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Ruidoso Plans For Future Recreation

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso is planning a recreational complex to improve the sense of community among its citizens and raise the quality of life in the village.

Ruidoso village council at its December 22 meeting unanimously approved a recreation complex that includes a public indoor swimming pool presented by mayor Robert Donaldson. The mayor said he presented the conceptual

Ruidoso Recreational Plaza plan for the council's consideration and authorization to proceed with the development of the ideas.

Proposing a bond issue in the fall of year 2000 to finance a multimillion dollar recreational area at the White Mountain sports complex area, Donaldson said such a recreational facility would bring cohesion to the community.

In his written presentation

on the recreational complex Donaldson presented information about the community and its recreational tourism based economy. He said Ruidoso is unique among the resort communities of New Mexico where most residents came first as visitors. He said any development of recreational facilities expands the diversity of the economy.

Ruidoso has about 7,400 single family units in Ruidoso, many of which are second

homes. The village has 190 miles of roadways, 320 miles of water line and 800 business permits. Voters registration in the 1998 election was 5,400 people. There are about 2,000 children in the public schools with three fourths from Ruidoso, Donaldson wrote.

In addition to Ruidoso's permanent and seasonal population (that sometimes swells to 30,000), residents in surrounding unincorporated subdivisions and smaller villages


as Ruidoso Downs and Capitan use Ruidoso recreational facilities. Donaldson said estimates show that 60 percent of the people who use the library are not from Ruidoso, and 50 percent of the participants in youth and adult leagues come from outside Ruidoso.

Donaldson said in his opinion a centralized recreational area would be the most viable solution to fostering cohesion in the community.

Recently the school and village purchased additional lands at the White Mountain Sports Complex area that is framed by Mechem Drive, White Mountain Drive, Hull Road and Cree Meadows Drive. Donaldson said that area offers the greatest potential to create the community recreation concept. Already in that area are the golf course, convention center, three

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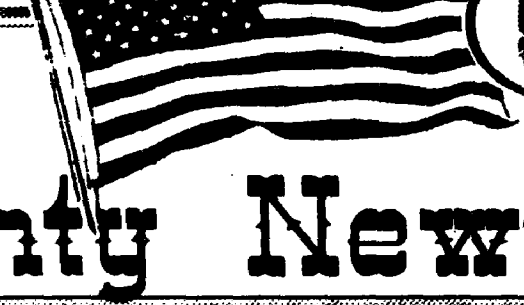
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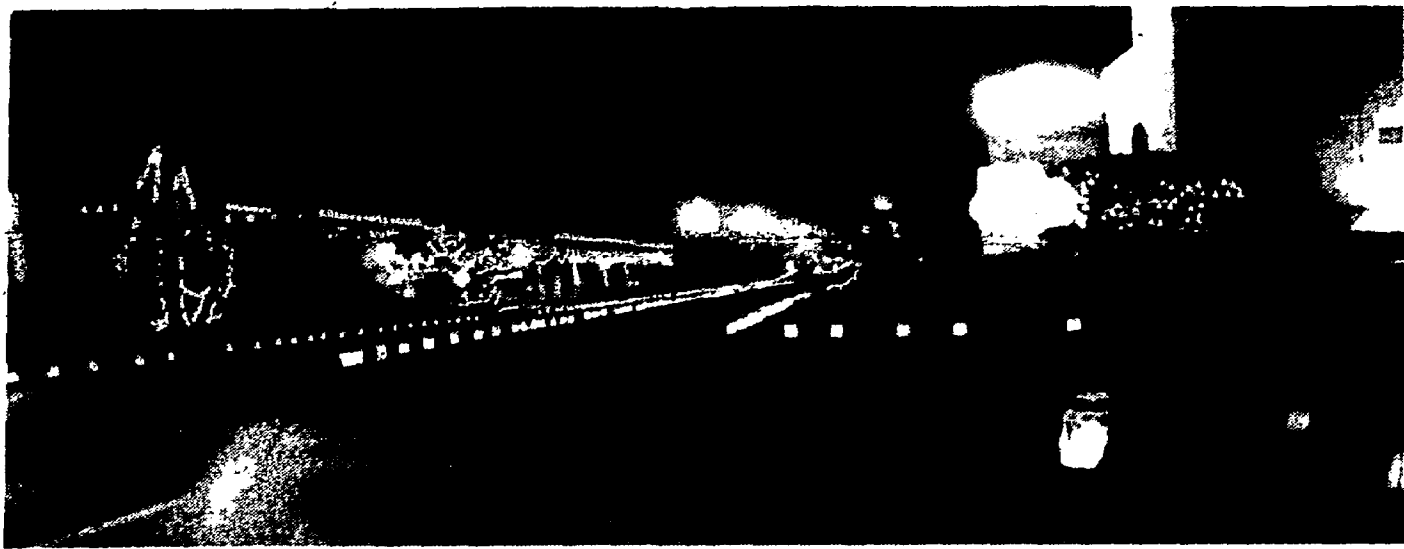
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LUMINOUS CARRIZOZO. Luminarias line Central Ave., part of the thousands that light the way for residents and visitors in Carrizozo on Christmas Eve. Sponsored by Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department and Chamber of Commerce, the luminaria display was the result of many volunteers who prepared thousands of bags with sand and candles, placed them out and lighted them on Christmas Eve. At least one motorist who traveled down Birch Street from Highway 380 without car headlights said it was like coming in for an airport landing in the dark night.

