Jail Committee Approves RFP For Operation Of Jail

by Doris Cherry

About half of New Mexico's counties are experiencing problems with their jails, and Lincoln County is no excep-

On Monday, Lincoln County posted notice that it is now soliciting proposals for management of the Lincoln County Detention Center, for up to two years, or until the county can build a new jail.

Lincoln County Commissioners committed to building a new jail at their March fneeting, agreeing that remod-

eling and expanding the existing facility located in the courthouse in Carrizozo is not the answer to the overcrowded and inadequate conditions. But where a new jail will be built is a point of controversy. Some say it should be close to population centers to cut the costs of transporting prisoners and to provide a location for work release programs. Others say it should remain in the county seat which has little economic development without county government.

On early Sunday morning more than 50 people, most from Carrizozo, filled the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center hoping to convince the county's advisory jail committee to keep the jail in the county seat in Carrizozo. But they left unsure that Carrizozo's offer of free land and water will be considered.

Lincoln County Ad Hoc Jail Committee members Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann, District Attorney Scot Key, District Judge Karen Parsons, jail administrator Wayland Hill, attorney Gary Mitchell, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and ex officio members Lincoln Coun- Hill received a standing ovaty Manager Frank Potter and county attorney Alan Morel met at 8 a.m. Sunday in the senior center to conduct one item of business--approval of a request for proposals for management of the existing county detention center.

The jail has been operated by private jail management company Correction Systems Inc. (CSI) since jail administrator Wayland Hill suffered a stroke last year. The contract, extended once already, expires April 14. During introductions of the committee members,

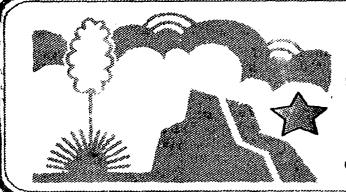
tion.

About half of the meeting was occupied with discussion of the request for proposals for operation of the existing county jail. The other half of the meeting consisted of questions from the audience about the need for a new jail, and the most desirable location. Mitchell said that the existing jail was built in 1962. For the last 22 years, Hill administered the jail as a county employee. About 15 years ago, Hill recognized problems. "But we weren't at the boiling point

until Wayland had his stroke," Mitchell said. The jail was understaffed despite calls for more. "Wayland kept the lid on for so many years. The primary person behind the jail was Wayland Hill. In my opinion he saved the county of Lincoln \$5 or \$6 million. We should build a monument to Wayland Hill."

State prison riots of 1980 resulted in the federal lawsuit and court ordered changes,

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LINCOLN COUNTY JAIL COMMITTEE chairman attorney Gary Mitchell (left) makes an appeal to the more than 50 people gathered at the committee meeting held at 8 a.m. Sunday in Ruidoso Downs Senior Center. Mitchell said a new jail should be located near the county's population center. But Carrizozó officials offered free land and water to build the jail in the county seat.



CARRIZOZO TOWN OFFICALS (from right) trustee Eileen Lovelace, mayor Manny Hernandez and his wife Mary and trustee Cynthia Morales listen to information presented at the county's jail advisory committee meeting Sunday. Capitan resident Robert Goddard, jailer Russell Beckley and Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson are behind Morales.

County Commissioner Wants Ruidoso Gross Receipts "Intelligent Question" Asked Higher Than Projected

by Doris Cherry

At a community town hall type meeting held in Ruidoso on Tuesday, Lincoln County commissioner Monroy Montes described the county jail situation as "meltdown."

Montes gave a brief history of the jail and how commissioners three years ago expipred several ways to forestall problems. But the only option commissioners implemented was the electronic monitoring system now in use. As a result, Montes said the iail has gone from being understaffed to "meltdown."

As a result the county committed to building a new jail. But the hard part (of a new iail) is the recurring cost of 40 employees," Montes said. Minimum estimates show the county will need at least 40 employees for a 100 bed facilityl which would cost more than \$2.5 million a year. "The number one concern is how to keep operational costs from swallowing other services," he added.

The bad news is we need the complex to have dispatch, sheriff's office and the Ruidoso magistrate judge," Montes said. "Also drug rehab. If we don't we're just warehousing."

Montes said the busiest court is in Ruidoso and currently the county has to transmagistrate court location. He said the sheriff's office should be housed with a new jail so deputies can help transport.

In response to a question from district judge candidate Patricia Ortiz whether the county plans to replace the district court room, Montes said no.

Several Carrizozo residents attending the town hall meeting asked if Carrizozo will be considered for the new detention center. They referred to the town's offer of land at the industrial park and plenty of water. Copies of a letter about the offer from the mayor and trustees were available at the meeting.

Carrizozo resident Ann Buffington said she wanted to see a break down of the costfor transporting prisoners from various locations versus the offer of free land and water. "Do other communities want a jail?" Buffington added. "In other places most communities don't want a jail, ironically Carrizozo does."

Former Carrizozo trustee Ruth Armstrong said Carrizozo has plenty of water while Ruidoso has experienced water shortages recently. She also mentioned the proximity of the Carrizozo location to the town airport which could be utilized to transport pris-

port prisoners to and from the oners to a trauma center in Albuquerque.

> Montes said the initial cost is not the problem. "The recurring cost is staggering," he said. "People are tired of duplication of services." Montes then challenged Carrizozo to find how the county will offset \$1.5 million a year.

Armstrong then said the work release program being (SEE PAGE 4)

Two weeks after her swear-

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went in for a check. "There is

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tests revealed she had lung

cancer and it is not curable.

'My goal is to control the

by Doris Cherry

One of Ruidoso's newest village councilors dispelled some rumors Tuesday night.

Ovella Estes, who got the highest number of votes at the February municipal election, said she had spent the previous year battling breast cancer and thought she had won. She felt so well she filed for the office and ran a very successful campaign.

cancer, not let it control me," Estes said. "When I took the oath of office I promised to serve to the best of my ability," she continued. "That has not changed. I have no regrets."

Because she had only two and a half hours of oxygen with her, Estes urged the mayor and council to finish business in that time frame. Mayor Robert Donaldson kept to a commitment and finished

business in two hours.

One of Donaldson's responsibilities is to find a replacement for the vacancy on the council created when he was elected mayor. The council position has two years remaining on it. During the meeting Donaldson announced he has invited Ron Anderson to attend the April 14 meeting to discuss his qualifications and desires to serve on the council. Anderson, a 24 year Ruidoso resident owns the Wild West Ski and T Shirt shops, is president of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and serves on

numerous volunteer committees. Donaldson said Anderson is committed to growth and open to compromise. If the public and village council approve of Anderson, the mayor will formally appoint Anderson and swear him in as

new councilor. Ruidoso's sign regulations adopted in July 1997 came under the scrutiny of the council Tuesday. When the changes were adopted last year, councilors agreed to review the results of the changes, especially in allowing banners, after six months. Village manager Gary Jackson, who is leaving the village on April 24, said there have virtually been no problems with the new regulations. Several permits were issued to allow banners since last

However, councilors in reviewing the sign ordinance agreed it needed more changes. Ruidoso citizen Al Junge said that the off-premises signs, which must be no more than 20 square feet in size, are too small and should be four feet by eight feet. Junge reasoned that the larger size is easier to read and it is the size of a standard piece of plywood. Councilors also discussed a problem with long

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School Programs Carrizozo Helped Win Quality Award

Carrizozo Schools are committed to improving the quality of education for its students. Because of this commitment, the district received the Pinon Award from the Quality New Mexico program.

Quality New Mexico recognizes businesses, schools and educational institutions, governments and private organizations based on their attempt to create better working environment as shown in their applications. Carrizozo Schools staff members principal Robert Chavez, teachers Rick Cogdill, Alice Day, Dr. Glenn Hawk and Bob Hemphill worked on data and information for the district's application to the Quality

New Mexico program. The Pinon Award was

awarded based on information in the application that showed Carrizozo Municipal Schools commitment to quality. The commitment is closely aligned to the educational plan for student success, Carrizozo schools superintendent Paula Papponi told THE NEWS.

In the application the district showed that new school programs have resulted in higher attendance. Papponi said she believes the improved attendance is due to the new Power Hour program that has helped students raise their grade point averages and

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Jail Committee Approves

referred to as the Duran Decree, that mandate prisons modernize their facilities to conform to federal standards. But to modernize the existing iail means moving the prisoners to another jail at a high cost to the county.

At their March meeting, when Lincoln County Commissioners committed to building a new jail, they were looking at a 100 bed jail to accommodate adult males and females. But last week, DA Key informed the jail committee that juvenile offenders can no longer be housed in Otero County. Starting mid-May juvenile offenders from Lincoln County will be sent to the juvenile facility in Tucumcari anticipate building a juvenile facility," Mitchell said. "But now we have to consider it."

Mitchell said the invenile

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probation office said the county needs 20 juvenile beds, which costs about twice as much as an adult bed to con-

But the big issue is location. Mitchell said that 65 percent of the people in the county jail are there for DWI and misdemeanor drug offenses and domestic violence. Because of the nature of the prisoners. Mitchell said the jail needs to have programs to accommodate these "friends and neighbors." He suggested a jail site needs 40 to 80 acres located next to the county road yard and solid waste facility to allow prisoners to have work release programs.

In response to questions in Quay County. "We didn't from citizens Mitchell said because of the cost of transporting prisoners and the need to be close to work programs, the jail needs to be

centralized in the area of most population.

