

Ruidoso Not Ready To Begin Trash Collection

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will continue to pick up trash county-wide, including in Ruidoso, and the authority board will continue in its present form until the first of October.

At the regular Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meeting Monday, board members learned that Ruidoso will not be ready to take over its trash collection until the first of October. Originally, Ruidoso has

planned to take over its trash collections and transfer station operations by the first of September. Then that date was moved to after Labor Day. Now, because some equipment has not arrived and no employees other than department director Leonard Corona have been hired, Ruidoso has pushed back its start up date.

County commissioner and county representative on the LCSWA board Monroy Montes presided over the meeting in chairman Ruidoso Downs

Mayor Joe Hayhurst absence. Montes said he wanted a meeting in two weeks because Ruidoso was to take over collections and still LCSWA had no plan for the transition.

LCSWA manager Jerry Wright reported he had met with Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley (who is also a member of LCSWA), Corona and the village's solid waste consultant that morning. "The village has no transfer equipment or personnel hired," Wright said. Also, Wright said it made no sense for Ruidoso

to move out of LCSWA before the end of the first fiscal year quarter.

Ruidoso mayor, and one of Ruidoso's four LCSWA members, Robert Donaldson said that the original plan was for Ruidoso to take over collections after Labor Day. Donaldson said it might be easier to make the transition after the end of the quarter. It also will give the LCSWA board time to determine which employees stay or go.

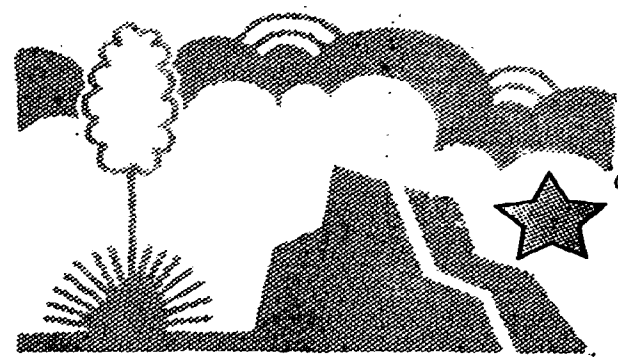
Wright then outlined his preliminary plan for LCSWA

personnel and operations, without Ruidoso. He said that in discussions with Briley and Corona, Ruidoso would like to make the transfer station available to LCSWA for a cost. Also, Ruidoso has a \$50,000 grant for recycling and the village wants LCSWA to continue the recycling program and possibly use it as an "in-kind" trade for use of the transfer station. "It would be an equitable trade if LCSWA does recycling and the village provides the transfer station," Briley said.

Then Montes wanted to know if Wright knew how many tons come from the municipalities and the county, without Ruidoso. Wright said he uses a percentage formula to figure tonnage from the cubic yards now.

Donaldson said any proposed agreements between LCSWA and Ruidoso would be brought to his council. Montes said he had to answer to the county commission, to which

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CREME OF THE CROP winners gather for a picture during the awards program on August 15, at the 43rd Lincoln County Fair in Capitan. Lincoln County CowBelle organizations presented 28 Creme of the Crop certificates and money awards to the owners of exceptional livestock at the fair. The 43rd Lincoln County Fair concluded Saturday with the Junior Livestock Auction where junior livestock exhibitors who placed in their event were able to sell their animals to the highest bidders.

Nunley Asks DA To Investigate Allegations

Lincoln County Commission chairman Ray Nunley turned himself into the district attorney to investigate allegations of impropriety in hiring a sheriff's deputy.

Before the start of business at the July 31, public hearing held in Ruidoso to take input on new jail locations, Nunley said he had received a call the night before from a commissioner, whom he did not name. "The commissioner...accused me of improprieties, I and the sheriff's department," Nunley said.

Nunley went on to say that the commissioner said Nunley was responsible for getting a person hired (in the sheriff's office) whose wife works for Nunley. "Not true," Nunley

said. "But in view of that, for your sake and for my sake, this morning, I reported myself as a possible infraction of the law, whether it be state or county, to the district attorney for investigation."

Nunley said he had also talked with the sheriff's office and reported himself for possible infractions of county or state law "in regards to the county personnel policy."

"You'll be reading I am under investigation," Nunley continued. "I reported myself. If I'm guilty I'll pay the consequences, but I don't think I am, in fact I'm sure I'm not guilty."

"I want to forewarn you," he concluded. "Things will be said."

DA Finding:

No Improprieties

District Attorney Scot Key released the following statement Aug. 18:

I have completed my investigation of allegations or questions of Commissioner Nunley's involvement in the hiring of Deputy Chris Rutten by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. The request for investigation originally came from Commissioner Nunley based upon statements made by others questioning the propriety of his involvement.

I find the following:
1. At the September 9, 1997 County Commission meeting Commissioner Nunley moved the Commission to add an additional deputy slot and vehicle for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Schwettmann seconded the motion and the motion carried by a four to one vote. Commissioner Montes voted against the motion.

2. The September 9, 1997 commission meeting was properly advertised and the item on the agenda was properly listed as "Item No. 19 - request for one new deputy position/vehicle". The matter was discussed and Undersheriff Rick Virden justified the position, apparently to the satisfaction of four of the members of the Commission.

Once the deputy position was approved, the Lincoln

County Sheriff began his selection process. This process was entirely void of input or influence by any of the Commissioners. On May 1, 1998, an oral board consisting of members: Sheriff Sullivan, Cliff Macas and Magistrate Judge Dean interviewed three candidates for the newly created deputy position that had been approved by the Commission on September 9, 1997. A review of the board member's scoring indicates that each of the members rated Chris Rutten's performance highest of the three candidates. Chris Rutten was hired by Sheriff Sullivan as a result of this testing.

4. Commissioners approved a deputy slot, not a particular deputy. Principles of separation of powers do not allow a Commission to advise, require or mandate a Sheriff to hire or not to hire a particular deputy. Knowing Sheriff Sullivan as I do, I can assure you he would have brought this principle to the attention of the Commission had they wished to exert influence to hire a particular person.

5. Commissioner Nunley did not influence or attempt to influence the selection of Chris Rutten.

6. At the time of the Sheriff's decision to hire Chris

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County Commissioners Don't Agree; Public Hearings Delayed

by Doris Cherry

An unpopular proposed tax that is imposed on subdivision properties will not be the subject of a public hearing any time soon.

During their regular meeting August 11, Lincoln County Commissioners discussed setting public hearings on proposed ordinances that would downsize the Aug and Rural Affairs Committee, Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, PLUAC and hearings on a proposed road frontage tax and lodgers tax increase.

Commissioners unanimously authorized a public hearing to be held September 11 for proposed revisions to Ordinance 1994-6 that established the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee. The revision would reduce the size of the committee.

They also unanimously approved holding a public hearing on September 11 to consider proposed revisions to Ordinance 1994-7 that established the Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC). The ordinance also recognized that the state of New Mexico

owns all public lands within its borders and the county has a duty to manage the public lands within the boundaries of the county, protect all private rights held on these lands and preserve local customs, culture, economy and environment. This revision is to change the size of the council.

Commissioners split their vote 3-2 in favor of holding a public hearing on September 11 to consider a proposed change to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Ordinance that would downsize the preservation board. Commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Rex Wilson voted against the public hearing, commissioners L. Ray Nunley, Monroy Montes and Wilton Howell voted yes.

Commissioners also split their vote to setting public hearings on a proposed ordinance that would repeal Ordinance 1990-1 that regulates refuse, solid waste and litter in the county and establish a new ordinance, and on a proposed ordinance that would repeal Ordinance 1992-5 that provides for the efficient and sanitary collection of solid

waste and provides for a mandatory disposal fee and provides a penalty for violation of the ordinance. Montes wanted to consolidate the two solid waste ordinances into one. "Unless Jerry Wright (manager of Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority) is still trying to save his job," Montes said.

County attorney Alan Morel said the ordinances need to be considered separately because one deals with solid waste and the other deals with litter and refuse and it would be a major change to consolidate them into one.

Commissioners did not

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Carrizozo Hires A New Police Officer

by Doris Cherry

The Town of Carrizozo has a new police officer.

He is James Steck, who comes to Carrizozo from Merced, Texas where he was serving as a Border Patrol Agent. Steck told *THE NEWS* that he learned about the opening on the Carrizozo police force on the New Mexico Department of Labor Internet Website. Bernalillo Sheriff's Office was also advertising job openings through the Department of Labor website.

But Carrizozo attracted him the most, Steck said. His best friend lives in El Paso, his father was born in Carlsbad and knew about Lincoln County. Also Steck said he liked the idea of living in a small town. "I like the fresh air and fresh water here," Steck told *THE NEWS*. "It's nice and cool." Steck had left Merced near Brownsville, TX when temperatures were about 118 degrees.

Carrizozo Chief of Police

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Carrizozo Hires New Officer

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Angelo Vega said he was impressed with Steck's qualifications. Steck completed courses in criminal justice at the Daytona Beach (Florida) Community College and graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards he attended the Border Patrol Academy, also in South Carolina. Vega said he thought Steck will be an asset to Carrizozo Police Department because of his past experience in law enforcement and because he is bilingual in English and Spanish.

"I was pleased with all the applications we received for the officer position," Vega said.