Elected Officials To Be Sworn In Mon., Jan. 4

Newly elected county officials will take the oath of office at 9 a.m. Monday, January 4, in the Lincoln County District Courtroom in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Elected officials to be sworn into office are Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr., and county officials District 2 Lincoln County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley, District 4 Lincoln County Commissioner William Schwettmann and

District 5 Lincoln County Commissioner Rick Simpson, Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor, and Lincoln County Treasurer Joan E. Park.

Lincoln County District Judge Karen Parsons will administer the oath of office. Parsons, who was elected as District Judge, was sworn in late November.

Republican Women of Lincoln County will host a reception in the courtroom foyer

following the ceremony.

Magistrate Judge William Butts was sworn in Dec. 21 by District Judge Jerry Ritter in Judge Butts court in Ruidoso. Judge Butts said he would be unable to attend the swearing in ceremony Monday due to his heavy caseload from the long weekend and holiday.

Atty. Underwood To Lobby For Ruidoso

by Doris Cherry

A former state representative will lobby on behalf of the Village of Ruidoso during the upcoming state legislative session.

During the December 22 Ruidoso village council meeting, councilors approved an agreement with village attorney John Underwood who will provide lobbying services on behalf of the village. Underwood served as District 56 state representative for two years. Since 1995 he has lobbied on behalf of the village under similar agreements.

For Underwood's services from January 15 to April 15, the village has agreed to pay \$7,500 plus gross receipt taxes. He agrees to track progress of state legislation and/or regulations that relate to interests and objectives of the village and advise the village on these; attend subcommittee and committee hearings on issues related to the village and present the village's position to legislators, regulators and the governor's office.

During his term as representative, Underwood secured more than \$4 million for the district.

As a lobbyist, in 1995

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Capitan School Board Approves Report Card

by Doris Cherry

Capitan students need more continuity in their math curriculum to assure mastery in all levels.

This is what Capitan board of education members learned during their regular meeting December 17. High school math teacher Richard Strahan presented a report compiled by a math task force comprised of teachers and parents. The task force looked at the school's math curriculum from grades K to 12 and found gaps in what was being taught and what students were mastering. The group did not criticize the math program provided by Saxson Company but found that teachers need to help students master certain math skills before they advance to the next grade.

Also during the meeting, the board heard a report from Dick Clevenger for the Writing Task Force. That group found that especially in the high school students were relying upon computer spelling and grammar corrections and did poorly in those areas in hand written assignments

and tests. Clevenger presented information summarizing elementary, middle school and high school writing expectations for students, and the scope and sequence that outlines goals and accomplishments for all grades. The task force looked at how and where teachers could incorporate more writing into their curriculum.

Anyone who works for Capitan Schools is subject to a criminal background investigation, made at their expense. In response to a new law passed by the 1998 state legislature, the board added a paragraph to board policy requiring the background checks on each contractor or

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County To Reduce Inmate Charge For Work Release

by Doris Cherry

Calling it a humane action, Lincoln County Commissioners at their special meeting December 17 in Ruidoso Downs, rescinded a 25 percent charge for county inmates to participate in a work release program.

County manager Tom Stewart asked commissioners to reconsider their action to take 25 percent of what county jail inmates make as salary while participating on the work release program. He said that it would be a significant bur-

den on jail administration to figure the 25 percent of salaries, so he suggested a flat \$10 fee per day be charged to individuals who hire work release participants.