Carrixozo Mayor Manny Hernandez and Carrizozo Trustee Eileen Lovelace on behalf of the town presented a letter that offered property at the Carrisozo Industrial Park and sufficient water for a new iail, which would save about \$300,000 in the original building cost. But Mitchell said that initial savings must be weighed with the continuing cost of transport of prisoners from the population centers, courts and work programs.

Key said keeping a new jail in Carrizozo is based on "social value" as opposed to cost efficiency.

A citizen suggested building a new jail for adults and remodeling the existing jail for juveniles.

Mitchell finally suggested that the private contractors propose sites for a new jail. The operators can tell us how much it will cost per site." Mitchell said. He went on to say that the private operator would need to determine a site based on a 100 bed facility for adult males and females, and about 20 beds for juveniles; accessibility to courts, probation officers. sheriff's office, district attorney, medical center (Mitchell said the only one meeting standards is Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso), road department and solid waste facility for work release programs, and cost to other municipalities. Mitchell said the public seems to want work programs for prisoners.

As for work release, Key said the program is for prisoners with established jobs, most of whom are in jail for DWI. But many lose those jobs because "it is not practical" to go to jobs from the jail in Carrizozo because family members must come to Carrizozo, get the prisoner and take him to his job, then bring him back to the jail in Carrizozo at night. "Availability of jobs is where the jobs are," Key said. "And those jailed on DWI can't drive."

The resulting cost to society by limiting access is the famiof prisoners end up on welfare because the prisoner can no longer support his family. "We can't consider this in a vacuum," Mitchell said.

A new jail facility should also include space for alcohol and drug rehab programs which could be operated on a profit basis. Such programs could be paid by insurance, social security, Medicaid and Medicare programs, Mitchell added.

"We don't have a site, despite rumors," Mitchell said. "Don't look at geography, look at population and projected population. The county commission never said where to build a new jail."

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann said an article in a local newspaper (about jail location) was one commissioner's opinion. "There never has been discussion or consensus where a jail should be built. Schwettmann said. "Nothing is locked in concrete now."

Citizens also asked the jail committee to advertise their meetings locations, dates and time in the future, and to not have them on Sunday morning because many people go to church then. One citizen asked why there seemed to be such an emergency and another asked if a new jail will have facilities to accommodate "political prisoners."

County manager Frank Potter and Mitchell said the committee has been working since last year, but its members are volunteers, who have other jobs. Mitchell said last year he recommended the county needed a jail, but the commission did not ect on the recommendation.

County commission candidate Robert Goddard asked, given the huge area of Lincoln County and a lot of growth going north from Ruidoso to Capitan, if it was feasible to leave the existing jail in Carrisozo and build another closer to the population. Mitchell said they have given such an idea a lot of thought.

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In response to a comment about the Arizona sheriff who incarcerates his prisoners in army tents in the desert, Mitchell said the Maricopa County sheriff is "working for several civil rights attorneys who are getting ready to sue. The taxpayers (in Arizona) pay for his prima donna."

As the first order of business at the meeting, the ad hoc detention committee elected Mitchell as chairman and Key as vice-chairman. Morel then explained that the purpose of the ad hoc committee was to gather information about jail construction and operation in order to advise the county commission. Mitchell said the committee has talked several times, and members have talked with many private jail operators and builders and other counties, gathering information to advise the county commission. At the last Lincoln County commission meeting going on information provided by the jail committee, the county commission committed to building a new jail. Mitchell also told the county commission that it may be one to two years before a new jail could be built.

Beçause Hill had not returned in his capacity as administrator and was still on extended medical leave, the county commission authorized the jail committee to review and accept a request for proposals (rfp) to be advertised as soon as possible.

About half of the ad hoc jail committee 'meeting 'dealt with' review of a draft rip which Morel said Was "open ended" enough to allow proposals for just management of the jail with existing county employees, or total private management and operation of the jail with the company to hire the existing employees and pay all the bills including utilities and medical costs. Morel said he drafted the rfp using information from other counties that had gone through a similar process.

Mitchell said private operation of a county jail is not something new to the rest of the state and nation.

In reviewing the rfp Schwettmann asked about programs a contractor will be required to have in the jail.

FORMER CARRIZOZO RESIDENT Christi TaNeille Brown announces her wedding to Jesse Flores of Lubbock at 12 noon, du April 11 at Westside Church of Christ in Dexter. Christi is the ... daughter of Gordon and Charlene Brown of Hagerman and granddaughter of Alton and Mary Lee Talley of Carlsbad, all former Carrizozo residents. The groom's parents are Joe and Estella Flores of Plains, TX. Christi is a graduate of Hagerman High School and ENMU-Roswell. She is a certified Occupational Therapy Assistant for American Therapy Services in Lubbock. Jesse, a graduate of Plains High School and Texas Tech 7 University, is a registered Occupational Therapist at Methodist 🖟 Hospital in Lubbock.

These all add to the ... cost when looking at management of an almost condemned facility," Schwettmann said of the existing county jail.

Mitchell said the required programs are already in place in the county jail, established by, Hill to meet state and federal requirements. Including those programs in the rfp only assures that the private company will continue the constitutionally required pro-

Schwettmann also asked if the company would be required to post a performance bond. Hill said he thought a performance bond should be

During discussion of the rfp. Mitchell said the proposals provide information on what the company will do. "The county commission will decide what is in the best interest of the county," Mitchell said. "Our first problem is to find a qualified operator."

Mitchell said there are "three or four (jail) operators" in the state. Sheriff Sullivan, who previously worked for New Mexico Corrections which dealt with private jail operators, said the "big companies do a pretty good job. They are aware of (prison) standards." standards."

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Rabies Clinics Weekend

A rabies vaccination clinic will be held in Lincoln County communities Saturday, April 4. State law requires rabies vaccinations on ALL cats and dogs over three months of age with yearly booster vaccinations. The rabies clinic is sponsored by the Carrizozo Animal Clinic.

Times and places:

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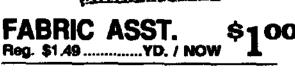
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TUESDAYS

—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.

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-AL-ANON 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center. ---Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.

TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 2

—Carrizozo Little League organizational meeting 6 p.m. Carrizozo Fire Station.

-Kindergarten Registration and Preschool Deve-Jopmental Screening 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tularesa Elementary School.

-Ruidoso RSVP 12 noon Senior Citizens Center. FRIDAY, APRIL 8

-Kindergarten Registration and Preschool Screening 9-11 a.m. Hondo Elementary School.

-Youth Sports Program Pee Wee Soccer sign up 4-6:30 p.m. at Carrizozo Rec Center. Call 648-1335. SATURDAY, APRIL 4

-Literacy Volunteer tutor training 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. ENMU-Ruidoso 257-2120 for information. SUNDAY, APRIL 5

—Spring forward! Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Set clocks one hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

-Saludi Medicaid Managed Care informational meeting 10 a.m. to noon Ruidoso Convention Center. -Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building.

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The family of Jake Narvaez would like to take

this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful friends and relatives for all the kind deeds and moral support during our time of loss, and a special thanks to all the out of town people who took time to pay their respects and lend a helping hand. We appreciate you all very much.

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Science Feir Winners Go To State Three Carrizozo School

students were recognized in the 10th annual Southeastern New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. First. second and third place winners will be attending the State Fair: Senior Division. Behavioral and Social Sciences third place Roberta Rael;

Environmental Science - second place Rob Shafer. Awards presented: Diamond-L Agriculture Award to Rob Shafer; New Mexico Groundwater Association to Rob Shafer; New Mexico Military Foundation Scholarship to Briton Goad.

Student Art

Carrizozo School students may display their art at the annual spring school art festival at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs. There will be a reception Saturday afternoon. Each student will receive a certificate signed by the director. The student art will be on display through April 26. Categories on display by Carrizozo students are drawing, water color, crayon, crayon resist, paper weaving, scratchboard, color markers, mixed media and computer generated art.

FFA Thrives At District

The District I Judging contest, the final judging contest of the season prior to the state contest, was held in Hatch. The Carrizozo FFA chapter demonstrated that it is a force to be reckoned with. The wool team of Rob Shafer, Bryan Hightower, Mollie Hightower and Mary Beth Bond placed first, with Mollie earning high point individual, Rob second high and Bryan third high. The horse team consisting of Jordan Dixon, Lane Dixon, Pat Hightower, and Branden Langley received second place for their efforts with Jordan earning second high individual. Adrian Goad, Matt Offutt and Robert James took fourth place in crops and fifth in pasture and range. The state FFA judging contest began yesterday, April 1, and

OBITUARY

JAKE NARVAEZ

Prayer services for Jake Narvaez, 82, of Carrizozo were held Thursday, March 26 at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo. The Funeral Mass was on Friday. March 27 with Fr. Dave Bergs officiating. Burial followed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Narvaez died Wednesday, March 25, at Ruidoso Care Center in Ruidoso. He was born October 1, 1915 in Roy, NM and had lived in Lincoln County most of his life. He was retired from the maintenance department at Fort Stanton Hospital, and was a member of the Santa Rita Catholic Church.

He married Arsenia McKinley on July 16, 1938 in Carrizozo. He is survived by his wife Arsenia of Carrizozo; his son Pete Daniel Narvaez of Carrizozo; six daughters, Irene Montano of Carrizozo, Minnie Herrera of Carrizozo, Novola Scott of Las Cruces, Linda Ortiz, Julia Nunez, and Geneva Barnes all of Albuquerque; three brothers, Ben Narvaez of Trinidad, CO, Ignacio Narvaez of Tucumcari, NM, and Ramon Narvaez of San Francisco, CA; two sisters, Lucia Montoya of Tucumcari, and Nellie Sanchez of Clovis, NM; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

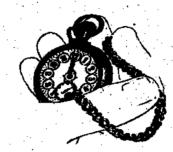
Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of

will continue through April 4 Hamby and his wife, Kay. on the NMSU campus.

