

Fairgrounds Bathrooms Need More Than Plunger

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Fair Association board members went to the Lincoln County Commission hoping to get money to fix the bathrooms in the county-owned fairgrounds before summer activities begin.

Someone should have handed the board members a plunger when they left, because all they got was a discussion about the county sending the plumber to fix what's there.

At the special county preliminary budget hearing on April 28, Lincoln County Fair

Association (LCFA) board vice-president Jerry Burchett, on behalf of the board, requested \$10,000 for repairs in the bathrooms. "The bathrooms are unusable now," Burchett said. "We need something done now before summer activities."

Burchett said both men and women bathrooms need new commodes, the system needs a new water line to increase water pressure, and a larger sewer line. Bathroom repairs are estimated to cost about \$10,000.

Commission chairman Ray

Nunley said \$10,000 was "more than the county can handle now." He asked if just repairs to the existing facilities would work for now. Nunley said this was an emergency situation, and the only option to fixing the bathrooms was to rent port-a-potties.

County commissioner Monroy Montes asked if the association had consulted the county's contracted plumber, Lincoln Mechanical, about the repairs. He also questioned why the bathrooms were such an emergency since \$100,000 from the legislature "is

plugged in for future improvements" (at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.) And he wanted to know how long the bathrooms were having problems.

Fair association officer Craig Whipple said Mike Cobb from Lincoln Mechanical viewed the bathrooms and came up with the estimate for the repairs.

"You can replace a commode for 75 - 80 bucks, that's the purchase price," Montes said. He added that it would be more with the wax ring and installation.

Whipple said the association's priority for using the state money is building additional bathrooms. Whipple said for the last two years the bathrooms have been a problem, and lately "getting more serious."

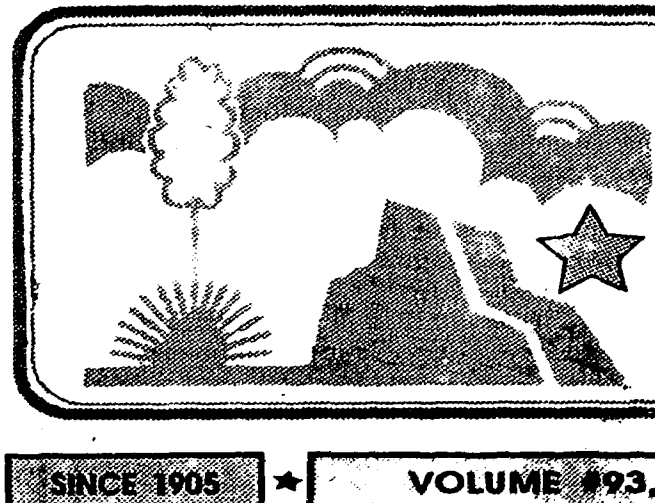
As for the option of renting portable toilets, Whipple said they cost \$75 a day each to rent. Whipple said the cost of renting portable toilets would far outweigh the cost of repairing the existing bathrooms because more than 50 events are scheduled for the summer at the fairgrounds.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said not to rent portable toilets, rather put the same amount of money toward improving the bathrooms.

Then Montes questioned how the fair association uses the county's contracted \$19,000 a year, for four years. Burchett said about \$13,300 a year goes just for utilities and routine maintenance.

County commissioner Wil-

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—FIT TO BE HUNG? Recent actions of Lincoln County Commission led a Carrizozo business to change the title of the gallows picture from "lawyers" to "County Commissioners". The picture can be seen from Central Ave. but is just out of view from the courthouse.

County Owes Humane Society For Last Year

by Doris Cherry

At 9 a.m. Friday, May 8, in their chamber in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, the Lincoln County Commissioners will hold another hearing on the county preliminary budget.

Lincoln County Commission chairman Ray Nunley told **THE NEWS** that the newest draft of the proposed 1998-99 county budget looks much better than the last draft reviewed on April 28. Nunley said he anticipates cutbacks in "the frills" so the county can properly provide basic services.

But at the budget hearing on April 28, commissioners were faced with cutting more than \$500,000 from their original budget requests. They left that meeting weary and not quite to their goal so they voted to meet again on May 9.

On April 28, commissioners spent the morning hearing requests from different groups that get county money, or use the county as their fiscal agents. Included in that group was the Humane Society of Lincoln County which contracts with the county to provide kennel and animal quarantine services. The contract cost is based on the number of animals at the humane society shelter which came from the county. Currently about 43 percent of the animals at the shelter come from people living in the county.

Jim Riggins, director of the

Humane Society, came to the commission with a "lingering matter" from last fiscal year. He said last year the society requested \$17,563 and got only \$14,287 which was the previous year amount. The additional funding was to cover building use and was based on the number of county animals at the shelter. Riggins said he came to the commission in August about

the matter, and was told to come at mid-year for an adjustment to the contract amount. "But I haven't been here yet," Riggins said. "I've been trying to get on the county agenda."

County commission chairman Ray Nunley was concerned the response citizens get from dispatch personnel when the county animal con-

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Another Special County Budget Hearing Friday

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff's Association wants to negotiate with the Lincoln County Commission.

One of the items listed on the agenda of the Friday, May 8 special Lincoln County Commission meeting is a memo that the county's management specialist, John Martinez from Management Associates, recently was notified that the Fraternal Order of Police, the union representing the deputies' association, wanted to open negotiations on May 18.