County commissioner Wilton Howell said he asked the fee be put on the meeting agenda because he thought it was not right to take 25 percent of a person's pay just because he is in jail. With such reasoning, Howell made the motion to charge a \$10 per day administrative fee to

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WINTER WONDERLAND. Where did it go? Just two weeks ago a freezing fog turned the Capitan and Indian Divide area into a frosted winter wonderland. Since then, winds and above seasonal temperatures have melted much of the snow that fell in early December, making the area feel more like Spring than the beginning of Winter.

Capitan School Board

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contractor's employee, if the contractor or employee has unsupervised access to students. Superintendent Diana Billingsley said the new policy applies to all construction

contractors and their employees who might work on any upcoming school projects, unless the contractor isolates the project with a fence and provides separate restroom facilities for workers. Billingsley said the cost of a background check is \$31.

The board approved the 1997-98 school report card that outlined district goals, drop out reports (none in 97-98), attendance of 93.7 percent, parent involvement, school safety (94 percent believe the school is safe with no vandalism or violence reported, but 83 percent realize the need for additional classrooms); test scores and other district information.

Capitan middle school now has a new secretary. The board approved hiring Gloria Witham to replace Renita Freeman who resigned. Witham was former Capitan elementary secretary with seven years experience. The board also hired Erma Palmer-Nichols as instructional aide/special education assistant for the middle and high schools.

In other business, the board:

-Saw a video report produced by FFA members Codi Montes, Trenna Stephens, Ashley Martin, Chase Montes, Rocky Burrows, Matt Stephens, Dale Gillessen, Britt Ventura and Dustin Sultemeier who attended the National FFA Conference in Kansas City.

-Received copies of the bond issue questions and answers, and a map of proposed construction projects. Copies of the school bond information sheet will be distributed in public locations. The \$5.7 million bond issue election will be held February 2, 1999.

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Ruidoso Plans For Future

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schools, and various athletic fields. Donaldson proposed to expand the existing facilities with construction of an indoor swimming pool, parks and recreation office and a community center.

Currently the village is working on an agreement with Leisure Hotel Management of Hutchinson, KS to construct and manage a 100 room convention and golf resort hotel next to the Ruidoso Convention Center. The planned new parking area for the proposed convention hotel and convention center would be used for parking at the pool/community center.

Donaldson proposes to build the recreation facilities with revenue from future village budgets, a general obligation bond issue for the pool complex, private funds for the hotel and state funding for the community/recreation center.

To finance the swimming pool complex Donaldson proposes a \$3 million bond issue election in fall 2000. Currently Ruidoso has almost \$6.2 million in outstanding general obligation bonds (approved by vote by the public). These were the 1995 bond issue for the library, athletic fields, water system improvements and improvements to city hall, senior center and convention center.

In addition to the general obligation bonds, Ruidoso has \$4.37 million in outstanding water bonds paid with a one

percent supplemental gross receipt tax imposed to pay for Grindstone Dam. It also has \$3.7 million in outstanding bonds paid with dedicated gross receipt taxes that went to build the current city hall, purchase the old airport land (where the golf course is now) and building of the convention center.

By October 2002, \$3.7 million of general obligation bonds will be paid off and in August 2003, \$9.7 million in bonds will be paid off. If a new bond issue for the swimming pool is approved, the bonds would be sold until spring 2001. Passage of the bond issue will not raise property taxes, Donaldson said.

Donaldson also said he met with state senator Pete Campos about sponsoring a \$1.5 million request for the project and found Campos supportive of the concept. "I am a major proponent of self-sufficiency for communities," Donaldson said. "I believe that if you are not willing to help yourself, then you should not expect the help of others. Of the \$10.3 million of assets proposed, \$6.8 million is private or village funds, and only 15 percent of the project from the state."