Members attending the District I judging contest in Hatch were Abel Avila, Eli Avila, Mary Beth Bond, Jordan Dixon, Lane Dixon, John Green, Adrian Goad, Jason Harkey, Bryan Hightower, Mollie Hightower, Pat Hightower, Robert James, Branden Langley, Norvin Luna, Matt Offutt, Jimmy Samora, John Serna and Rob

Shafer. Chaperoning were Carrizozo Ag Advisor Tonny

Spring Forward **This Weekend**



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 5 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Mollie Hightower

Carrizozo FFA Chapter Reporter

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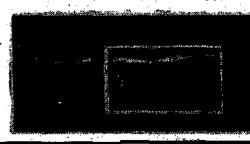
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More jail questions

The Lincoln County Detention Center continues to be the main topic of conversation, not only for county residents but for certain Lincoln County Commissioners and certain members of the ad hoc county detention committee. It was especially interesting that the two county commissioners talking the most about where the new jail should be built did NOT attend the jail committee meeting early Sunday morning at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center. They both did attend the community update town hall meeting Tuesday that was held at the Ruidoso Convention Center and both had much to say about how the new jall and court complex they plan to build.

There were statements made Sunday morning that make us wonder if some people have short memories. Gary Mitchell said to quell rumors that no site had been chosen. He told the more than 50 people attending, "Maybe it is just panic on your part." He didn't remember that at the March 10 county commission meeting he had said the jail committee had recommended the Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs-Capitan area. Mitchell's response to that was, "Yes, I made the recommendation." He said the jail ought to be centralized.

Mitchell also said that 85 to 90 percent of the county prisoners housed in the county jail are "your friends and neighbors" and that very few, less than 5 percent are violent felons. When he mentioned the cost of \$28,000 per year per prisoner for maximum lockdown one person in the audience said, "It's not fair to use the maximum figure because you said most of the county prisoners were our friends and neighbors, not maximum lockdown." Do you suppose he thought we would forget what he had said a few minutes earlier?

Mitchell said we need a 100 bed facility for male and female prisoners. Originally he had said 12 to 20 acres would be needed for a new jail and later he said 20 to 40 acres would be needed, When Carrizozo Mayor Manny Hernandez presented a letter from the Town of Carrizozo offering space in the Carrizozo Industrial Park for a new county jail Mitchell said 40 to 80 acres would be needed for a new jail, which is more space than is available there.

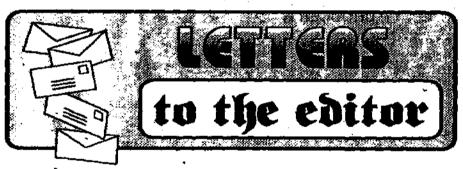
Mitchell said the new jail needed a library conference room and a room to use as a classroom at night or for religious services on the Sabbath. He said a new jail needed the courts accessible, access to the sheriff's office and access to a medical center. One person said the only trauma center was in Albuquerque and Mitchell said the ER in Ruidoso qualifies. He also said the jail needs access to the road department. Another person suggested the road department be moved to Carrizozo to make it more accessible to the jail.

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann said, "We are building a jail, not a country club." He said, "We need not make it so attractive they want to be there. If the county builds a country club, who pays the dues? Citizens." He also talked about different philosophies and said nothing was locked in concrete at this time.

Mitchell said a big problem is the cost to Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs to transport prisoners. When he mentioned that prisoners have to be transported to Magistrate Judge Butts court in Ruidoso one person asked if the Magistrate Judge could go to a new jail in a central location what would prevent Judge Butts from going to the Lincoln County Courthouse instead of moving the prisoners. There was no answer to that question, as there were no answers to many of the other questions asked by the people attending the sermon.

The ad hoc jail committee sat at a long table in front of a sign that said, "Please put dirty dishes here!!! Thanks!!" Amen to that.

Was the sermon double talk?



AD-HOC MEMBERS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: In response to the proposed relocation of the COURThouse, jail, and road department. I would like to remind you of the devastation and hopeless feeling this county experienced when the state closed down Fort Stanton. Our county commissioners made several trips to Santa Fe in an effort to save Fort Stanton and protect the many families affected by the economic devastation in this county.

Now, with the proposed relocation of the County COURThouse, jail, and road department, I must tell you, this leaves a terrifying feeling in the hearts of Carrizozo residents and the dedicated people who work for and dedicate themselves to county government. A majority of county employees have bought homes and live in Carrizozo. The Courthouse is the economic livelihood of a proud county seat. To move these facilities would be an economic ruin for our

I find it a financial burden and waste of all county taxpayer's money to relocate and build all of the unnecessary buildings, i.e. (District Court, Magistrate Court, Court Complex, and Jail). The County Seat has a courthouse and offices for its employees in place. The real and only issue is that of another jail in which the county has plenty of space (east parking lot) in the County Seat (Carrizozo), to build this. facility. The town also has land for the taking that has all utilities already in place.

So I ask you: Do we spend a couple of hundred thousand for a jail in Carrizozo, or do we spend millions of taxpayer dollars to relocate our facilities?

In closing, remember the fight for Fort Stanton. We are all Lincoln County, please don't dump on Carrizozo, as the state did on our county.

WALTER HILL Carrizozo, NM

EDITOR: Anah Hoceee puppet show. I went to a puppet show last Sunday. I remember as a kid how I liked to watch them dance on a string. There were seven puppets all controlled by one puppeteer. This puppeteer was so busy talking that the audience was not heard laughing. This show was called Aaad Hoceee, in rancher talk that stands for BS. For you city folks that B stands for Bull. One puppet had broken strings and got in the way of the Puppeteer's talking.

If I can stop laughing by next week, I might write a short note about how the puppeteer is going to collect public money to get 61 more Lincoln County residents out of jail each week, plus lots more.

NORMAN R. VANGORDER

Carrizozo, NM



Inside The Capito By Jary Milla

SANTA FE: Runoff elections are looking better all the

But the court has declared them unconstitutional for municipalities. And the Legislature won't put a constitutional amendment proposal on the ballot for voters to

Sen. Lee Rawson, a Las Cruces Republican, tried it two years ago after a court had thrown out his city's runoff elections. House Republican Whip Ted Hobbs of Albuquerque tried it this year after the Duke City's runoffs were ruled unconstitutional. It's really not a partisan issue. although without the runoffs, both Las Cruces and Albuquerque elected Democrat mayors the last time around.

Estancia can probably be added to the list of those places that figure there must be a better way. Its mayoral election produced a tie and a controversy over the subseent tie-breaking game of chance that featured an unintentionally stacked deck. There were three other candidates in that race, so the winner didn't have a majority there either.

The need for majoritysupported winners is apparent more than ever with our current anti-government mentality. And not just in municipal elections. Democrats are about to hold a primary election in which races for several offices, including governor, contain multiple candidates. Four years ago, a divisive Democrat gubernatorial primary helped put a Republican on the fourth floor of the Capitol Building.

Another strong contributing factor for Gary Johnson's trouncing of then-Gov. Bruce King was the presence of a third party strong enough to take 11 percent of the gubernatorial vote. Those two factors should be enough to make Democrats huge supporters of a runoff system for all elections.

The problem with runoffs is the cost of another election. But now comes a modern-day cost-effective solution, called instant runoffs, in which voters rank their top three choices and if a voter's first choice is not in the running, the person's vote is transferred to the second-ranked choice. We're assured that computers can easily figure this out, although that doesn't take into account the last few Bernalillo County cierks who have had trouble with the present system.

And in New Mexico, there also could be a problem with which voting machine companice could supply the smart

Recently some Green Party officials have been promoting the instant runoff system. Former state Green chairman, Abraham Gutmann recently wrote a compelling argument for instant runoffs. He noted the problems a multiple-candidate field can produce when winners are selected by plurality instead of majority.

Gutmann argues the deck sometimes is stacked, either through chance or manipulation, when a race features several challengers and one incumbent, several liberals and one conservative or several Hispanich and one Anglo. Any of these situations can affect the outcome of a plurality vote.

We inherited the plurality system from the British, Gutmann says. He reports it is being re-evaluated in England. And two former British colonies, Ireland and Austra-

lia, have both discarded the system in favor of instant runoff voting: Gutmann thinks it's time for the world's technology leader to catch up.

This looks like an issue on which all three major parties should agree. It would help Democrats and Greens more than Republicans right now. But Republicans know it could be valuable to them if religious conservatives, for instance, were to break with the GOP, as they might already have done without the guidance and intervention of Sen. Pete Domenici and others.

The best reason anyone has given for instant runoffs is that they discourage negative campaigning. The reasoning is that if one of the candidates is banging on your favorite, it is highly unlikely you will list that candidate second or third on your ballot.

turned over to Ruidezo EM is a good example of cutting out duplication of service Howell said. Howell said the county is spending more for the Ruidoso EMS, but getting better services.

Howell said the county already has the ability to cut taxes by cutting out programs that don't fall under Lincoln County. But he was not spe-

Ruidoso Valley chamber of commerce director Joan Bailey said the biggest problem is not money, "the greatest challenge is the lack of ability to work and play well together."