The May 8 hearing is the second hearing on the preliminary budget and the fourth day commissioners have met in either workshop or meeting to review the preliminary budget. The May 8 meeting is

set to begin at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

The first item on the agenda is a proposed Joint Powers Agreement between the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department and the Glencoe Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department. Ruidoso Downs Fire Department has been responding to calls in the Glencoe-Palo Verde Fire District.

Following that item commissioners, acting as the county board of finance, will begin their preliminary budget hearing.

Prior to Friday, commissioners had not considered a raise for any of the employees.

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Ruidoso Public Hearings Set For Tuesday, May 12

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council will have quite an agenda on its Tuesday, May 12 meeting.

At their regular April 28 meeting, the council had no absolute quorum because only councilors Ron Anderson, Bill Chance and Frank Cummins were in attendance and the quorum was reached only because mayor Robert Donaldson was present. As a result they could not act on any of the four proposed ordinances or four resolutions, and the items were rescheduled for action at the May 12 meeting.

The proposed ordinances would amend the village code by reducing curfew hours to 12 midnight to 5 a.m. during summer break; amend the animal control regulations changing the definition of stray or running at large as an animal unattended and not under restraint in village limits on any public street, alley or private property, restraint any animal secured by a leash or lead no more than eight feet long or tether not less than 12 feet long; and "owner" as a responsible person who owns an animal or an adult person placed in charge of the animal, in absence of

the owner; term limitations of boards and commission members; and raises in the court automation fee.

Donaldson, who requested the term limits on board members, said previously he had reconsidered his stance on the term limits because he discovered firsthand how difficult it is to find citizens willing to serve on village boards and commission.

Donaldson took public input on the proposed ordinances, especially the animal control changes, but councilors could not act, except to postpone action until the May 12 meeting.

Councilors did approve the request to designate Center Street as two-way. In 1994, the Main Street project widened the east side sidewalk on Center street, which left too little space for a two way street. Because a business on the west side of the street at that time wanted to keep its street parking, the village turned Center into a one-way street.

Recently several property owners in the Center Street area requested the village to turn the street back into a two-way. The business is willing to give up its street

side parking to have the street two way again. Village street departments and emergency personnel also had no objections to a two-way street.

Center Street goes back to two way as soon as street crews change the signs.

Councilors also approved the street priorities for fiscal year 1998-99. Priority streets for improvement are: base course and dirt streets - Um-

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White Oaks Fire Dept. Seeks State Funds For Building

White Oaks Fire Department is seeking a loan from the State Fire Fund to construct its new building, not from the county commission as stated under the picture on Page one of the April 30 issue of **LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS**. Commissioners offered to pass a resolution requesting a loan for the White Oaks Volunteer Fire Department from the New Mexico Finance Authority, and suggested the department put a plan together showing their needs for building and equipment.



NATHAN FUCHS OF CAPITAN, right, received the Dean's Award of Excellence from the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University during a ceremony held April 24. Awards were presented by John Owens, NMSU's interim vice president. (NMSU Agricultural Communications photo by J. Victor Espinoza)

County Owes Humane

trol officer (ACO) was "out of time position which commis- hours." The ACO is a part- sioners had committed to

bringing up to full time. Nunley told about getting a call from a woman in Agua Fria who called the dispatch about a dead dog and was told the ACO was out of hours.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan said he called the resident himself and explained the ACO hours situation. He advised the resident to put the dead dog in a double plastic bag and put it in the dumpster. He also said the ACO position was not full-time until July 1, regardless what the commission had done in the budget workshop.

Nunley said the county needs to educate the dispatchers about dead animal removal. "We need to be kinder in our approach," Nunley said.

In discussing the additional funds, Riggins said the sheriff is required to police and deal with strays and provide separate quarantine facilities. However, the actual sheriff's impound use is a small percentage of the use of the humane society facility by county animals. County commissioner Rex Wilson asked if the numbers of animals are coming from county people, and if the county is bound by law to provide such a service. Riggins said people could call the sheriff's office to pick up the animals and under the law the sheriff's office would be required to do so. However, the sheriff's office has gotten county residents so they bring the animals to the humane society.

County commissioner Bill

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Schwettmann said the figures were there to justify the additional funds requested. "We are morally responsible, even if technically we are not," Schwettmann said. "Pets mean so much."

Schwettmann however was concerned about removal of dead deer and cited a situation in Alto where two dead deer were in a yard for four days. After dispatch told the residents who reported the dead deer that the ACO was unavailable, Schwettmann said the residents called him. "Nobody took care of it, so I called the solid waste authority," Schwettmann said. "They took care of it."

Sullivan said the New Mexico Game and Fish Department is responsible for removing dead wildlife. Schwettmann said he did call game and fish, and was told they would take it under advisement. Sullivan said his officers do not pick up road kill wildlife.

Not quite knowing what to do with the request for the additional funds for the 1997-98 fiscal year, commissioners agreed on a resolution on the May meeting agenda to "finish what we owe to the humane society."

Also on April 28, commissioners heard from Jim Stover with the Ruidoso EMS which has taken over county ambulance operations. Ruidoso EMS requested \$161,000 to operate the county EMS next fiscal year. Stover said he anticipates a lot of "catching up" in operations when new equipment is in place and once communications are improved with repairs to the repeater antennas on the mountain top. He said a lot of maintenance has been done on the older ambulances and a lot more work is needed. He said the... salaries... budget... is going up because some of the volunteers were not even getting minimum wage, and because he expects more EMTs to come out of classes being held in Corona and other areas of the county. He said Corona class may add six EMTs to the system.