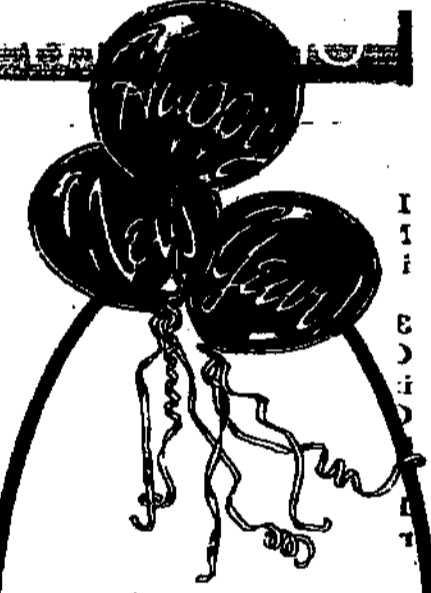
Other recreational facilities Donaldson proposes in the White Mountain area are two public tennis courts (to be started in summer 1999), two acre day picnic park on a gentle slope overlooking the golf course and view of Sierra Blanca (start date late summer 1999 with Parks and Rec budget funds), pre-teen playground complex (first phase late summer 1999 Parks and Rec budget), three additional miles of walking/biking paths (fall 1999 or spring 2000 with Capital outlay budget), fountain park in a triangle area between White Mountain Drive, the walking path and new road that travels between the schools (spring 2001 general fund), outdoor lecture site southwest of village hall (spring 2002 general fund). The proposed pool and parks will be accessed from a proposed street that will go from Hull Road to Kansas City Street that accesses the new library and dead ends at the golf course.

After Donaldson's presentation, councilor Bill Chance commended the mayor on the concept which he thought would provide an opportunity to reward local residents with an improved quality of life while giving something else for visitors to do. Councilor Bob Sterchi said there was tremendous vision put into the plan but he hoped it would not negate the Visioning Process the village started about a year ago. Sterchi asked if the proposed bond issue would begin after the other bonds were paid off. Sterchi was concerned about

raising any rates especially since the village had made significant raises over the last year in water, sewer and solid waste rates.

Donaldson said there would be no increase in taxes for the project because current bond issues would be paid off in 2000 and 2001.

Chance said some projects such as the path, day park and beginning the play ground could begin immediately with current parks and recreation funds. Donaldson agreed. After more discussion, Chance made the motion to approve the conceptual plan and authorize staff to pursue funding, development and future planning of the project. Sterchi seconded and all councilors voted aye.



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OBITUARY

CLARENCE LEON LOCK

A memorial service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. today, December 31, at the First Baptist Church in Roswell, for Clarence Leon Lock, age 79, of Roswell, formerly of Carrizozo, who died December 25 at his home. Dr. Bobby Renfro of the First Baptist Church will officiate. Interment will be at 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 4, 1999 at Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Leon was born September 23, 1919 in Bennington, Switzerland County, Indiana. Leon served in France, Belgium, Poland and Germany during WWII as a Sgt. with the 762nd Field Artillery, Ninth Army.

He married Helen Marie Rook on January 9, 1946 in Louisville, KY. She survives him at the family home.

Survivors also include three sons, James Elbert Lock and his wife Janice Lynn of Ft. Worth, TX, David Leon Lock and his wife Nancy Lee of Floyd, NM, and Shawn Robert Lock and his wife Rebecca of Marietta, GA; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

—Ruidoso Public Library story time, 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, for children 3-6.

THURSDAYS

—Pre-school storytime 9:30 a.m. Carrizozo school library.

—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location. Or e-mail at www.nogal.com/icaag.

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

FRIDAYS

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

—Metaphysical discussion group in Carrizozo, 6:30 p.m. call 648-5434 for information.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

—Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Corona Village Halls, Carrizozo Town Hall, Lincoln County courthouse and other offices closed for New Year's Day. Ruidoso Library closed today and Saturday, January 2 for New Year holiday.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1999

—School resumes in all districts.

—Oath of Office Ceremony for county elected officials 9 a.m. Lincoln County Courthouse District courtroom.

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building 2nd Street.

—Republican Party of Lincoln County, Texas Club, Ruidoso, social hour 5:30 p.m. dinner 6 p.m. speaker.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

—Carrizozo PFK meeting, 3:30 p.m. school library.

—Capitan Village Trustees, 6:30 p.m. public hearing, 7 p.m. regular meeting.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

—Lincoln County Commissioners 9 a.m. courthouse.

—Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.

—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.



CAPITAN 6TH GRADE BAND perform favorite holiday songs during the Capitan elementary winter concert.

Ruidoso Street Dept. To Be On "Pothole Patrol"

Winter ice, moisture and the salt put on streets to melt the ice take its toll of Ruidoso streets.