At the end of the county presentation, Lincoln County Manager Frank Potter told about the Geographical Information System (GIS) which utilizes satellites to man areas down to a 5.2 foot scale. The county has applied for a \$355,000 grant from the state to utilize the GIS for the rural addressing portion of the 911 emergency response system. Maps of the area, generated by the GIS, are available from the county assessor's office.

After the county presentation, Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann provided THE NEWS a disclaimer-"the views of Commissioners Montes and Howell were their own views and do not speak for the entire county commission. Any decisions Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners make about location for a new jail will come only after hours of public hearing and debate." 📆

Sen. Domenici Staff Will Be In Capitan Thursday, April 9

Staff members of U.S. Senator Pete Domenici will be in Capitan City Hall Thursday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Anyone who \$2 experiencing difficulty with a federal agency who would like Senator Domenici's assistance is welcome to visit with the Senator's staff. Additionally, anyone who would like to convey an opinion to the

Commissioner Wants

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proposed for prisoners is a "privilege". Montes said the county could set up a work release program like the one operated at Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) when it was a men's minimum security state prison. CSB prisoners worked for private employers at minimum wage and part of their wages went to the state to help pay for the prisoners' upkeep. Montes said with that program private business people had to go to the camp to pick up the inmates involved.

Œditor's note: When Camp Sierra Blanca was operated by the state for minimum security state inmates, in addition to private business people coming to the camp to pick up prisoners to work, the camp transported many of the inmates in a blue colored bus to Ruidoso where they were dropped off at various points from which they walked to their work locations. The inmates were then picked up in the afternoon and transported by the same bus, driv-

en by a CSB employee.) Montes cut the questions from the Carrizozo residents short. "I'll take one (a question) from Mr. (Al) Junge (from Ruidoso)," Montes said. "As I'm sure it's intelligent."

Junge asked if the jail in Carrizozo belongs to the town,

or is county property? "It's county property," Montes said. In the next segment, county

commissioner Wilton Howell,

whom Montes referred to

getting blamed for as many things as "El Nino" spoke about the constitutional amendment that will ask voters if they approve of allowing the state legislature or local governments to place a cap on residential property taxes. Howell said if the legislature determines to allow local option it will "fall in the laps of the county commisвlo'n.'

Howell also said the citizens must obtain commitments from people who are running for elective office that they will ask for centralized services for police, dispatch, fire departments, which he claimed would be better and cheaper. He said candidates should make commitments to eliminate duplication, establish user fees and commit to the tax cap. "We're trying to find new solutions to old problems," Howell said.

Emergency medical services, which commissioners

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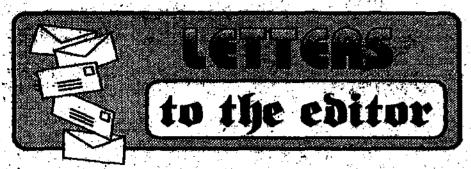
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EDITOR: I read with interest the letter from Melvin L. Zeddies of San Diego, CA which appeared in the March 12, 1998 Lincoln County News. I grew up in Carrizozo and still have family there. It will always be home with lots of special memories for me. I married Frank Metzer who was stationed at Red Canyon Range Camp. I am Glenda Eue (oldest of the Glenn King girls). I met Frank because he attended the Methodist Church there on a regular basis. That was in 1957 which is 41 years ago. We have lived in .Bryan, TX since our marriage in 1960.

Frank worked down range in the fueling department at . Red Canyon, He served under Sgt. Naile and Capt. Manheim . who married, Nancy, one of the other family of King girls. Frank taught Vocational Agriculture at the local high school and is now retired. I continue to teach second grade and still love the kids. My own second grade teacher was Alma Lane Sherrill. She was just one of the many wonderful teachers I had in the Carrizozo Schools that were in many ways responsible for my choice of teaching as a career.

Melvin L. Zeddies call our home last Saturday morning and visited with both Frank and I. I listened as the two of them recalled their two years at Red Canyon Range Camp with much happiness. They both expressed how much they appreciated the families at First Methodist Church that always invited them to Sunday dinner or made them a part of church and family activities. It meant so much to those Young men that were far from home and often homesick. I have always known that Carrizozo and its people were very special and I just want to say thank you to all who have shown great hospitality to visitors through the years. It meant more than you will ever know.

Dr. Zeddies was shocked to find that Fort Bliss Air Defense Museum carried nothing about Red Carlyon. He is working on correcting this. I have sent him copies of anything Frank and I have. If you have anything about the camp, I know he would appreciate receiving it. Yes, Johnson Stearns, there is a 'magic in small towns'. Isn't it wonderful that we are from such a town.

If anyone from Carrizozo is through Bryan, TX please stop by to say hello.

GLENDA KING METZER Bryan, Texas

Calendar

(Con't. from P. 3)

Carrizozo PFK 3:30 p.m. Carrizozo school library. -Carrizozo school board spring budget workshop

through April 8, 6 p.m. administration building. -Keep Ruidoso Beautiful committee 5 p.m. village hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

-Canyon CowBelles Hamburger Fry for K-12 classes at Carrizozo Schools, noon.

-Ruidoso P&Z 2 p.m. village hall.

-Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee 2:30 p.m. village hall. -Baby Shower for Mrs. Barela 3:30 p.m. Carriz-

ozo school adminstration building. ---Capitan Schools Music Boosters 6:30 p.m. band room.

WEDNÉSDAY, APRIL 8

-Ruidoso Library Board 12 noon, library.

-Carrizozo FFA Advisory meeting.

-Eagle Creek Water Board 6:30 plm. Capitan Vil-"lage Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

-Lincoln County Cultural Arts Show 9:30 a.m. registration. Tinnie Fellowship Hall. -Sen. Pete Domenici staff at Capitan Village Hall

10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

-Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. village hall. FRIDAY, APRIL 10

-County offices, Capitan Schools closed for Good Friday. Carrizozo Schools have early dismissal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 -American Red Cross Orientation 2 p.m. Ruidoso Gateway Church of Christ.

Jail Committee Approves

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Jail standards are set by American Corrections Association (ACA) and are hard to comply with. "New Mexico corrections had only two facilities that met ACA standards," Sullivan said. "If a jail meets ACA standards it helps eliminate frivolous lawsuits from prisoners."

All proposals will be subject to negotiation and one major point is who will bear the medical costs for prisoners. 'In the past one and a half before good Friday. years, one inmate (in the county jail) cost more than \$100,000 in a matter of weeks," Mitchell said. "Most (in the county jail) are indi-

Sullivan said another issue is when inmates hurt each other. Mitchell said most private operators are aware of problems of placing two inmates in the same cell, such as members of opposing gangs. "It is a problem in Lincoln County," Mitchell said. "A big problem," Hill added,

The committee set the deadline date for proposals as 10 a.m. April 9, the Thursday

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SNOW CASUALTY. High winds late Monday blew down an old cottonwood tree onto Smokey Bear Blvd. from the front of THE NEWS columnist Maureen Sullivan's house. About 12 inches of snow fell on Capitan. The tree fall caused no damage.

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

Isn't it strange that you are just so certain you are going to get a few chips off your shoulder via the typewriter after listening to the damnable news, and I do mean damnable. But instead of having time to sit down at the machine and vent your fury you have some other pressing obligations and by the time you sit down to explode or blow off angry steam, things have worked out for the better and instead of fury to vent I wish to say thank you to all of you tolks that had a band in my decision to move to this little metropolis 16 years ago. Ye gods and little fish hooks, has it really been that long? Don't

give thanks to Betty Lou Joiner who always has time to listen to my gripes and has a few to toss into the pot herself when there is no one else listening. Then to Robin. God destroyed the pattern after he made Robin. There is no one quite like her and I feel like part of her belongs to just me. And that Mike. There never was nor will there ever be another Mike Currin. Maybe that is a good thing, because don't think we could handle another one exactly like him. You see he is very, very special to me. Somehow I feel like he is one of my boys. I raised two, and boys do have a way of getting ensconced in my heart.

And I might as well explain what turn of events transpired this morning to completely change my miserable mood from listening to the "Telly." You see, Mike, Betty Lou and Robin like cookies, not any kind in particular, just cookies. And just cookies are what I make now and then. Lately it has been more then than now and Mike through signs and gestures got his message across to me that it was way past fime for another batch.

Well, braving the wind and the puddles I was bound and determined that this morning I would get the doggoned cookies delivered before he left the post office. And that I did, that I did. Mike was busy and I left them on the counter and dashed for my post office box. Naturally it was filled with junk mail, a whole lot of junk mail, and I was there a while. Pretty soon Belty Lou am about to repeat: if I do not was carrying on a conversation from the other end of my box and a few people looked askance at me. I

guess most normal folks do not carry on a conversation with their post office box and nobody could see or hear Betty Lou.

Then the office door opened wide and I was caught in a young and handsome man's arms and was dancing in the aisles with Mike. What a great day. My mood has changed for the better I must add and I feel like getting down to the business at hand, trying to fill a page or two for Ruth. And I turned to leave the post office, I smiled at a complete stranger and said, "Aren't ... small towns wonderful? on And her replied a with a swile They sure are. 10

And speaking of nice folks. another one is Bart McDonough who takes pity on me being an old lady and hand carries this epistle to its destination each week to Ruth in Carrizozo, who is another nice addition to Lincoln County. And it brings to mind a reading I used to give years, or was it eons, ago. Each verse always ended with the following: "Wouldn't the world be nice to live in, cheery through and through, if everyone we met in this old world were just folks like you?" Most apropos methinks to each of the special folks I talked to this morning. And how was your morning? Mine is just great now!

