

# Jail Committee To Meet Sunday

by Doris Cherry

At 8 a.m. Sunday, March 22, the Lincoln County ad hoc detention center committee will meet at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, located at 303 Highway 70 West in Ruidoso Downs. Lincoln County Commissioners may also attend the meeting.

The committee has three items set on its agenda—review of proposed request for proposals (rfp) for management of the existing Lincoln County Detention Center, discussion of the de-

sign/construction phase of a new jail, and discussion on how to finance a new jail. Lincoln County Commissioners committed to building a new jail during their March 10 meeting that was held in Ruidoso.

In a telephone interview ad hoc committee member county commissioner Bill Schwettmann told *THE NEWS* that he did not call the committee meeting in Ruidoso Downs, but he figured it was called for that day, location and time to accommodate members Dis-

trict Judge Karen Parsons, district attorney Scot Key and attorney Gary Mitchell. "Hopefully there will be no surprises," Schwettmann said. "The meeting should be just to review the rfp for the operation of what we already have. Nothing will be official."

The ad hoc committee is advisory and cannot make decisions other than to agree on recommendations to be made to the county commission. However Schwettmann said he had not seen a copy of the proposed rfp. Schwettmann said he expects

the process in constructing a new jail will take at least 18 months. Until then, the county needs some type of interim management, which is what the rfp is seeking.

But some people in the county are questioning the process the committee took to determine the need for a new jail.

Early in 1997, the Lincoln County Commissioners began exploring the idea of a new jail. During the budget process in 1997, jail administrator Wayland Hill told commissioners that the jail was over-

crowded and he needed extra detention officers and a secretary to properly staff the facility. He also told of how he was beginning an electronic bracelet program that allowed nonviolent prisoners to serve their time at home, monitored by the electronic device, thus freeing space within the jail.

But commissioners only gave the jail two part time detention officers, and no secretarial help.

At a special Lincoln County Commission meeting in Ruidoso on May 29, 1997 then county commission chairman

Monroy Montes appointed an "ad hoc" jail committee of commissioner Schwettmann, district attorney Scot Key, attorney Gary Mitchell, Hill and county manager Frank Potter. The committee was directed to return to the commission within 60-90 days with recommendations. At that time commissioner Rex Wilson asked the county not to over-build a jail facility.

The jail committee did not

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## Carrizozo Offers Land For County Detention Center

by Barbara Culler

More than 50 people attended the March 24 Carrizozo Town Council meeting. The item that interested most of those in attendance was the Lincoln County Detention Center and the possibility of the detention center being moved to another area of the county.

The first person to speak on the detention center was Paty Sanchez of Carrizozo. Sanchez stated that she had very strong feelings about moving a very big part of Carrizozo's employment base. If the move happens, she feels that before long Carrizozo would fold up and be like Willard. Sanchez says she would like to keep Carrizozo alive and that the first step in moving the whole courthouse is moving the detention center and dispatch. If re-hab and work programs are one of the reasons for moving the center, Sanchez said there are community services they could do in Carrizozo. If they (the prisoners) need education, she said, we could have night classes here for the prisoners similar to the night computer classes that are already held. Sanchez said that she does not believe that the residents of Carrizozo should be sacrificed for the good of prisoners. They (prisoners) are in there (detention) for a reason. Sanchez said that yes the prisoners need rehabilitation and she thinks it can be done in Carrizozo.

Carrizozo Mayor Manuel Hernandez told the trustees that he felt that the town council should have Carrizozo Town Clerk Carol Schlarb prepare a proposal letter, including a Carrizozo Industrial Park pamphlet, telling the Lincoln County Commissioners what Carrizozo has to offer for building the new detention center in Carrizozo. This proposal letter is to be delivered to the county commissioners before the next commission meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission is April 14. Hernandez said some offers that could be included in the proposal were: donate choice of plots in the Industrial Park, plenty of water in Carrizozo - Ruidoso is not so

lucky, possibly donate the water for a year or two, taxes are a lot cheaper in Carrizozo than in Ruidoso area. Hernandez said he feels that overall Carrizozo has a lot more to offer.

Hernandez then asked the trustees and the audience if they had any suggestions to include in the proposal.

Carrizozo resident Bill Meeks asked whether an economic impact study would be required by federal government regulation before a ma-

ior base of a small community's employment can be changed by a government agency. Town attorney David Stevens said he was not aware of any economic impact study requirements for this kind of proposition being done. Stevens said that the more noise a community makes the more likely that a economic study would be done.

Carrizozo resident Loree (SEE PAGE 7)



SIGNS OF SPRING. Blossoms filled the air with their fragrance in Carrizozo this week as warm temperatures caused apricot and peach trees to bloom. Daffodils, hyacinths and crocus flowers were also in bloom throughout Carrizozo, the Lincoln County seat. Cooler temperatures are predicted for this weekend.

### Letter to the Editor . . .

**EDITOR:** At a Lincoln County Commission meeting in the recent past, a question was asked of the county attorney, "Do we have to have audience participation?" The answer was, "No, but you have to have an open meeting."

The discussion continued suggesting that a taxpayer should be sponsored in order to be on the county meeting agenda. Nothing came of the discussion. However, having attended Lincoln County Commission meetings, there seems to be a reluctance to listen to public concerns.

The commissioners attitude seems to be "Full steam ahead, the public be damned!"

The discussions concerning the proposal to move the present Detention Center and Court Complex to a location in Ruidoso is of such magnitude that it should be put to a vote by ALL taxpayers in Lincoln County. That is representative government at its finest.

The proposed move is a financial disaster for all of Lincoln County not just a disaster for Carrizozo!

As far as having a "provincial" attitude, a little history will help here. The Carrizozo Health Center was developed in the 1970's when Carrizozo, Corona and outlying areas found themselves medically underserved. As a result, a group of volunteers sought help from the federal government and secured a grant to develop the present Health Center. Previous county commissioners were instrumental in furthering our endeavors resulting in the present lease with Presbyterian under the Lincoln County Medical Center.

Everyone needs to be reminded that Corona, Carrizozo, Capitan and all outlying areas helped Ruidoso with an airport and a hospital through taxes as well as continuing to avail themselves of services of the hospital and other facilities, both public and private. The Carrizozo Health Center serves clients from all over the county including clients from Ruidoso.

Before any decision is made, all the facts should be addressed in public meetings, not just in Ruidoso, but at the County Seat in Carrizozo. There are two locations proposed for the detention center at present and taxpayers should be aware of those proposals in financial detail.

In closing, we may be experiencing "taxation without representation".

BARBARA J. WARD  
Carrizozo, New Mexico

## Locks Changed At Carrizozo Police / Court Complex Bldg.

by Barbara Culler

At the March 24 Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees meeting a closed session was held for threatening or pending litigation, contractual negotiations and limited personnel matters lasting from 6:51 p.m. to 8:22 p.m. No action was taken.

After the closed session trustees handled the following business:

The trustees approved two classifications for the police department. One classification is police officers and the other classification is employees in training.

Trustees appointed Angelo Vega to fill the office of Carrizozo Chief of Police. Vega was sworn in by Municipal judge C. O. Rominger.

Mayor Manuel Hernandez was appointed to the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board and trustee Wesley Lindsay was re-appointed.

Cecilia Kuhnelt was re-appointed to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board.

Trustee Cynthia Morales was appointed to the South-eastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) Board of Directors.

Jerry Wright, general manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority

(LCSWA), asked the trustees to approve the joint powers agreement. He explained that Ruidoso wants to pull out of the collection phase and remain as a landfill partner. If it has any effect, Wright said, it should improve service as they will be able to concentrate the newer equipment to the needs in this area. Ruidoso will get back the transfer station and the old equipment LCSWA assumed on a lease purchase at the time LCSWA was formed. LCSWA pays Ruidoso \$90,000

per year on lease purchase money; LCSWA would no longer pay that. Ruidoso would no longer pay LCSWA any. Environmental Gross Receipt Taxes (EGRT), which run close to \$100,000 per year. Ruidoso Downs EGRT is increasing and should make up for the loss of Ruidoso's EGRTs. Wright said he thinks that LCSWA will be stronger with Ruidoso pulling out. Carrizozo will retain a one-twelfth interest in the

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## New Police Chief Commends Officers

New Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega commended his officers for their work during his first week and half as chief. Vega's appointment as chief of police was formally approved by the Carrizozo Town Council on March 24.

Vega told *THE NEWS* that he commended all police department employees, officers Willie Kerin and Milt Harrington and police clerk Dianne Chavez who "work very hard and are very professional." Vega especially commended patrol officer Kerin for his assistance at the fire at the Manriquez home on Aspen Street March 20.

"I commend officer Kerin for his help in assisting the family with getting food, with repairs of their house and in getting donations for the family," Vega told *THE NEWS*.

Vega also commended Carrizozo Fire Chief Lee Roy Zamora and his crew who responded to the fire.

