on Thanksgiving Day, but it is my decision, I did have three invitations and I am grateful, but just for one Thanksgiving I want to be able to sit like a little rock upon a hill, just a restin' all day long. How does that sound?

And let me wrap up this column by wishing all of you a very, very happy Thanksgiving and I wish to thank all of you wonderful folks that have taken the time to personally tell me that they do enjoy my efforts. And I wish to especially thank Mr. LaMay for taking the time to introduce himself

and tell me that he did indeed enjoy reading my column. Thanks again, Mr. LaMay and it was a pleasure meeting you.

And so for this week sayonara and God Bless each of you that read my trivia and even those that cannot be bothered.

County AFCE Members Attend State Conference

Eleven Lincoln County Association of Family and Consumer Education (AFCE) members attended the 1997 New Mexico AFCE State Conference held in Silver City October 26-28.

Lincoln County's La Junta club member, and outgoing state secretary, Inez Marrs gave several reports and spoke to the group of 125 delegates from AFCE clubs statewide.

During the conference voting delegates elected state and district officers. La Junta club member and Lincoln County AFCE chairwoman Geraldine Tulley was elected vice-chair of District IV (southeastern New Mexico). State officers elected were president Cooky Dean from Carlsbad, vice president Evelyn Miller from Deming and secretary Beth Talbert from Albuquerque.

A highlight of the conference was a "roast" for Mary Ellen McKay who is retiring as department head of CES/Home Economics at New Mexico State University. McKay was the county home economist in Lincoln County for a number of years.

Along with the business session, participants had opportunity to view entries to the state Cultural Arts show, a quilt show, go on a walking tour of the historic downtown district of Silver City or a tour of the nearby copper mines, attend a melodrama in the village of Pinos Altos, and the final awards banquet.

Lincoln County AFCE members who attended the state conference were Ammel Bevil from Carrizozo club, Jo Blazer from Capitan club, Virginia Burd from Carrizozo, Rosalie Dunlap from La Junta club,



STATE AFCE SECRETARY Inez Marrs reads a report during the state AFCE conference in Silver City. Marrs is a member of the LaJunta AFCE club.



SILLY FUN. Lincoln County AFCE "bag heads" posed for pictures with former Lincoln County Home Economist Mary Ellen McKay (Payne). Lincoln County member Yvonne Zumwalt presented Payne with an "alien" green card she designed. Payne plans to retire to Roswell.

Edith Malcolm from Capitan, Inez Marrs from La Junta, Alice Phelps and Evangeline Provine from Capitan, Geraldine Tulley and Phyllis Zumwalt and Yvonne Zumwalt from La Junta.

Capitan School Board To Develop A Strategic Plan

Capitan Board of Education is developing a strategic plan to carry out its vision of preparing and exciting students about their futures, graduating all students and instilling a desire to succeed.

During its November 15 meeting, the board adopted the vision statement developed with staff and board input. To carry out the vision statement, the board must develop a strategic plan for the school district. To discuss this plan, and to get any input from the public, the board held a special work session on November 25.

Superintendent Diana Billingsley said the vision statement was the result of board and staff discussions during a work session and a regular meeting. The vision statements reads: "The vision of the Capitan Municipal Schools is to prepare students for and excite students about their future, to graduate all students, and to instill in students an internal desire to succeed."

The board will draft a strategic plan based on discussion at the November 25 work session. The draft plan will be sent to staff for review and comments. Billingsley said the process will take about two months to complete.

Computer literate students have provided \$780 worth of services to Capitan Schools. Capitan student Mike Martinez and librarian Becky

Borowski presented to the school board a detailed transaction report on each student who tutored an adult teacher or staff member as part of the high school Mentoring Program. Each student tutor has an account set up with each "client" (teacher or staff). Students log when they are tutoring, and how much the time spent was worth (based on \$20 per hour.) Each month the logs are tallied showing the total value of students' time spent in the program. Since the beginning of school students have logged a total

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CORONA NEWS

Corona Senior Citizens started early on the holiday season by accepting an invitation from Dr. McKinley and his staff to visit the school and share in their Thanksgiving dinner. About 25 visited class rooms, saw the beef posters on the hall walls, enjoyed the turkey and then went to the board room to be entertained by the pre-school, Turkey Strut; K-1, It Was Cold, Navajo Hunting, and Ten Little Indians; 2nd and 3rd, did Harvest Time; 4th to 6th, did cornucopia of questions - game show, for the senior citizens.

The afternoon ended with the raffle drawing. Chris Dobbs won the lamb donated by Mr. and Mrs. Manning which netted the PTO \$221.00. Chris, you will have to train those dogs to protect your lamb so you may have a wool clip each year. It was a great day. We were welcomed by Dr. McKinley who assured everyone they would be welcome at any time.

Mrs. Ben Adams honored Mrs. Rich Gage with a stork shower Saturday afternoon at La Cocina de Corona. There were pink garlands outside, and inside more garlands and pink balloons. Games were fun and at times hilarious. Winners were: Clothes pins, Mary Chamberlain; Betty Ann Bell nursery rhymes; Sabra Davidson the most names from "Rick and Bessie Gage"; and Alexandra Stewart the paper measure.

Punch, mints, nuts and cake were served from a table with candles and centered by the punch bowl flanked by two large cakes. Josh later enjoyed those cakes and the balloons plus a small gift or two.

Ellis Hodge returned Wednesday from Clovis and is recuperating satisfactorily from surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burton drove to Clovis Wednesday to attend funeral services for an aunt, Elizabeth Wilhite. Mrs. Wilhite, 85, had been ill for more than ten years.

Thirty-five people enjoyed the Thanksgiving turkey at the senior center Thursday and complimented the cook, Carol Roper.

Janetta Stewart is at home following major surgery and six days in an Albuquerque hospital. She reports that she is recuperating well if

... a bit slowly.

Mrs. Flora Lee Bryan returned home last week after an extended vacation with family members in Oklahoma City.

The Reverends Don and Marjorie Daniels have resigned their pastoral duties with the Mountain Ministry effective December 31. They have accepted teaching positions in Pakistan. Present plans call for them to be commissioned at the annual meeting of Presbytery in January at Hobbs, three weeks of study in Santa Fe, and a probable February departure date.

Pee Wee basketball practice began two weeks ago. Brad Gage is coaching the third and fourth grade team, Loretta Manning the 5th and 6th grade team. Both teams are co-ed.

Open House for the Corona Museum dates are December 12 and 13, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be refreshments and singing. Do come. The Community Action group will decorate Main Street December 8, and they would like home decorations to be up by that time.