And on with the news that I do not have much of:

Talked to Lovie Padilla at the bank last week, but guess he forgot me this week so do not have any Center news.

I do have some library news that Linda Fox gave me before she left. She will return in a couple of days and it will be good to see her again. Linda is another special nice addition to Lincoln County.

Anyone interested in working on the summer reading program should leave their name for Linda. She will be calling the children's program committee together in late April.

Another item of note: ENMU has connected the library to the Internet. Shortly the library will be able to aid patrons and students in finding information on the net.

See you next week, I hope. And my apologies for the brevity of this edition of Capitan Notes by Meureen Sullivan, As I have said and have your comings and your goings I cannot write about them. And if you want this column to die from the lack of St. Rita Catholic **Community Holy** Week Schedule

Santa Rita Catholic Community Holy Week service schedule:

Holy Thursday, April 9; Mass of the Last Supper at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Capitan and at 7. p.m. at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.

Good Friday services on April 10 are set for 3 p.m. st St. Theresa Church in Corona, at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in capitan and at % p.m. at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.

Easter Vigil is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo.

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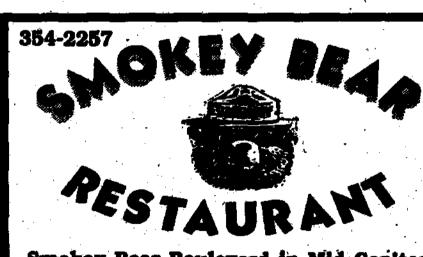
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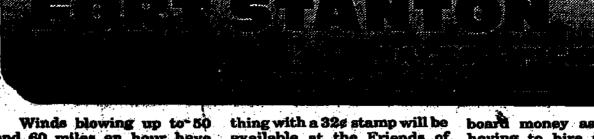
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and 60 miles an hour have been blowing throughout the state for the past three days. Some snow and sleet have it unpredictable and upsetting as the spring fever is getting to us all. But we all know a last storm before Easter is a sure thing.

POST OFFICE MOVING DAY SOON.

If all continues on schedule and no mishaps occur we will probably be delivering mail from our new post office on April 11th. Mike has been moving the non-essential items for a week or two. The big cases that we will sort the mail in have been arriving by truck and are being assembled daily. Dora and Rueben finished the floors on Wednesday and Thursday. Mail has been light and "thanks" to all of you who have been keeping your boxes empty. This is one of the biggest helpers we have, next to handing us large quantities of letters all facing the same way

We cannot tell everyone enough that you "MUST" have a box number for your mail to be delivered! As large as we are getting we do not know everyone personally and if we do not know you and your address is only a street address, we might return your mail for a better address!

Alto has chosen their site to begin their post office and know Mary, Diane, and Debbie will be more excited than us. Have heard it will be six times larger than the one in Alto now. Again all of you who get mail in Alto, checking your mail at least once a day and having someone take care of your mail if you are gone for a length of time is the best present you can give postal workers.

The new stamps are "Remember the Maine". On Thursday the 26th of March "Friends of Smokey Capitan Inc." met at the Smokey Bear restaurant at 12:30 p.m. Chairman Debra Ingle called the meeting to order. Lisa Daniels had resigned as sec./treas. so Van Shamblin was chosen as her replacement. Kathleen (Hellman) Phillips was added to the board of directors. She will be sending out a newsletter to all names they have to see who is still interested and ones not interested to stay on the list will be deleted from the mailing list. People present were Norm Renfro, John Whitaker, Karen Nightbert, Angie Provine. Van Shamblin, Betty Joiner, Debra Ingle, and Willie Hobbs.

A letter was to be written and sent to the Capitan Chamber to request that the Friends of Smokey Capitan Inc. would like to take over the organizing of the Smokey Bear Parade. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse could not spread itself far enough to add to parade to their list of things they do during the 4th. Everyone agreed the Smokey Bear Parade is one of the best 4 in our area.

If you would like to help with the parade or are interested in helping with the ideas we will start making to celebrate Smokey's 50th year in the year 2000 contact Debra or Van.

Most of you know I have an annual "Pictoral Cancellation" finishing up the year of stamp collecting for the third graders. This year the third graders and myself have 500 envelopes with a Smokey Stamp and Indian Head Penny on them along with a picture of a poster that was printed in 1948. The "cancellation" which you can obtain on any-

available at the Friends of Smokey dinner on May 9 at the Capitan gym. The auction will be held again to raise funds for helping with the continuing of promoting "Smokey" in our hometown. The cancellation will also be available at the post office for up to 45 days from May 9. Envelopes will be \$5.00 each.

board money as they were having to hire a person to bring theirs and operate it at. \$2.00 a run. The 1998 dates for the up

and coming Riding Chub are: April 25, May 16, June 27, July 18, July 25, August 8, August 22, September 26 banquet.

New officers for the club

Smokey's Stampers Capitan Elementary School



The two third grade teachers have their books done. Each year each student writes a book and this year it will be letters of different things they learned. We will postmark the letters with their cancellation. Everyone should see these books. Each a work of art in their own way.

FAIR BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 18th

Shorty Sanders called the fair board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 18. Mr. Burchett, Scott Daniels, Billy Bob Shafer, Barry Herd, Candy Trujillo, Mr. Sultemeier, Craig Whipple, Gerald Montes, Ray Nunley, Wm. Schwettmann, and Ray Bush were the members present.

The \$50,000 from the Legislature was given to the group to add to the previous year's \$50,000 to hopefully get new bathrooms and maybe a concession stand built for the year 1999. The money will not be available until after July, making it impossible for the bathrooms to be done by this 4th of July.

The \$20,000 operational expense was discussed by the members and commissioners. This will be given for the next four years. The county will help the board fix the present bathrooms for this year's

Billy Bob Shafer presented the Old West Ranch Rodeo information for Waddy Hobbs. The members decided to buy panels to construct an extra pen to hold the cattle needed for the ranch rodeo. The stock contractor said he would be back if this pen was built to help on the moving and holding of all the livestock. Casper Baca will be the producer and the members voted to get a band from Nashville "Back to Back" for the three dances to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Six breast collars will be given to the top hand in the ranch rodeo.

The Masons from Carrizozo will be providing the barbeque and hope something can be worked out for the ones wanting to eat and not attend the rodeo. From experience this is one of the biggest problems the workers have. Cindy Foglesong was voted in as a new board member to replace Chavez.

Ray Bush, vice-president of the Riding Club presented the group with the need of a timer for all rodeo events. The LCRC is going to buy one for \$1,200 and wanted the fair board to pay half to help out. They agreed to this and hopefully the Sheriff's Posse will add a couple of hundred to the purchase. Eveyone benefits from these timers. The board readily agreed to helping the Riding Club purchase this timer.

Having it will save the fair

are: Shannon Brazel, presi-



dent; Ray Rush, vicepresident; Lisa Daniels, secretary; Connie Whipple, treasurer / board. I had tried to get a list of

last year's winners to be put in the paper in October and November. Never did get this accomplished. So thanks to Sherrie Huddleston the winners of last year are below.

> LEAD CLASS CHAMPIONS

GIRLS: 1st Jayda Silva, 2nd Felicia Chavez, 3rd Emily Rush, 4th Dusty Rae Eldridge, 5th

GIRLS: 1st Josephine! Gutierrez, 2nd Santana Gonzales, 3rd Janet Stanbrough, 4th (tie) Jessica Tully Mitchell, Raylynn Stanbrough, 5th Chelses, Black, 6th Kendall Dayis, 7th Jennifer Johnston, 8th Destry Howland, 9th Jessica Freeman,

BOYS: 1st Chance Huddles ton, 2nd Ben Sanchez, 3rd Diego Ortega, 4th Weston Richardson, 5th Logan Fleharty, 6th Dustin; Hernandez, 7th Seth Scott, 8th Kayland Salazar.

13-15 SPEED EVENTS **CHAMPIONS**

GIRLS: 1st Shannon Salar zar, 2nd Lucy Brazel, 3rd Annie Greene, 4th Jessica Neal, 5th Stacey Thorne, 6th Trenna Stephens, 7th Lyndsey Brumlow, 8th Tracey Armenta.

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RABIES CLINIC

A Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held in Lincoln County communities at the following times and places.

SAT., APRIL 4, 1998

NOGAL:.....10:00 - 10:30 AM CARRIZOZO:..... 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

WHITE OAKS TURN OFF

HWY. 54:.....12:30 - 12:45 PM

ANCHO:.....1:00 - 1:30 PM * City Dog Tags Will Be Available *

Cost \$5 Per Animal

State Law Requires Rables Vaccinations on ALL Dogs and Cats over 3-month of age with Yearly Booster Vaccinations.

Sponsored by: Carrizozo Animal Clinic IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER CLINIC WILL BE POSTPONED (1) WEEK,

Lincoln County REQUEST FOR PROPOBAL #97-90017

2 The County of Lincoln. pursuant to the Propurs-ment Code, is scelling and accepting scaled proposals for the operations and management of the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Copies of the "Request for Proposals for the Operation and Management of the Lincoln County Detention Center" and the "Operations and Management Agreement for the Lincoln County Detention Center" may be obtained by contacting the Lincoln County Manager's Office in the Lindolit County Courthouse, Post Office Box 711, Carrixozo. New Mexico, 88301, or by cailing (505) 648-2385.

All sealed proposals must be labeled on the lower left-hand corner "Operations and Management for the Lincoln County Detention Center," with "Proposal #97-98017, and must be received at the County Manager's Office at the Lincoin County Courthouse, Post Office Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301, on or before April 9, 1998, at 10:00 s.m., at which time the proposals received will be opened and reveiwed.