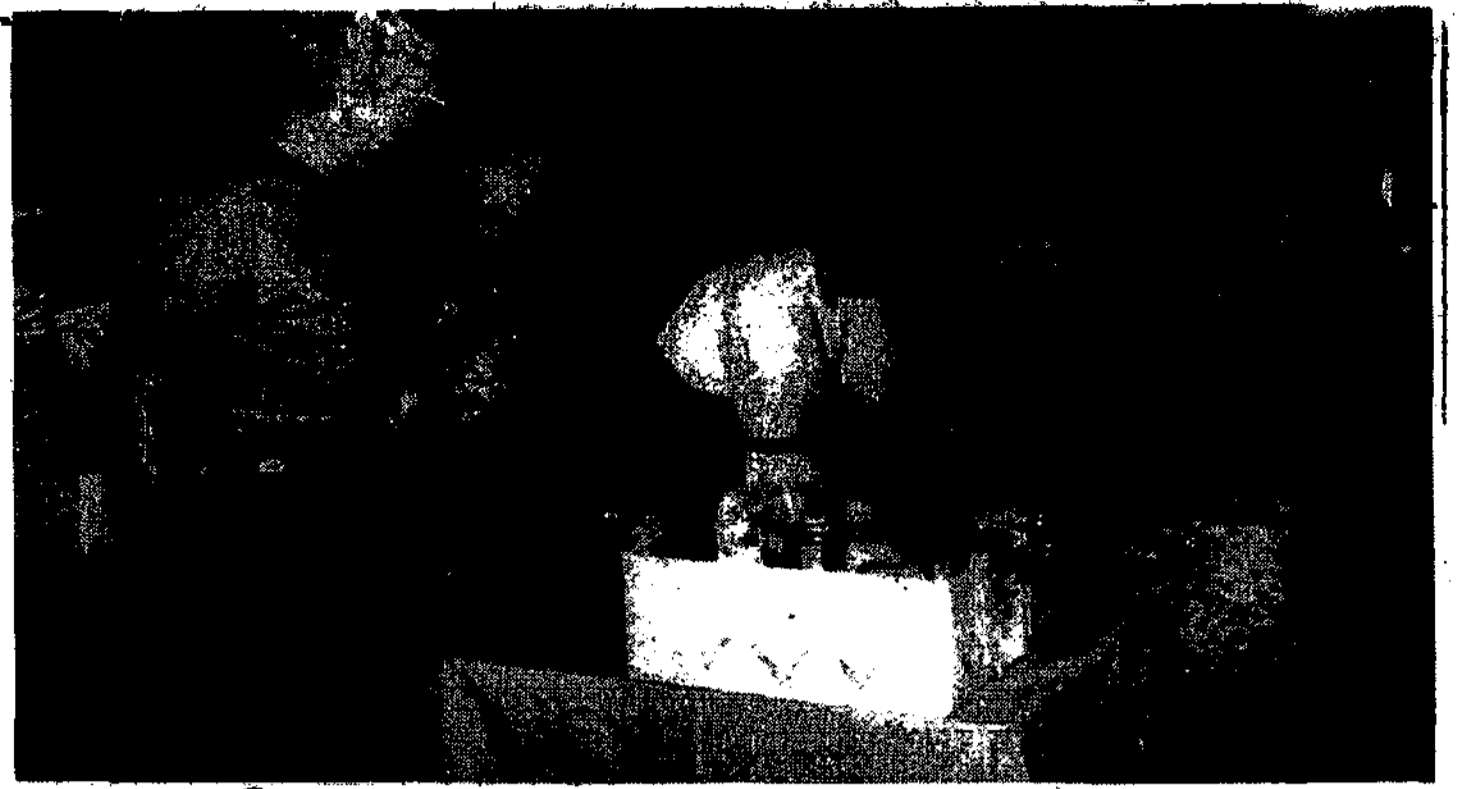
Vega said he posted the job opening with the Department of Labor that in turn posted it on the Internet. "I was surprised when someone from Texas applied," Vega said.

Carrizozo Town Council approved Vega's recommendation to hire Steck and Steck came on duty on August 8. Since he has been here, Steck has been certified in radar use. Vega is working to get a waiver for the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy that will allow Steck to complete the course in 10 days, instead of the usual six weeks, because of his training.

Steck said his duties as officer in Carrizozo are to his expectation. He said he likes

the small quiet town and he has gotten good cooperation from the citizens. Already he has backed up Lincoln County Sheriff's officers in one incident and he has met most of the sheriff's office staff whom he has found to be very nice. He has been in the Lincoln County Detention Center for a tour but has yet to book anyone into the facility.

Vega said he has directed Steck and his other officer Duane Vinson to enforce all traffic and state laws and municipal ordinances. "The town now has a three man force," Vega said. "We are back to a full staff."



LINCOLN COUNTY FCE members Judy Blucher, Ammel Bevil, Edith Malcolm, Leotta Pfingston and Angle Province watch as six year old Kallea Wilconson of Capitan draws the winning tickets for the food boxes on the last day of the Lincoln County Fair.



Friends of Smokey To Meet

Friends of Smokey - Capitan, Inc. will meet today, August 20 at 12:30 p.m. at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan. Please bring information, stories and photos. If you would like to know about some particular event in Smokey's life, let the group know.

County Raspberry Workshop

A free Lincoln County raspberry and blackberry workshop and farm tour sponsored by the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service will be held tomorrow, Aug. 21 near Lincoln. Raspberry and blackberry production and marketing will be the theme.

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Carrizozo School Enrollment At 218

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo School District needs four more students to meet the enrollment numbers projected last Spring.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, Carrizozo Board of Education members got a report from school superintendent Glens Goodwin that the schools have enrolled 218 students in the first four days of school. That is four less than the 222 projected on the school's 1998-99 preliminary budget. The state provides funding to the district based on the enrollment count taken on the 40th day of school, which is October 8 for Carrizozo.

The early enrollment figures show the kindergarten class with 21 students. The State Department of Education (SDE) sets the maximum kindergarten size at 15. Because the Carrizozo kindergarten has 21 students, the school must provide an education assistant and request a waiver on class size from the SDE. "We don't have enough students in kindergarten to warrant two classes," Goodwin said.

First grade has 24 students, three over projection, and must also have an assistant. Polly Chavez will serve as the aide in the first grade, Goodwin said. Second grade met the projection of 19 students; third grade has 18 which is one more than projected; fourth grade has 17 which is two less than projected; fifth grade has 12 students which is two less than projected.

Sixth grade has 17 students and exceeds the projection by two; seventh grade has 13 which is three less than projected; eighth grade has 16, two more than projected; ninth grade has 19, one more than projected; tenth grade has 23 which is three more than projected; eleventh grade has 21 which is four less than projected and the senior class has only eight students, five less than projected.

While board members were optimistic that four more students will enroll before the 40th day, Goodwin said it is often difficult to find more students in a small district. However, Goodwin was not very concerned about the shortfall.

This school year Carrizozo students will be allowed to charge only two meals before they must pay. The board approved the cafeteria charge policy that allows only two charges and establishes the cost of meals as \$1.25 for student lunches and 50 cents for student breakfasts. Reduced price meals, available to students whose families qualify on income guidelines, will cost 20 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch. Free lunches are also available to students whose fami-

lies meet certain income guidelines. All information about charges, prices and reduced and free meals have been sent to parents.

Sturges Market will provide milk this school year, as the store was the only bidder for milk to the district. The board accepted the Sturges bid of \$9.12 a case for half pints of whole milk and half pints of low fat chocolate milk. A case of half pints of low fat milk will cost \$8.64.

Carrizozo School District is a weapon free zone, according to a policy adopted by the district. The policy was reviewed at the July meeting and the board made no changes Tuesday before they approved it. The policy forbids the possession, custody, and/or use of weapons by unauthorized persons in and around school property, and on school property during school-sponsored events. The policy implements the Federal Gun Free Schools Act of 1994. A weapon is defined as a firearm, knife, explosive or other object that looks like a weapon, even if it is manufactured for a nonviolent purpose.

Students who violate the policy will be expelled for not less than one year. However, the superintendent and/or school board may modify the penalty.

The board also approved adding the prohibition against weapons to the list of prohibited acts under the student discipline policy.

People applying for a position with Carrizozo School District are now subject to a background check, at their cost. The background check was authorized by the state legislature to prevent the

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Johnson Stearns is having a birthday, so please help us celebrate on August 29 at the home of Bob and Sue Stearns in Nogal at 3:00 p.m. We will have lots of birthday cake and punch, please bring your lawn chairs and plenty of memories but no presents. If you need directions, please call Linda at 648-2981, Bob at 648-2911, or Sue at 648-2941. If the weather is bad, the party will be at the Carrizozo Country Club, same time. Hope to see you there.

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FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS

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

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

—Friends of Smokey, Capitan, Inc. 12:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan.

—Cancer Support Group 2-3 p.m. LCMC conference room.