Crown CowBelles will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Rasak guest house, Monday, December 1. After the covered dish luncheon Kelly Lindsey, president elect of NM CowBelles, will install officers. A gift exchange will follow. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey will go on to Clovis for a meeting there that evening. Mrs. Lindsey will be installed as state president Saturday, December 6. She will take the Corona poster winners art work with her to Albuquerque to be judged early Friday morning. Mrs. Rasak and Mrs. Duke will attend the annual meeting.

Mrs. Loretta Manning, poster chairman, has announced the winners of "Beef Is What You Want" contest giving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners: Kindergarten and 1st grade — Reynaldo Romero, Josh Gage, 3rd a tie between Jake Kendrick and Brian Bille; 2nd and 3rd grades — Cindy Burroughs, Torian Tully, Michael Alirez; 4th grade — Dusty Burroughs, Chris Dobbs, Marcela Noriega; 5th and 6th grades — Rachel Lueras, Eadie

Capitan School Board . . .

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of \$780 in hours spent with staff at the computer. Students are not actually paid for their tutoring services in the program, but receive credit.

Students in the mentoring program have started a for profit business of computer made business cards. Borowski said they plan to provide a transaction report to the board on a monthly basis. The board also:

- Accepted the resignation from Lisa Aguilar as part time cafeteria staff, and hired Rhonda Hayenga to fill the position.
- Approved a Newspapers in Education program.
- Took no action on a request from parent Rachael Hargrove who sought a waiver to the out of district enrollment policy to allow her child who lives in Ruidoso district to attend Capitan Schools. Although Hargrove's request was on the board meeting agenda, she did not attend the meeting, so board members took no action on her request.

OBITUARY

C.R. PATTERSON

Funeral services for C.R. Patterson, 86, of Alto were November 22, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Gilliland officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Patterson died November 20, at Lincoln County Medical Center. He was born January 8, 1911 at Fisher County, TX. He married Ocie York in June of 1941.

He is survived by his wife Ocie of Alto, and a sister, Opal Posey of Alamogordo.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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Mr. and Mrs. Randy Biebelle and his mother Joyce Biebelle of Silver City, visited last week with Ms. Carol McConnell.

Mrs. Nolan Vickrey bought the Texaco Station and plans to use it for storage for the present. She will be the Hen House on Monday, December 1.

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CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Capitan Municipal School District is to:

- provide our young people with quality educational opportunities;
- provide the skills needed to be productive citizens;
- instill local values and qualities; and
- provide a safe environment.

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS VISION STATEMENT

The VISION of the Capitan Municipal Schools is to prepare students for and excite students about their future, to graduate all students, and to instill in students an internal desire to succeed.

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS 1997-98 GOAL

The goal of the Board of Education is to develop a 5 Year Strategic Plan during the 1997-98 school year involving community, staff and students.

CONCISE BUDGET 1996-97

DIRECT INSTRUCTION (Teachers, Instructional Aides, Instructional Materials & benefits)	\$1,422,532
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT (Principals, other support personnel, library supplies, other supplies & benefits)	\$ 436,617
ADMINISTRATION (Superintendent, other administrative staff, supplies, board expenses & benefits)	\$ 138,829
BUSINESS/SUPPORT SERVICES (Personnel, benefits & supplies)	\$ 57,320
OPERATION/MAINTENANCE OF PLANT (Maintenance personnel, custodians, utilities, supplies & benefits)	\$ 329,570
ATHLETICS (Increments, benefits, student travel, & student supplies)	\$ 81,635
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT (Increments, benefits, student travel, & student supplies)	\$ 24,949
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Driver's Education)	\$ 8,045
FOOD SERVICES (Operational subsidy)	\$ 10,348
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 4,576
SUB TOTAL	\$2,514,441

TRANSPORTATION	\$ 298,471
FOOD SERVICES	\$ 119,946
ATHLETICS	\$ 10,761
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	\$ 136,566
FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 15,200
STATE GRANTS	\$ 6,092
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (SB-9)	\$ 210,912
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 240,447
TOTAL	\$3,552,836

REVENUE SOURCES 1996-97

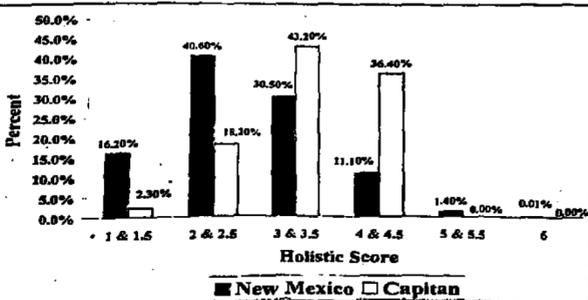
STATE	\$2,512,257
LOCAL	\$ 47,200
FEDERAL	\$ 2,531
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 297,857
FOOD SERVICES	\$ 114,560
ATHLETICS	\$ 13,560
FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 156,511
STATE GRANTS	\$ 7,065
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SB-9	\$ 164,877
DEBT SERVICES	\$ 244,936
TOTAL	\$3,561,459

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

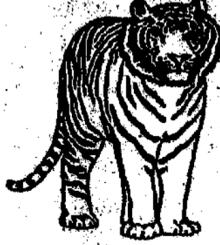
YEAR	ENROLLMENT	ANGLO		HISPANIC		INDIAN	
		M	F	M	F	M	F
94-95	564	208	208	86	55	2	3
95-96	593	251	217	70	52	2	1
96-97	611	242	236	69	51	6	3

YEAR	ANGLO %	HISPANIC %		INDIAN %		
		#	%	#	%	
94-95	416	74%	141	25%	5	1%
95-96	468	79%	122	20%	3	1%
96-97	478	78%	120	20%	9	2%

NEW MEXICO PORTFOLIO WRITING ASSESSMENT Percent of Students at Each Holistic Score Grade 4 District: Capitan



CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS DISTRICT REPORT CARD 1996-1997



CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE COST STATISTICS PER STUDENT

YEAR	FUNDED MEMBERSHIP	ADMIN COST	RANK	PERCENT OF ADMIN COST
94-95	552.5	\$191	45	4.53%
95-96	577.0	\$206	42	5.01%
96-97	588.0	\$236	36	5.45%

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS PERCENT OF NET OPERATING BUDGET SPENT FOR SALARIES

YEAR	TEACHERS	ADMIN	SUPPORT PERSONNEL	NON-CERT PERSONNEL
94-95	45.7%	2.46%	9.74%	8.76%
95-96	43.94%	2.45%	9.17%	9.02%
96-97	44.28%	2.33%	10.98%	8.30%