The Southern Pacific Railroad crossing at E Avenue has long been a problem because the trains often block the crossing. Vega said he spoke with the railroad's main office in San Francisco about having trains not block the crossing.

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# Jail Committee To . . .

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meet until August 11. Notice of the meeting was advertised by the county manager's office. By then the committee had expanded to include District Judge Karen Parsons and county attorney Alan Morel.

At the August 12, regular county commission meeting Mitchell reported on the recommendations made by the committee. Mitchell said the county needs a new jail, or the courts will take control. The committee recommended the county contract with a private company to build a 100 bed facility for adult men and women on county property. The committee also recommended the county do something for juvenile offenders. Remodeling the existing jail was not an option to the committee because of the cost for construction and because they

would have to move prisoners to another location during construction.

In finding a location for a new jail, Mitchell told commissioners to consider the safety, welfare and taxpayers expense. The county will need at least 10 acres for a new jail.

Also attending the August 12 meeting was Tommy Warren, president of T. Warren Investments, a private construction company specializing in jails, prisons and other governmental facilities. Warren presented packages for a new jail which would include space to accommodate a magistrate judge who could conduct routine court. He also said that a jail needed to be at least 30 minutes from a trauma center.

The next jail committee meeting was advertised for

August 26, but a memo to the county commissioners advised them the committee had met August 25.

At the September regular Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, the county commission conducted a public hearing about the jail. Carrizozo citizens packed the room to hear then mayor Cecilia Kuhnel present a proposal offering the county land at the Carrizozo Industrial Park to construct a new jail. The park, she reasoned, had all the infrastructure needed for the jail and was close to the courthouse and was close to Carrizozo airport from which a prisoner could be airlifted to the only major trauma center in the state—in Albuquerque.

Then last fall, jail administrator Wayland Hill suffered a stroke. Problems immediately surfaced at the facility and one jailer was put on administrative leave charged with allegations of sexual offenses against female inmates, and another jailer was put on administrative leave for allegations of improper use of food stamps.

Lincoln County Commissioners sought temporary help from Corrections Systems Inc. (CSI) which contracted with the county for a short term 30-day management at a cost of \$17,500. County commissioners also approved hiring extra detention officers and a secretary for the private administrator.

The detention center committee held no meetings for several months.

At the February, 1998 Lincoln County Commission meeting, the county commissioners extended the interim jail management contract until April 14 because the short term contract with CSI was expiring. No mention was made during the public meeting about Hill, who was still on extended medical leave.

Schwettmann told *THE NEWS* on Wednesday that the August 12 meeting was the last time he had talked with private jail contractor Tommy Warren.

Schwettmann said in January the county received notices from Rampar Development Corporation offering to fly county commissioners to jails the company constructed in Grants and Gallup. Rampar representatives were at the February Lincoln County Commission meeting but made no presentation.

Schwettmann said he did not meet with that company or take the offer of visiting their jails.

Schwettmann said the ad hoc committee held an informal meeting in Alto about three weeks ago and committee members began discussing jail options. But he said that discussion was premature because the Lincoln County Commission had not made any commitment for a new jail.

On March 10, during the regular Lincoln County Commission meeting held in Ruidoso, Mitchell again presented his compelling case for building a new jail. Lincoln County Commissioners voted to pursue construction of a new jail and also requested the ad hoc committee to re-

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**A GREENHOUSE FOR THE SCHOOL.** Carrizozo VoAg students (from left) Jordan Dixon, Abel Avila, John Serna, Lane Dixon, Adrian Goad and Patrick Hightower give *THE NEWS* a tour of the school's new greenhouse. The greenhouse, purchased with a grant five years ago, was erected by community members, parents, school board members and students in late February with the help of VoAg teacher Tony Hamby. Hamby will supervise the greenhouse program that will include high school science and elementary classes.



## Carrizozo School Has New Drop Off Area

On April 21, Carrizozo Board of Education will approve the sale of \$300,000 in bonds.

The bonds are part of the \$450,000 bond issue approved by voters earlier this year. However, only \$300,000 can be sold at this time because that is the district's bond capacity, said Charles Casey, board advisor, to the Carrizozo Board of Education during its meeting March 10.

The board approved a resolution authorizing the sale of the \$300,000 in bonds and authorizing publication of notice of the sale. Casey said his company will provide information for bidders on the bonds. In response to a question on how well bonds are selling, Casey said interest rates are down and just recently the state sold \$23 million in bonds.

Among the projects to be financed with the bond money are cooling systems in the old and new gym, ventilation in the weight room and improvement of existing heating systems.

The April 21 meeting at which the bonds will be sold, begins at 7 p.m.

Also at the March meeting the board was updated on the Quality of Education award presented to the school at a special ceremony in Los Alamos on March 3 and 4. The Pinon Award was presented to the school based on

an application which showed the programs established at the school to improve the educational environment. School superintendent Paula Papponi thanked teacher Rick Cogdill and instructional assistant Polly Chavez for helping complete the winning application.

Julian Romero reported on the progress of the school's "Power Hour" where students have begun a school newsletter. He said the newsletter achieves several objectives: leadership because the students got together and thought up the newsletter

themselves; responsibility because they have to meet a deadline; Character Counts aspects of pride in school and community by having students reporting on school activities and doing feature articles about interesting people in the community; fun learning because the kids are having fun while learning computer skills they can use for future jobs.

Other students in the power hour program are learning study skills and how to "work smart" by managing their

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS

—Writers' Group 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

## FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS

—Craig Hipple of the District II Office of the State Engineer will be at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

## TUESDAYS

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

—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

## THURSDAYS

—Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.

—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

## FRIDAYS

—AL-ANON and Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion meetings 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center on Yard Road. 354-4032 for information.

## TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 26

—Friends of Smokey 12:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Cafe in Capitan.

—Ruidoso CIP Advisory Committee 1:30 p.m. Village Hall.

—Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company board meeting, 6:30 p.m. C-C Natural Gas Co. office in Capitan. Meeting deals with pending litigation discussion in executive session.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 29

—Lincoln County Ad Hoc Detention Center Committee meets at 8 a.m. at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 31

—Town Hall Meeting 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center. All governing bodies and school boards in Lincoln County and Mescalero invited to meet the public.

—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

## "Card of Thanks . . ."

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*Dan Salas family*

## RABIES CLINIC

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## Locks Changed At

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landfill. Wright says he sees no rate increases with Ruidoso pulling out.

Wright told the board that each of the member entities board has to approve Ruidoso pulling out and then the LCSWA board has to approve.

Trustees tabled giving approval to the joint powers agreement. The mayor stated there were still a couple of questions about it.

Awarding of engineers proposal for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project was done by the trustees. The CDBG guidelines are that the engineering services can not go over 7 percent of the total project. It can go to 7 1/2 percent of the project if gross receipt taxes have not been calculated in.

The town had negotiated with both Smith Engineering (first in ranking) and Dennis Engineering (second in ranking) and both proposals were over the 7 1/2 percent. Hernandez directed Schlarb to go into negotiations with Land Group from Las Cruces, which was third in ranking. Their proposal includes the gross receipt tax and is in the amount of \$23,975.00. This is within the CDBG guidelines and the trustees gave their unanimous approval to award Land Group with the contract.

Ron Becker asked the trustees to give permission for him to install a radio site at the Carrizozo Airport to provide him telephone service in White Oaks. The trustees have tabled this until the next meeting so that the town's liability can be checked and they can check with the FAA.

Louise Brooks and Lovelace updated the trustees on some of the Carrizozo Action Team projects: landscaping of the caboose area, street lighting on the main street, tennis

court improvements, and the Carrizozo Grant Center.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega gave his report to the trustees. Trustees approved the 1998-1999 Law Enforcement Protection Fund Application which will be submitted to Santa Fe by March 31.

On animal control in Carrizozo, Vega said it was a big problem in Carrizozo. Animals have been transported to the shelter in Ruidoso. Vega has communicated with the shelter and they are willing to work with him on an adoption program. He says some license tags have been sold and some people are trying to cooperate with the police.

Approval was given for police officer Milton Herrington to attend pre-assessment March 25 in Santa Fe.

Vega recommended parking the two police units donated from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office until the budget allows repairs. The estimates to make the vehicles operable as police vehicles are: \$1,000 for the 1991 Chevy Caprice and \$1,200 for the 1993 Chevy Caprice.

Municipal judge C. O. Rominger made his report to the trustees. He said the audit of the municipal court is finished and the auditor said the books were in pretty bad shape. She couldn't say anything was wrong or that anything was really right but no major errors were found.

There were some missing keys so all the locks have been changed on the police-court complex building. The police and the court shared the cost.

Rominger said that he will be restarting a community service program. Those doing community service will be wearing yellow helmets and orange vests when they are

working. Rominger said he was certified as a judge last week in Albuquerque.

Gary Stout, for the Carrizozo Recreation Center, asked to be on the agenda at the end of the month to give an update report to the trustees on the recreation center. He also told the trustees that the bowling lanes need to be resurfaced before the leagues start again.