—Ruidoso Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee 4 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

—Lincoln County Democratic Party pot luck dinner, 7 p.m. at the home of Bob and Thelma Stephens west of Capitan.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

—Lincoln County Raspberry and Blackberry workshop and farm tour at Serendip Orchard west of Lincoln. Call Lincoln County extension agent Barry Herd at 648-2311 for information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 & MONDAY, AUGUST 24
—Carrizozo Board of Education special work session at the Wesley Lane home in Cloudcroft. Sessions begin 1 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

—Republican Women of Lincoln County 11:30 a.m. at the home of LaVonne Adams, 34 Big Bear Rd, Ruidoso. Pot luck with speaker Diana Duran candidate for secretary of state.

—Family planning and prenatal clinic at Lincoln County Public Health Office 710 E. Ave. Carrizozo. Call 648-2412 for appointment.

—Special Lincoln County Commission meeting 6 p.m. Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to adopt 1998-99 fiscal year final budget.

—Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. town hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

—Special public hearing by Lincoln County Commissioners to take input on CDBG, 6 p.m. Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

—Census workers test, 1:30 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Applications at senior center and Carrizozo Town Hall.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

—Lincoln County Historical Society program on The Goodnight-Loving Trail, 2 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church on south side of Capitan, no charge.

SEPTEMBER 3

—Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting and supervisor election, including chuck wagon meal, 6 p.m. Lincoln County Fair building in Capitan. RSVP by August 28 by calling 354-2220.

SEPTEMBER 12

—Carrizozo School-Community Workday 8 a.m. until noon.

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Biddy Basketball Registration

Registration for Biddy Basketball for ages 3 through 6 will be held Wednesday, Aug. 26 at the Carrizozo Recreation Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration will also be held for ages 7 through 8, only if there are enough players for two teams. There is a \$5 registration fee. Call 648-1335 for information.

Golf Scramble Saturday

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department golf scramble will be held Saturday, Aug. 22 with shotgun start at 10 a.m. at the Carrizozo golf course. Closest to pin 4 & 7, longest drive 2 & 5. Registration will be 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Entry fee for the 18 hole scramble is \$20. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

FCE Workshop Aug. 26

Lovie Allen of Alamogordo won the hand-knit sweater, raffled by the Family and Community Education (FCE) club of Carrizozo. The sweater was knitted and donated by Annie Withers, a club member.

The Aug. 26 FCE meeting at 1 p.m. in the Otero County Electric Cooperative meeting room will include a workshop on financial health presented by Jade Boebinger, a member of LaJunta FCE, at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served by hostess Virginia Burd. Visitors and new

members are welcome to attend.

To Attend NFL Game

Cory Lopez of Carrizozo will be the guest of his uncle Tino Lopez at the NFL game between Miami Dolphins and the St. Louis Rams in Miami, FL on October 18. Cory and Tino will also tour Disney World while in Miami.

Job Corps Graduate

Thomas Means Jr. of Carrizozo graduated from Roswell Job Corps Center on July 24. He completed a business and office technology program as administrative office assistant. He also received several awards: as residential student of the month for January 1998, vocation safety student for March 1998, Rotary Club student of the month for May 1998 and Centers Director's



Award for May 1998. He was elected into membership in the Roswell National Vocational-Technical Honor Society while in Job Corps there. He plans to take advanced computer training two year program in Hollywood, CA. He will have a

part time job at MGM studios as a computer graphic designer. He leaves for California next week. His parents are Burdette Means and Barbara and Marcos Babela, all of Carrizozo. Thomas is a 1997 graduate of Carrizozo High School.

Street Fair Car Show

The fifth annual Labor Day Street Fair in McDonald Park sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will

include a car and motorcycle show. Contact Street Fair chairman Gary Stout at cell phone number 505-443-3042 to enter. Three trophies will be awarded for vehicles and one trophy will be awarded for motorcycles.

Community involvement and volunteers are welcome to help with the Street Fair. Contact Gary Stout at cell phone 505-443-3042, or Suzi Fern at 648-4247, or Phyllis Schlegel at 648-2983.

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Free Horse Ownership Seminar

Scot Wells, director of public relations for the Museum of the Horse, will conduct a free horse ownership seminar tomorrow, Aug. 21. Meet at the Museum of the Horse at 5:30 p.m.

Army Reserve Graduate

Amanda C. Greer has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, KY. She is a student at New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) in Roswell. Her parents are Everett L. and Linda J. Greer of Nogal.

Departs On Deployment

Navy Petty Officer 1 st class George B. Buckley, son of H. Floyd and Della C. Buckley of Ruidoso, recently departed on a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the destroyer USS Stump. He is a 1975 graduate of Ruidoso High School and joined the Navy in July 1979.

Newcomb Promoted

Jessica Newcomb, a 1992 graduate of Capitan High School, was recently promoted to executive secretary at University Relations at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology and is currently working on a degree in special education. Jessica is the daughter of Pat Newcomb, a former resident of Capitan.

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From the Editor's Desk

Good old westerns

By Ruth Hammond

Western movies, whether they are the old westerns where the cowboy kisses the horse instead of the girl or new westerns where the steamy scenes should be deleted, have one thing in common. Usually there will be a trip on horseback from one place to another. The rider or riders will have a small bedroll tied to the back of their saddle and the riders won't have a pack mule or pack horse. When they stop for the night and build a campfire there will be a coffee pot, tin cups and cans of beans to eat. The next morning there will be a skillet on the campfire filled with bacon, potatoes and eggs. Breakfast will be served on tin plates and each person will have a fork. Where were these cooking utensils and this food while these people were riding? Do they have a secret place to hide these things at every stop along the way? Or were they prepared in advance just as some people seem to be prepared at certain times?

Attending the second jail hearing in Ruidoso July 31 were some people with apparent advance knowledge of topics to be discussed. One comment was that the annual cost of operating the jail will be the determining factor in deciding the location. The annual cost of operating the jail had not been mentioned previously. Is the annual cost of operating the jail to be a main feature of the report to be released by the consultants? Did you know about this in advance?

There was a comment made at the July 24 hearing that people would hear other information at the July 31 hearing in Ruidoso. Most of the information presented was in favor of building a new jail in Carrizozo complete with facts about availability of water in Carrizozo versus water shortages in other places in the county. There was a question about the work release program. One person questioned whether the jobs for work release in Carrizozo would come from the government or the private sector. No mention was made about the advantages to the private sector in Ruidoso and the Ruidoso Downs and Valley area by being able to hire cheap workers.

Citizens are concerned, not just for the future of Carrizozo, but for the continuation of the government process. The location of the new jail is supposed to be decided after the report is released, and county residents are hoping the county commissioners will allow the public the opportunity to view the document and respond to any of the recommendations and ask questions. These citizens rely on the belief that the decision will be made based on what is best for the entire county, not on advance information to a few people.

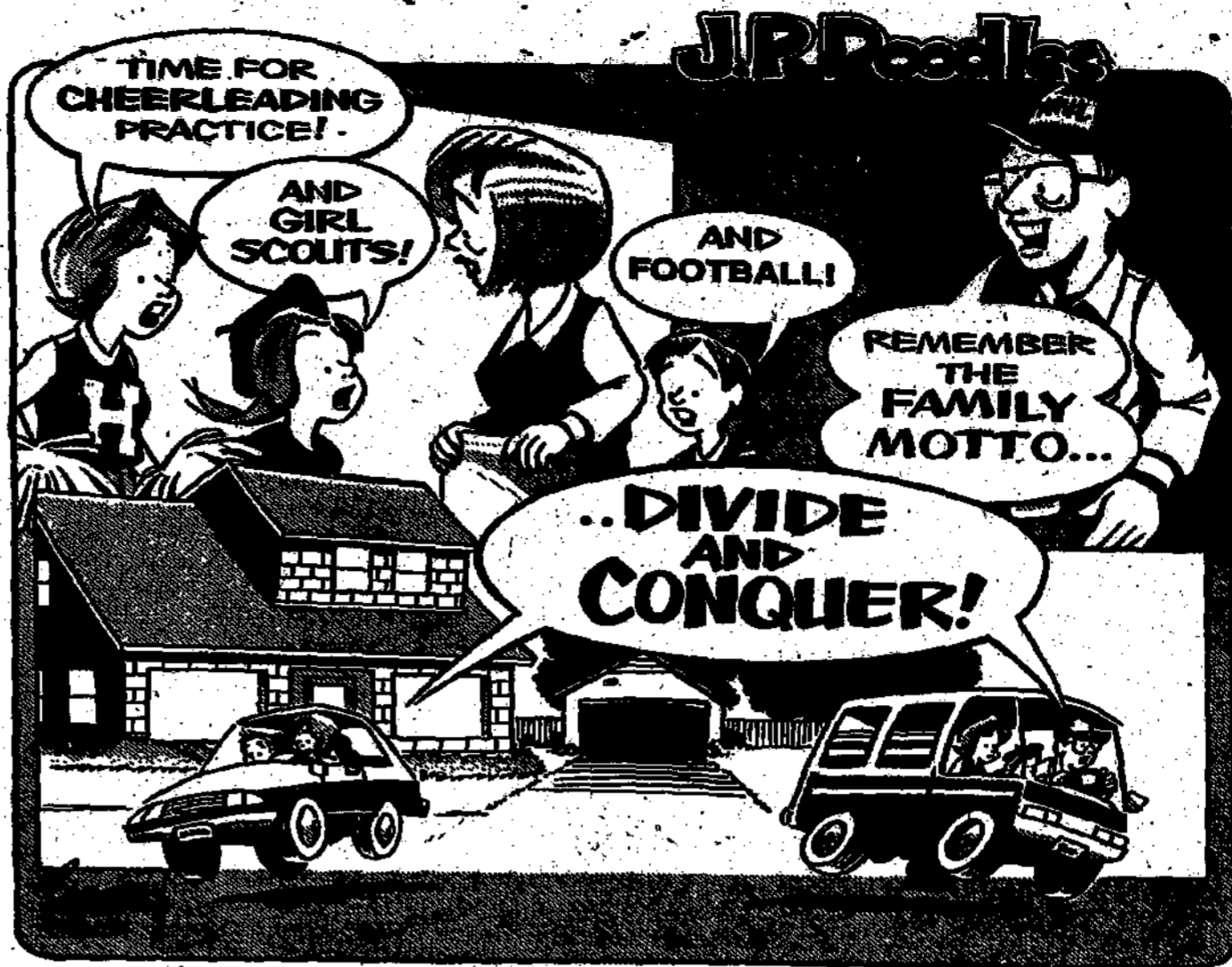
Hearing what people from other locations in Lincoln County had to say was encouraging. Many agree that the county jail should be in the county seat near the Lincoln County Courthouse and the district court which is located in the Lincoln County Courthouse and the magistrate court in the Lincoln County Courthouse. More than one person said if the county jail is moved to another location the next logical step would be to move the entire courthouse. These people voiced their opinion in favor of the jail being in Carrizozo.