The County of Lincoln reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technicalities and to actept the proposal the County of Lintoin desire to be in the best interest of the County. Original signatures are required on proposal forms. Faxes will not

be accepted. Dated title 30th day of March, 1996. FRANK POTTER

Lincoln County Published in the Lincoln

County News on Thursdey, April 2, 1998.

> OFFICE SPACE NEEDED FOR MAGISTRATE COURT IN **CARRIZOZO**

The Administrative Office of the Courts seeks to lease renovated or newly constructed office space for the Magistrate Court in Carrigozo, New Mexico, not later than August 1, 1998. Approximately 3770 square feet of usable space within the city limits of Carrigozo are required. Approximately 20 parking spaces for the exclusive use of the court are required. Maintenance and utilities must be provided. The term of the lease can be a maximum of ten years, or a minimum of five years with an option to renew for an additional five

years The latest space must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act other Scientiscal and state regulations and New Marico hading codes. The leased space must be cabled for falctonemunications. Guidelines and techniques and techniques and techniques and techniques and techniques and techniques and techniques.

cal specifications for responding to this Request for Proposale may be obtained from:

Stephen T. Pacheco Administrative Office of the Courts 237 Don Gasper, Room 25 Santa Pe, NM 87501-2176 Telephone: 505-827-4969

Proposals must be received in the Administrative Office of the Courts by 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 1998. Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, April 2, 1998

Fax: 505-827-4824

LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

> April 14, 1998 10:00 a.m. NOTICE OF MERTING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County

LEGAL

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 17, 1998, Rencho Ruidoso Corp., 4171 North Mess, Suite C-125, El Paso, TX 79902, filed application No. H-1122-S-4 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to drill a supplemental well 8% inches in diameter and approximately 300 feet in depth, at a point in the SW% of Section 20. Township 10 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., for the purpose of supplementing the following existing shallow wells:

Well No. H-1122-S H-1122-S-2 H-1122-S-3	Subdivision NWX SEX NEX SWX NEX SEX	v		Section 21 21 19	Township 10S 10S 10S	Range 14E 14E 14E
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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.: Z 263 893 276

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 26 and April 2 and 9, 1998.

NOTICE OF MEETING AND BOND SALE

CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 COUNTIES OF LINCOLN AND SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS SERIES MAY 1, 1998 - \$300,000

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7 (the "Board"), governing body of Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Lincoln and Socorro Counties, New Mexico will on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., local time, at the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, receive sealed bids and publicly open the same for the purchase of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series May 1, 1998, (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$300,000. The Board will hold an regular meeting at the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Administration Building, 800 D Avenue, New Mexico, on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., local time, after receipt of such bids, and will also award the Bonds, adopt a bond resolution and consider any other matters.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds will mature on August 1 of each veer es follows:

Amounts Maturing	Yeers Meturing	Amounts Maturing	Yours Maturing
\$5,000	2000	\$ 5,000	2006
\$5,000	2001	\$ 5,000	2007
65.000	2002	\$90,000	2008
\$5.000	2003	\$85,000	2009
\$5,000	2004	\$85,000	2010
45 000	2005	•	•

Said issue constitutes a portion of the bonds which were authorized at an election held on February S, 1998 and will constitute general obligation bonds of the District, payable from general taxes which may be levied against all taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The maximum net effective interest rate permitted on said Bonds is twelve percent (12%); provided, however, that if the not effective interest rate on such bonds is greater than ten percent (10%) per annum (based on the actual price to be paid to the District for said bonds, calculated to maturity according to the standard tables of bond values), such rate must be approved in writing by the New Mexico State Board of Finance, and the District may not issue the Bonds before such approval is given.

Bidders are required to submit an Official Bid Form specifying the lowest rate or rates of interest and premium, if any, at which such bidder will purchase such Bonds. Further limitations and information concerning the interest rates which may be hid for the Bonds and otherwise concerning bidding are set forth in the Official Notice of Meeting and Sale, of which this notice is a condensation. All bids must comply with the terms of the Official Notice of Meeting and Sale. Bids should be enclosed in a scaled anyelops endorsed "Bid for General Obligation School Building Bonds of Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, New Maxico," addressed as follows: Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Administrative Office, P.O. Box 99, Carrizozo, New Mexico 86301, Attention: Secretary, Board of Education. Only unconditional bids shall be considered. The District reserves the privilege of waiving any irregu-

larity or informality (except time of filing) in any bid. The Official Notice of Meeting and Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the District's financial advisor, Casey Financial Consulting, 3620 Moon, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111 (Telephone (505) 291-8343).

The validity and enforceability of the Bonds will be approved by the New Mexico Attorney General and Simons, Cuddy & Friedman, LLP, Attorneys at Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico and McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Attorneys at Law, Austin, Texas.

/s/ Steve Harkey President, Board of Education Carrizone Municipal School District No. 7

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Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularity who desired secreting on Tuesday, April 14, 1860, at 1860 Change Drive Bushess New Mexico.

Copies of the agencia for the April 14, 1036 meeting will be evaluable at the office

of the County Manager prior to said meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request please contact Martin Guevara at 848-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any sary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, April 2, 1998.

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

No. CV 98-60 IN RE: The Petition for Name Change of Johnny Ray Read Jr.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that in Flores. accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1978, Johnny Ray Reed Jr. will apply to the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, at the Lincoln County Judicial District Courthouse at Carrisozo. New Mexico, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., on the 30th day of April, 1998, during a regular term of the Court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of name from Johnny Ray Reed Jr. to John Ray Palmer.

ALICE BACA BANTER District Court Clerk By Elizabeth Lucras

Deputy Court Clerk Published in the Lincoln County News on April 2 and 9, 1998.

LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

> REGULAR MEETING April 21, 1998 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is bereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the n Hou park, Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the April 21, 1998, 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 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of. the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County, Manager

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV 98-61

IN RE: The Petition for Name Change of Kelly Lee Ann Reed.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1978, Kelly Lee Ann Reed will apply to the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, at the Lincoln County Judicial District Courthouse at Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., on the 30th day of Aoril. 1998, during a regular term of the Court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of name from Kelly Lee Ann Reed to Kelly Lee Ann Palmer.

ALICE BACA BAXTER District Court Clerk

By Klisaboth Lucras Deputy Court Clerk Published in the Lincoln County News on April 2 and 9, 1996.

FORT STANTON FACISION

CHAMPIONS

CIRLS: 1st Ashley Martin,
2nd Krystal Winneld, 3rd Misty

Williams, 4th Andrenna Flores.

5th Shawna Shrecengost, 6th Marlo Margon, 7th Jannifer

Sean Hansell. 9-12 ROPING EVENTS

CHAMPIONS

ton, Diego Ortega, Spur Lovelace,

Ben Sanchez, Jared Wilson

15-16 ROPING EVENTS

CHAMPIONS

2nd John Haymes, 3rd Jared

16-19 ROPING EVENTS

CHAMPIONS

Jay Franklin, 3rd Everett Saenz.

6-8 CALF RIDING

WINNERS

2nd (tie) Spur Lovelace, Tim Atk-

inson, Glen Stanbrough, 3rd

Lawrence Gonzales, Conrad Gon-

zales, Daniel Crawford

9-12 STEER RIDING

WINNERS

Kaland Salazar, 3rd Colton

Guthrie, 4th Gordon Chico, Truit

Chico, Seth Scott, Greg Black-

13-15 STEER RIDING

CHAMPIONS

16-18 BULL RIDING

CHAMPIONS

Luke Wilson, 3rd (tie) Josh Long,

BOYS: 1st Justin Armenta,

BOYS: 1st Justin Joiner, 2nd

BOYS: 1st Justin Riley, 2nd

GIRLS: 1st Stacey

BOYS: 1st Cutter Whipple,

4th Patrick Hansell.

GIRLS: 1st Andrenna

BOYS: 1st Sean Hansell, 2nd

GIRLS: List Shannon

BOYS: 1st Brad Huddleston,

BOYS: 1st Jay Franklin, 2nd

BOYS: 1st Chance Huddles-

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2nd C.W. Gomez.

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Sth John Hove,
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CHAMPIONS Travia Gontaba. HIGH POINT ALL AROUND CHAMPION

Fern Sawyer Award Jay Prenklin BREAST COLLAR AWARDS

2nd All Around High Point Brad Huddleston, 3rd All Around High Point Cutter Whipple.
MOST IMPROVED BREAST COLLAR Destry Howland.

As you can see many awards are presented to many a young cowboy and cowgirl. Everyone needs to buy raffle tickets or send a donation to this great group. * * * * * *

Willie Hobbs, Inez Marra, Janice Herd, and Dorothy Lacy attended the Corona CowBelles meeting on March 18. A fun time was had by all and they are preparing to have a day at school telling the kids about agriculture on April 22.

. Royce Washburn was hurt very badly at the horse sale in Roswell last week. He is in Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. JoAnn and Becky and Tom have been keeping a busy schedule of keeping up with the ranch and being by his side at the hospital.

SHERIFFS POSSE MEETS

Posse meeting of Pony Express met on March 25 at the Chamber in Ruidoso. Everything is on schedule for ride and envelopes. Easter egg hunt at Carrizozo Country Club will be April 11 at 10:30 a.m.