Stout also told the trustees that the Carrizozo Woman's Club will be holding a book drive for the Children's Library, which is at the recreation center. The walls have been painted and designs painted on them in the children's library area. The book drive is to get used or new books for the users of the library.

Purchasing a cell phone for Hernandez has been tabled until the next meeting. The trustees want to get more information. Lovelace said that she thought the increase in salary for the mayor was to cover items like this.

Trustees approved the \$350 membership fee request by Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development (SNMEDD).

Approval was given for

Schlarb to attend the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers spring meeting in Santa Fe April 22-24.

The cost of monthly service of a dedicated telephone line for the Grant Center at the recreation center, was tabled until further information on the cost can be received.

The mayor read a letter from Lincoln County Manager Frank Potter asking for any budget requests to be submitted to the county by March 30. The trustees approved putting forth a request for \$2,500 for the swimming pool.

During the mayor and trustee reports, trustee Willie Silva said there was a need for a new flag at the Fred Chavez Park. Mrs. Arsenia Zamora had come to him and told him that the flag on the pole that holds the plaque in memory of her son, Carlos Zamora, has less than a quarter of the flag remaining. Silva stated that Carlos Zamora was the only person from Carrizozo to die during the Viet Nam war. The trustees will find a new flag for the pole.

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## Carrizozo Schools

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time better. Romero said some students often get stuck on one problem in a homework assignment, then get discouraged and never finish their work. He is trying to help them realize they can go on to problems they can solve, work those out, then return to the hardest problem. By doing this they achieve a self confidence that they can do their homework.

School principal Robert Chavez reported on the two proposed calendars for the 1998-99 school year. The first calendar proposes to begin school for students on August 14 with a half day, and end school on May 21 in 1999. The second proposed calendar begins school on August 13 for students, and ends May 24, 1999.

Chavez also reported on the new system that requires parents to drop their children off at the west side of the school buildings. The playground was fenced to create a southbound one-way alley. Parents must enter the alley from the north side of the playground and drop their children off at the west side of the elementary. Children are not allowed to exit the west side door of the elementary building. Chavez said so far the system was working well.

The board approved the To and From Bus Drivers' Route Map and roster of students eligible to ride the buses. Funding for student transportation is based on the mileage on the maps. The district recently underwent a review of its transportation system which resulted in the changed drop off area. Because of the audit, the district has blocked auto traffic from the street on campus during the times when students arrive and leave from school.

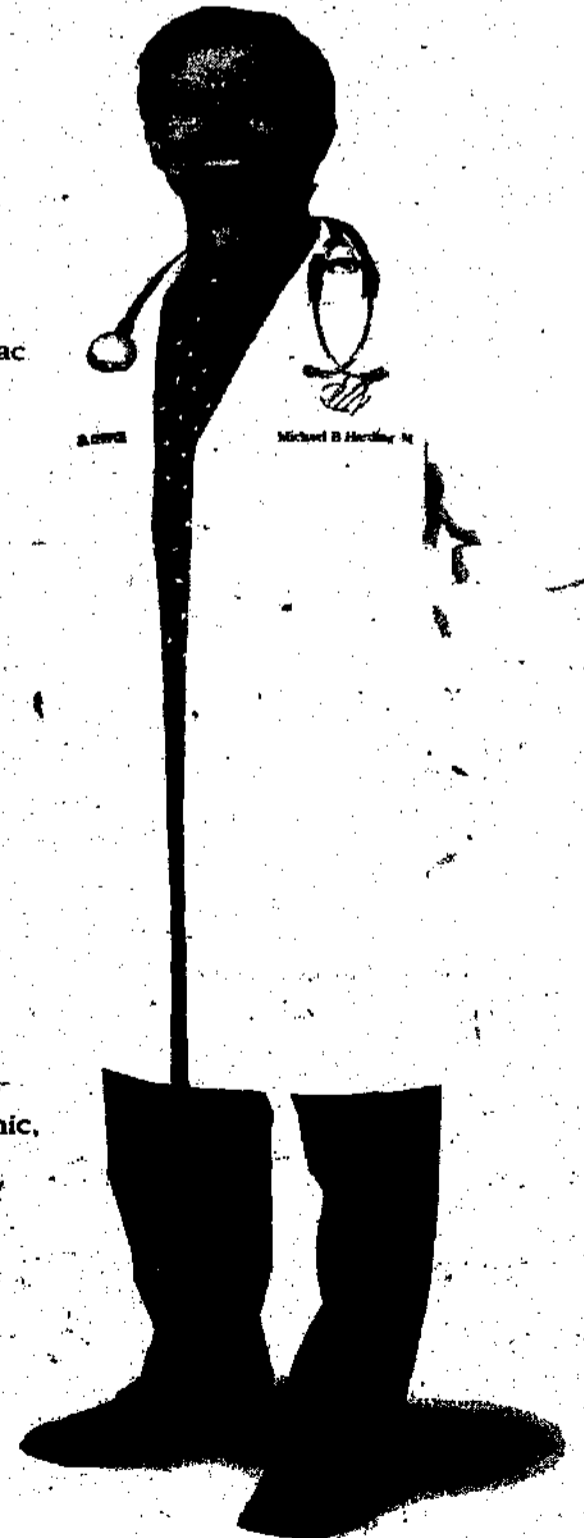
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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Questions about jail**

By Ruth Hammond

There are many unanswered questions surrounding the Lincoln County Detention Center situation. The ad hoc county detention committee recommended Lincoln County build a new jail in a location that best meets the needs of all of the county, probably in the Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs-Capitan area. The committee said the new jail should include a court complex and the public would use the facility more. The committee also said, "Over the last few months the committee looked at several options for the jail.... We must build a new detention center now." These statements were made during the March 10 Lincoln County Commission meeting that was held in Ruidoso, and the recommendation sounded urgent. Apparently the Lincoln County Commission agreed because they committed to building a new jail during that March 10 meeting.

It is interesting that the Lincoln County Commission believed the committee but chose not to believe there was any urgency when jail administrator Wayland Hill told county commissioners early in 1997 that the jail was overcrowded and he needed extra officers and a secretary to properly staff the facility. A few months later when Hill suffered a stroke the county commission agreed to pay \$17,500 for short term contracted services for management of the facility in addition to hiring extra detention officers and a secretary.

It is interesting that the ad hoc county detention committee was appointed May 29, 1997 and directed to make recommendations to the county commission within 60 to 90 days. The committee met for the first time 74 days later, on August 11, 1997. That meeting was advertised. The next day, on August 12, 1997 the committee's recommendation during the Lincoln County Commission meeting was to build a new jail. The committee said that remodeling the existing jail was not an option because the prisoners would have to be moved to another location during construction. Even though the committee had not yet made their recommendation to the county, a private construction company representative was at the county commission meeting August 12, 1997 and he presented packages for a new jail which would include space for a magistrate judge.

The next advertised meeting for the ad hoc county detention committee was for August 26, but the county commission received a memo advising the committee had met August 25, a day earlier. The committee didn't meet again for more than seven months, even though the committee reported to the county commission on March 10. "Over the last few months the committee looked at several options for the jail...." Lincoln County Commissioner William Schwetmann told The NEWS the ad hoc detention committee held an informal meeting in Alto about three weeks ago and committee members began discussing jail options. Not meeting for more than seven months makes us wonder how the committee can justify the statement, "Over the last few months the committee looked at...."

We also wonder why the committee believes the public would use a new jail facility more with a court complex. Does this mean the committee believes the public is not using the Lincoln County Courthouse which includes District Court and Magistrate Court? Or does the committee believe more of the public will be in the jail? We wonder why a private contractor's suggestion about a court being included in new jail construction was also recommended.

The ad hoc detention committee will meet at 8 a.m. Sunday in the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center. If you have questions you would like to ask, be there. The sermon might be more than interesting.

Build a new jail where?

**JR Doodles**



**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE:** El Nino storms have my wife grumbling that she feels like she's living in Seattle. All this precipitation may give some of us an identity crisis, so as a public service, here are some ways to be sure you're still a New Mexican.

Since we are a varied bunch you won't score on all of them but if you see yourself often enough, you'll know you still belong. Some of these are originals but many are borrowed from various places. As you will remember from your first term paper, if you steal from more than one source, it's called research, although I'm sure you don't want to see footnotes at the bottom of this column.