All EMTs are employees of Lincoln County Medical Center which operates the Ruidoso EMS and their workers compensation is picked up by the hospital.

Stover told about one major expense for communications—the repeaters on the mountain, which cost several thousand dollars to repair or replace after a severe winter. EMS does not share its communication system with the county radio system. Commissioner Monroy Montes said that when the county turned over administration of the county EMS to Ruidoso EMS he was not aware that the communication part of it would be involved as a result. "That person (contractor for radio repairs) does county communication no longer," Montes said.

Stover said the intent of Ruidoso EMS was to take over all aspects that involve a liability to the EMS.

Stover said EMS will not ask for a new ambulance this

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Another Special

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Potential salary increases are only part of the discussions commissioners will have about the preliminary budget Friday, as they again try to hammer out a balanced budget that can meet state required reserves. Other county departments, and special programs representatives will be back seeking their share of the county pie.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

The rural bookmobile will be in the county next week. The following is a schedule of stops:

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Corona Post Office 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Carrizosa Otero Electric 4-6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Carrizosa Otero Electric 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Nogal Store 9-10 a.m.
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:30-12:30 p.m.
Fort Stanton 12:10-1:10 p.m.
Lincoln Post Office 2:45-3:30 p.m.
Hondo Store 4-5:00 p.m.
Capitan Public Library 5:30-8:30 p.m.

County finance officials are working with an estimated \$3.3 million in revenue for the county's general operating fund, and a grand total of \$8.3 million in revenue for all funds including road fund, grants, and flow through money for the volunteer fire departments. As of April 28, the proposed budget requested \$3.4 million of the estimated general fund revenues.

Lincoln County Commission Chairman Ray Nunley told THE NEWS he thought the newest draft of the preliminary budget appears to be much better for everyone. During the April 28 preliminary budget hearing commissioners found they had to cut \$500,000 from the general fund requests in order to have

enough cash reserves to meet state requirements.

After the preliminary budget hearing commissioners will recess into closed session to discuss personnel and/or pending litigation.

Following the closed session is an item listed as "Wayland Hill." Hill is still listed as Lincoln County Detention Center administrator but has been on extended medical leave since his stroke in November.

County officials have been warned to bring their lunches to the special meeting.

The next preliminary budget hearing will be held during the regular meeting of May 12, which is set to begin at 8 a.m. in the Ruidoso Village Council Chambers.



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

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

FRIDAYS
—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, MAY 7
—No bingo at Capitan Chamber of Commerce.

FRIDAY, MAY 8
—Blood drive 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso.
—Special Lincoln County Commission meeting to review preliminary budget, 9 a.m. commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

SATURDAY, MAY 9
—Lincoln County Bird Club trip to Upper Bonita River, meet at ranger station in Ruidoso at 6:30 a.m.
—Capitan Community Update and Smokey Bear's Birthday Dinner 5-9 p.m. Capitan School cafeteria.

MONDAY, MAY 11
—Lincoln County Senior Olympics Dance and Talent show 10 a.m. Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.
—Corona Action Team working meeting 10 a.m. Brown Hotel Museum.
—Carrizozo FFA Awards Dinner, 6 p.m. school cafeteria.
—Capitan Village Trustees public hearing 6:30 p.m.

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Carrizozo Chit Chat



NAVY PETTY OFFICER Michael Hicks Rominger and Seaman 1st Class Suzanne Waters were united in marriage on April 2nd by his father, Carrizozo Municipal Judge Chuck Rominger. The couple have been stationed in Okinawa Japan for the past year. Suzanne is a dental tech with the US Navy and Michael is a surgical tech. Both are presently stationed in San Diego. Suzanne is the daughter of Ron Waters of San Jose, California and Kathy Wallis of Idaho.

Tee Ball Sign Up

The last day to sign up for Tee Ball is Friday, May 8. Tee Ball is for children ages 3 to 7. Call 648-1335 for information.

Library Activities

Carrizozo School library reports many successful activities and programs this semester. Author's birthday parties were held in January, February and March. Each month students who had read at least two books written by authors born in that month received an invitation to the birthday party. Students received bookmarks and badges and refreshments. They then told about their favorite books and participated in drawings for free books.

The book fair was a success and the library will be able to purchase new equipment, collect free books, and order more than \$280 in instructional materials.

A *Mystery Box* appeared in the library March 23. Students were allowed to guess what was in the box. When the box

was opened students inspected a variety of teeth and jaws from eight different animals. A total of 21 students had guessed correctly at least part of what was in the box and each received a prize for his/her detective work.

Stock Car Winners

Carrizozo drivers made a

good showing finishing one, two and three in street stock heat races Friday night when **THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS** attended Media Day at Sertoma Speedway. **NEWS** representatives toured the pit area, attended the pre-race pit meeting for the drivers, discussed rules and regulations with the flagman and the president of the Sertoma Club, and spoke with the announcer during the races.

Allen Fitzpatrick took the checkered flag in his heat race, Keith Greer placed second in his heat race, and Josh Hammond finished third in his heat race.

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Fairgrounds Restrooms

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ton Howell suggested Lincoln Mechanical go back to the fairgrounds with "different instructions" on how to fix the bathrooms for now, and come back with an estimate on May 12. "I don't want to waste money on port a potties," Howell said. "But I don't want to re-do something after we get the state money."