One of the comments about moving the jail to another location was that the people in the county jail have families and jobs and should be near their work and families. If these people didn't break the law they would be at home instead of being in the county jail.

Usually people in jail are required to comply with constraints instead of being offered better opportunities while incarcerated.

The riders in western movies may have had a secret stash of food and cooking utensils for their long trips but most of them knew in advance that being in jail would not be a fun time.

Jail time is no fun time



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

Gov. Gary Johnson Describes New Mexico As "Welfare State"

SANTA FE: Will Gov. Gary Johnson's description of New Mexico as a "welfare state" get him in as much trouble as former Gov. Toney Anaya was in after calling New Mexico a "banana republic"?

Martin Chavez, Johnson's Democrat challenger in the November general election, said the comment was even worse after Johnson used it at a youth forum earlier this month. It's devastating, Chavez said. Imagine the impact a comment like that has on a company looking to locate in New Mexico. It takes the spirit of citizens of New Mexico down.

Johnson's comment touched a Chavez hot button, possibly because the term "welfare state" is used in a derogatory fashion to suggest creeping socialism. Chavez called Johnson's comment wrong. He said fellow Democrat Toney Anaya's characterization of us as a banana republic was horrible, but he said calling us a welfare state is even worse.

Chavez seemed to be upset that calling New Mexico a welfare state is to say that people would rather be on welfare than go to work. Johnson prefaced his remarks by talking about South Dakota, where he lived his first 13 years, and other states that have tougher welfare laws. Chavez shot back, "This is the Land of Enchantment. Don't come here from somewhere else and say that this is a welfare state".

Chavez may have been speaking from a knowledge that many proud New Mexicans who qualify for welfare don't take it. Johnson explained that we are a welfare state because there aren't high paying jobs coming into New Mexico. He also said we spend more per capita on welfare than any neighboring state, which makes us statistically a welfare state.

Larry Calloway of the Albuquerque Journal decided to look up those statistics to see if Johnson was right. He discovered that New Mexico spends more per capita on welfare than any neighboring state except Arizona. He found New Mexico is 28th in

that category and Arizona is 27th. That's close enough to give Johnson the nod based on the likelihood that he has a more recent set of figures. It takes the federal government a few years to get its stuff published.

Calloway found some additional information in his statistics books. New Mexico has the highest poverty rate in the nation, which would explain why we spend more per capita on welfare than neighboring states.

But we aren't first in the percent of our population that is on welfare, as one might infer. We are ninth in that category, which is an indication that many of our poor don't claim welfare benefits.

And in terms of welfare spending, Calloway found that New Mexico ranks 38th as a percent of all state and local spending, meaning that those who are on welfare take a smaller slice of the state budget than their counterparts in 37 other states.

If Chavez's campaign has as good a researcher as Calloway, or if he reads the Journal, we might see an ad or two about our welfare state.

But my question was, will it hurt Johnson as badly as

Anaya was hurt by his banana republic comparison? New Mexico went ballistic over Anaya's 1988 comment. Nearly everyone saw it as an insult to the state. Anaya didn't mean it that way but he should have known it would happen because that was the point of his banana republic analogy.

Anaya was speaking of New Mexico's political climate that was in a state of civil war. He told a reporter at the time that Republicans and other opponents have taken over the republic. They have the army. They have the press. There are assassinations and other opponents have referred to the federal prosecutors the Reagan administration had in the state trying to pin something on him. The rest was very true.

But Anaya's comment was immediately turned on him and interpreted as a swipe at the state as a whole. The only feature of a banana republic that New Mexicans would buy was that we were ruled by a tin horn dictator.

No matter how hard Chavez tries, he can't inflict as much harm as Anaya inflicted on himself.

Around Lincoln County

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Beef Ambassador
Amanda Bird of Capitan, Codi Montes of Hondo, and Rebecca Wells of Claunch were contestants in the New Mexico Beef Ambassador contest held July 30 in Ruidoso Downs. Christopher Spear of Roswell was named as the New Mexico Beef Ambassador for 1998.

Historical Society Meeting
The Lincoln County Historical Society meeting Sat., Aug. 29 will feature a program by Elvis E. Fleming, the archivist/historian for Historical Center for SE New Mexico, Roswell. His program will be *The Goodnight - Loving Trail in History and Song*. The meeting begins at 2 p.m. at the Southern Baptist Church one mile south of Capitan. There is no charge to attend. The public is invited.

Stock Car Drivers At Roswell
Five Lincoln County stock car drivers took their street race cars to the Pecos Valley Raceway in Roswell Saturday night. The three drivers from Ruidoso were Nick Herrera with his #701, Danny Hoffer with his #76, and Terry Bernard with his #77. The two drivers from Carrizozo were Josh Hammond with his #28, and Keith Greer with his #63. Hammond won the first heat race and placed fourth in the main event.

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LETTERS to the editor

Voters Speak Out On New Jail Issue!

EDITOR: Regarding the proposed County Detention Center and Court Expansion I offer the following. In the past I have been heavily involved with political issues relating to demographics and governmental physical policies. Applying my past experience to our present "political dilemma" it appears to me that based on economics there should be no doubt as to location.

The Town of Carrizozo has offered land with major capital improvements present such as paved streets, water and sewer etc. Further, because of Carrizozo's location relative to highway 54 and Otero County, any future cooperative endeavors between counties would be enhanced.

In conclusion our County Seat Carrizozo is the only logical site for expansion. Our commission's expeditious decision in this direction will avert protracted citizen action and anxiety, and save the taxpayers untold sums of money.

Joseph S. Fern
Carrizozo, NM

EDITOR: There was an open hearing on July 24, 1998 in Carrizozo concerning the "Detention Center". At the close of the meeting, Commissioner Montes urged all those in attendance to attend the open hearing in Ruidoso at the Convention Center on Friday, July 31, 1998, where we would learn of alternative sites.

Well, those of us who are vitally interested in the detention matter made a point of attending the July 31st open hearing at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Well, guess what? We did not learn of the alternative sites. A representative of the Village of Ruidoso said "the Village of Ruidoso is prepared to negotiate". Negotiate what? We were never told of alternatives. Not that we didn't ask! Let's quit playing "cat and mouse".

We are all tax payers and should have legitimate questions answered. Of note, at the July 24th meeting, the Rampar group was prepared with slides and equipment to give their report, but somehow that did not occur.

The undersigned has attended meeting since August of last year and I am dismayed at the attitude and decisions made by some members of the present commission. There seems to be no regard of the taxpayer even though the platitudes are loud and clear!

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County Delays Action On Los?! Chozas Subdivision

Commissioner Questions Incorrect Spanish

by Doris Cherry

Should improperly-used Spanish names be grammatically corrected on legal documents?

That argument started off the Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo August 11. Commissioner Monroy Montes, who said he was a Spanish major, wanted to correct the bad

grammar of the name of a proposed subdivision--Los Chozas, (the dugouts)--in the July 14 commission meeting minutes.

"From my standpoint this is used incorrectly," he said in reference to the Los which should be Las to be grammatically correct in Spanish. "If it were your language you wouldn't want it cannibalized," Montes said. "I ask for a change."

County commission chairman Ray Nunley, commissioner Bill Schwettmann and county clerk Martha Proctor argued that despite the incorrect grammar, they cannot change the name of the company or proposed subdivision.

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Ruidoso Not Ready

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he had suggested the county opt out of LCSWA. Wright said he didn't understand what Montes wanted, because he had presented a report showing LCSWA would keep 15 people including the manager. Currently

LCSWA has 28 employees including one part time and two seasonal. That's 15 people to run half an organization in my opinion," Montes said.

Wright said LCSWA needs enough employees for the recycling program, its roll off container program and because LCSWA is a government entity, enough employees to cover for those who take sick or vacation leave. Montes wanted to know how they will determine which six employees will be laid off after the transition.