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT MEMBERSHIP WITH RANKINGS

YEAR	FUNDED MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL OPERATIONAL	RANK
94-95	552.5	\$4,203	49
95-96	577.0	\$4,106	51
96-97	588.0	\$4,330	48

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROGRAMS ESEA CHAPTER I

YEAR	% OF STUDENTS	FUNDING	% TOTAL OPER BUDGET
94-95	17.28%	\$74,552	2.85%
95-96	19.60%	\$64,673	2.52%
96-97	18.33%	\$69,221	2.52%

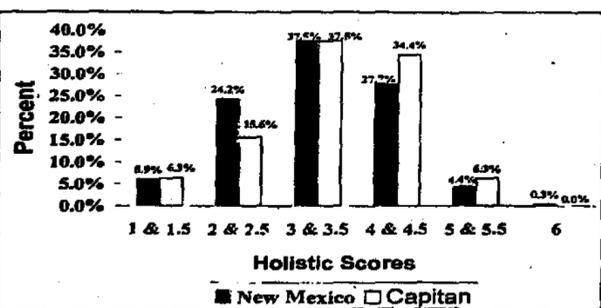
CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROGRAMS FREE & REDUCED LUNCH

YEAR	% OF STUDENTS	FUNDING	% TOTAL OPER BUDGET
94-95	60.36%	\$51,868	1.98%
95-96	55.98%	\$54,346	2.12%
96-97	56.71%	\$53,857	1.96%

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROGRAMS SPECIAL EDUCATION

YEAR	% OF STUDENTS	FUNDING	% TOTAL OPER BUDGET
94-95	18.34%	\$330,727	14.24%
95-96	19.75%	\$305,962	12.92%
96-97	16.04%	\$316,855	12.74%

NEW MEXICO PORTFOLIO WRITING ASSESSMENT Percent of Students at Each Holistic Score Grade 6 District: Capitan



ADMINISTRATION

Diana Billingsley - Superintendent
 Darrel Stierwalt - High School Principal
 Bill Mac Veigh - Middle School Principal
 Dick Clevenger - Elementary School Principal

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COLLEGE APPLICANT STATISTICS

YEAR	# OF GRADES	# APPLY 4 YEAR	%	# APPLY 2 YEAR	%
94-95	20	9	45.0%	3	15.0%
95-96	37	24	64.9%	6	16.2%
96-97	40	30	75.0%	4	10.0%

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS ANNUAL DROPOUT RATES GRADES 9-12

YEAR	STATE RATE	LOCAL RATE	RANK IN STATE
93-94	8.2%	0.6%	12
94-95	8.7%	2.5%	29
95-96	8.5%	1.0%	16

CAPTAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS GRADUATION STATISTICS

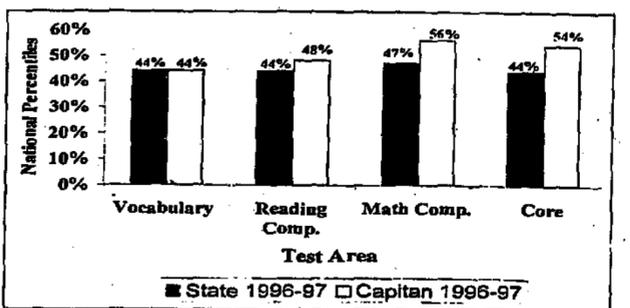
YEAR	SENIORS ENTERING GRADE 12	GRADUATING SENIORS	GRADUATION RATE	RANK IN STATE
94-95	21	20	95.2%	39
95-96	41	37	90.2%	56
96-97	46	40	87.0%	67

1996-97 QUALITY OF EDUCATION SURVEY RESULTS State Board of Education Questions

Director: Capitan Municipal Schools
 Total number of surveys sent home with students: 597
 Total number of surveys returned: 311
 What language were used in surveys sent to parents in your district: English
 Indicates the total number of responses to each of the following items received district-wide: Elementary 123, Middle/High School 145, High School 34

QUESTION	LEVEL	NUMBER RESPONDING				
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Do Not Know
1. My child's safe at school.	Elementary	20	88	3	0	3
	Middle/High	28	88	3	0	3
	Senior High	21	36	3	0	4
2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.	Elementary	22	87	11	1	5
	Middle/High	40	72	3	1	2
	Senior High	4	21	23	14	2
3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement.	Elementary	45	80	1	4	5
	Middle/High	23	74	15	2	4
	Senior High	16	38	11	3	2
4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.	Elementary	47	85	3	0	3
	Middle/High	20	65	22	3	7
	Senior High	14	39	15	4	2
5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technology.	Elementary	28	63	8	1	13
	Middle/High	16	64	24	3	9
	Senior High	14	29	8	4	8
6. School staff maintain consistent discipline which is conducive to learning.	Elementary	39	80	8	5	3
	Middle/High	20	63	18	10	7
	Senior High	10	27	20	4	3
7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.	Elementary	21	69	22	4	18
	Middle/High	23	68	20	2	5
	Senior High	15	32	12	3	0
8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.	Elementary	55	75	3	1	1
	Middle/High	16	68	27	5	2
	Senior High	11	33	15	3	2
9. The school staff employ various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.	Elementary	29	83	0	2	13
	Middle/High	15	68	21	4	12
	Senior High	6	35	13	2	8
10. My child takes responsibility for his, or her, learning.	Elementary	23	100	7	1	4
	Middle/High	27	68	17	2	4
	Senior High	26	39	5	1	3

1996-97 Iowa Test of Basic Skills Median National Percentile Scores By Test Area* Grade 3. District: Capitan. Dist. Rank: 26 of 89



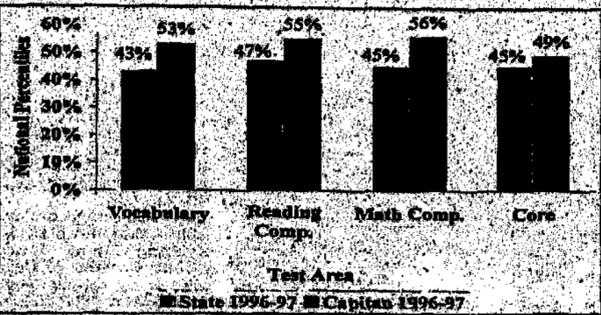
INVITATION TO ALL CITIZENS OF THE CAPITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Capitan Municipal School's Board of Education, the Superintendent, the administrators, and the school personnel invite all citizens to participate in district planning, school activities, and other special events. Parents and others wishing to visit schools and classrooms are requested to contact the school principal upon arrival. Assistance will be provided in locating specific individuals and/or classes. For information concerning district and school functions, please contact the administrative office, (505) 854-2239.