Commissioners agreed with Howell's suggestions, but took no vote on the issue. Montes requested the fair association return with their estimates at the regular county commission meeting of May 12, which will be held in Ruidoso.

Burchett thanked the commission and said "It's a step forward."

In a telephone interview later, Nunley told **THE NEWS** that he and former county manager Frank Potter had gone to the fair association board meeting in March. With Potter advising that there was money in the county's facilities fund, Nunley said he told the fair board the county would repair the bathrooms. "This is an emergency situation," Nunley said to **THE NEWS**. "And I agreed to help if there were facilities funds."

Nunley told **THE NEWS** that since the April 28 meeting, the county finance and treasurer's offices have been working on the preliminary budget which is "looking better." Nunley said it appears there is enough money in the facilities fund for the bathroom repairs. "We need to help them...at least give them a plunger," Nunley said.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Using chamber pots

By Ruth Hammond

Those of you planning to attend any of the more than 50 events that are scheduled to be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds this summer might want to take along a chamber pot just in case you might need to use the restroom while there. You do know what a chamber pot is, don't you? It's a device that you take off the top and put on the bottom and when you take off the bottom you put the top back on to keep the contents inside. Years ago people kept chamber pots in their bedrooms because they didn't want to walk all the way to the outhouse after dark. Using a chamber pot is one of those experiences that defies the "Good Old Days" theory.

The Lincoln County Fair Association has asked Lincoln County Commissioners for help paying for repairs to the restroom facilities at the fairgrounds but it seems the \$10,000 needed is "more than the county can handle now." You need to remember that the county will be paying \$60,000 for gold plated crappers at the Sales Barn that might have 16 events scheduled this entire year. Maybe the county commissioners are using faulty math for their figuring because the need is greater at a facility that has more than 50 events scheduled than at a facility that might have 16 events scheduled.

When the Lincoln County Fair Association told commissioners once again about the restrooms one commissioner questioned the cost and said, "You can replace a commode for 75 - 80 bucks, that's the purchase price." Does it make you wonder why commissioners don't rush out and buy a few for the Sales Barn? The money saved at the Sales Barn could be used for repairs at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, but that would be sensible and it appears our county commissioners are more interested in spending money for "frills" at the Sales Barn than in properly providing basic service for people at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, which is also county-owned.

Do you suppose county commissioners believe the people attending events at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds never need to use the restroom? Do you suppose county commissioners believe the people attending events at the Sales Barn deserve preferential treatment? Do you suppose the county commissioners believe the people attending events at one county-owned facility should have deluxe crappers while the people attending events at another county-owned facility should have to go to a portable outhouse?

When the Lincoln County Fair Association asked for money to repair the restrooms one commissioner questioned how the fair association spends the \$19,000 a year the county pays. Evidently he didn't know the cost for utilities and routine maintenance are about \$13,300 a year. That is far less than utility and maintenance costs at the Sales Barn and the county DOES NOT pay a manager at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and the county DOES NOT pay for professional services at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and the county DOES NOT pay for temporary salaries at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and the county DOES NOT pay for mileage and per diem at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and the county DOES NOT pay for dues/conference/registration at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and the county DOES NOT pay for janitorial supplies at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds and the county DOES NOT pay for office supplies at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

The county pays \$19,000 a year for contracted services to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Association. Volunteers do the work at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in contrast to the county budgeting \$36,980 for the Sales Barn for one year. Chamber pots are extra.

No frills for Fairgrounds

LETTERS

to the editor

EDITOR: As a resident of White Oaks, I am concerned as to the various locations of Lincoln County Commission meetings. I am vitally interested in many of the issues coming before the commission.

One of the issues was the proposed location of a new county jail and a court complex to be located other than the Lincoln County Courthouse.

The Ad Hoc Jail Committee appointed by the present Lincoln County commissioners had a recent meeting at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. on a Sunday.

Next there was another meeting sponsored by the Village of Ruidoso at the Ruidoso Civic Center where commissioner Monroy Montes informed those present of the plans for the new jail.

Now, reading the legal, I find that another meeting is scheduled in Ruidoso on May 12 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Ruidoso Village Administrative Office at 313 Cres, Ruidoso. A budget hearing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

There are many issues that the taxpayers of Lincoln County should be aware of because it is the taxpayers dollars that are paying for meeting at different locations.

There is a Lincoln County Courthouse that is centrally located in this county for the very purpose of informing the public of decisions made by county commissioners.

It is very difficult for many residents to make meetings when they reside in White Oaks, Yesso, Ramon, Corona and Oscura, Capitan; measure the distance. It is easier for resident taxpayers of Alto, Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso to attend meetings at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Or, are we being discouraged from attending meetings??

KAREN MILLS
White Oaks, New Mexico

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Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE: We haven't talked much about New Mexico's Cuarto Centenario this year. And for good reason. Everybody who should be talking about it is talking about it — and doing a good job.

You'll remember that two years ago the 150th anniversary of New Mexico becoming part of the United States was officially ignored for reasons of political correctness. No one wanted to celebrate the subjugation of one people by another and the attendant bloodshed. Those concerns also have surfaced this year but have done little to dampen the observance.

After being sensitized by 1992 events surrounding the Columbus Quincentennial, New Mexico's commemoration has concentrated less on Juan de Onate and more on the settlers who accompanied him and the outcomes of their endeavors.