LCSWA attorney Don Dutton, who arrived late to the meeting, said they will refer to the LCSWA personnel policy in determining that. Montes added that the policy does allow a reduction in force.

Wright explained possible options in transporting trash once Ruidoso is out. He said the x-frame trailer could be parked at Carrizozo for direct dumping and direct haul to the landfill. Currently LCSWA hauls most of the roll off containers directly to the landfill because construction materials cannot be processed through the transfer station.

Use of the transfer station will depend on the rates, Wright said. He preferred that LCSWA not transport trash to the landfill but to take it to the transfer station and allow Ruidoso to transport the trash. He recommended that LCSWA keep its new semi tractor and buy it a fifth wheel trailer to transport the roll offs, or convert the new tractor to a roll off transport truck if LCSWA decides to use Ruidoso's transfer station.

Routes for trash collection will change considerably, Wright continued. He said he and Briley discussed an option of Ruidoso collecting trash in places around Ruidoso such as Cedar Creek, Gavilan Canyon and the county properties along the river. "The village prefers to take care of these areas as they will have aesthetic control over solid waste there," Wright said.

"It is in the village's best interest to take care of those areas," Donaldson added. He said the village will get the stuff anyway. He spoke of how in the past, when visitors and second home owners in the Alto areas left on Sunday they left their trash in dumpsters along Hull Road. "Now there is not such a problem because there are enough dumpsters," Donaldson continued. "But I would rather see it in a village dumpster than not."

As for satisfying the Fair Labor Standards requirement to inform employees at least 30 days before any change in operations, Wright said Dutton had prepared a letter for employees that would fulfill that notice. Capitan village trustee and LCSWA member Debra Ingle had raised concerns about this requirement during the August 10 regular Capitan Trustees meeting. Wright told THE NEWS on Wednesday that Dutton had met with employees.

Although Ruidoso's delay gives LCSWA six more weeks, Montes wanted a plan sooner. Montes then introduced the guests he had invited to the meeting--corporate officers of Southwest Disposal (SWD) company. SWD at one time contracted with the county and villages of Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona. Former owner of SWD Joe Lewandowski was LCSWA manager for about three years and had provided LCSWA with consultation services. Montes said SWD was offering to help with the reorganization.

George Wayne, chief executive officer of SWD, said they were there as "friends to help." He said his company's mission was to provide "legendary services to meet specific needs." He said that SWD is a privately held New Mexico corporation with lots of experience. He told of the company's affiliation with Camino Real Environmental Center that recently won a national award for its landfill in Lea County. Wayne also said he had a second home off Hull Road in Ruidoso. "We know Ruidoso and the area," he said.

Wayne then offered consultation, implementation or operational support to LCSWA. John Baffert, SWD president, said, "We're here to be a friend or to help." He said they were not asking for any fees to provide a study for reorganizing LCSWA.

Carrizozo trustee and LCSWA member Cynthia Morales said, "I feel we need to stick together." And she was willing to listen to what SWD had to offer.

Donaldson said Ruidoso's interest was, "The better the county looks the better for Ruidoso." He recommended LCSWA get the expert advice on reorganizing. "Had they come two years ago we may not have been in this situation, but we won't go backward," Donaldson said.

Ruidoso member Ross Dingman said some of the statistics on tonnage from each community was in the study conducted by Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso. Montes said he thought SWD would have a simple study because much of the work had been done.

Ingle then asked Baffert if his company would absorb the existing LCSWA employees and equipment, because the employees were of primary concern.

But all Baffert answered was the study would be "all encompassing" and be presented in a timely manner. He also asked for cooperation from the LCSWA staff.

Ingle requested the study be completed before 30 days, because that would only give LCSWA two weeks to consider the information. Baffert said he would try to complete the study within two weeks. With that, Ingle made the motion to accept Southwest Disposal as a consultant that would come back with a report in three weeks. All members voted yes to the motion.

Finally chairman Joe Hayhurst arrived at the meeting, almost an hour late. Because he was unsure where the board was at in the agenda, he allowed Montes to continue to preside.

Dutton then gave his opinion about the reorganization of the LCSWA board. Ingle had said at the Capitan village meeting of August 10 that the joint powers agreement (JPA) to allow Ruidoso to pull out of collection operations and to reorganize the LCSWA board to allow Ruidoso only one voting member took effect on July 31. But Dutton said the JPA would not take effect until Ruidoso actually begins its own collections, or October 1. Also, Dutton said the JPA must be approved by the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and is not binding until that is done. Hayhurst said he understood that the current board served until Ruidoso actually took over its own collection.

"Does that mean they can still vote on the reorganization (of the LCSWA board)?" Ingle asked. Dutton said in his opinion no, and he intended to ask Ruidoso to abstain. Donaldson said Ruidoso members will abstain from voting on the reorganization of the board. However, he said the village does plan to use its one vote to protect its 1/16th interest in the regional landfill.

"So far this is amicable,"

Montes commented. "I don't feel threatened by Ruidoso."

Members also discussed a suggestion that LCSWA charge for Poly Karts because so many needed replaced. But Wright said his research showed that no other trash entity in the state charges separately for the Poly Karts. He said LCSWA does not lose money on the Poly Kart routes, in fact all are profitable except for Carrizozo that is breaking even. Wright suggested that unless there are more problems that LCSWA not charge for the Poly Karts.

Wright also presented a proposed policy for taking used tires, charging \$1.50 for used car tires, \$5 for truck tires and \$20 for tractor tires. Otero County Solid Waste has proposed to take used tires from LCSWA for \$1 per tire unit. Currently LCSWA charges \$1 to take used car tires and \$2 for used truck tires.

But Montes wanted to know how LCSWA was going to implement the used tire policy because people throw the used tires into dumpsters. Wright said tires do show up in dumpsters, but tires are not

accepted at the landfill. Montes suggested an incentive, such as paying or providing a credit to residents to bring in used tires. Dutton thought the incentive was a good idea.

Donaldson suggested adding an extra cent to all trash bills to cover the cost of used tire disposal. Montes then asked Baffert how his company deals with used tires. Baffert said they do find used tires in dumpsters in Alamogordo but it is not a big problem. He said Eddy County buys used tires and with a grant from the state, environment department bales them to be used in a river retention project. Montes then asked Baffert to include the disposal of used tires in his study. Ingle made a motion to take no action on the used tire policy until SWD makes its report. All members voted yes.

Montes then discussed a "growing pile" of used tires in the San Patricio area that he said are "coming directly from Wal-Mart." Wright said he was aware of those tires and had asked the Environment Department to work on the situation.

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agree to setting public hearings on September 11 to consider a road front footage tax and to consider a lodgers' tax increase. Nunley said he was not for the front footage assessment. Schwettmann said the hearings would drag on forever if they included the front footage assessment.

When Schwettmann and Nunley argued against setting the public hearings on the road front footage tax and the increase of lodgers taxes Montes said that all they were doing was re-authorizing the public hearings. All the proposed ordinances and discussions on the front footage tax and increase of lodgers tax were set for public hearings in July at Ruidoso Village Hall, but that facility was not available for the Lincoln County Commission meeting on the date scheduled. As a result, commissioners had to re-authorize the public hearings.

Nunley made a motion to not consider the front footage tax and Schwettmann seconded it. But Montes argued that according to Parliamentary procedure only those who voted in favor of the public hearings in the past could make the motion. Nunley was adamant against the road front footage tax. "It has a lot to do with the hospital and jail," Nunley said.

Howell then responded that it had to do more with the public hearings being closer to the November general election. (Nunley has opposition in the election for the District II County Commission position.)

As a result, Nunley withdrew his motion to not consider the front footage tax and lodgers tax increase.

Montes then made a motion to set the public hearings on the two proposed solid waste ordinances, the road front footage tax and lodgers tax increase. Howell seconded it. But Montes and Howell were the only ones to vote in favor of the motion. Nunley, Wilson and Schwettmann voted against setting the hearings on the two solid waste ordinances, the road front footage and the lodgers' tax increase.

Commissioners made no mention whether they would reconsider holding public hearings on the solid waste ordinances, the road tax and lodgers tax increase. Notice of public hearings must be advertised at least two weeks before they are held.

Inmates in the county detention center will continue to get mental health counseling from Better Days Treatment and Crises Management, at least for another 30 days. On a 4-1 vote with Montes voting no, commissioners approved a 30-day extension on the contract with Mary Satonica who owns Better Days.

During the preliminary budget cycle commissioners approved a \$20,000 contract with Satonica, at her rate of \$40 per hour. But the \$20,000 for the 1998-99 year is double what commissioners had approved in 1997-98. Montes said his observations about Satonica's contract, and Torres' contract for janitorial services at the suboffice, and the contract for the county's personal computer maintenance were that they were not the same as approved last year. The contracts were renewals of contracts commissioners approved last year.

Schwettmann was concerned whether all contractors had insurance liability so the county would be held harmless. Citizen E. J. Fouratt was concerned whether all contract amounts included gross receipt taxes. He also wanted each contractor to submit detailed documentation of work done. "How do we know what work is getting done without a report?" Fouratt asked. As for Satonica, Fouratt asked what she did

for the \$20,000.