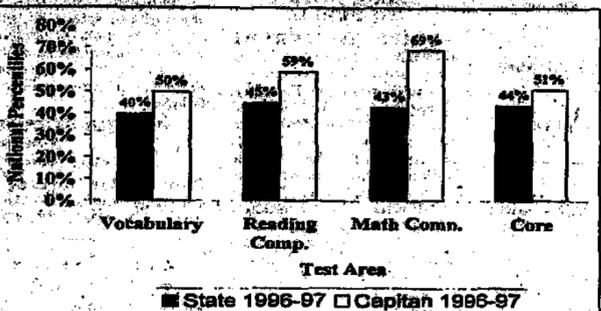
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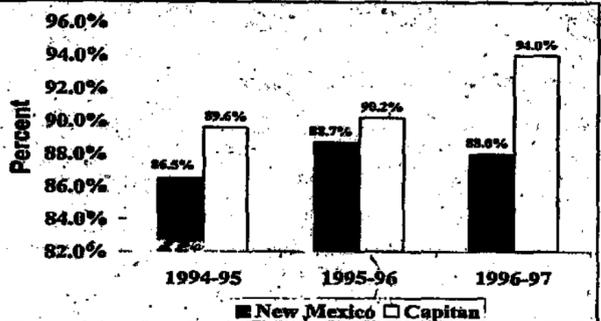
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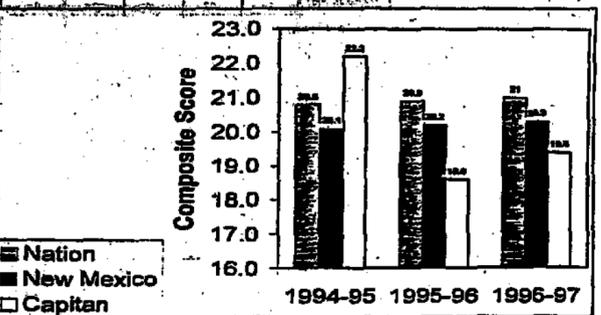
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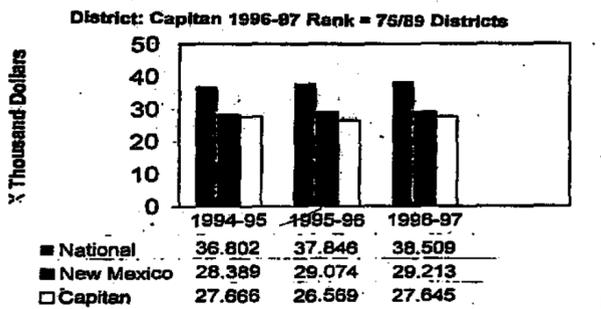
HIGH SCHOOL COMPETENCY EXAMINATION
Grade 10; Percent Passing on First Attempt



MEAN ACT COMPOSITE SCORES BY YEAR
Composite Score: Students



AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY
1994-95 TO 1996-97
District: Capitan 1996-97 Rank = 75/89 Districts



**PROGRAMS FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION
ACT OF 1973**

It is the responsibility of the District to identify and evaluate students who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services or programs in order that such students may receive the required free appropriate education.

For this policy, a student who may need special services or programs within the intent of Section 504 is one who:
- has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including learning; or
- has a record of such impairments; or
- is regarded as having such impairment.

Students may be eligible for services under the provisions of Section 504 even though they do not require services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, P.L. 94-142 (formerly entitled Education of the Handicapped Act). Students who are identified as individuals with exceptional needs, according to IDEA/IEA criteria, are not addressed under this policy. The needs of such students are provided for under local, state and federal laws and regulations in addition to Section 504.

District Contact Person: Mrs. Lisa Hofack

Girls Win, Boys Lose BB Opener With Hondo Eagles

The Carrizozo Grizzly varsity girls basketball team opened its season Friday night in a game that saw both teams step up to the charity line a total of 75 (yes 75) times. Carrizozo made 22 out of 56 attempts, while Hondo was able to convert only 8 out of 24.

Score by Quarters
Czozo..... 11 15 10 10-46
Hondo..... 10 11 8 14-43

Carrizozo held a slight 11 to 10 advantage after the first quarter of action, and outscored their opponent 15 to 11 in the 2nd period and went into halftime with a 26 to 21 lead. Foul trouble forced Grizzly coach Rick Beserra to slow the tempo down in the 2nd half by switching to a zone defense, and saw Carrizozo increase its lead to seven points at the end of the third period of play 36 to 29.

Hondo made a run at the Grizzlies in the final period and outscored Carrizozo 14 to 10, but was unable to get any closer than the final score of 46-43. Coach Beserra was pleased with his teams transition from volleyball to basketball, especially this being the first game of the year. "The girls played well", he said. 13 to 10 in the 3rd quarter and 18 to 15 in the last period. "We just ran into an experienced Hondo team, with good depth, and good size", stated coach Beserra, "they dominated us on the boards". Beserra started one senior and four sophomores.

Ryan Roper led the scoring for Carrizozo with 27 points, Josh Vega was also in double figures with 11, J.P. Ortiz added 7 points, and Bryan Hightower, Robert Shafer, and Andy Pierce each had 2 points. Coach Beserra added that his young squad will be getting back to practice and working on fundamentals and sees the need to break some bad habits in the process.

On Saturday night the Grizzly boys faced another early season power house in Ramah. Ramah played for the state championship last year and returned all five starters, and it showed. Both teams started out slow and Ramah held an eight point advantage after one quarter 15-7. The visitors caught fire in the second stanza and burned the nets for 29 points and held the Grizzlies to 7. Carrizozo found itself down by 30 at halftime 44-14. Both teams settled down in the second half, that saw Ramah outscore the Grizzlies by 3 points, 30-27.

"We should be competitive throughout the year".

Carrizozo scoring was led by Mandy Baca who scorched the nets for 28 points, Renee Rael scored 10, Mellanie Whittaker had 4 points, Amber Vallejos and Kayla Hammond chipped in with 2 points each.