The result of ice, moisture and salt is potholes. During the December 22 meeting of

the Ruidoso village council, the village manager Alan Briley presented a new pothole policy developed to help address the problem of potholes. Briley said potholes become very evident in the winter

because ice, the salt put on the streets to melt the ice, and the resulting moisture which continues to freeze and thaw. Briley said that beginning January 1, the village street department will be on "Pothole Patrol." The street department will dedicate every Wednesday to fixing potholes. Briley encouraged

anyone to report a pothole by calling 257-0023.

Briley also reported on the Highway 48 construction project and the Center Street traffic light. Meadow Valley Construction had halted its work on the Highway 48 project through the Christmas holidays and plans to begin again on January 4. Before Christmas, the company improved driveways, removed some of the concrete walls and paved part of the street.

The intersection of Center Street and Sudderth Drive will get a traffic signal. Briley said the state highway department approved the traffic signal at the intersection. Meadow Valley Contractors might install the traffic light under a change order in the current contract for the Mechem Drive construction with the State Highway Department. Briley had no date for installation of the light.

Another concern about Sudderth Drive is the stripes. Briley said a scheduled striping was not done. He encouraged the public to contact the highway department to get the striping done.

Inmate Work Release

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the private individual who employs inmates in the work release program. County commission chairman Ray Nunley said it was a very humane action and seconded the motion. All commissioners voted yes.

On another jail related action, commissioners authorized Stewart to continue his search for alternative housing for the work release inmates. At the December 8 meeting, commissioners authorized Stewart to search in Carrizozo for an appropriate rental close to the detention center to serve as a half way house. Stewart reported he was unable to find anything close to the jail. So he had contacted three companies that provide temporary housing. One company Preferred Building Sys-

tems, Inc. sent a proposal to lease the county a 600 square foot dormitory type temporary building for a year for \$17,400 plus \$2,270 a month. The other companies had not sent proposals.

Stewart said he was looking for a facility that could serve as a dormitory with military type bunk bed arrangement with footlockers for 12 to 15 inmates. Nunley suggested he contact the schools to find out where they get the portable buildings.

Commissioners authorized Stewart to prepare and issue a request for proposals for temporary housing with the intent to have a proposal ready for commissioners' action at their January 12 regular meeting.

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OBITUARY

J.O. (Bud) PAYNE

Bud Payne, 79, died December 27, at the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell.

Services were December 30, at the First Baptist Church in Carrizozo, and interment followed at the Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks.

Bud was born September 10, 1919, in Capitan. He married Dorothy Leslie on March

14, 1944. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy; a sister, June Hanson of Alamogordo; three daughters and one son: Darlene Gilliland of Tularosa, Bonnie Nachtweih and husband Ed of Phoenix, AZ, Sandy Lightfoot and husband Gib Daugherty of Roswell, and Curtis Payne and Wife Marcia of Capitan; nine grandchild-

dren and six great granddaughters.

Bud attended school in Capitan and was a WWII Veteran serving in the 804th Infantry Anti-Tank Battalion in Ireland and North Africa. He ranched in the Lincoln County area most of his life and was a former Lincoln County Commissioner. He also initiated the EMT service in Lincoln County and served as EMT Coordinator and County Medical Examiner.

He was a former Carrizozo Mayor, member of the Carrizozo Fire Department, and served as Lincoln County Probate Judge from 1990 to 1996. Bud was one of a rare breed of windmill experts.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons and granddaughters. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Leslie, Charlie Leslie, Clarence Leslie, Fletcher Hall, Ace Porter, and Barney Roper.

Carrizozo Woman's Club CALENDARS

We want to apologize for the delay in your receiving the 1999 calendars. I received notice on December 21st that the disk which we mailed the Calendar Company in early November was damaged and they needed a new one. I cannot understand why it took them six weeks to discover that! I sent them a new disk on the 21st and was informed this morning (12/28) that it would be mid-January before the calendars would be ready.

Woman's Club wishes to acknowledge the following birthdays and anniversaries and hope everyone celebrates by having a wonderful one!