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- \* You think four-wheel drive makes a difference on an inch of ice.
- \* You think a snow flurry is reason enough to close school.
- \* Your Christmas decorations include a yard of sand and 100 shopping bags.
- \* You argue with your Santa Fe kin about whether the little bags are luminarias or farolitos.
- \* You are one of Santa's elves who decorate trees along the highway at Christmas.
- \* You buy salsa by the quart.
- \* Your favorite restaurant has a chile list instead of a wine list.
- \* You don't worry about the chile being too hot.
- \* You have a fire extinguisher in your bathroom.
- \* You think that dirt and houses should be the same color.
- \* You think six tons of crushed rock make a beautiful yard.
- \* You don't complain about the spring wind, you brag about it.
- \* You can hook up a swamp cooler in less than a day.
- \* You hated Texans until the Californians moved in.
- \* You're accustomed to being mistaken for a foreigner by out-of-staters.
- \* You take all available lanes to make a left turn.
- \* You had to slow down 15 mph when they raised the speed limits and threatened to enforce them.

- \* The bumper sticker on your pickup says, "I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian."
- \* The bumper sticker on your VW bus says, "Visualize World Peace" or "... Whirled Peas" or "... Using Turn Signals."
- \* Your car can't clear a speed bump.
- \* You wave at everyone you see, except when you're driving in Albuquerque where you don't even make eye contact with other drivers

- because you can't tell how much firepower they're packing.
- \* There is a piece of a UFO displayed in your house.
- \* You can hear the Taos hui.
- \* You wear more than three pieces of turquoise jewelry at a time.
- \* You thought the old \$1 admission to the State Fair was an entitlement program.
- \* You are a lawyer.
- \* You don't know any of the four state songs.

**Capitan Trustees May Have Violated Open Meetings Act**

Capitan village trustees may have violated the Open Meetings Act when they attended a meeting at the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Company office on March 12.

According to Capitan Mayor Norman Renfro, the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) Company board attended a court ordered settlement conference with Zia Natural Gas Company before a federal magistrate judge in Albuquerque on March 9. Renfro said he and trustee Leroy Montes, who is chairman of the CCNG board, were present at the settlement hearing, as well as David Hamilton, owner of Zia Natural Gas Company. Renfro said the judge ordered CCNG and Hamilton to meet and come up with a solution to their differences on the law suit between the two companies before March 31. The suit involves service territories and the 1992 sale of CCNG's natural gas transmission line to Zia Natural Gas.

Renfro told THE NEWS that he received a call from Montes who advised that Hamilton wanted to meet with chairman Montes, Renfro and new Carrizozo mayor Manuel Hernandez to continue informal settlement discussions. Also Hamilton asked that new trustee Debra Ingle also attend the meeting. On March 12 the three Capitan officials met with Hamilton at the CCNG office in Capitan.

"We didn't make any decisions," Renfro said. "But Hamilton did give us two or three options."

"We didn't give it any thought that three of us being there was a violation of the Open Meetings Act," Renfro said.

"I got a call the next morning about the possible viola-

tion," Renfro continued. "I called Bob Beauvais (village attorney) and he called the district attorney and wrote a letter about the situation."

THE NEWS contacted District Attorney Scot Key at his office in Alamogordo. Key said he is investigating the situation and has not made any decisions yet. Violations of the Open Meetings Act are a misdemeanor, Key said. "If we find that the violation was unintentional, we will most likely issue letters to warn Capitan (officials) to take care in how they are doing their business, even when they are meeting in the gas board capacity," Key added.

In the letter Beauvais sent to Key, dated March 17, Beauvais wrote that Renfro attempted to contact him on March 13 about the situation, however, Beauvais was in trial in Alamogordo. On Saturday March 14, Beauvais received a message and contacted Renfro who said that a former Capitan trustee had questioned the propriety of the meeting and Renfro needed a legal opinion on whether the meeting was in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Beauvais wrote that he advised Renfro that his presence along with trustee Ingle and chairman/trustee Montes

constituted a quorum of the Capitan Board of Trustees and raised the issue of violation of the Act. There was no quorum of either the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board or Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees present at the meeting.

Beauvais wrote further that he reviewed the requirements and the limitations of the Open Meetings Act. "It was my conclusion the discussions were in the nature of pending litigation, an exception to the Open Meetings requirements," Beauvais wrote. "However, the lack of public notice and the procedural requirements to convene in executive session were not present, thus raising a violation issue."

In the letter Beauvais assured the district attorney that no decisions were made and no action was taken as a result of the meeting. He wrote that the village board and gas utility board intend to meet within the next 10 days, with appropriate notice, to discuss the pending litigation prior to the settlement conference set for March 31.

CCNG has scheduled a meeting for today, Thursday, March 26 at the CCNG office in Capitan. The meeting will be closed to the public so the board can discuss pending litigation. Notice of the meeting was posted in public places within the village.

**Snow Damage Insurance Money To Be Used For Barn Restrooms**

The Christmas snow storm did more than strand cattle and people and make a total mess of Lincoln County roads. Heavy snow collapsed a part of the Glencoe Rural Events Center (GREC).

At the March regular Lincoln County Commission meeting, commissioners debated how to use the insurance claim of \$23,000 received for the damage to the former horse sales barn. "It's a situation where \$50,000 (budgeted by the county) will not address the restrooms," said county commissioner Monroy Montes who lives in the Hondo valley near the Glencoe Rural Events Center. "We will not spend \$23,000 repairing the building. I'd like to see us budget the (remaining) money for plans for the best bathrooms."

"Why don't we give the money back," questioned commissioner Bill Schwetmann. "If it takes less to fix it."

Montes responded that it was okay to keep all the insurance claim for the damage, if "it's not underhanded." Montes said that the damage to the building is where the restrooms are located.

Inadequate restrooms facilities at the GREC do not meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The county commission set aside \$50,000 to improve the restrooms. Proposals were solicited and packages sent to 15 vendors, and the county hoped to get a good bid. When the costs came in, they were all higher than everyone thought, with an average of \$49,500 without architect

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**LETTERS to the editor**

**EDITOR:** My name is Cinda Vinson. I am the daughter of Duane and Rose Vinson of Carrizozo, New Mexico. I am writing this letter in regards to the Carrizozo Town Council meeting in which a crime against human decency and respect for a fellow human being was committed. I am sure everyone is aware by now that Duane Vinson is no longer chief of police in Carrizozo. However, that is not the issue. The issue is that a bad thing happened to a good man on that night.

You see, my dad, Duane Vinson, woke up that Tuesday morning as the Chief of Police. When he left that meeting Tuesday night, his whole world had changed without warning or notice. What certain members of the council did to my dad that night was a planned, premeditated thing. What happened that night was that a good, proud, decent member of the community was publicly embarrassed in front of a room full of people.

If any member of the Town Council had a problem with the job my dad was doing as chief of police or any personal issue with him, they owed it to him to look him in the eye and say what was on their mind. Instead, my dad is no longer Chief of Police because of hearsay, a rumor, gossip, call it what you want.

The council apparently had it "from a good source" that my dad had campaigned for Manuel Hernandez for Mayor of Carrizozo. One person's word was taken as gospel. My dad was not given a chance to answer this charge, in fact, he did not even know that this was the council's belief until he tried to find out why he had not been reappointed as chief later that night.

I ask you, does a man who has served this community as a jailer, animal control officer, deputy, police officer, and chief of police for several years deserve to be dismissed because of one person's word?

Does a man who has a handicapped son who he is financially and emotionally supporting for the rest of his life, who has just bought a house so he could bring the same son home from the hospital, who is helping his daughter through nursing school, does this man not deserve some kind of warning, some kind of notice that he is not going to have a job any longer? Not to mention the deliberately planned humiliation he was subjected to.

For the record Duane Vinson did not campaign for Manuel Hernandez. But if that is the issue which caused the Town Council not to reappoint him, that certain members of the council did not want Manuel Hernandez to be mayor, then I believe there is another issue that needs to be addressed.

I think the Town Council needs to be reminded who it represents. The Town Council's job is not to sit around and gossip about various citizens of Carrizozo. So, certain

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members of the council do not personally like Manuel Hernandez. So what? The people of Carrizozo have elected Manuel Hernandez as their mayor. The people of Carrizozo have spoken. The council's job is to work together with the mayor, not against him, on the issues the citizens of Carrizozo have elected him to address.

So, certain members of the council do not personally like Duane Vinson. You do not have to personally like someone to have a working relationship with them. Whatever anyone feels about my father, no one can say that he did not do an excellent job as Chief of Police of Carrizozo. No one can say that my dad did not carry out his duties fairly, without prejudice based on race, sex, religious preference, or relationship to himself. He even gave his own son-in-law a ticket. Will your new chief be as unwaveringly fair?

The least Duane Vinson deserves is an apology from the council for the way this was handled. That is the only decent thing that can be done. A fellow human being was treated unfairly, and yes, even cruelly for no reason whatsoever.

To the individuals on the council who are responsible for this, you can rest assured that if I should happen to run into you in the post office, in the store, or around town, I will speak to you in passing with respect and treat you with the decency that a fellow human being deserves. That's something that my dad taught me. If you need a lesson, let me know.

CINDA MARIE VINSON  
Carrizozo, New Mexico

**EDITOR:** The recent County Commission meeting on the land use resolution certainly let attendees show their true colors and knowledge of the issues affecting Lincoln County.