Morel said by federal law the county has to provide mental health counseling for inmates in the county detention center.

Nunley reminded commissioners that the \$20,000 for Satonica was already in the 1998-99 budget. But Howell argued that they had yet to approve the final budget. (Commissioners are scheduled to adopt the final 1998-99 budget at a special meeting at 8 p.m. August 25). Howell made a motion to instruct the county manager to solicit request for proposals (rfp) for mental health services. But commissioners voted it down with Nunley, Wilson and Schwettmann voting no and only Montes joining Howell in voting for the rfp.

Acting county manager Martha Guevara told commissioners that the contract with Satonica expired August 7. The original contract was one year with three years renewal with both parties able to cancel after the first year.

Howell argued it wasn't the original contract because Satonica doubled her price. Wilson asked if Satonica had increased her hourly rate, or if she was increasing the number of hours in counseling at the jail. Schwettmann said they (commissioners) had accepted the \$20,000 in the budget because they thought there was a legitimate need. All Schwettmann wanted was wording about the insurance liability to protect the county.

Satonica's rate in the 1998 contract was \$40 hour, which was the same rate listed in the original 1997 contract. Wilson then asked if the potential changes at the jail (the state fire marshal has ordered the number of inmates be kept to a maximum of 30) might result in a decreased

needed for counseling and thus lower the overall bill. Morel said that was possible if she billed at an hourly rate.

Nunley then said that Satonica's contract indicated she would provide a report. But Howell said he had yet to see any reports and he wanted to know how she submitted her bills. Morel said Satonica bills quarterly but commissioners could require her to send statements monthly. Morel also suggested the state pick up any mental health counseling bills for services provided to state inmates, but the county needed some way to track Satonica's work.

Guevara said Satonica never submitted a report. Schwettmann said he wanted answers to questions about limits of liability and the way Satonica charges. "When we get the answers and we don't like them, I'll be the first to vote to cancel her contract," Schwettmann said.

After discussion, Wilson made a motion to approve a 30-day extension to the contract and require a monthly schedule and report to the county manager and answers to the insurance question by the next regular meeting. Howell seconded the motion, which got a 4-1 vote with Montes saying no.

Commissioners unanimously approved a 30-day extension to the contract with Susie Torres who owns Suzie's Spic & Span for janitorial services for the county sub-office in Ruidoso and required her to submit monthly reports of work being done. Schwettmann asked the same insurance question and Wilson wanted to know who monitored her work. Nunley said the county decided to contract for the janitorial services because the former part-time person the county hired to do

the cleaning was not doing his job. County finance officer Punkin Schlarb said the health department which is located in the sub office would let the manager's office know if the janitorial services were not sufficient.

Because of problems with long distance telephone service, commissioners unanimously authorized an rfp for a long distance phone carrier. Recently the county had problems with the long distance service and it took at least two months for the long distance carrier, USI, to respond. Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said it wasn't the county's phone equipment that was at fault, rather they couldn't call out long distance. Guevara said the county needs to do something about the long distance carrier. She said that MCI and NTS had both approached the county offering long distance service. MCI is on state contract.

Commissioners were also concerned about the high cost of data processing and problems with software programs by the county's data processing service Triadic. Morel said that it might cost the county anywhere from \$300,000 to \$500,000 to change over to a new data processing company. Morel said Taos County went from Triadic to another company and spent \$500,000, to get back with Triadic. Schlarb said Triadic offers several software programs for the road department, jail and solid waste that were never utilized.

Wilson made the motion to continue the contract with Triadic for data processing. Commissioners again split their vote 3-2 in favor of the motion with Schwettmann and Howell voting no.



RACHER TRAVELING TROPHY went to John Gnatkowski (left) and Jason Montes (right) for their exceptional showmanship and willingness to help around the fair. Presented to the two young men by Brent Racher, the trophy has been given to exceptional fair exhibitors since 1974 in honor of James Racher, Hondo FFA teacher, Brent's father. This is the last year the trophy will be presented, Brent said. Also pictured is Kay Patterson, the 1998 Lincoln County Rodeo Queen.



4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS Callie Gnatkowski, Debbie Bond and Joe Burchett accept awards from Family and Consumer Education officer Inez Marrs. The scholarships are presented to former Lincoln County 4-H students who are currently enrolled in a New Mexico college. Gnatkowski is a senior journalism major and Bond is a junior elementary education major, both at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Burchett is a sophomore at New Mexico Tech in Socorro majoring in electrical engineering.

LEGALS

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV-98-167**

**THE BOERINGER FAMILY TRUST,
ROBERT W. BOERINGER and
JADE BOERINGER, CO-TRUSTEES,**
Plaintiffs,

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THIRKFIELD A.
BONNELL, DECEASED, E. D. BONNELL,
EVA LYNN BONNELL and BERTHA D.
BONNELL, if living; if deceased, THEIR
UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING
INTERESTS ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS,**
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS
GREETINGS:**

BE ADVISED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED Plaintiff has filed the above referenced action naming you as a party defendant in the above referenced Court. The general object of the action is to quiet title to real property, the legal description of which is detailed in the complaint in said cause and is located in Lincoln County New Mexico, being a part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 10S, Range 18 E, N.M.P.M.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Hennighausen, Olsen & Stevens, L.L.P., David M. Stevens, Attorney at Law, P.C., 106 Rio Street, Ruidoso Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Please be advised that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

Witness my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 19th day of August, 1998.

**EUGENIA VEGA, Chief Deputy
District Court Clerk
Twelfth Judicial District
Lincoln County, New Mexico**
Published in the Lincoln County News on August 20 and 27 and September 3 and 10, 1998.

**NOTICE OF DESIGNATED POLLING PLACE
AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS
VILLAGE OF CAPITAN**

In connection with the Special Municipal General Obligation Bond Election to be held on September 15, 1998 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

A. Notice is hereby given that the following polling place shall be used for the conduct of the special municipal election to be held on September 15, 1998.

1. Voters in Precinct three (3) within the municipal boundary shall vote at Lincoln County Fair Building, 100 West Fifth Street, Capitan, New Mexico.
2. Voters that are registered in Lincoln County, but reside outside the Capitan Village limits and have property located within the Village of Capitan may vote but must fill out the non-resident form.
3. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, New Mexico.

B. The follow Precinct Board members have been appointed.

1. For judge in Precinct Three (3):
Bertie Beavers
2. For clerks in Precinct Three (3):
Darralene Stewart
Van Shamblin
Doris Pounds
Lena White
3. For judge in Absentee Voter Precinct:
Darralene Stewart
For clerk in Absentee Voter Precinct:
Doris Pounds

C. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board of Election School will be held on the 2nd day of September, 1998 at the Capitan Village Hall Bldg. in Capitan, New Mexico. The school will begin at 10:00 a.m. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1998.
/s/Deborah Cummins
Clark-Treasurer, CMC
Village of Capitan

Published in the Lincoln County News on August 20 and 27, 1998.

**AVISO DE DESIGNACION DE LOCALES
PARA VOTAR Y MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA
DIRECTIVA DE PRECINTO
ALDEA DE CAPITAN**

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal especial general obligacion que se llevara a cabo el 15th de Septiembre de 1998.

1. Votantes en el Precinto tres (3) dentro del lindero municipal votaran en Lincoln County Fair Building, 100 West Fifth Street, Capitan, Nuevo Mexico.
2. Un votante registrado que es residente de esa porcion del Condado de Lincoln que esta afuera de los limites de Aldea de Capitan que ha pagado un impuesto de propiedad en propiedad localizada dentro Aldea de Capitan puede votar debe rellenar y depositar un formulario en la oficina de la Escribana de Aldea de Capitan.
3. Votantes en el precinto de votantes ausentes votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, Nuevo Mexico.

B. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Precinto has sido nombrados:

1. Para el juez en el Precinto Tres (3):
Bertie Beavers
2. Para escribanas en el Precinto Tres (3):
Darralene Stewart
Van Shamblin
Doris Pounds
Lena White
3. Para el juez en el precinto de votante ausentista:
Darralene Stewart
Para la escribana en el Precinto del votante ausentista:
Doris Pounds

C. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara

a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Precinto el dia 2nd de Septiembre, 1998 en el Capitan Village Hall Bldg. en Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 10:00 a.m. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico.

Fechado este dia 10th de Agosto de 1998.
/s/Deborah Cummins
Escribana Municipal, CMC
Village of Capitan
Published in the Lincoln County News on August 20 and 27, 1998.

**LINCOLN COUNTY
LODGERS TAX
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 26, 1998
10:00 A.M.
NOTICE OF
MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the August 26, 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 Guavara at 648-2865 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

**MARTHA GUEVARA
Acting
County Manager**
Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, August 20, 1998.

POSTED in accordance with Resolution 97-15, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico, at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

**CAROL SCHLARB,
CMC/AAE
Town Clerk,
Town of Carrizozo**
Published in the Lincoln County News on August 20, 1998.



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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.
AGENDA WILL BE

CORONA NEWS

The rains continue in spots. Have you noticed the broomweed? The yellow beginnings show.