* JANUARY 1st: Donna Harkey - Our Own President, Rose Luera, Punkin Schlarb. * 2nd: Scott Shafer, Veda Stephenson, Charles Niederstadt, Twyla Wetzel. * 3rd: Roy Dow, Sean Babcock, Earl Carwile, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Langley - anniversary. * 4th: Candie Aguilar, Martha Bond, Hoot Gibson, Doug Griffo, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hemphill - anniversary. * 5th: George Delgado, James Turcotte, Jerry Hammond, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Payne - anniversary. * 6th: Charlie White, Jaycee Hill, Denise Marie Narvaez. * 7th: Nick Vega, Lori Gibson, David Roper. * 8th: Bud Clay Hammond, Bryan Hightower, Cindy Silva Najar. * 9th: Barb Davis, Jacob Verdugo, Mary Heck, Rex Wilson, Chuck Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vega, Jr. * 10th: MaryBeth Shivers, Sandra Sanchez, Amilia Luera, Jennifer Wheeler, Elizabeth Bohka. * 11th: Jordan Dixon, Rod Serna, Ron Serna. * 12th: Lisa Hightower, Vince Verdugo, George Verdugo, Sr. * 13th: Albert Hernandez, Jr., Christopher Margie, Fabienne Serna, Kenny Trapp, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Horton. * 14th: Paul Baca, Shannon Horton. * 15th: Robert Dutchever, Carol Kratochvil. * 16th: James Willie Silva. * 17th: Willie Ray Silva, Buckley Zumwalt. * 18th: Edward Vinson. * 19th: Yolanda Zamora. * 20th: Robbie Bohka, Diederá Vega, Sr. * 21st: Sean Hansell, Jon Aguilar.

Again, my apologies. I think Woman's Club needs a new Calendar Chairman!!! (and Calendar Company).

Sue Stearns

Underwood To Lobby

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Underwood worked on behalf of the Village of Ruidoso and County of Lincoln, in 1996 Underwood worked on behalf of Ruidoso Downs Racing, Inc. and the village of Angelfire, in 1997 and 1998 sessions Underwood lobbied for the Village of Ruidoso and lobbied on behalf of amending the law for implementation and bonding of supplemental gross receipt tax, for several thousand dollars of Ruidoso projects, and was successful getting an extension and reallocation of monies for the youth recreation project.

The term of the agreement begins the week before the 1999 session begins and ends after the time the governor has the power to approve or veto legislation.

Also during the December 22 meeting, Underwood reported that a draft agreement with hotel developer Leisure Hotel Management of Hutchinson, KS might be available for council review at the January 12 regular meeting. Underwood said negotiations with the group were positive and the village should receive a counter proposal within two weeks. Mayor Robert

Donaldson said before the council approves the agreement he wants to hold at least two public hearings to educate the public on the partnership between the hotel developer and the village.

At the beginning of the December 22 meeting, Donaldson presented a memorial proclamation in honor of Dan Storm who died following a fire that destroyed his home in Glencoe.

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Farewell 1998

By Ruth Hammond

This is the last day of 1998. Old Father Time will slip away at the stroke of midnight and a new year will begin. We've all seen the pictures of Father Time with long white hair and beard and carrying a scythe. He slowly makes his way out as the sand trickles down the hourglass for the end of the year. Waiting in the wings is the baby new year, fresh and alert, ready to tackle whatever the year may bring. The pictures may be simplistic but they depict life as it is.

As the year ends we say farewell not only to 1998 but also to friends no longer with us. The list is long but the most recent friend to leave was Bud Payne. He was our neighbor and a good friend. He was always polite, and as one person said at the funeral, "Bud was a true gentleman." He was born in Lincoln County and lived here all his life. He did serve in Ireland and North Africa during World War II but his home was Lincoln County. He went to school in Capitan, he ranched in Lincoln County, and through the years he worked in many ways to help make Lincoln County a better place to live. Years ago he was elected as Lincoln County Commissioner and also years ago he was elected as Carrizozo Mayor. He initiated the EMT service in Lincoln County and served as EMT coordinator and the county medical examiner. He was also a member of the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department. His last elected office was as Lincoln County Probate Judge from 1990 to 1996. During his first campaign he offered to give his opponent a ride to a political rally. One winter when we had a lot of snow here in Carrizozo he brought his small tractor with a snowplow and cleaned the parking area in front of the News office, and he would not accept any pay. It was his good deed for us. Several times we saw him using his bush hog clearing lots around town, wanting to help make it look better. In his spare time he made clocks using rattlesnake skins and he was an expert on windmills. Many people in Lincoln County came to pay their respects at Bud's funeral. Possibly some of those people knew his name was Johnny Odell Payne, but newcomers only knew him by Bud Payne. Farewell Bud. We will miss you.