The girls next action finds the Lady Grizzlies traveling to Roswell for a game with NMMI on Tuesday, Dec. 2, tipoff at 5:00 p.m., and a game on Friday, Dec. 5 at Tularosa, tipoff at 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo's boys varsity basketball team opened its season last Friday and ran into a tough, experienced and talented Hondo club and lost by the score of 76-51. Hondo started fast, Carrizozo started out slow and by the end of the 1st quarter Hondo enjoyed a 20 to 6 lead. Both teams heated it up in the 2nd quarter but Hondo increased its lead by outscoring the Grizzlies 25 to 20 for a 45 to 26 halftime lead.

Score by Quarters
Hondo..... 20 25 13 18-76
Czozo..... 6 20 10 15-51

The second half was a bit

more competitive and saw Hondo outscoring Carrizozo

Score by Quarters
Ramah..... 15 28 14 16-74
Czozo..... 7 7 14 13-41

Joah Vega led Carrizozo with 21 points, Roper had 11, Ortiz added 8 and Simon Beltran chipped in with 1 point. "We're going to take our lumps this year", said coach Beserra, "but we have a shot at being competitive in the latter part of the season". Beserra said he would probably switch to a more controlled offense, and keep working on fundamentals, including blocking out under the glass.

Next game for the Grizzly boys will be Tuesday, Dec. 9 at home against Capitan, tipoff 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 finds the Grizzlies at Mesclero with tipoff at 7:00 p.m.



Carrizozo School To

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enrichment needs. Less than half stated their class had yet to decide on a project which Papponi said may have been due to the earliness of the survey. Yet only 27.58 percent agreed and 10 percent strongly agreed they had input to determine the class project. "We want to look into that," Papponi said. The survey allows staff and teachers to determine what areas of the program need to be changed.

More than half agreed, with 40.51 percent agreeing and 17.24 percent strongly agreeing, that the Character Counts portion of the Power Hour helped them make better decisions. More than half agreed, with 18.10 percent strongly agreed, and 45.68 percent agreed that they were learning how to study. On the last question more than 50 percent stated they were learning how to manage their time with 39.65 percent agreeing and 25 percent strongly agreeing.

Papponi congratulated the staff for its outstanding job for getting such good results in just more than a month. She said in the program which is a "pass-fail" with no number grades, students are assessed in a way determined by the students, faculty and principal. Examples of assessments are check offs, portfolios and reports on projects.

The purpose of the power hour is to provide students with basic skills and experience success which in turn will give them higher self esteem, Papponi said. In the program teachers act as facilitators to guide students to academic and personal success and help them realize their leadership abilities.

Most importantly, Papponi said, the program is designed to incorporate the joy of learning in all educational experiences, regardless how hard the task.

The board also approved a resolution supporting "An Act to Compel Literacy." The resolution is being supported by several districts in the state and will be presented to the state legislature in January.

Carrizozo schools are joining the Net. The board approved a proposal by New Mexico Technet and the Tularosa Basin Telephone Company to provide equipment and Internet access to the school. Equipment will be installed somewhere in the school library and will be adequate to allow for expanding the program to offer Internet services to the community.

Church Directory

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave. Capitan, NM
354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

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

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
Czozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
Czozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

Church of Christ

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

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

FR. A. TRIPP, priest
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., 648-2893/648-2846
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 EAHWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor
Capitan (South on Highway 48)
354-3119
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

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**RESOLUCION 1997-14
SPECIAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the NMSA 1978, Sections 3-8-36 to 3-8-37, we the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo, Carrizozo, New Mexico, by resolution and publication give notice of the election, the object thereof, the question to be voted for, the names of the judges of election, the names of poll clerks, the place where said election is to be held in each of the precincts, and:

WHEREAS, it is further provided by the laws of the State of New Mexico, that said resolution be filed with the County Clerk and Secretary of State and not less than fifty (50) days before the date of the election, that the governing body publish the resolution once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of the general circulation, pursuant to Section 3-8-35 NMSA 1978, and:

WHEREAS, the Town Governing Body, deems it expedient that said resolution be published in the English and Spanish languages, and

WHEREAS, a Special Local Option Election is to be held in the Town of Carrizozo on January 13, 1998, and

WHEREAS, the electors must be registered to vote in Lincoln County and live within the boundaries of the Town of Carrizozo, an incorporated municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo, State of New Mexico on November 25, 1997 that the Special Local Option Election will be held on Tuesday, the 13th day of January 1998, for the purpose and at the places within said municipality as hereinafter provided.

A. The purpose of the said election is to allow registered electors to vote on a question, the question will be listed as follows:

"Shall the issuance of restaurant licenses for the Sale of Beer and Wine be approved for restaurants within the boundaries of the Town of Carrizozo, an incorporated municipality in Lincoln County?"

B. Precincts 2A and 13 are consolidated for the Special Local Option Election.

C. The following location is designated as polling place for the conduct of the Special Local Option Election.

Town of Carrizozo Council Chambers, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

D. Polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for said Special Local Option Election.

E. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

- For Judge in Precinct 2A and 13.....Don Means
- For Clerks in Precinct 2A and 13.....Terry Luna
- Maxine LaMay
- Alternate Clerk in Precinct 2A and 13.....Barbara Jarrard
- Translator in Precinct 2A and 13.....Terry Luna
- For Judge in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13.....Don Means
- For Clerks in Absent Voter Precincts 2A and 13.....Terry Luna
- Maxine LaMay
- Alternate Clerk in Absent Voter Precinct 2A and 13.....Barbara Jarrard

F. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the office of the City Clerk.

G. Persons desiring to register to vote at the Special Election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County no later than Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. the date of which the County Clerk will close the registration books.

H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on voting machines.

Adopted and Approved this 18th day of November, 1997.

Coelia G. Kuhnel, Mayor

ATTEST:
Carol Schlarb, Municipal Clerk

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**RESOLUCION 1997-12
ELECCION ESPECIAL**

POR CUANTO QUE, conforme a la NMSA 1978 Secciones 3-8-36 hasta 3-8-37, El Gobierno de La Municipalidad de Carrizozo, proclamo una eleccion especial con el proposito de someter a los electores calificados una pregunta. Los nombres de los jueces de eleccion, los nombres de los escribanos (a) de cuenta, los lugares en donde tal eleccion sera llevada a cabo en cada una de los precinctos y lugares de votacion, y:

POR CUANTO QUE, las leyes de El Estado de Nuevo Mexico proveen, que dicha resolucio sea asentada con la escribana del condado y la escribana de el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y no menos de cincuenta (50) dias antes de la fecha de la eleccion, y que dicho cuerpo de gobierno publique la proclamoion una vez por semana por cuatro semanas consecutivas en un periodico de circulacion general, conforme a la Seccion 3-8-35 NMSA, 1978, y:

POR CUANTO QUE, El Gobierno de la Municipalidad considera expediente que dicha eleccion sea publicada en las idiomas de Ingles y Espanol, y:

POR CUANTO QUE, una Eleccion Especial de Opcion Local debe de llevarse a cabo en la municipalidad de Carrizozo, el dia 13 de Enero de 1998, y:

POR CUANTO QUE, los electores calificados deben de estar registrados en el Condado de Lincoln, y deben vivir dentro los linderos de la municipalidad incorporada de Carrizozo.