Corona students returned from a highly successful Lincoln County Fair with ribbons and sales slots in the Jr. livestock sale. FFA members with animals in the sale were: Andrew Bagley with the light-weight Hampshire pig; Dal Frost with Reserve Grand Champion steer, and heavy cross pig; Rankin Frost with the fine wool cross bred lamb; John Gnatkowski with the mutton cross lamb; Keith Shafer sold the Reserve Grand Champion lamb and other pure bred pig, and his brother J.R. doing an excellent job of showing his pigs and goats.

Two other Corona animals made the sale and several other FFA animals placing second and third were brought home to prepare for the State Fair in September. The Corona Buyers Club is still accepting contributions for 1998. Contributions may be dropped off at the Corona Trading Co., or mailed to Trish Cox. This year the Corona Buyers Club purchased the Reserve Grand Champion steer shown by Dal Frost.

Friends and family were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Allen Hollon. Allen, 33, died of heart failure in his home. Allen is survived by his wife, Lori, and stepson Lane, of the family home in Roswell; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hollon, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas and Mrs. Hollon of Mountainair. Services were held Monday morning in Roswell with graveside services at Round-Top Cemetery near

Mountainair.
Mrs. R. L. Sharp is recuperating from several days in Estancia and the Torrance County Fair where great granddaughter, Leah Jo Hughes had the Reserve Grand Champion breeding heifer. She had two lambs in the sale.

Amanda Mulkey and Josh Millon are here from Conroe, TX to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey and go to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mulkey are the parents of 5 lb. 4 oz. Montana Lynn born August 17 in Roswell. The baby, 17 and 3/4 inches in length has a brother, Jonathan. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson, paternal, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey.

Mrs. L.K. Merritt came home Monday after spending the weekend in an Albuquerque hospital; Tuesday she was feeling better but very, very tired.

Denise Byrd attended the Curry County Fair in Clovis last weekend, but of more importance was the visit with grandson, Boone and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Roberts.

Corona del Rey Chapter of Women's Aglow will meet at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 in the school auditorium. Sharon Vesely of Silver City will speak on "The Bride of Christ". Everyone is cordially invited to attend this and all meetings of Aglow.

Eddie Knight of Camarillo, CA called a classmate, Bill Bryan, to tell of the death of

his mother Ruth, Eddie, after a few years in construction has gone back to coaching. The Knights have two sons, both college graduates, and the younger one is a coach. Mr. Ken Knight was superintendent of Corona schools and Mrs. Knight an elementary teacher in the 50's and early 60's.

Nathan Tracey and Colt Rudiger competed July 18 and 19 at the Tall in Texas match. Tracey took 2nd place in the sub jr., Rudiger took 1st place in the IJ marksman.

The two shooters then went to the NRA National Smallbore matches in Camp Perry, Ohio. Tracey was 1st in the jr. expert division and Rudiger came in 6th in the IJ division. Both boys shot the Whistler match. Tracey and a girl from Socorro won the Whistler boy Match, the first time New Mexico has ever won this competition. Rudiger shot with a girl from Albuquerque and they finished 35th. All four kids did a good job representing New Mexico.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program has an Advance Junior Smallbore Rifle Clinic at Camp Joseph T. Robinson in North Little Rock, Arkansas. They take the top 20 junior shooters in the United States. This is a one-time deal. You have to be 14 and no older than 18 to get to go. Nathan Tracey was so excited when he found out that he was going to get to go. They take these 20 kids and work with them for two weeks. They have classroom and on hands training and some shooting. They learn a lot plus this clinic gives the kids a chance to use some of the newest equipment, a chance in a lifetime. Nathan has said that it was worth getting up at 2:00 a.m. to get to El Paso to fly out on August 21 — he returns August 29. Nathan would like to see as many young shooters in New Mexico in years to come get to go to this clinic.

Nathan found out in June when he went to shoot in Atlanta, GA that he had been accepted to go the the NRA Advanced junior Shooting Camp. This is in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Front Royal, VA. This camp is August 23 to 29th. What an opportunity for him. Nathan has changed guns, he is shooting a model 2013 Anschutz. This is a hard gun to learn to use so these two camps came at a wonderful time for Nathan.

Erdine Behunin was in Tatum visiting her daughter, Bethany Brazil and family and attending the Lea County Fair at Lovington, to see her grandchildren win some ribbons in pigs, lambs, horse shows, and baking. Tasha Kiefer, her granddaughter from Albuquerque went with her. When she came home she brought Holly Brazil and Tasha back for a few days visit before school starts. Darla Kiefer came to Corona Monday to pick Tasha up and Erdine met Bethany in Roswell Tuesday so Holly could go home.

On Monday, Aug. 3 a wedding shower/brunch was given in honor of Miss Lindsey Bonds, bride elect of Mr. Wesley Starwarczik of Lake Jackson, TX. Lindsey is the daughter of John and Janice Bonds of Duran and is a graduate of Corona High School. Lindsey and Wesley are both attending college in Albuquerque.

Hostesses for the wedding shower/brunch were Roxanne Erramousche, Roeanne Lightfoot, Sandra Alford, Trish Cox, Callie and Sarah Gnatkowski, Katie and Beth Hightower, Debbie and Martha Bond, Rosemary and Keri

Church Directories

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

**Spirit of Life Apostolic
Pentecostal Tabernacle**
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM
354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2999 (church) or 648-2107.
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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

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

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
FR. A. TRIPP, priest
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-257-2358
Holy Eucharist..... 9:00 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches
BOB BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 648-2846
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Thursday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every
3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of Mo. 12:30 pm

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

**Mountain Ministry Parish,
Sierra Blanca Presbyterian**
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors / 648-2650
Nogal Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
Worship..... 6:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth
Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 338-4927
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
REX BERTSFORD, pastor
Capitan (South on Hwy 48) 354-2925
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 pm.

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LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS

Los? Chozas

Nunley said even if it is incorrect, he thought they could name it anything they wanted. Schwettmann said it was property of record and couldn't be changed even if grammatically incorrect.

That was not to be the last of discussion about Los Chozas. Proposed Los Chozas Subdivision developer Ron Green and surveyor Tim Collins were at the meeting to get the proposed subdivision approved by commissioners. At the July 14 meeting, Green came requesting approval of the proposed subdivision, but commissioners tabled any action while they waited for clarification about how the acequias or ditches on the property will be handled, and concerns about the disclosure statement which indicated that lots could be split into five acre tracts.

Before discussion started, Schwettmann excused himself because he was the civil engineer for the development. "I am involved with Tim Collins, that is who I worked for," Schwettmann said.

Collins then began his presentation by saying that when he first presented the proposed subdivision to county planning officer Patsy Sanchez, she said the grammar was wrong on Los Chozas. But Collins said the name has been on records since 1980 as Los Chozas.

Collins said he had 100 percent of all documentation required by the county subdivision regulations for approval of the Type Five Subdivision east of Lincoln. He said the original disclosure statements about splitting the five acre tracts were taken out. "The disclosure statement says if the property is split, the owner has to develop the property as a new class of subdivision," Collins added. Also in the disclosure statement owners are told that no water rights are being sold with the property, but water rights may be available for purchase, Collins said.

Montes was concerned whether an acequia (ditch) Association was represented. Collins said he was not aware of an association but the two ditches on the property were indicated on the plat. Green said there were no other users on the ditch.

Property owner David Stevens who lives downstream from the proposed subdivision and who is a member of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board was concerned about what the proposed subdivision will do to the stream flow and how it will affect the Lincoln Historic District which is nearby. However, he was not speaking for the historic board because it has not met and discussed the proposed subdivision and made formal recommendations. The proposed subdivision is not located within the historic zone however.

Collins said there was a water study done of the subdivision, that location of septic tanks are controlled by the state environment department, the subdivision will have an architectural control committee and livestock will be limited to one farm type animal. "There are more cattle there now than what the subdivision will allow," Collins said.

Montes said the subdivision will impact a fragile part of Lincoln County.

Lincoln resident James Sanchez said he was concerned about the proposed subdivision because of its impact on the valley. He also was concerned about the easement to the ditches because people often buy along a ditch, then deny the ditch users access to clean and maintain the ditch. Collins said the easement to the ditches is addressed on the plat and in the disclosure statement.

Montes kept asking about the acequia association and why it had not signed off on the plat. Green said there is no ditch association.

Sanchez then asked if any of the property had been sold yet, because he was offered a parcel six months ago and he was seeing homes placed there already. Montes said Patsy Sanchez was concerned about land being sold before the subdivision was approved and she had indicated a mobile home had been placed on some land.

Then county attorney Alan Morel spoke up. He said that he had gotten a few letters about the matter and after research determined that there may be illegal sales. Morel said he turned the investigation over to the district attorney who has opened a file but had made no conclusions yet.

Green's attorney William Lutz said the issue of illegal sales was irrelevant to the commission approving the subdivision, since the developer had complied with the subdivision act. He then requested he be allowed to cross examine, but commissioners refused that.

Nadine Walker, owner of the mobile home, said Kenneth Nosker was the realtor who had found the land for her and she had bought the property, but made an agreement she would not close the deal until the subdivision was approved. Montes then demanded to know if other properties were other such sales. Finally Green said about six. Montes said that seemed like a way to circumvent the subdivision process.