Letting go of the past and saying good-bye is hard at times, even though sometimes it is for the best. Another good friend we want to say farewell and good luck to is former Carrizozo town foreman Faustino Gallegos. He resigned a couple of months ago to move to Cuba, New Mexico. Faustino was one of the first people we met when we moved here 15 years ago. He was always smiling and pleasant and extremely helpful. When he turned on our water the first time there were several leaks in our line but he helped as much as he could. We will never forget his thoughtfulness and we wish him the best in his new home and new job. Farewell Faustino.

Even though we say farewell to 1998, we have much to look forward to in 1999. Local elected officials will be sworn in during a ceremony Monday, January 4 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. We wish each of them the best because they have a tremendous responsibility serving the public. There are plans for improvements at schools and communities in Lincoln County. Proposed projects will take time but should help improve life for county residents.

Saying good-bye to old Father Time will be easier knowing that we have a new year ahead. We have many things to be thankful for that happened in 1998. We also have many things to look forward to in 1999. We say farewell to 1998 and friends no longer with us. We say welcome 1999 and the new friends we haven't met yet. Our wish is for each of you to have a healthy and Happy New Year!

Welcome New Year ahead



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - The 1999 Legislature could set records for acrimony. Consider the evidence.

Gov. Gary Johnson followed up his election night warning that he won't be any kinder or gentler toward the Legislature in his second term by announcing he will do whatever it takes to achieve his goals. He says he is willing to fight the Democrat-controlled Legislature every step of the way, even if that means being taken to court again.

Johnson was taken to court frequently during his first term for implementing new programs without legislative authority. State and federal courts have told him repeatedly that he can't do that, but he persists. It's not that the Legislature is unwilling to ap-

prove his proposals, lawmakers just don't want to approve them exactly as the governor proposes.

But Johnson says he wasn't elected to negotiate with the Legislature. If they want to do that, we'll do it on our own - with or without the Legislature, he says. Johnson expects to be sued over his plan to reduce so-called good time for prisoners and his plan to suspend the licenses of uninsured motorists, but he predicts he will win those court cases. If he does, it will be a first. Despite spending considerable state money on private lawyers to defend a string of lawsuits, Johnson has lost 'em all so far.

His difference with the Legislature on prisoners serving longer sentences seems easy to resolve. Neither side likes the current 50 percent reduction in sentences prisoners can receive by behaving themselves. Both seem to agree that serving a minimum 85 percent of their sentences is about right, even though a Johnson campaign ad said he would make them serve "every lousy minute."

Twice lawmakers have sent Johnson bills limiting sentence to no less than 85 percent but Johnson has vetoed both because of a section that allows some non-violent criminals to have their sentences reduced if the law results in overcrowded prisons.

Republican lawmakers left their House and Senate caucuses earlier this month saying they are ready to do battle on behalf of their governor - a situation that is sure to increase bitterness in both houses. Previous governors have attempted to curb legislative power but have been rebuffed by a united Legislature. The usual pattern in state legislatures is for the legislative and executive branches of government to square off. But separation of powers battles in New Mexico have now become partisan battles.

Besides good time and uninsured motorist issues, other hot-button items include gubernatorial proposals for a two-year limit on death penalty appeals, an expansion of the list of crimes for which the death penalty can be imposed, school vouchers that would allow tax dollars to be used in private schools, tax cuts, and a removal of the requirement that construction workers on state jobs receive union wages. First Lady Dee Johnson is proposing the ban on smoking

in state buildings be extended to the Capitol.

Other issues lurking in the shadows are campaign finance reform, a sharp decrease in state revenue projected for next year, dissatisfaction with certain aspects of welfare reform, complaints about the administration of the Taxation and Revenue Department, vetoes and overrides, and a 1999 sunset provision in the public employee bargaining act that kicks in this July if it is not removed.

The Senate confirmation of Health Department Secretary Alex Valdez to a second cabinet post at the Human Services Department could cause rumbles.

Although Valdez is popular with lawmakers of both parties, his double duty could be seen as an effort by Gov. Johnson to reorganize part of state government without legislative authority.

Another likely sticking point is the property tax exemption voters approved in November. The intent of the constitutional change is to reduce taxes for only certain classes of homeowners. Expect trouble when the majority of voters finally realize these exemptions weren't meant for them.