Public Land Use Advisory Council member Bob Hollis apparently has not done the research needed to make a rational decision or even an intelligent statement on the problems that affect Lincoln County, and indeed other rural counties across the West.

Mr. Hollis stated he disagreed with a position against the Federal Government owning water rights. He said, "You look at the Federal government as a separate entity, but it represents our interest too." Wonderful Mr. Hollis! You should put the decision concerning our water in the hands of East Coast eco-bureaucrats, who have no knowledge of our lifestyle and land, in the hands of people who are invariably self serving. You would empower them to decide our economic future? You are for Federal control of our very lifeblood?

Mr. Hollis also took exception to a statement in the resolution that National Forests and public lands are being run by special-interest environmental attorneys and courts. Mr. Hollis is aware, very aware, that our ranchers have been under assault because of lawsuits filed by the Santa Fe Based Forest Guardians and The Southwestern Center for Biological Diversity. If he had bothered to read the lawsuits, did his homework, he would have known that if the lawsuits had succeeded, not only ranchers would have lost the use of public lands, but that all water sheds, possibly including Bonito Lake would have been put off limits to the public. Because of the severe slopes and numerous riparian areas at Ski Apache, it too could have been shut down. In short, our entire economy would be blasted.

Mr. Hollis also said he believed livestock, not wild animals present the real competition for food sources on public land. Sir does that mean you are in favor of removing livestock from grazing areas? Would it not bother you to destroy an essential part of our economy? You would put area ranchers out of work and deny the rich ranching heritage of Lincoln County? For shame sir!

Come now, Mr. Hollis, if you are going to represent the people of Lincoln County as a member of Public Land Use Advisory Council, please do so. Decisions of such a great magnitude should be carefully researched; not based on knee-jerk emotion. If you are not going to represent your constituents, then please gracefully step down sir. You should surrender your seat to someone who acts in the interest of the citizens, not adversely.

That's off to our strong-willed county commission for rational thinking and forceful action in protecting the property rights of our citizens.

J. ZANE WALLEY  
Lincoln, New Mexico

## Snow Damage Insurance

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expenses.

"Why do we need an architect?" asked county planning officer Patsy Sanchez. "Do we have to use an architect for the bathrooms?"

County commissioner Wilton Howell said if the project had been funded with a grant the county would be required to have an architect. But the project was to be financed with taxpayers' money from the county's infrastructure improvements fund. "Maybe we can hold off (on the project) until the next fiscal year," Howell suggested.

But Montes was concerned about the Cowboy Symposium, the GREC's major func-

tion held in October.

Schwettmann said when you hire an architect you don't hire a "heating and cooling man. The architect is the dreamer, and hidden costs are for the civil engineer who conducts tests and so on. We probably could do without an architect."

Acting chairman Rex Wilson ended the discussion by instructing the county manager to proceed with "common sense" on putting out bids to repair the roof of the GREC.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

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

Oh what a beautiful morning. It is getting late for me to just be beginning this epistle to you loyal and special people, especially to you people that have taken the time to write or call and tell me that you truly do appreciate my efforts in the writing field. I never thought

myself to be a writer, never, ever! Writing themes in school and college were a pain in the neck to me and much as I hate to admit, I never received any particular praises. So to think that at my advanced age I have been writing this column for over five years and also have written a book, still unpublished, is almost beyond my comprehension and in all probability way beyond the

comprehension of my readers.

But first and foremost let me thank all of you that have taken the time to express nice, warm and comforting thoughts in my regard. If you do not have these kind of nice thoughts, just keep them to yourself!

Because this is a beautiful morning in every sense of the word. I went outside just for a moment, I thought, but overstayed my welcome, shall we say. For about an hour I forgot all the terrible, horrible and gosh-awful things that I viewed and listened to on the "Telly." And then I looked up at the sky, such a beautiful and gorgeous blue interspersed with soft downy clouds, the birds were having a field day and I walked all around my old house by the side of the road and I looked up at the sky and said, "Thank You Heavenly Father and thank You especially for bringing me to Capitan, New Mexico.

Also thank You very much for introducing me to Emmeline and Dick Beck, the folks responsible for me living in this old house by the side of the road. And that's not all folks. Dick and Emmeline have been the most wonderful neighbors as well as friends. They don't bother, they never intrude, they do not tell me what I should or should not do with this and that, and they leave me completely alone, except if I need assistance in any way or for any thing. All I have to do is dial their number, like the time a garter snake crawled into my old casa, but that is another story. Last week you had to suffer through my mice saga so will not impose the snake story on you.

And so on with the news. Bart will be calling me momentarily and telling me to get on with the typing. Whoops, there goes the phone and I bet it is Bart calling now. Time out. I was right and he did not take any time for my useless chit chat. He just said to get with it, he would be by at a bit after 11 to pick up my news. I hope what I have submitted to already yet will suffice as welcome news.

My special friend of many years standing surprised me at the post office last week. Inez Marre, with a welcome hug, informed me she had just left the following information stuck in my door. She still has a key to my house but did not have it with her. So here is Inez:

Seven members of the Corriente CowBelles attended the District V workshop in Corona Wednesday, March 18. The workshop is put on by the New Mexico CowBelle officers. The CowBelles are a women's organization that promotes and supports the beef industry through promotion and education. Those attending were Reba Barber, Rosalie Dunlap, Janice Herd, Willie Hobbs, Dorothy Lacy, Sue Manness and Inez Marre.

Last week was National Ag Week and National Ag Day. The Corriente CowBelles sponsored a drawing at Farmers Country Market giving away five \$20 beef gift certificates and winners were: Robert Barnwell, Bessie Jones, Thunder Connor, Kay Tracey and Willie Muller.

The CowBelles meet every second Wednesday. The next meeting will be at the Ellis Store in Lincoln at 11 a.m. For more information on membership contact Reba Barber at 354-2589 or Inez

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## Capitan Council Accepts Appointments

by Doris Cherry

A small audience gathered at the special Capitan Village trustees reorganization meeting Monday reacted to the board's approval of various appointees with applause.

The group was pleased with the mayor's appointments, considering the rumors that had been flying around the village that a major change was in the works for some of the staff in village hall. So concerned were some residents that a petition was circulated and signed asking the mayor to retain clerk Deborah Cummins.

It took the mayor and board just a bit more than five minutes to accept the appointments. Unanimously accepted was the appointment of trustee Leroy Montes as mayor pro tem, Deborah Cummins as clerk-treasurer, Carrol Durbin as chief of police. Village attorney Robert Beauvais will be considered in June when his contract comes up for its first annual renewal. Last year trustees approved a five year contract with Beauvais that must be renewed annually.

Village employees reappointed were village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox and assistant David Cox, motor vehicles and water billing clerk Netta Nolen and assistant Kathryn Griffin, police officers Hugh Bob Huddleston and Steve Osborn and Smokey Bear Museum workers Lena White and Gloria Aldaz.

Appointments to several boards also were approved. Mayor Norman Renfro will represent the village on the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD); new trustee

Debra Ingle will serve on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA); Ingle and new trustee Benny Coker will continue to serve on the Eagle Creek water board and Renfro will also join them on that board.

On the Cemetery Board, reappointed members are Frances Shaw, Van Shamblin, Lois Aldrich, Wayne Mason and Maxine Schrup; on the Planning Commission are Greg Hausler, Bobbi Shearer, Walt Jones and Joel Crossno, leaving one vacancy that the mayor will fill at a later date. Van Shamblin will continue to represent the village on the RC&D board, Bernie Reimann will continue as the village environmental advisor.

Renfro appointed Cliff Macias as alternate judge. Renfro also will join Leroy Montes and John Whitaker on the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Board.

Renfro did not reappoint the Water Advisory Board of Da-

vid Cummins, Terry Cox, Benny Coker, Debra Ingle and Leroy Montes. Instead he said that board would be dormant for the time being.

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## More Jail Committee . . .

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view an rfp for the interim management of the existing jail. At the request of a citizen, Lincoln County Commissioners also appointed Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan to the ad hoc jail committee.

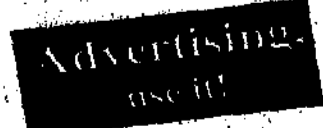
Lincoln County Manager Frank Potter told THE NEWS that Morel had just finished the draft rfp on Wednesday and it would be available for viewing by Thursday. Potter also told THE NEWS that he plans to meet with Hill about his situation some time next week. Hill remains on extended medical leave, which is not addressed in the county's new and expensive personnel policy.

As for setting the time and date for the ad hoc detention center committee meeting, Potter said the first suggested meeting was on a Wednesday, but members were unable to attend on that day. After polling all members, the meeting was finally set on Sunday morning.

The ad hoc detention center committee meeting is open to the public.