It is significant to note that 400 years after the Spanish colonization, Native Americans still occupy their original homelands, practice their religion, and have blended with the Spanish to create a new culture — something that other European settlers of this continent cannot claim.

Events are being held in many parts of the state throughout the year. The April New Mexico Magazine list observances in Espanola, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Socorro, Las Cruces, Roswell, Farmington, Aztec, Alcalde, Chimayo, Mora, San Juan Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo and El Paso.

This year isn't just the 400th anniversary of New Mexico's settlement, it also is the 400th anniversary of Catholicism in the state, the New Mexico National Guard and the first Thanksgiving. The Catholic Church got Cuarto Centenario activities off to a start last fall with a conference, which has been followed by various events, including reconciliation services at the Santuario de Chimayo.

Since Onate financed his entire expedition, he didn't have room for a lot of professional soldiers. He had to rely on a militia of the colonists he brought. For many years New Mexico has proudly claimed that militia as the beginning of our National Guard's history, making us the oldest militia in the United States.

In April an impressive ceremony was held in which the Spanish military pre-

sented 16th century armor, along with replicas of uniforms, weapons, charts and maps of the Palace of the Governors museum. Eighteen Spanish soldiers accompanied by their National Guard companions marched the next to last leg of the Camino Real leading into Rancho de Las Golodrinas, where the first thanksgiving feast was celebrated.

El Paso, Texas has championed the Southwest Thanksgiving, having held what it is the first Thanksgiving America annually for several years. At least once, El Paso representatives dressed in Spanish garb journeyed to Massachusetts to celebrate that other Thanksgiving — the one that took place 23 years later. El Paso's Thanksgiving observance seems to have taken hold this year as an annual event. Some 20,000 people reportedly participated in the three-day festival. Next year they hope to start attracting tourists.

Several delegations of Spanish and Mexican dignita-

ries are participating in our commemoration at various times and places, including an appearance at a pueblo to recognize Native American hospitality in those early years for helping make the colonization successful.

Participation in some of this year's many events is a great way to bring history alive for kids, instill an appreciation of our state's culture in all of us, and help tell the world that New Mexico has a long-overlooked history that predates other settlements in our history textbooks.

That effort won't end when the Cuarto Centenario draws to a close. Two research and cultural centers have been established and another is on its way. The Juan de Onate Monument and Visitor Center in Alcalde now has a staff, as does the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, which will open later this year. And on the drawing board is a Camino Real Heritage Museum along the Jornada del Muerto.

Senator Pete Campos Reports From Santa Fe

SANTA FE: The legislature adjourned Monday evening about 8:00 p.m. after a 6-day special session called by the governor. There were tens of millions of dollars in general fund spending approved on state programs and projects, including some items previously vetoed and an override of the governor's veto of legislation to help New Mexicans with developmental disabilities.

The legislature also approved three measures to prohibit the sale of alcohol through drive-up windows, leaving the final decision to the governor.

"This was a productive session. We were able to revisit some of the vetoes from the 30-day regular session in the areas of health care, education and public safety," said Senator Pete Campos. "These programs are designed to improve the lives of New Mex-

icans and the economy of New Mexico."

Campos said the topics that could be considered during the special session were limited by the governor's proclamation calling the session. Under the constitution, the governor has strict control over special session agendas.

"Projects that weren't included on the agenda, but that are important to residents of San Miguel, Guadalupe, DeBaca and Lincoln counties remain high on my priority list and I will continue to seek appropriations for them," Campos said.

The legislature approved several pieces of legislation during the special session, which cost just more than \$50,000 a day. The most significant legislation appropriates about \$28.9 million from the general fund for various state programs. Highlights include appropriations of:

- * \$1 million to the children, youth and families department for delinquency prevention and intervention services.
- * \$1 million in matching funds for computers for schools around New Mexico.
- * \$800,000 to carry out

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Ruidoso Public Hearings

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Brella from Brady Canyon to the end, Harvard from Purr to the end, Hobart from Larch to Wilshire, Wilshire from Larch to Harvard, North Candlewood from Oak to End, Chelsea from Oak Grove to 3rd Street, Mae from Joe to Ebarb, Mountain Breeze from Main to Joe and Mimosa from North to Candlewood. Priorities for base course streets: Coconino from Gila Place to Modoc, Dona Ana from Mary to Socorro Circle, Hidalgo from Chaves to top of the hill, Chipmunk from Upper Deck to Forest Lane, Old Lincoln Road from Torreon Loop to Blazers Mill, White Oaks, Madera and Arabella from High Loop to End, Blue Spruce from Davis to Yellow Pine.

Priorities for paved streets are Skylane from White Mountain to Coconino, Cree Meadows from Mechem to Hull Road, Meander from Paradise Canyon to Gavilan, Royal Drive from Cree Meadows to Hull, Morningside from Cree Meadows to Royal, Kansas City from Morningside to Royal, Skyview from Cree Meadows, Timberline Drive from Timberline Trail to Timberline Place, Timberline Place from Timberline Court to End, Hansen Drive from Morgan to Mechem, Arapahoe Trail from Grindstone to End and Reservoir from Arapahoe to End. Some streets will be treated with magnesium chloride to stabilize dust. Those are Guadalupe from Shady Lane to End, Forest Lane from Kenna to Whirlaway, Whirlaway from Main to End, San Juan from Guadalupe to Valencia, Emmons from Main Road to End, Mountain View from River Trail to End, Shannon Lane from Hull Road to Poco Loco, Di Palo from Pippin to End and Pippin from pavement to the end.