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Over five inches of snow

fell on this Monday morning What a wet-spring we will

School **Programs** Helped

(Cont. from P. 1)

overall attitude about schools
Papponi said newest survey
of students involved in the
Power Hour show the majoring
feel they have improved in school, they are managing their time better and feel better about themselves over all which fits in with the Character Counts program. Other improvements shown in the application involved the district's technology, Grade Point Average, extra curricular participation, studentfocus and customer satisfac-

"The application is very complex," Papponi said. "Ittook everyone a long time tocomplete it."

"We were chosen for how well we put together our programs and the data to prove their success," Papponi said.

Papponi and Day attended the awards ceremony held in Santa Fe. Governor Gary Johnson also attended the ceremony. President Bill Clinton sent a FAX of comgratulations to the winners and a video of Senator Pete-Domenici congratulating winners was shown.

Other Quality New Mexico winners included Albuquerque Public Schools, TVI, Carlsbad Public Library, Los Alamos National Laboratory and Inn of the Governors in Santa Fe. ----

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SILL JONES, pastor Sunday School	BOS BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo 1000 D. Ave., 646-2893 / 648-2848 Sunday School (All Ages)
Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecestal Tabernacie	Worship Service
ALLAN M. MilleR, pastor 209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 154-2025	3rd Wednesday1:00 p Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of Mo. 12:30 p
Tuesday Sible Study7:00 pm	Adult Sunday School
Sunday School	Worship Service,
First Baptist Church	Fellowship Time
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor 114 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 148-2968 (church) or 648-2107	Adult Sunday School
Sunday School	Handmaldens (Ecumenical Women's Group 1st and 3rd Tuesday
Suri. EveningTraining at 6:15 pm Evening Worship	Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)	DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-postors / 648-2680 Nogal Prosbyterian Church:
OHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor	Sunday School
corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186	Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
Worship Service	Worship
anta Rita Catholic Community	Sunday School
R. DAVE BERGS, pastor 13 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853 ATURDAY:	Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship
Capitan Sacred Hoart 5:00 pm	Christ Community Fellowship
C'zozo Santa Rita	ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational) 514 Smokey Beer Blvd./Capitan
C'zozo Santa Rita11:00 am	Sunday School
hurch of Christ	Capitan Church of Christ
AUL WETZEL, minister ve. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2998	LESLIE EARWOOD, minister 5th & Lincoln / 335-4627 Sunday Bible Study10:00 a.m
Worship Service	Worship Service 11:00 a.m
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t. Matthias Episcopal Church	Trinity Southern Baptist Church
R. A. TRIPP, priest	REX BERESFORD, pastor
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FOR SALE: EPNG house, to be moved, 3 bedroom, one bath, attached garage. Ready to- move. Corona area. 849-4966.

2tp/Apr. 2 & 9

YARD SALE: Washer, Griswald iron skillets, misc. tools. videos, CDs, stereo furniture, clothes, misc. items. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4-5. 205 Central, Carrizozo.

1tp/Apr. 2

LOST: 4 key set Ford Auto on two rings. May have Lee Jarmon Ford tag attached. J.V. Reese, 1210 'C' Ave .. 648-2231. REWARD to

2tp/Apr. 2 & 9

HELP WANTED: Legados Gallery and Cafe of Lincoln hiring part time. For info call 653-4635.

2tc/Apr. 2 & 9

FOR RENT: In Capitan. Nice furnished 2 BR apartment. \$650 per month, includes all utilities and cable TV. Available April 20. Smokey Bear Motel 354-2253.

2tc/Apr. 2 & 9

MOVING SALE: Friday 10 to 4, Saturday 9 to 1. Double stroller, toddler's clothing and toys, furniture, bikes and electric stove. Downstairs Masonic Hall in Carrizozo. 1tc/Apr. 2

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. 648-2448.

FOR RENT: Nice clean one

bedroom apartment in Capitan, \$265 a month. 854-8176 or 354-2006.

tfn/Mar. 5

tfn/Dec. 31

Craft and sewing supplies, material, gifts, 10,000+books. High Hopes, 101 Lava Loop, Carrizozo. 648-2873.

8 mo/Jan. 8

FOR RENT: 1, 2 & 3 Bedrrom Apartments in Capitan and Carrizozo. Rent based on income. For information call 1-888-424-0909.

Stc/Feb. 19-Apr. 9

DAY CARE: Registered Day Care Center. We have an early learning program preschool 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: 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

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

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE and BAKE SALE: Sat., April 4 in front of Farmer's Country Market in Capitan, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Capitan Chamber of Commerce.

1tp/Apr. 2

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tfn/Oct. 9

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Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Thursday, April 16, 1998, at 6:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office, on Monday, April 13, 1998.

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March went out like a lion Tuesday night. The winds certainly had plenty of practice last week and Sunday. A two inch snow Sunday night and a tracking snow Monday night calmed them only a little.

Corona Schools are on spring break this week.

Royce Washburn received serious injuries Friday in the Roswell sales ring when his horse kicked him on the side of the head. He was flown by helicopter to Albuquerque to UNM hospital where he remains in serious condition. Late Tuesday morning he was reported unconscious with brain swelling. Doctors were to insert a shunt to relieve the swelling in hopes of avoiding surgery. Do continue your prayers.

Erma Bryan was taken to the Ruidoso hospital late Saturday. She was dismissed Monday evening and came home perhaps prematurely. By Tuesday noon the pain had returned. Prayers continue for her good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tubbs of Roswell and Bill Sharp of Edgewood were here Tuesday to help with the shearing.

Miles Waldon suffered a heart attack while working in his corral Friday. He was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where he was to undergo

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Erramouspe visited with her parents in Tatum last weekend.

The annual spelling bee for the elementary grades Wednesday, Mar. 25 exemplified hard work from both students and teachers. Five adults volunteered to break the ice. Camaradarie felled one contestant. Mary Smith won that round with parable.

The bee was under the direction of Roe Ann Lightfoot who teaches fifth and sixth grades. The group sang "Hapby Birthday" to her. Jeanene Gibbs pronounced. Patsy Mulkey, Kelley Pounds and Geraldine Perkins judged. At the break everyone enjoyed a very good PTO punch and Martha's cookies made in the shape of a blackboard with white lettering. First, second and third place winners were:

Kindergarten: Jake Kennick. First Grade: Josh Gage,

Monica Torres, Briar Billa. Second Grade: Jordan Muncy, Cincy Burroughs. Chelsee Muniz.

Third Grade: Patrick Palomarez. Michael Alirez. Janet Torres, J.R. Shafer (18 rounds).

Fourth Grade: Chris Dobbs, Juanita Romero. Maricela Noriega (13 rounds).

Fifth Grade: Jenna Pounds, Tabatha Winchester, Ben Witt (50 rounds): Sixth Grade: Randy

Warren, Daisy Gay, Keith Shafer (15 rounds). First place winners

received a medal and a dictionary: second place, a medal; and third place a certificate of participation. The judges received a bag of those delicious cookies.

Ruth Davidson and Fred Lackey made a trip to Mounteinair last week to watch the arrival of his daughter, Louella and Bobby Medows, new double-wide. A picnic was enjoyed by all.

Ella Stewart has enjoyed a visit from her granddaughter. Taylor Miles from Hagerman for a week. Juanito and Leonard Gonzales were home from Las Cruces due to spring break at college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie **Dunsworth returned Monday** from a trip to Rocky Ford. CO. They went to Colorado for a surprise birthday party for Angie's mother, Mary Medrano. Out of five children, four were able to attend, plus five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. Mrs. Medrano celebrated her 64th birthday.

Bob Burton had a very special surprise Sunday, the 29th, his wife, Hazel and daughters Shirley, Sherry, Shelly and son Clay, gave him a surprise 70th birthday party. It was a pot luck dinner with country music in the afternoon. It was attended by nearly 100 people, and all had a good time.

The extra special surprise was that many old time friends from out of town were in attendance. Bob had not seen some of them in ten years. His mother, Lou Thompson from Clovis, his sister Louise and husband Hal Dumar, his sister Norma Powers, David Duncan and McCreedy Jordan, Ken and Willie Mae Bonham all from Santa Fe, Jack and Louise Rutledge from Las Cruces, JT and Celicia Acrey from Roswell, Lena and Oliver Dilbeck, Johnnie and Ailene Eastwood, Joe and Marilyn Clark from Clovis. Jerry and Zelma Want from Anthony, JE and Evelyn Ellison from Amhurst, TX, Phillip, Teri, and Una Padilla from Los Lunas, Gene and Natalie Peters from Estancia, Steve and Carrie Wiley from Albuquerque provided the music. Hazel appreciated all who helped to make it such a special day.

meet in the school rec room at" 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 2. The business meeting will be followed by a covered dish luncheon and then Sue Hughes of Estancia will present her collection of Weekender Casual Wear. Everyone is invited.

Crown CowBelles hosted the District 5 workshop in the school rec room Wednesday, Mar. 18. In spite of the stormy weather 42 registered from Canyon, Corriente, Crown and Otero and from Chuckwagon.

Dr. McKinley, Supt. of Corona School, welcomed the women and offered the facilities of the school. June Tyree gave a little Corona history and the state officers introduced themselves. Owasa Heinman, state treas, was unable to attend because she had not recovered from complications following a ruptured appendix. State president Kay Lindsey was in charge of the workshop. Linette Clump, 2nd VP spoke on "Wow That Cow", and Martha Cooty, 1st VP stated that 60 miles of dirt roads and 170 mile round trip to get the mail kept them at home most of the time.

Then president Lanita Rasak gave the official crown welcome and asked each one present to introduce themselves and tell a little of their town. There were ditty bags and door prizes. Lunch was very good, beef fajitas with several side dishes - Spanish rice, coffee and cakes. The cakes were orange date chocolate, crange buttermilk and apple made from scratch by Lanita Rasak.