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Vallejos asked if any of the council members would be attending the ad hoc detention center committee meeting at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 29 at Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. The trustees said that just before the town council meeting was the first time they had heard of the ad hoc jail meeting. Trustee Eileen Lovelace and Hernandez said they both plan to attend. Vallejos said that Carrizozo needs to get a bus load of people and show up at the meeting. Vallejos also said that Carrizozo's proposal should be submitted to the ad hoc detention center committee before or by the Sunday meeting. Vallejos said we just can't sit back and let this happen.

The trustees decided to include in the proposal: the county's pick of the land at the Industrial Park, willing to accommodate as they need to expand, the courthouse and dispatch offices are here already and don't need to be a part of the jail - they would just have to build the jail and not duplicate what is already built, offer another section for mobiles for workers to live in, extension of utilities to site they choose, plenty of water, possibility of water donated for a period of time, tax advantages, and include Industrial Park brochures.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega told the trustees that he had spoken to District Judge Karen Parsons who is a member of the ad hoc detention center committee. Accord-

ing to Vega, Parsons told him that she would be happy to build the facility in Carrizozo and that she suggested to the committee to make her a small courtroom for arraignments at the center. He said she asked if the Carrizozo police department would be willing to help transport prisoners from the new facility to the courtroom. Vega said they would be willing to help. He said she wants to cooperate with Carrizozo and keep the facility here.

Carrizozo resident Barbara Ward told trustees she has been letting people know about the ad hoc detention center committee meeting and she feels it is absolutely essential that people car pool and go to that meeting. She also made available a list to all those attending the meeting of the addresses of both the committee members and Lincoln County Commissioners and she urged people to write and let them gently know their feelings on the detention center.

Louise Brooks said to be sure and explain that having the detention center in Carrizozo would save the county money not just the town of Carrizozo - that everybody would save money in the long run as the facilities are already here. There is not money for a lot of things now in the county so they should do things economical and use what they have.

Charlie White asked if the Industrial Park was zoned strictly commercial or is there

room for anything residential. According to Schlarb as far as she knows it is commercial. Town attorney Stevens said generally any less intensive use is permissible in a specifically zoned area you just can not get any more intensive.

Carrizozo resident Ann Buffington West said that everybody should get involved and do what they can by writing letters to the editor, by lobbying the county commissioners, talking to friends in the county how important this is not only to Carrizozo but to the county as well.

Hernandez told the audience that he and his wife have started a petition that is being taken around the county. He asked that if you have signed one, please don't sign again.

Carrizozo resident Joseph Felm told the trustees that if the commissioners decided to remove the detention center from Carrizozo that the citizens could circulate a referendum petition to call for a public vote on the issue. He said he wanted them to know that even if the decision is to move the center that the battle was not lost. Stevens said that as he understands a referendum addresses an act that has already been taken.

Detention Center Administrator Wayland Hill, a Carrizozo resident, said that when the matter of a new jail came up, Hill took a contractor to look at the Industrial Park. Hill said the contractor was shown the infrastructure and he was more than pleased. He (the contractor) was interested in the big circle in the middle, Hill said, and Hill showed him the sewer down the middle of the road, the power in, phone company in, the gas company in. The contractor said the most important thing in building a large structure like that is the infrastructure, it can cost more than the building itself.

Hill is a member of the ad hoc detention center committee; however, since his stroke he has not attended any of the meetings. Lovelace asked Hill if the committee was keeping him advised as to what they are doing. Hill said they have not keep him advised of what they are doing.

Patsy Sanchez told the trustees that at one time it was mentioned it was required that a jail be close to a trauma center. In New Mexico there is only one trauma center and that it is in Albuquerque. Sanchez said it should be mentioned Carrizozo has a very good health center the county built for emergencies and two minutes away (from

the Industrial Park). The trustees passed a motion for Schlarb to draft the proposal letter, including the items discussed at the meeting, show it to the town attorney, and the mayor for approval. This proposal letter will go to the ad hoc detention center committee before the Sunday meeting and will also go to the Lincoln County Commissioners before their next meeting.

If you wish to express your opinion to the ad hoc detention center committee or the Lincoln County Commissioners on the new detention center:

Ad Hoc Committee:  
 District Attorney Scot Key,  
 1000 New York Ave. Room 301,  
 Alamogordo, NM 88310.  
 Phone: 437-3840

Wayland Hill, P.O. Box 104,  
 Carrizozo, NM 88301. Phone:  
 648-2375

Lincoln County Commissioner William Schwettmann,  
 P.O. Box 83, Alto, NM 88312

Gary C. Mitchell, 443  
 Mechem, Ruidoso, NM 88345.  
 Phone: 257-3070

Lincoln County Manager Frank Potter, P.O. Box 713,  
 Carrizozo, NM 88301

District Judge, Division III Karen Parsons, P.O. Box 427,  
 Carrizozo, NM 88301. Phone  
 648-2920.

Lincoln County Attorney Alan P. Morel, P.O. Box 1030,  
 Ruidoso, NM 88355.  
 Phone: 257-2202.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, P.O. Box 278,  
 Carrizozo, NM 88301

Lincoln County Commissioners:  
 William Schwettmann (See Ad Hoc Committee)

L. Ray Nunley, P.O. Box 459,  
 Ruidoso, NM 88355  
 (Commission Chairman)

Rex Wilson, Star Route 3,  
 Box 53, Carrizozo, NM 88301

Wilton Howell, P.O. Box 2379,  
 Ruidoso, NM 88355

Monroy Montes, General Delivery, Glencoe, NM 88324

**Capitan Notes**

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Marrs at 653-4504.

And the following worthy news was also stuck in my front door:

Dear Maureen, Harold and I recently visited David Pooley, formerly of Capitan and owner of the Blue Door Gallery, and his bride Charlotte at their home in Westminster, California. David sends his regards to everyone. Charlotte did also and added, "even though they don't know me." Such a beautiful couple and so happy.

If all goes well we are planning to go visit Jim and Judy Newman at their winter home in Electra, Texas around April 1. I've just heard from Judy that they won't be coming here for the summer. Capitan's loss. I just don't know what we'll do without all their helpfulness and smiling faces. If anyone has anything that they would like to send them, we would be more than happy to take it. Just call us at 354-4270 or 354-4321. I'm planning to make rounds to the Senior Center, library, post office, grocery store with a camcorder, so be forewarned. You're going to be on candid camera. Ha. Ha. So be thinking what you would like to tell them, how you are, the latest jokes, news, whatever. Let's all have a good time doing this.

Also worth mentioning, Ruidoso Big Brothers and Big Sisters are accepting donations for their fund raiser. A very worthy cause, hope that lots of folks will do their spring cleaning and take them a lot of stuff.

And Phyllis, thank you and Harold. We will always have room for anything that you will give me.

And now here's the library news:

Nancy Barone has joined the volunteer staff at the library. She works on Wednesdays and says she is enjoying learning a whole new thing. Nancy and her husband live in Lincoln and have been long time residents in the area. She will be glad to help you when you stop in to

borrow materials or just to chat.

Also Klay Jones is a high school student working Thursday evening with Pat Williams. They are setting up a database of the reference materials the library has on hand. Klay is hoping to attend the Air Force Academy after graduation from Capitan High School.

There will be a library membership drive in April.

Any and all donations to the library local history collections would be greatly appreciated.

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And nary a mouse has crossed my path since last week's writing. Am sure you are all happy to hear that bit of news or nonsense, shall we call it. Whatever, adios and sayonara and God Bless all that read my news and trivia and even those that don't.

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**LEGAL**  
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Well No.	Subdivision	Section	Township	Range
H-1122-S	NW 1/4 SE 1/4	21	10S	14E
H-1122-S-2	NE 1/4 SW 1/4	21	10S	14E
H-1122-S-3	NE 1/4 SE 1/4	19	10S	14E

for the continued diversion of up to 71.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for subdivision purposes in Rancho Ruidoso Subdivision. The proposed well will be located near Little Creek in Rancho Ruidoso Subdivision in Lincoln County.

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

cc: Santa Fe  
 C/RRR No.: 2 263 893 276

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK TITSWORTH, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

ELLIS G. VICKERS has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANK TITSWORTH, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of Bozarth & Vickers, P.O. Box 820, Roswell, New Mexico or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

DATED this 24th day of October, 1997.

ELLIS G. VICKERS  
 Personal Representative

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By: JAMES H. BOZARTH  
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Attorneys for: ELLIS G. VICKERS,  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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MARTHA GUEVARA  
 Assistant County Manager

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**MEETING NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Ad Hoc Detention Center Committee will hold a meeting on Sunday, March 29, 1998, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Zia Senior Citizens Center, 393 Highway 70 West, Ruidoso Downs. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to many any necessary arrangements.

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 Assistant County Manager

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**NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID**

NOTICE is hereby given that competitively sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88201, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 1998, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 97-98-015:  
 RE-SURFACING OF COUNTY ROAD D-003 AND AGUA FRIA SUBDIVISION

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination dur-

ing their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 14, 1998.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

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.