Another action the council took was to delete the request for proposals for private trash collection, and to proceed with the village doing its own trash collection services. Action on the Joint Resolution/Joint Powers Agreement regarding the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, a resolution establishing policy for the agenda of regular council meetings, a resolution to accept the Solid Waste Grant from the state environment department and a resolution amend the budget for fiscal year 1997-98 were postponed until May 12 because of the lack of an absolute quorum.

Tony Seno, president of the Lincoln County Libertarian Party, was concerned about the proposed policy for the meeting agendas because it requires members of the public to submit a detailed written summary of the items to be presented and discussed. Requestors must be a business and/or property owner, or a person who receives village services. The proposed policy also recommends that presentations be 10 minutes or less.

Jim Riggins from the Humane Society of Lincoln County submitted the society's \$50,538 funding request for the 1998-99 fiscal year. The request amount is a percentage of the total cost of operation for the humane society based on the numbers of animals that came from people in Ruidoso.

The Ruidoso Village Council begins at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12.

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Sen. Pete Campos

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the Rural Primary Health Care Act and \$500,000 for health services for children not eligible for Medicaid;

* \$60,000 to the crime victims reparation commission for a statewide legal help line for domestic violence victims;

* \$600,000 for student dropout prevention programs statewide;

* \$1 million to assist low-income homeowners with weatherization projects;

* \$500,000 in homeless services;

* \$750,000 for early intervention for New Mexicans with developmental disabilities;

* \$400,000 in increased funding for drug courts;

* \$1 million to the jury and witness fee fund; and

* \$200,000 to the criminal and juvenile justice coordinating council.

The legislation also provides state agencies with limited authority to transfer money from one part of the budget to another, something the governor asked the legis-

lature to approve so agencies would have more flexibility.

The legislature also approved three different proposals to close so-called drive-up liquor windows. One would allow local residents to vote on whether to close drive-up windows in their communities; another would automatically close all the windows statewide and shorten the hours that convenience stores, grocery stores, gasoline stations and similar retailers could sell alcohol; and the third would automatically close all windows statewide.

The legislature also overrode a gubernatorial veto for the first time since 1970 when it voted to override the governor's veto of legislation designed to move New Mexicans with developmental disabilities from institutions into community settings. The legislation sets a moratorium on new beds at institutions for New Mexicans with developmental disabilities, but eight new beds will be allowed at the Las Vegas medical center despite the moratorium.

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Honda Fire Department to build another bay just for the ambulance.

Others making funding requests were:

—Tony Elias with the South-eastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD), who reported on the district's activities and what is being done for the upcoming census in year 2000. The county pays pro rata annual dues to SNMEDD for its services.

—Pablo Falcon from White Mountain Search and Rescue which was asking for more money to educate its volunteers on how to deal with booby traps on gates and fences while on a search in the back country, because all current funds from the county only cover vehicle maintenance.

—Betty McCreight with the Lincoln County Extension Service asking for \$49,137 which is the county's one-third match with federal and state funds for the extension office that coordinates FCE and 4-H clubs. Last year the extension office obtained \$52,000 in grants for its nutrition education program and one through the federal Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) program for tourism projects. Also the 4-H office requested \$4,580 to hire a 4-H program assistant for the summer.

—Mary Satonica, Better Day Mental Health, requested the same \$20,000 for her mental health services to county jail prisoners, but requested if she could be put on county health insurance. Nunley said the county would inquire if she could be added to the insurance program, since she is not a county employee.

—Sue Stearns with the South Central Mountain RC&D who asked the county to continue paying dues to the organization which has organized Community Action Teams in Carrizozo, Corona and Lincoln which have obtained \$60,000 in grants, including \$40,000 to improve the Lincoln Pageant grounds.

—Linda Fox with Capitan Library requested the county continue the \$333 a month through the next fiscal year, with some funding to go toward a program of providing books to homebound persons through the senior meals program.

—Larry Killgo, with the federal Animal Damage Control (ADC) program requested \$24,000 the same as last year.

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Last year four new livestock associations formed and are now paying about \$24,000 a year toward the animal damage control, Killgo said a reduction in grazing fees have led to lower budget for ADC which employ four full time hunters or wildlife specialists who help with predators, rodents and nuisance wildlife like skunks, coons and foxes that raid chicken houses. Wilson said the livestock numbers are down because of the drought.

—Clarence Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District requesting \$2,000 from the Taylor Grazing Fees from the forest service to use on conservation programs.

—Dr. Jim Miller, on behalf of the Region 9 Educational Cooperative Center and ENMU-Ruidoso, requested the \$50,000 for vocational equipment once all eight school districts in Region 9 sign up with the program. He said four school districts had signed off on an agreement for the vocational school, which is expected to open by August 1999. The state department of education has committed \$35,000 for interim start-up costs.

—Barbara House with the Zia Therapy Center in Alamogordo which provides respite care for nine families in Lincoln County requested continuance of \$5,000 a year.

—Ada Hendryx with the Zia Senior Center Program which is about \$29,000 short in expected revenues over the proposed \$576,791 cost of the program.

—Village of Corona requesting \$2,000 to assist with solid waste. Montes said it was not a Lincoln County problem and Corona should seek assistance from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) which is on solid financial footing of which the village is a member.