AHOR A POR CONSIGUIENTE, el Gobierno de la municipalidad, de Carrizozo de Nuevo Mexico, proclama y ordena que una Eleccion Especial de Opcion Local sea llevada a cabo el dia 13 de Enero de 1998, aque provisto.

A. El proposito de dicha eleccion es para dar oportunidad a los electores registrados a votar en la siguientes pregunta:

"Deberan aprobarse las licencias para la venta de cerveza y vino en restaurantes dentro la municipalidad de Carrizozo, Condado de Lincoln, y los linderos de la municipalidad incorporada?"

B. Los precinctos 2A y 13 son consolidados para la eleccion Especial de Opcion Local.

C. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la Especial de Opcion Local el 13th dia de Enero, 1998:

del Poblado de Carrizozo, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

D. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. para la Eleccion Especial de Opcion Local.

E. Los siguientes miembros del Precinctos an sido nombrados:

- 1.) Para el juez en los Precinctos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Don Means
- Para escribanas en los Precinctos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Terry Luna
- Maxine LaMay
- 2.) Para el juez en el precincto de votante absentista 2A y 13.....Don Means
- Para los escribanas en el precincto del votante absentista 2A y 13.....Terry Luna
- Maxine LaMay

F. Votantes en el precincto de votantes absentistas votaran en la oficina de la escribana municipal.

G. La personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion Especial de Opcion Local, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Lincoln no mas tarde el martes, el dia 16, de Diciembre de 1997 as las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrera los libros de registro.

H. Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en maquina para votar.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 18th de Noviembre, 1997.

Da fe:
Carol Schlarb, Escribana Municipal

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LEGAL

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 31, 1997, Village of Ruidoso, P.O. Drawer 69, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. H-1979-S-7 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to supplement the following existing wells:

Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-1979	NE¼ NE¼ NW¼ (Projected)	36	10S	13E
H-1979-S	Pt. SW¼ (Projected)	34	10S	13E
H-1980	SW¼ NE¼ NW¼ (Projected)	36	10S	12E
H-1981	SE¼ NE¼ NW¼ (Projected)	36	10S	12E
H-1982	NE¼ SE¼ NW¼ (Projected)	36	10S	12E

for the continued diversion of up to 5648.0 acre-feet per annum of groundwater as adjudicated in Chaves County Cause No. 20294 & 22600, Consolidated, Sub-file No. R-203, by using existing well H-2540-Exp., located in the SW¼ NE¼ SW¼ of Section 34, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for municipal purposes within the Village of Ruidoso.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Torney, State Engineer, 1800 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe
C/RRR No.: P 391 748 193

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV 97-00081

G.E. CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.

Plaintiff,

vs.

HEATHER PARKER BRANCH, MILES BRANCH aka MILES BERNARD BRANCH and LISA J. BRANCH,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 10, 1997, at 11:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 1, OF THE RUIDOSO DOWNS HEIGHTS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND E X O F F I C I O RECORDED OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON MARCH 25, 1957.

The address of the real property is 145 West Circle Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 27, 1997, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$128,801.18, plus interest from October 1, 1997 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.250% per annum, or \$26.70 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Defendant Lisa J. Branch has a second lien on the Property in an amount to be determined hereafter.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Dated: 11-10, 1997.

DARRELL N. BRANTLEY
Special Master
1215 New York Avenue
Alamogordo, NM 88310
505/437-7310

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for three (3) members to serve on the Board. Two members shall be property owners in the Lincoln Historic District, and one member-at-large. Nominees must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment

to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Board, the County Board of Commissioners shall give consideration to the interests and skills of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 10, 1997.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will meet on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the purpose of determining pursuant to Section 10-15-1, NMSA 1978, what shall constitute reasonable notice of meetings to be held during the next twelve months.

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Town Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 1997, at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The following proposed ordinances will be considered:

- (1) Proposed Amendments to the Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance No. 1997-1
- (2) Proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan Ordinance

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 1997
7:00 A.M.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the December 16, 1997 meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request, please contact Martha Guevara at 505-288-3333 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitively sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday,

December 24, 1997. Bids will be opened and the award made at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 24, 1997. The above date and time will be retained unchanged.

BID NO. 97-00-011
PICKUP, 1/2 TON
and 1997 or 1998 MODEL

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make final determination during their regular meeting meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 1997.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/288-3333.

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

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Land Use Advisory Council will hold their regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board of Commissioners' Conference Room in Carrizozo.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/ Introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Annual Update
 - B. Board's Vision
 - C. Board's Mission
 - D. Board's Vision
 - E. Board's Mission
 - F. Board's Vision
 - G. Board's Mission
 - H. Board's Mission
 - I. Board's Mission
 - J. Board's Mission
 - K. Board's Mission
 - L. Board's Mission
 - M. Board's Mission
 - N. Board's Mission
 - O. Board's Mission
 - P. Board's Mission
 - Q. Board's Mission
 - R. Board's Mission
 - S. Board's Mission
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 - U. Board's Mission
 - V. Board's Mission
 - W. Board's Mission
 - X. Board's Mission
 - Y. Board's Mission
 - Z. Board's Mission
- V. ADJOURN

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for two (2) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be involved in agricultural services, must be domiciled in Lincoln County, and must be registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 10, 1997.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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tfn/Nov. 26