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The governing bodies of Lincoln County, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Villages of Capitán, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs and the school Boards of the Capitán, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso, Hondo and Mescalero school districts will meet in special session March 31, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center at 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The meeting will be convened at the request of the Ruidoso News and as this year's Community Update town hall meeting. The action statement for the session is: To bring

together as many governmental agencies as possible to work for the betterment of the residents of Lincoln County in a coordinated effort. A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the offices of each of the governing bodies at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals with a disability who need a reader, amplifier or a qualified sign language interpreter during the meeting should contact the Village of Ruidoso Clerk at 505-259-4014 as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

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**CORONA NEWS**

The buzzards have returned and exactly on time with the advent of spring. A pair was seen northeast and a second pair southwest a little after noon on Friday, Mar. 20.

Mark your calendar for April 25. It is dinner theater time again. Nancy Adams is directing a cast of 22 for a production of Hollywood Hillbillies. Actors are from the student body, school staff, and townspeople. Volunteers will begin serving a roast beef dinner at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25 in the Corona school auditorium. Proceeds this year go to support the yearbook and other school activities. Do make your reservations early with Mrs. Sultameier in the school office.

Royce and Joanne Washburn left Tuesday, the 17th to accompany their son, Justin, to Pocatello, Idaho for the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo. Justin represented the Turquoise Circuit in the Saddle Bronc riding. Justin's wife, Maria met them at Pocatello. The finals lasted until Saturday the 21st.

Justin placed 2nd at the finals, and 2nd for the year in the Dodge National Circuit.

Mrs. Roxanne Erramouse, English teacher at Corona High School sponsored a group of students and staff on Sunday, Mar. 22, at 2:00 p.m. to the Albuquerque Little Theater to see "To Kill A Mockingbird". Attending were Fred

and Edie Porter, Irma and Marilee Bryan, Cesar Arrellana, Connie and Dustin Gay, Thomazine and Maryah Romans and Sabra Davidson. All reported fabulous performance.

Mrs. Juanita Sultameier is up from Roswell for the week helping with the shearing at the ranch.

Cody and Shannon Lightfoot are now living at the ranch, and working as aides at the Corona Public Schools. We welcome them back to the community.

Crown CowBelles will meet in the school rec room at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Apr. 2. The business meeting will be followed by a covered dish luncheon and after that the program. Note that there has been a change in this. Sue Hughes of Estancia will give a presentation of "Weekend Clothes". Everyone is cordially invited to attend all or any of the day's activities.

Mrs. Dean Bradley, Alamogordo, spent several days last week with the Mulkeys.

Mrs. L.K. Merritt scared all her friends Saturday when she suffered chest and neck pain. She was taken by ambulance to Cedarvale from where a helicopter took her to an Albuquerque hospital. She returned home Sunday. Neuman Merritt of Fort Sumner is expected to take his mother back to Albuquerque on Thursday for more tests and to check her pacemaker.

Mrs. Ken Fuller and Mrs. A.J. Gibbs were in Albuquerque Friday evening to see a play at the Bandler Elementary School a play in which Max Brewer had the part of the mayor's son. Max is a third grader. The children sang songs in Japanese.

Mrs. Cassie Bentsen drove up from Deming Saturday morning to have a short visit with a sister, Mrs. Willi Sanders who is staying for a few days with a daughter, Shirley Owen and family. Mrs. Bentsen went on the Las Lunas to stay a few days with a daughter, Ines Grant, before the rodeo season begins and with a friend, Mrs. Lucille Tiffin.

Joseph Erramouse attended the stock sale in

Tucumcari Thursday and went on to Logan to pick up his nieces, Amanda and Elyse Tatum, and brought them home with him to spend their spring break with their grandmother, Johnnie Erramouse. They said they left their 4-H rabbits in the care of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Tatum.

Monday Mrs. Erramouse and the Tatum girls accompanied Sherry Lueras and Rachel to Albuquerque where Rachel received a good report on her ear trouble. Then all enjoyed the Museum of Natural History.

Mrs. Walter Steele is recuperating from extensive and painful surgery on her right hand. She says that she is in no way left-handed. Walter a hair dresser?



**CORONA CARDINALS:** The Corona Cardinals boys' varsity basketball team started off strong early in the season, but talled off at season's end. The Cardinals finished in fourth place in Dist. 3A. However, this young team with only three seniors, is already looking forward to next season. Head Coach Tommy Mulkey stated after the last game, "We had some hard losses, but we are looking forward to a better season next year." Pictured (back row left to right) Assistant Coach Travis Lightfoot, junior Dustin Gay, senior Logan Marshall, junior Rocky Bagley, junior Robert Zook, and Head Coach Tommy Mulkey. Front row (left to right) freshman Andrew Bagley, senior Joseph Sanchez, freshman Albert Sanchez, and sophomore Charlie Tully.

**Local Governments To Meet The Public At March 31 Forum**

The public can get an idea of what is going on with local governments at a town hall meeting on Tuesday, March 31 in Ruidoso Convention Center.

Governing bodies of Lincoln County, the Mescalero Apache tribe, the villages of Capitán, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso and the Town of Carrizozo and the boards of education from Capitán, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso, Hondo and Mescalero school districts have been invited to present information about their communities and schools during the meeting.

The town hall meeting is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

There is no charge for the public to attend the meeting.

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**Tinnie Baptist Church**  
 BILL JONES, pastor  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Church Services..... 11:00 am

**Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle**  
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 209 Lincoln Ave, Capitán, NM 384-2025  
 Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
 HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
 314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2998 (church) or 648-2107  
 Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
 Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
 Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
 JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
 Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
 Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
 FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
**SATURDAY:**  
 Captain Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
 C'ozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm

**SUNDAY:**  
 Captain Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
 C'ozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
 Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
 PAUL WETZEL, minister  
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2998  
 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 1-257-2356  
 Holy Eucharist..... 8:00 am Sunday

**United Methodist Churches**

BOB BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo  
 1000 D. Ave., 648-2993 / 648-2848  
 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
 Choir Practice (Thursday)..... 6:30 pm  
 United Methodist Women - Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm  
 Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of Mo. 12:30 pm

**CAPTAIN**  
 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..... 11:15 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 / 648-2850  
 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 (inter-denominational)  
 614 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan  
 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
 LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
 8th & Lincoln / 338-4827  
 Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
 REX BERESFORD, pastor  
 Capitan (South on Hwy 49) 354-2925  
 Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
 AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo is now accepting applications for Two Certified Lifeguards and Maintenance/Cashier for the Jane Turner Memorial Pool. Applications and Job Description may be obtained at Town of Carrizozo City Hall, P.O. Box 247 Carrizozo 88301. Deadline for applications is April 17, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. The Town of Carrizozo is E.O.E. in compliance with ADA Title II-A. Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAE Town Clerk  
Town of Carrizozo  
4tp/Feb. 26, Mar. 12 & 26 & Apr. 9

**WANTED:** Outpost Bar and Grill hiring bartender, and cleaning/prep person. Call 648-2194 or 648-9994. tfn/Jan. 29

**FOR SALE:** Alfalfa Hay and Oat Hay. Three Rivers Cattle Co. 648-3448. tfn/Dec. 31

**FOR RENT:** Nice clean one-bedroom apartment in Capitan. \$265 a month. 354-3176 or 354-2006. tfn/Mar. 5

Craft and sewing supplies, material, gifts, 10,000+books. High Hopes, 101 Lava Loop, Carrizozo. 648-2678. 3 mo/Jan. 8

**FOR RENT:** 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments in Capitan and Carrizozo. Rent based on income. For information call 1-888-424-0909. 8tc/Feb. 19-Apr. 9

**FOR SALE:** Australian Shepherd mix puppies, \$15 and \$25. 648-8750 or 648-2383. 2tp/Mar. 26 & Apr. 2

**FOR SALE:** Pine dresser; 33 inches high, 30 inches wide, 16 inches deep, three large-two small drawers. 653-4355. 1tc/Mar. 26

**MOVING SALE:** Household goods, some antiques, freezer, gas kitchen stove, log burner, refrigerator, '85 VW Station Wagon. Saturday, Mar. 28, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 908 'E' Ave., Carrizozo 648-2650. 1tp/Mar. 26

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**FOR RENT:** Apartments and Kitchenettes for rent by the week or month. Free utilities and maid service. Smokey Bear Motel - Capitan. 354-2253. tfn/Oct. 9

**GUN & COLLECTIBLE SHOW**  
**MAR. 28 & 29**  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Belen Nat'l Guard Armory  
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505-437-7116

**THANK YOU ST. JUDE** for favors granted. B.C. 1tp/Mar. 26

**YARD SALE:** March 28, 8:00 to 7:00 Central. Cabinets, counter tops, door, tools, Harley parts, clothes, crafts, swing set, and much more! 1tp/Mar. 26

**DAY CARE:** Registered Day Care Center. We have an early learning program pre-school activities, before and after school programs, summer programs, hot meals and snacks provided. All ages welcome. Drop ins welcome. Open Monday thru Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information call 648-2802. 2tp/Mar. 26 & Apr. 2

**FOR SALE:** Pickup beds. Ford long bed '86 \$295. '91 \$325. '92 \$375. Ph. 648-2814. 5tc/Mar. 26 & Apr. 2, 9, 16 & 23

**FOR SALE:** Ranch horses. 2 sorrel geldings, 11-12 yrs., \$985 ea.; 1 Reg. sorrel mare, 4 yrs., \$2,000. All three broke and worked cattle. Ph. 648-2814. 5tc/Mar. 26 & Apr. 2, 9, 16 & 23

citation was issued for speeding and no use of seat belt.