Commissioner Rex Wilson finally said the proposed subdivision had met the technical criteria for approval, but he was concerned how the subdivision will comply with historic values because the area might be a target for expansion of the historic zone. But Collins said he wasn't aware of plans to extend the historic zone.

Commissioner Wilton Howell questioned the engineering of the project, done by his fellow commissioner Bill Schwettmann.

But most discussion centered around the acequias and whether any other ditch users would be affected by the subdivision.

Apparently tired of the discussion that had lasted nearly an hour, chairman Ray Nunley called for a motion on the subdivision, but none came. Finally commissioners wanting more information from Morel whether the county subdivision regulations

DA Finding

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Rutten, he was unmarried.

7. Deputy Rutten subsequently got married to a person who was employed by Walmart and worked in the same department as Commissioner Nunley.

8. It is immaterial to this investigation whether Deputy Rutten ultimately was hired to fill the September 9, 1997 authorized position or the position vacated by a retiring deputy.

I conclude that Deputy Rutten's subsequent marriage to an employee of Walmart and under the supervision of Commissioner Nunley is neither a conflict or a perceived conflict of interest and would not have required him to abstain from making the motion or subsequently voting on creating the deputy position. Neither logic or reason would have allowed Commissioner Nunley to look into a crystal ball to know that Chris Rutten would have applied for the position nor

address acequias tabled the request until the last item of the day, with Nunley voting against tabling.

Nosker then spoke and said there was some misinformation. He said all the ditches on the Rio Bonito or Rio Ruidoso start on one property and go on someone else's property. Nosker said that "we got a lot of people on the county commission, especially those from Texas where there are no water right laws, who make decisions."

But Montes said he was worried about the up and downstream ditch users and ditches that pass through property where there are no water rights. He said by law if a ditch is being used, there is a built in permit to use the ditch, even if it passes through another property. Nosker pointed his finger at Montes to emphasize his comments, but Montes said, "you won't point your finger at me." To that Nosker responded, "I will point if I want."

"If you're looking at nit picking reasons (to deny the request for subdivision), then you better go back and to the other approved subdivisions," Nosker said.

At the end of the meeting, commissioners again discussed the proposed subdivision. Green said that there will be no blocking of easement to the ditches. His attorney Lutz said the plat complies with all legal requirements set out in the county subdivision ordinance. "It will be abuse of discretion, arbitrary and capricious to not approve this plat," Lutz said. He said there was no evidence that any information or documentation was left out of the plat.

Commissioners discussed how long they had to approve the plat. Thirty days, said Morel who said the question was the possible violation of state law or subdivision ordinance regarding possible sales prior to approval. Morel said according to county subdivision ordinance if the plat is deemed complete the commission has 30 days to act. If in 30 days no action is taken, then the developer must send a letter. If the county fails to act on the letter within 30 days, the county is required to issue a certificate of plat.

Patsy Sanchez said the proposed plat was delivered and stamped on July 27, 1998.

After some more discussion commissioners voted to table the final plat approval until their special meeting of August 25, to be held in Carrizozo at 6 p.m.

that a three member oral board would have independently and unanimously graded Rutten higher than the other candidates.

I conclude that my investigation has failed to reveal any credible evidence that Commissioner Nunley did anything inappropriate in moving the entire Commission to consider creating another deputy slot. Rather, the evidence is very clear that Commissioner Nunley properly responded to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department's complaints that they were extremely understaffed. The decision to hire Chris Rutten rather than any of the other applicants was entirely in the hands of the Sheriff. The Sheriff, in turn, properly designed an impartial panel of persons with different law enforcement perspectives to make recommendations on hiring. This fact finder believes the process was fair and certainly void of any input by the Commission.



MRS. SANTA accepts the first place ribbon for the Special Lead Class 2-5 year old category from fair queen Kay Patterson. Mrs. Santa was four year old Kersti Davis who led her sheep dressed like Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Other lead class winners (in order of their ribbons) were Quade Hall, Marriah Ventura, James Chavez, Jackie Best, Sarah McNutt and Philip Jenks.



TASTY STRAW! Ashley Patterson's goat finds the straw in Ashley's scarecrow outfit is too good to resist eating. Patterson placed fourth in the 8-9 year old special lead class competition. Other winners were (in order of award) Paige Peebles, Haley Montes, Wade Sultemeier, Marshal Wilson and Kendall Wilson.

Because of the public interest involved in any investigation of a public official this opinion letter will be provided to the local media.

This office is appreciative of the candor and cooperation exhibited by all Lincoln County employees who were interviewed or provided documentation for this investigation.

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Carrizozo Enrollment (Continued from Page 2)

hiring of employees who might have questionable backgrounds and/or criminal histories. The board approved the background agreement and authorization policy that requires the potential employee to sign an agreement that authorizes the district to inquire into the persons' history and requires the person to be fingerprinted at his or her expense.

Students who live east of the railroad tracks will continue to ride the bus to school. The board approved the SDE-requested Hazardous Walking Survey that indicates that some students would have to walk across the three tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad line in order to get to school. Because of this the SDE will allow the district to transport those students by bus. Usually students who live within one mile of school are not eligible to ride the bus.

Shafer. They chose a menu of a variety of fresh fruit served with a complimenting dip, muffins, sausage balls, egg/cheese breakfast casserole, wedding motif mints, fruit punch and coffee. The tables were decorated with white tablecloths holding crystal vases of colorful seasonal fresh flowers. The hostess gift to Lindsey and Wesley was a gourmet roaster.

Out of town guests were Lindsey's grandmother Edna Carper, her aunt Becky Carper, cousin Stephanie Carper all from Artesia, sister Amy Reid of Lubbock, TX, grandmother Martha Bonds of San Antonio, NM, her aunt Alberta Meadows from Lemitar, NM, friends Cindy Reid and Jewel Perez of Encino, NM. Local guests were mother of bride Janice Bonds, friends Martha and Anna Garza, Jeanene Gibbs, Mary Frances Fuller, Johnnie Erramospe, Kay Sultermeier, Edie Porter, Patsy Mulkey, Irma Bryan, Betty Ann Bell, Johnnie Bond, Brenda Marshall, Eva Mae Holleyman, and Babe Tracey.

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Lindsey received many beautiful gifts from her family and friends. The shower/brunch was enjoyed by all.

Babe and Elmo Tracey have returned from an eight day trip to western Colorado and the wedding of Lindsey Bonds and Wesley Starwazik in Lake City, CO August 10th.

Grandson Forrest Tracey and friend Doug Tallent flew one of the school planes into Montrose on afternoon of August 9th where Babe and Elmo picked them up from the airport, then on to Lake City for the wedding on Monday.

On Tuesday the two young pilots from Phoenix and newly met friends in Lake City went on a jeep and hiking trip high up in the nearby mountains. Late afternoon they all drove back to Montrose where they spent the night. Early Wednesday morning Doug and Forrest serviced the plane and flew back to Phoenix, with Doug at the controls. Forrest had been the pilot on the in-coming trip. They all had a great time while in Colorado, and saw many varied sights.

While in Colorado Babe and Elmo visited Elmo's cousin Bobby Reeder in Nucla and Bobby's new wife Sherri and Bobby's two grown children, Shannon and Shane. Shane is a rodeo bull rider and won the bull riding round at the Montrose Rodeo while they were there. All attended a wedding party for Bobby and Sherri in Naturita on Saturday night. The had gotten married on July 11, high up in the mountains north of Nucla at a summer "oww camp" belonging to friends of the Reeders.

The Traceys also visited with the Colbaugh family in Delta. The Colbaughs owned a ranch east of Corona and moved to Delta many years ago. Babe and Elmo first visited with Thomas and wife Rebecca (Toombs) Colbaugh in their home, had a most enjoyable time, then visited with Thomas's mother Mary in a nursing home there in town. She is 91 years old and in fine fettle and enjoyed talking about Corona and old times they had shared there. Mr. Colbaugh (Tom), Mary's husband, passed away some years ago.

The Traceys report enjoying all the other wedding participants.

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The board also approved the substitute and activity bus drivers for the 1998-99 school year. They are Ralph Baroz, Jack Hefker, Barbara Roper, Hayden Smith, Bryan Wetzel, Everett Greer Jr., Pat Jiron and Rick Emmons.

Old computers and computer parts, worn out athletic equipment and other items were deleted from school inventory when the board approved the list for deletion submitted by the superintendent.

The computer and science labs in Manire Hall will get new roofs. The board approved the sole bid from Texas Refinery Corporation to install a new roof for \$20,223.90. The roof which will be a rubberized material has a 10 year warranty. The rest of Manire Hall was re-roofed with bond money.

Other construction being done this summer has yet to be completed. Goodwin reported that the library and other areas in Clegg Hall still need carpeting which was supposed to be installed by September 12 or 13. School business manager Nenna Whittaker said the custodians are about tired out from moving books in and out of the library during the construction. Board member Eldon Offutt joked, "Then throw the book at them."

The airlock entrance to the cafeteria has also not been done. Goodwin said she talks with the project director daily and she has been assured the glass and metal for the airlock will arrive soon. She said that the work on the airlock will not be done during school hours as the entrance is used daily.

In other business, the board:

Heard a report about the district's four wells. Goodwin said each year the district has to apply for an extension to the permit to use the four wells. The state engineer has given approval for the permit for the wells with the condi-

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