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tfn/Nov. 6

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ltp/Nov. 26

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Sheriff's Report

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

October 26:
6:30 p.m. a 911 caller reported a two vehicle accident on Angus Hill. State police were notified, but they were unable to locate an accident.
6:44 p.m. a caller reported an accident involving a vehicle and horse on Indian Divide. A deputy, Capitan Police and Capitan ambulance responded. An injured woman was taken to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso and the driver was arrested. Officer put down the horse due to severe injuries.
7:08 p.m. a 911 anonymous caller reported a barking dog at a business in Capitan. The caller requested an officer check it out because the dog had been barking for two days. Capitan police responded.
8:52 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check of his friends whose vehicle had broken down north of Corona. A deputy was notified, but he advised it was in Torrance County. Torrance County dispatch was contacted and they advised their officer was an hour and a half away, but he was advised of the situation. The Lincoln County deputy was advised to proceed because he was closer. At 10:48 p.m. the deputy advised the party had the vehicle fixed and was okay.
October 27:
9:42 a.m. an EMT requested an ambulance at Carrizozo Clinic to make a transfer to LCMC.
10:54 a.m. a caller requested an officer at a golf course in the Alto area. A deputy responded.
11:35 a.m. a caller reported a theft out of a vehicle at his shop west of Capitan.
11:37 a.m. a caller reported a traffic offense on Highway 48. A truck attempted to run his vehicle off the road after tail-gating him. Capitan police contacted the caller.
12:12 p.m. a caller reported a dead pheasant hanging on a tree two blocks from his location. Carrizozo police responded.
12:41 p.m. a caller reported loud music next door in Carrizozo.
3:05 p.m. a call phone caller reported a traffic offense eastbound on Highway 70—an elderly woman and the caller was unsure if the

woman was sleepy, had a health problem or was drunk. State police were notified.
4:01 p.m. a caller requested a motorist assist for a woman with a flat tire about four miles south of Carrizozo on Highway 54. Carrizozo police responded.
4:08 p.m. a 911 caller reported a white horse on Highway 380 in Lincoln. A possible owner was called but dispatch made no contact, so state police were notified.
4:12 p.m. a caller reported harassing phone calls in Carrizozo.
7:14 p.m. a caller requested an officer because she was locked out of her car, which was running. Capitan police responded.
7:49 p.m. a caller reported a childhood injury, a four year old boy fell and hit his head, and the bleeding had stopped. Carrizozo ambulance responded.
October 28:
5:15 a.m. a call phone caller requested assistance on Highway 54 where his car had a flat, and stripped nuts on the wheel. A wrecker responded.
7:22 a.m. a caller requested an officer to come to Capitan School to check a purse which possibly had drugs inside it. Capitan police responded.
7:36 a.m. an anonymous caller reported 6-8 dogs loose on Cedar Ave. Carrizozo police responded, but made no contact with the dogs.
9:36 a.m. a caller reported theft of weapons from his vehicle, possibly in the valley, and he needed a report. A deputy responded.
1:41 p.m. a caller reported a theft/larceny from a residence on Carrizo Road.
3:53 p.m. a caller from Ruidoso reported a domestic and possible suicide at a location off the airport road. The caller advised that her husband left the residence after a domestic squabble and he had a weapon, and he may have been headed to their property on airport road. Her husband was extremely distraught and had a history of emotional instability. Two deputies responded and advised the undersheriff of the situation at 5:08 p.m. The undersheriff and two more deputies responded to the airport road location where it had become a hostage situation. A counselor was advised and came to the location to assist. By 6 p.m. officers took the subject into protective

custody.
4:02 p.m. Capitan high school reported an aggravated verbal assault in the high school office and requested an officer come to the office to assist with an unruly parent in the principal's office. Capitan police responded.
5:47 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a tenant dispute at a trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.
6:24 p.m. a caller north of Capitan reported trespassing.
7:26 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check of her daughter who was supposed to have had a domestic situation the night before and she had not heard from her and the phone was busy. A deputy responded.
8:41 p.m. a 911 caller reported a possible prowler at a location off Highway 70. A deputy responded.
11:37 p.m. a 911 caller reported that intoxicated people won't leave a location in Carrizo Canyon and some were fighting. A deputy responded.
October 29:
6:38 a.m. a sergeant from Fort Stanton corrections facility requested an officer to check out a suspicious vehicle on the grounds. Two deputies and a state police officer responded, but made no contact with the vehicle described.
7:57 a.m. a 911 caller reported a two vehicle accident with injuries at mile marker 287 on Highway 70, one man was on the ground. State police, and RALS ambulance responded. RALS transported the injured to LCMC.
8:40 a.m. a walk-in reported his station wagon was stolen from Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. The vehicle had been towed to Carrizozo by a wrecker at the request of a subject to prevent vandalism. It was not stolen.
9:34 a.m. a caller reported a postal vehicle hit a deer on the Arabella highway.
10:16 a.m. a person walked in and reported a theft at the construction site on Highway 380.
10:49 a.m. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority requested a game and fish officer for a raccoon in the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road. An officer responded.
11:02 a.m. a caller requested a deputy to discuss a situation which happened three months ago on the

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Sheriff's Report

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bus to Capitan, and now the situation is continuing.

11:12 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a 99 year old woman who was very ill. RALS responded, and transported the patient to LCMC.

3:44 p.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire in Magado Creek Estates. It was an unreported control burn that got out of control. Two deputies, Bonito and Nogal Fire Departments responded. The subject was cited for improper use of fire.

9:27 p.m. a caller reported a domestic in progress at a location in Ruidoso. The caller was talking to the victim when the phone was disconnected. Ruidoso police were notified.

10:01 p.m. a caller requested extra patrol at a location on Gavilan Canyon.

11:04 p.m. a caller reported an out of service vehicle about five miles south of Carrizozo on Highway 54. The caller requested a wrecker for the vehicle which lost all of its power.

October 30:

2:55 p.m. a 911 caller requested an officer at a location in Carrizozo where the caller had an altercation with a patient. Carrizozo police responded and arrested a subject.

3 p.m. a caller reported a dog bite which occurred at a ranch near Corona and requested an officer to take a report. Two deputies responded, but one's call was canceled. The semi-stray dog bit a small boy.

3:56 p.m. Carrizozo police requested an ambulance for a prisoner in the county detention center who was having back pain. Carrizozo ambulance responded, but the patient refused transport.

8:32 p.m. the state reported an out of service vehicle off the roadway at mile marker 127 on Highway 54. The vehicle had been abandoned for three months and its tires were missing. A wrecker responded.

9:27 p.m. Cibola County Sheriff's Office reported an overdue motorist, an 82 year old male, who was following his family on I-25 between Socorro and Las Lunas, and lost them at a turn-off. State police in Socorro were notified, and

local agencies were advised to be on the look-out.

10:03 p.m. a 911 caller reported a one vehicle rollover with injuries at mile marker 157 on Highway 54. A deputy, state police and Corona ambulance responded. The ambulance transported the injured to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

October 31:

5:47 a.m. a motorist assist was requested at mile marker 179 on Highway 70. State police in Roswell were notified.

7:16 a.m. a caller reported a dead deer on his Alto property. Game and Fish department was notified.