**Suspects Interviewed About Disappearance of Ruidoso Woman**

Ruidoso police interviewed two suspects in connection with the disappearance of 27 year old Elizabeth Ballard. Ruidoso police detective Wolfgang Born told THE NEWS early Wednesday that he had interviewed two suspects and was scheduled to interview another person during the day. Born would not give any other details and said that the investigation is continuing.

Ballard was reported missing on March 11. Ruidoso police, with assistance from the Lincoln County Major crimes Unit and the Otero County Major Crimes Unit and District attorney Scot Key's office, conducted a search in the area where Ballard's vehicle was located on March 16.

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County District Attorney is offering a \$1,000 cash reward for information leading to Ballard's recovery. Anyone having information should call Crimestoppers at 267-4545.



**LADY CARDINALS:** (l-r) Coach Travis Lightfoot, Monica Alirez, Marilee Bryan, Delia Gonzalez, Sarah Stewart, Stephanie Lawson, Ass't Coach Tommy Mulkey, Bottom row (l-r) Rhiannon Alirez, Mgr. Alexandra Stewart, Courtney Perez.

**Lady Cardinals Reach Regionals**

by Monica Alirez  
The Corona Lady Cardinals recently participated in the Class A Region D Girls Basketball Tournament for the first time in 12 years. The team lost to the Hondo Eagles in the first round of the tournament. However, by earning a trip to the tournament, the girls reached the goal that they set at the beginning of the season. The Lady Cardinals earned a spot in the tournament by defeating the Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies 53-46 in the first round of the district playoffs, and then defeating the Vaughn Aguilas 52-46 in the second round. The Lady Cardinals advanced to the district championship game against the 1996-97 State Champions, Fort Sumner Vixens. The Cardinals played their heart out but fell to a strong Ft. Sumner team. This placed the Lady Cardinals second in district.

The Cardinals showed tremendous improvement throughout the season not only individually, but as a team. "The team played more team ball than the previous year," said head coach Travis Lightfoot. "We didn't have to rely on one person on offense." One of the things that makes the Lady Cardinals accomplishments unique is that there are only seven players on the team, all of which will return next year. "Each player had a job to do and they each did it well," said coach Lightfoot. "We had an outside game with junior Monica Alirez shooting the ball well from outside, along with sophomores Courtney Perez and Sarah Stewart flashing to the basket. Freshman Delia Gonzalez cleaned up with rebounds off the offensive glass." "Defensively we played well, game in and game out. Eighth grader Rhiannon Alirez showed great improvement having to guard upper classmen all year long," said Lightfoot. "Having two dedicated team members, an eighth grader, Stephanie Lawson and freshman Marilee Bryan coming off the bench, we were able to rest players and protect those in foul trouble. They showed great improvement for first year players and were very

vital in many of our wins. We lost to Hondo in two games earlier in the season by a combined total of 30 points. During the regional tournament we played Hondo to the very end only losing by four points." The Lady Cardinals finished the season with a 9-13 record. "Our team is somewhat special and I feel we are just beginning a winning tradition," says coach Lightfoot. "If I had to describe this team, I would say that they are a group of overachievers who will not tolerate losing. We don't use excuses because winners know that even in defeat, the only outcome that we can control is the fashion in which we play." The Lady Cardinals are set to experience a winning season next year. The team has great expectations with the experienced players that will return, as well as the solid potential new team members who will be able to help. The Lady Cardinals are determined that with hard work and determination, they will be unstoppable.

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**FOR SALE:** Dishwasher, Hotpoint, harvest gold, built-in, works, \$35.00; Datsun, pickup, \$350.00 OBO. Call 354-2673. 3tc/Mar. 12, 19 & 26

**FOR SALE:** Straw bales \$2.75 per bale, dump truck, black one inch plastic pipe, propane bottles, and construction equipment. 354-4220. 2tp/Mar. 19 & 26

**WILL PAY CASH** for vacant land inside Carrizozo city limits. Randy 1-505-296-0243. tfn/Mar. 12

**New Police Chief**

"It takes emergency crews eight more minutes to respond to that area of town if the train is blocking the crossing," Vega said. Vega said the main office indicated they would do all they could to keep their trains from blocking the crossing in the future.

Pet owners will no longer get verbal warnings about their animals running at large. Vega instructed his officers to not issue verbal warnings on animal control violations. Residents should contain or tie up their dogs

and cats. Officers will issue citations to owners of pets that are running loose. Vega continues to work with the Lincoln County Humane Society on an adoption program for the town. Vega also is working with the district attorney's office to coordinate training for the police department. Officer Harrington was sent to Santa Fe for a pre-assessment evaluation for the Law Enforcement Academy. In other police business last week, Vega reported that a

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE**  
April 15th, 1998 10:00 a.m.  
at the Recreation Center  
Sponsored by Carrizozo Woman's Club

**AUCTION NOTICE**  
Sat., Apr. 4, 10:00 a.m.  
**CARRIZOZO AUCTION CO.**  
Hwy. 380 W., Carrizozo, NM

We will auction off the entire remaining estate of a famous rock legend in order to settle all existing claims and accounts: Name withheld by request of family and executor due to celebrity status, to assure privacy, and to prevent confusion!!

**MUSICAL PERFORMING EQUIPMENT:** Top of the line - Peavey; Roland; Yamaha; Ensoniq; Alesis; etc. Complete stage set-up & then some including the following: **PEAVEY:** pr. #3020 HT 4-way sound re-informecation system - max pwr-400 ohms - crossover -400 - H2200 HZ & 8 KHZ. **PEAVEY:** 300 series monitor "300 CH". **PEAVEY:** 260 series monitor - "260 CH". **YAMAHA:** natural sound graphic equalizer - QE3-10 band dual channel. **YAMAHA:** shure L-4 diversity wireless receiver GEP-50 guitar effect processor. **YAMAHA:** mid-foot controller **MFCL.** **KENWOOD:** #KD-48F full auto turntable. **ROLAND:** GR-300 polyphonic guitar synthesizer. **ENSONIQ:** SQ1— digital wave synthesizer. **ENSONIQ:** digital multi-sampler mirage. **ALESIS:** midverb II-16 bit multi. **ALESIS:** midverb III-16 bit multi. **ALESIS:** HR-15 high sample rate - 16 bit drum maca. **CB-700:** International drum set w/pr. congos. **JAMES:** model 2016 Light board. **ELECTRO-VOICE:** pr. pm-1502-ER-2 way monitor speakers. **LO-WREY:** micro genre. **FISHER:** pr. model ST-832-100w speakers. **SUNN:** solaris. **SUNN:** speaker monitor. **JVC:** TD-W75 stereo double cassette deck. **TOSHIBA:** compact disc digital audio player - model XR-4. **LDS:** superflash-LS-50. **DD DISKS:** Qty. - 75 of programmed music info. **ELVIS PRESLEY COLLECTION:** 36 Ltd. Ed. signed & numbered plates; sev. music boxes; pictures & prints; other items. **FRANKLIN MINT COLLECTION:** set of 11 Ltd. Ed. signed & numbered Eagle plates. **PLATE COLLECTION:** great variety by renown artists. **FAMOUS AUTOGRAPHED PICTURES:** rare chance. **STEMWARE:** Many elegant sets & pcs. **RECORD ALBUMS:** over 1200 - sold by the crate mostly. **GREAT GLASSWARE:** of sev. sorts incl: Princess House; Heritage; Int'l.; etc. **FINE CHINA:** complete sets by: Noritake; Harmony House; Homer Laughlin; other. **STAGE ATTIRE:** Tuxedos; Jackets; Sequined & beaded dresses; furs; many new clothes still w/store tags. **NEWITEMS:** A lot of gifts to the stars - unopened. **HOUSEHOLD & APPLIANCES:** Not known at this early listing but there will be some - It's still stored - We're soon going to see & haul it.

**PREVIEW:** Day of Sale 8 a.m. - Consignments 9-5 week of sale.  
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 SHURSAVING TOMATO Catsup ..... 32 OZ. BTL. **69¢**  
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 SHURSAVING FILLED EVAPORATED Milk ..... 2 12 OZ. CANS **89¢**  
 SHURSAVING SALTINE Crackers ..... 16 OZ. BOX **69¢**  
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