—Trustee Eileen Lovelace for the Town of Carrizozo who sought \$2,500 for operation of the swimming pool that serves residents from all portions of the county.

—Charlie White with the DWI program which has overexpended its current budget by about \$8,000 and there are two months left in the fiscal year. This led to discussion about how grant money is handled within the county.

—County planning officer Patsy Sanchez who requested funding to finish the county's 911/rural addressing program.



CHRISTOPHER HOWARD SHANKS graduated from Texas Tech University, May 9, with a Master of Science Degree in Range Management. Chris is the son of Howard and Mary Shanks of Capitan and is a 1990 graduate of Capitan High School and a 1994 graduate of Abilene Christian University. Chris and his wife Jacinda reside in Uvalde, TX, where Chris is a research scientist with Texas A&M University.

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about CDBG objectives; followed by regular meeting at 7 p.m. at village hall.

—ENMU Community Choirs concert 7:30 p.m. Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

—Lincoln County Commission regular meeting 8 a.m. Ruidoso Village Council chambers. Preliminary budget hearing at 10:30 a.m. public hearings at 1 p.m. on proposed ordinance amendments to the county subdivision regulations, on possible road frontage assessments, and amendments to the county personnel ordinance about benefits for part time employees.

—Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

—Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. town hall.
—Capitan FFA Banquet 6:30 p.m. Traylor Gym.
—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

—NM Grand Master of Masons visit to Carrizozo Lodge #41 AF&AM, meeting 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

—Lincoln County Senior Olympics Horsehoes competition 10 a.m. Carrizozo Country Club.

—Capitan Board of Education regular meeting and 1998-99 tentative budget approval 6 p.m. school administration building.

—Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. Texas NM Power office in Ruidoso.

—Lincoln County Democrat Party 7 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant.

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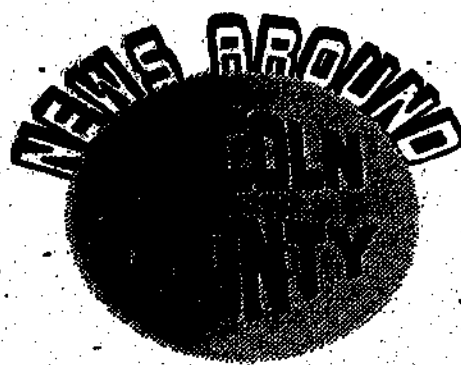
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Senior Bowling

The Ruidoso Senior mixed bowling league finished their 1997-98 bowling season with a roll-off to determine league champions. Winners were: Ed Fleck, Marion Fleck, Joann Hall, and Annie Keith. Annie is 80+ years old and an avid bowler.

Anyone over the age of 50 is invited to join the senior mixed bowling league restarting September 8. Single members or mixed teams of four are welcome.

Officers for 1998-99... are President Ed Fleck 258-3439, vice-president Leo McCaslin 257-6070, secretary/treasurer Colleen Cavanaugh 257-2756, sergeant at arms Ed Cavanaugh 257-2756. Contact any officer for more information about the league.

Smokey Bear's Birthday

Smokey Bear's birthday will be celebrated Saturday, May 9 with the Village of Capitan Community Update and Smokey Bear's birthday dinner hosted by Friends of Smokey - Capitan, Inc. in the Capitan High School cafeteria.

Presentations by the Capitan School and the Lincoln County Fair Association will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Presentations will be made by the Capitan Planning Commission, Smokey Bear Historical Park, South Central Mountain RC&D, and the Lincoln County Center for the Arts, between 7 and 8:45 p.m. The birthday cake will be cut between 8:45 and 9 p.m. An optional dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. with a special presentation on Main Street New Mexico. The public is welcome and there is no charge to attend the Community Update.

Photo Contest

The 1998 Festival of the Trees committee announced a special photo contest. Local photographers are invited to submit their best winter scene of Ruidoso or Lincoln County. The winning entry will receive \$100 and the image will be on



ENMU RUIDOSO ORCHESTRA stands after their performance at the April 28 concert. Orchestra instructor Ugo DIDIO conducted the concert with assistance from Robert A. Stephens, Ruidoso High School band instructor. Members of the orchestra were 1st violins Patricia Brimberry principal, Cheryl Lindley, Coyo Robbins and Palla Duncan Tice; 2nd violins Arlene Brown principal, Sandi Jean Boody, Sarah Davis and Mary Hubbard; viola Melody Henderson, clarinet Barbara Job and Tiffany Skinner, bass clarinet Sally Wimbrow, trumpet Jim Atherton and Robert Stephens, tympani Jonathan Morrison, bassoon Faith Smith and Lindsay Eldredge, flute Lily Cherry, oboe Stephen Hardeman and trombone Evan McClendon and Evan Stubbs.

display at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce during the month of December. It will also be on display on Ruidoso's internet site for one year. All photographs or slides must be the original work of the exhibitor. Minimum print size is 4" by 5" or a 35mm slide. The maximum print size is 16" by 20". All entries must be received at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce by May 26. Call 257-7395 for more information.

Graduates From Basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Robert A. Herrera, son of Rufino and Helen M. Herrera of San Patricio, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1997 graduate of Ruidoso High School.

MATTIE M. CREEL

Mattie M. Creel, 87, a former Lincoln County resident, died April 30, at Casa Arena Blanca Nursing Center.