7:54 a.m. a caller requested an officer for peacekeeping while a subject who had a restraining order got items from the garage at a residence in Alto.

2:32 p.m. a cell phone caller reported a traffic offense southbound on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. A semi truck attempted to run them off the road. State police were notified, but had no available officers and no deputies were available so Carrizozo police were requested to watch for the vehicle.

4:30 p.m. a caller reported two cows on the highway in Nogal. Dispatch attempted to call a possible owner but made no contact. A deputy responded, but made no contact with the cattle in Nogal.

4:55 p.m. a caller reported a possible fight at a business in Capitan--a dispute/altercation between an adult and juvenile. Capitan police responded.

8:27 p.m. a deputy advised of theft of two horses from some stables near Ruidoso which occurred at an earlier date. A deputy responded and advised he arrested a subject.

9:19 p.m. Capitan ambulance advised they were making a Code 1 run from the Capitan football field to LCMC.

10:26 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a location off Highway 380. Hondo ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

November 1:

12:16 a.m. a 911 caller hung up. Dispatch called the number and spoke with the calling party who

advised she had a non-violent argument. A deputy responded.

12:56 a.m. a Bonito Fire Department first responder requested an ambulance at a location just north of a business in Alto for a male subject laying on the white line of Highway 48, complaining of head pain. A deputy and RALS responded and the subject was taken to his residence in Alto.

7:50 a.m. Ruidoso police advised of receiving a 911 call reporting a head-on accident with injuries on Gavilan Canyon Road by the ball park. State police were notified, but the call was canceled.

8:50 a.m. a walk-in reported an accident without injuries, a fence was damaged where an arrest was made the night before, at a location on E. Ave. Carrizozo police responded.

8:28 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance at a business on Highway 70. RALS and Ruidoso Downs police responded.

9:32 a.m. a caller reported an out of service vehicle about 10 miles south of Carrizozo on Highway 54. A cargo trailer had flat tires.

11:19 a.m. a caller was attempting to locate a vehicle with three female and two male juveniles that left the Ruidoso area for El Paso. Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso police department were notified but made no contact. Border Patrol was notified to watch at their checkpoint. At 12:14 p.m. Otero County Sheriff's Office and Alamogordo Department of Public Safety advised they had caught the kids on the south side of Alamogordo and alcohol was involved. The parents were notified and were on route to the location. The runaway was incarcerated at the juvenile facility in Otero County.

2:16 p.m. a business in Capitan reported a gas skip. Capitan police responded, but the call was canceled.

6:48 p.m. a cell phone caller reported someone hit an elk on Highway 37, and it was dead in the middle of the road. State game and fish office in Santa Fe was notified, but later called back and said they could not contact any of the local game wardens. At 7:11 p.m. the person who hit the elk

reported the accident.

7:43 p.m. a 911 caller requested RALS for a 48 year old man who fell and hit his head. The man had been drinking and was bleeding from the head and mouth. RALS responded and transported the patient to LCMC. Two deputies also responded.

8:13 a.m. a caller reported a lock-out and requested a locksmith at a business in Carrizozo.

8:25 a.m. a 911 caller reported a head-on accident with injuries at the corner of High Mesa and Fawn Drive in Alto. An elderly man had facial injuries. RALS, a deputy, state police and Bonito Fire Department responded.

9:15 a.m. a deputy advised he was giving a motorist assist on Highway 380 where a motor home

had a broken radiator hose.

9:37 a.m. a caller reported a subject trespassing. The caller thought the subject had a key to her gate that he got from someone else. A deputy responded and advised the caller that the situation was civil because she gave permission to the person with the key and that person was allowing people on the caller's property because it was easement to the person's property.

9:39 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries in the Camelot Mountain area where a vehicle ran off the embankment. State police were notified.

10:07 a.m. a 911 caller requested animal control for a dog in the alley which barks day and night. Capitan

police responded.

10:14 a.m. a caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the roadway on Brady Canyon. Ruidoso police advised it belonged to a subject who was arrested for disturbing the peace.

11:32 a.m. a caller requested animal control, a trap, at a location in Capitan.

11:37 a.m. a caller was attempting to locate a party for an emergency message at a ranch in the Ancho area. The calling party called back later and canceled the call.

11:37 a.m. a 911 caller reported a grass fire on a ranch in the Ravenon area east of Ancho. White Oaks and Carrizozo Fire Departments responded.

County To Transfer \$1 Million To Hospital Expansion Project

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners approved a contract during their regular meeting Friday, Nov. 21 with Presbyterian Healthcare Services that transfers \$1 million to the Lincoln County Medical Center expansion project.

Meeting in Ruidoso, county commissioners debated whether to provide the entire \$1 million at that time, or just transfer the \$800,000 dedicated to the hospital project. Commissioners committed \$1.2 million over two fiscal years to the hospital project, with the final \$200,000 to be paid in the 1998-99 fiscal year.

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Valerie Miller said the hospital board of directors voted to proceed with the first phase of the expansion/remodeling project and the funding was needed to retain an architect. She said the intent was for the county to spread its funding over the next two fiscal years with a final payment in 1999. But commissioners spent considerable time dis-

cussing whether they should provide \$800,000 now, \$200,000 later, or whether they had intended to provide a total of \$1.2 million toward the project.

Lincoln County Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley said \$400,000 was to come from the Capital Improvement fund, \$400,000 from the general fund with \$200,000 to be provided in the 1998 calendar year. County manager Frank Potter said the \$800,000 was set aside in this year's county budget, with intent of taking an extra \$200,000 from the general fund after the mid-year budget review in January.

County attorney Alan Morel said there is a provision in the contract, requested by former commissioner Stirling Spencer, that all funding be in an account before it can be spent. With this advice, commissioner approved to accept the contract. The contract now goes to Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS) for final approval. Once PHS signs the contract, the county will transfer funds for the

LCMC project.

Commissioners also committed \$5,000 to an after school program in Ruidoso which has 130 students enrolled. Called RASCALS, the program gets most of its funding from the Region 9 Educational Cooperative Center. Last year commissioners committed \$2,500 to the program, which has doubled its enrollment in the year's time.

In other business, commissioners:

--Approved the holiday calendar.

--Accepted the roads in Unit 1 and 1A of Ranches de Sonterra as recommended by the county road superintendent.

--Approved a request from DWI coordinator Charlie White to relocate the DWI program office to 106 Rio Street in Ruidoso because he has no additional space in the courthouse in Carrizozo. A majority of the clients in the program reside in Ruidoso, and White said his long distance phone bill was very expensive.

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