Tommy and Nora Tyree prepared the meat, Nora the salsa, June the Spanish rice and fajita extras. Linda Powell was a big help and then presented a style show of her. fur pieces. Nancy Adams modeled her skunk cape. Linds chose Lindsey, Rasak, Duke, Trish Cox and herself as models.

The officers expressed their appreciation for the successful workshop, their lunch, their lodging at the Corona Motel and for their personal. gifts - pad folios in leatherette covers.

Wanda Duke and Lanita. Rasak attended the meeting of the New Mexico Cameo Society Saturday at the Albuquerque Cooperidge.

About 90 attended the West Texas Southern New Mexico Aglow retreat last weekend in Sacramento. Sandra Alford was there for the Sunday session.

There was a board meeting in the school rec room Tuesday of Women's Aglow International. Nancie Maloney of Roswell spoke.

The next meeting of Corona del Rey Women's Aglow, will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at the school with Tamara Sawyer of Albuquerque speaking. This is a return visit from Tamara who is a delightful speaker. All are invited.

Richard Tyree won third in the Eunice Invitational golf meet last week.

Kelley Pounds is the new school library aide for Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Jeanene Gibbs and Linda Crown CowBelles will Powell left Sunday afternoon for Carlebad and a week of grant writing workshops.

> Mr. and Mrs. Art Shanbaugh of Tombstone, AZ spent the weekend with the Virgil' Owen family.

> Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey went to Albuquerque Friday to greet their first great grandchild, 7 lb. 5 oz. Dion Issac Lucras Ortiz born March 25 to Angela and Jue Ortiz, Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lucras of Roswell, and great great grandmother Bernice: McCord of Corona. ****

> Theresa Barabajas son. Anthony and daughter Briana were here over the weekend attending a special: St. John's Mass in Duran and visiting family there.

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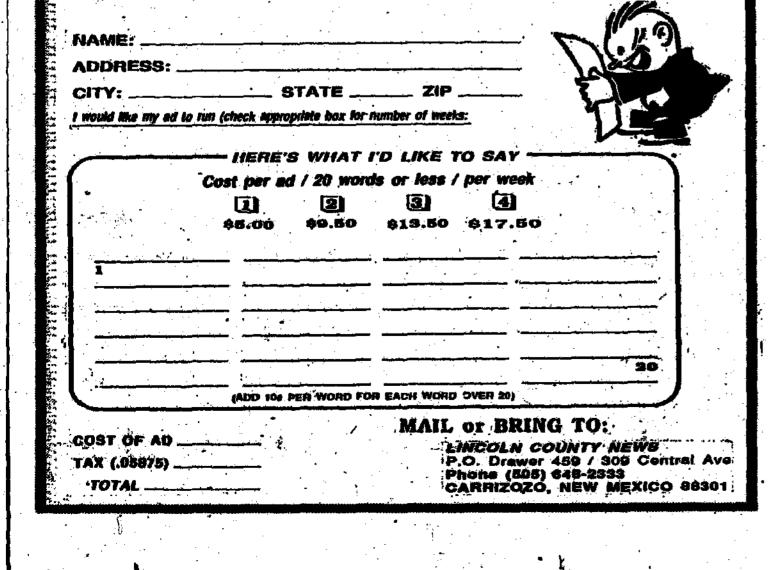
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Ruidoso Gross Receipts

existing off-premises signs that do not conform to the new size regulations. They agreed that such signs should e considered for variance on case by case basis. Off premises signs are only for direccions to businesses not located on Sudderth and Mechem Prives and Highway 70.

Other changes were to Phorten the permit time for special events banners from 120 days to 90 days, and to allow off premises signs on Highway 70 for business that have direct access on Highway 70.

After several minutes of ceview of the sign ordinance, village clerk Tammie Maddox reminded the council that any changes to the ordinance have to go to the village Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission for first public hearing, then P&Z can recommend the counpil hold public hearings on the groposed changes.

No date was set for hearing on the proposed new sign ordinance changes. Village attorney John Underwood said the case involving the nonconforming off-premises nign at Paradise Canyon Road intersection with Sudderth Drive will not be considered in court until the council finalizes the changes to the sign ordinance.

Councilors also reviewed a proposed policy on licenses for use of public right of way. Gurrently the village has no policy for use of rights of way, and often citizens request to use portions of village rights of way for parking, encroachments, fencing, etc. Village deputy manager Alan Briley said staff has begun drafting a new policy for use. He suggested the village impose a fee

of \$50 a year and 10 cents a foot for use of the affected right of way. Councilors first referred the policy to P&Z but later in the meeting rescinded the directive and referred the policy to staff to draft for review at the next April meet-

Ruidoso's gross receipt taxes to date are only 2.9 percent lower than the amount collected in the same time period last fiscal year. Jackson presented his monthly budget review that showed gross receipt tax collections through January 1998. Gross receipt tax revenues decreased sharply from September to October when the Wal Mart store relocated to Ruidoso Downs. October collections in 1997 were 12 percent lower than in October 1996. However, November 1997 receipts were 3.9 percent higher than in November 1996. January showed an increase of 19 percent from the previous year, but Jackson attributed much of that, to

Ruidoso collects 1.35 percent for regular tax, .75 percent for municipal, 1 percent for special gross receipt tax, .5 percent for the airport. .225 percent for the environmental tax for the landfill and solid waste, and 1.1250 percent for infrastructure.

late filing by some Ruidoso

businesses.

To date this fiscal year, the village has received \$5.7 million which is about 85.7 percent of the amount of total revenue estimated in this year's budget. Currently the village is about 56 percent expended. "It appears we are on track or slightly ahead of our forecast for this year," Jackson said. "We had excellent collections early in the

summer before the loss of Wal Mart."

Jackson reminded councilors about the upcoming budget cycle. "We will be working daily on the budget for next year," he said.

Robertson remarked that it was very encouraging what a good winter will do." But he advised caution with the optimism because next ski season may not do so well.

In other business, council-

--Amended the 1997-98 budget by transferring \$21,500 to the general fund to upgrade the five existing village sirens and install a new one. The sirens are activated to alert citizens of fire or other disasters. Citizens will be notified that they are to turn to a local radio station for emergency instructions. The village disaster emergency response committee recommended the improvements.

-Approved vacation of two public rights of way in the Singing Pines Subdivision. The property is not being used for a roadway as indicated in very hard to find volunteers.

the original subdivision plat. The property owner committed to providing public access to the river and to utilities.

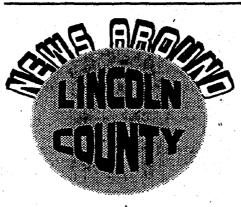
-- Scheduled public hearing on April 28 to review and possibly remove the term limitations of board and commission members. Donaldson said after review of the many volunteers on the village boards and committees he had decided that the council was in error in limiting terms. Estes agreed because it is

"If someone is serving well it is a mistake to pull that person off the board," Estes said.

--Authorized issuance of request for proposals for advertising and marketing and operation of the visitor's cen-

--Set a special meeting at 6 p.m. May 19 at the convention center to hold public hearing on a proposed ordinance to establish impact fees.

-Heard the mayor announce he was creating a Mayoral Youth Commission to provide a forum for youth to be heard. He proposed the commission include someone from Ruidoso High School, Ruidoso school board, Mescalero, Capitan, senior citizens and county commission to talk about youth concerns. "We need to find a way for the youth to participate," Donaldson said.



Preschool Screenings

Kindergarten registration and preschool developmental screening for children birth through five years old will be held at area schools this month. Parents should bring immunization records, social security numbers and medicaid cards if the child is on medicaid. Birth certificates will be required for all children registering for kindergarten and applying for medicaid. Families wishing to apply for medicaid will also need income and residence verification from the past 30 days. The kindergarten registration and preschool developmental screenings are sponsored by local schools and Region IX

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Friday, April 17: Carrizozo Elementary 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Friday, April 24: Ruidoso -Nob Hill 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, April 30: Corona Elementary 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Applications will be available for Lincoln County Headstart at Hondo, Capitan and Ruidoso.

Zia Senior Centers Short Notes All Zia Senior Centers will be closed April 10 to observe Good

Friday: Carrizozo Center: Blood pressure checks every Friday. A trip to Alamogordo set for April 6. Art class every Tuesday and Thursday. Possible Albuquerque medical trip and a special Easter dinner.

Capitan Center: Pool tournament April 3. Blood pressure checks on Tuesdays. Corona Center has a trip

scheduled to Carrizozo April 3. San Patricio: Exercise every Thursday. April 8 a movie is scheduled for 1 p.m. Bridge in the afternoon.

April 8: Roswell shopping trip for Cápitan seniors and seniors from Ruidoso Downs.

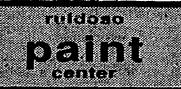
Ruidoso Downs: 42 tournament April 7. April 9: AARP tax aide and blood pressure checks, also nutrition class.

You can get a question answered by dialing the following telephone numbers: Carrizozo 648-2121, Capitan 354-2640, Corona 849-5111, San Patricio 653-4405, and Ruidoso Downs 378-4659.

... by Bartley McDonough * * * * * Medicald Managed Care

An informational meeting for Salud! Medicaid Managed Care will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center Monday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Topics to be covered include basic information on Managed Care, definitions, eligibility, exemptions, benefits, issues relating to people with special needs, grievance, and how to choose a plan.

The material takes about an hour and a half to cover.



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