She was born May 7, 1910, in Caddo Mills, TX. She married George H. Creel on Oct. 6, 1934, in Greenville, TX. In 1950, they moved to Alto, where they owned and operated the High Mesa Ranch, and Mrs. Creel worked for the Ruidoso Municipal School District. They moved to Alamogordo in 1981 where they have since resided.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years; George of the family home; two sons, Bob Creel and his wife Susie, of Las Cruces, and Prentice Creel and his wife Cathy of Odessa, TX; one daughter, Barbara Radcliff and her husband Preston, of Alamogordo; eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service for Mrs. Creel were May 2, at the Angus Cemetery, between Ruidoso and Capitan.



CORONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL annual spelling bee winners. Individual first-place winners from each grade level include (back row from left), Patrick Palomarez, third grade; Chris Dobbs, fourth grade; Jenna Pounds, fifth grade; and Randy Warren, sixth grade. Front row (from left), Jake Kenick, kindergarten; Josh Gage, first grade; and Jordan Muncy, second grade.

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CORONA NEWS

Eschatology us the sixty dollar word from Sunday's sermon. Graduates from 1948 and 1958 also are talking 'Reunion' for the summer festival July 25th.

Tim Kane was here overnight Friday. He came to bring some equipment and to meet with contractors to show them where to erect a building to house his special wheel covers, his truck, tractor etc. The Kanes intend to put their California home up for sale this month and fly early next month to Chicago to see their grandson, Joel, graduate from the eighth grade, then return here to begin the hard work of improving their acres. Tim will continue trucking.

Mrs. Lee Shumate and James Ed McKibben hosted a family reunion in Roswell last weekend. Mrs. Shumate brought two grandchildren to Corona for the first time to visit the grave of their father, Roger Gray. Bob came from Spokane, WA and Marjorie from Salt Lake City. After some time at the cemetery, they had lunch at the cafe, stopped briefly at the Sharp Ranch, and rushed back to the Roswell Museum to pick up mementos and brochures on the Roswell incident to take home to friends who had requested these when they learned of their destination.

Crystal Yancey Lueras completed her studies, passed an examination by the State Board, and is now a certified medical assistant. Congratulations, Crystal.

Louise Shelton Korges, of Menlo Park, CA enjoyed a short vacation, Sunday to Friday, at the old Shelton place which she now owns. She was accompanied by Roger and Jeanne Downum and Lydia Denzer who planned to play golf but decided on one day in Santa Fe and just relaxing the rest of the time. Tuesday, Mrs. Korges' brother, Frank Shelton and wife, Hazel came from Roswell to have lunch with her. Cotton Yancey and Janet Martin came from Farmington to see Mrs. Korges. Cotton is busy preparing for a trip to Keetseve, Alaska where a son, Myron Wayne and wife now live. Cotton is making a wrought iron sign for the Corona sign and he promised two articles for the museum which he will bring before leaving on his two month or more trip.

New Mexico Electric Coop Safety poster contest winners were, 1st Chelsea Muniz, 2nd Janet Torrez, and 3rd Cindy Burroughs.

Corona Public Schools Science Fair 1st and 2nd place winners were: 6th grade, Victor Perez and Keith Shafer. 5th grade, Jenna Pounds and Tabitha Winchester. 4th grade, Alexandra Stewart and Maricella Noriega. 3rd grade, Patrick Palomarez and J.R. Shafer. 2nd grade, Torian Tully and Chelsea Muniz. 1st grade, Briar Billa and Justin

Oliver. Kindergarten, Jake Kinnick.

Corona del Rey of Women's Aglow International will meet at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9 in the school auditorium. Teresa Blake of Los Lunas will speak, her subject "Warning! You may be a blessing to your mother. Come and get a free diagnosis".

Richard Tyree scored a hole in one at the recent high school golf tournament in Artesia.

Rev. Jim Carroll of Ruidoso, will speak at the Corona Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 10.

Coy Griffin left Tuesday for Paris where he will work with the Euro-Disney Wild West Show.

Gamaliel Thomson has sold his property here to Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Gibbs who then sold the mobile home to Mrs. Dorothy Bradley. The Bradley family has been working on it in preparation to having it moved to a new location, rumored to be Espanola.

Saturday, April 25 Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bell drove to Farmington where Betty Ann attended a meeting of the Executive Board of the New Mexico Council of International Reading Association. Mrs. Bell was installed as State Secretary at this meeting.

Corona was invited for the first time to attend the Vaughn Regional Reading Bee. Other schools represented were Fort Sumner, Anton Chico, Melrose and Santa Rosa. Two students from grades one through five represented each school for a total of 80. On arrival in Vaughn each boy and girl were given refreshments and then a story to read to themselves. When finished with their story they were free for art or games until their name was called.

Three judges examined each contestant on fluency in reading one page from their story, clarity and comprehension, questions on the story, and finally to define and use a word from the story.

Students attending from Corona were: 1st grade, Josh Gage and Briar Billa; 2nd

grade, Cindy Burroughs and Tyas Davidson, Cindy placed second in this division; 3rd grade, Michael Alirez and J.R. Shafer; 4th grade, Chris Dobbs and Maricella Noriega; 5th grade, Jenna Pounds and Kitt McGuire, Jenna won third place in this division.

Ranson Turner spoke to the elementary grades one morning and to the high school and parents in the afternoon. He is a specialist on caves and bats.

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