County Growth Exceeds Trash Service Estimates

by Doris Cherry

When Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority lost its major player - Ruidoso last fall - everyone thought the volume of trash going through the Ruidoso transfer station from the county and the remaining four municipalities would decrease at least 50 percent. But that is not the case.

At the December 15 Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meeting, members learned that the volume of trash coming from the county, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona could be 75 percent of the solid waste going through the Gavilan Canyon transfer station. Estimates are that about half the trash going through the transfer station is from the county alone.

A 1996 study done by the small business center at ENMU Ruidoso estimated that 76 percent of the trash collected by LCSWA at that time came from Ruidoso. But recently the volume of trash from outside Ruidoso shows a reversal in that number. Members learned about these figures during discussion of an agreement with the Village of Ruidoso to use the transfer station and for the Village of Ruidoso to haul LCSWA garbage to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

LCSWA manager Jerry Wright said trash coming from the county was more than anyone thought it would be. He said part of that is due to Ruidoso closing its transfer station to the general public, and people in Ruidoso taking trash out to county dumpsters. "Sites on the edge of the village in the county are catching a lot of material,"

Wright said. LCSWA county member Elbert DuBose said this will be a major problem from now on.

Wright said much of the trash coming from county sites is construction materials, furniture and old carpeting. "It's not so much licensed contractors as weekend workers, seasonal people who are fixing up houses and buying new furniture," he said.

Members suggested LCSWA place a large roll-off container at the transfer station for the general public to dump construction materials and large items like old furniture and white goods. DuBose said there also seems some confusion among Ruidoso permanent and season residents about what to do with large items. He suggested LCSWA run an ad to inform that Ruidoso does pick up large items.

LCSWA member Debra Ingle asked how long LCSWA can afford to use the transfer station, since LCSWA staff estimated the cost to use the transfer station would be equal to the amount the village paid LCSWA to continue the recycling program in Ruidoso. Wright said he thought LCSWA was all right since they had estimated costs on hauling. LCSWA chairman Joe Hayhurst said Ruidoso can haul the trash cheaper than LCSWA can at this time.

Ingle then asked how the ENMU study had such inaccurate figures. "But" Wright said it could just be a shift in the flow of trash coming from the rapidly developing Alto, Fort Stanton mesa areas and Ruidoso Downs. And Wright said that when the casino at the race track is finished he

expects it and the track to generate more waste than all the small villages combined.

Ingle wanted to get a regular schedule of putting roll-offs in different communities on different Saturdays each month. She said citizens in her community want a roll-off in Capitan every month. Ingle said it appeared LCSWA needs to buy more roll-off containers to deal with the excess of trash in the county. But Wright said LCSWA cannot service any more without buying another \$88,000 roll-off haul truck. Wright said he has a proposed schedule for January, with a roll-off container in Ruidoso Downs on the second Saturday and in Capitan on the third Saturday of the month. Later in the meeting, Ingle said she learned there is more money for solid waste grants and she suggested LCSWA apply for another grant to buy another roll-off transport truck.

Another problem bothering Ingle is the cluster of dumpsters at mile marker 18, Smokey Bear Vista on Highway 48 south of Capitan. Since these dumpsters tend to become a dumping place for construction trash and large items, Ingle asked those be moved to other locations. Wright said he talked with the collection truck driver about other locations for those dumpsters but all were on county roads and would require county permission to place them.

Wright said he predicted a decrease in the trash flow to the roll-off containers with the cold weather, since most people tend to clean outside when it is warm.

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ETZA Meeting Set For Dec. 17 Was Cancelled

by Doris Cherry

Even though the county advertised that a Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extra-territorial Zoning Authority meeting was to be held on December 17, the two commissioners who sit on the board called for the meeting to be tabled until another time.

On December 17, Lincoln County Commissioners recessed their special meeting at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center to hold an Extraterritorial Zoning Authority (ETZA) meeting, also at the same place. But county commissioners Monroy Montes and Wilton Howell, who are the county representatives on the ETZA, recommended the

agenda not address the agenda item of calling for a public hearing on the Extra-territorial Zoning Authority ordinance because they claimed the county gave improper notice of the meeting.

Howell said the county had put out two notices, each showing the ETZA meeting to be in a different place at the same time. Montes then made the motion to not do business and re-advertise, another meeting. Howell said this was to avoid violating the open meetings act because of the improper notice.

County planning officer Patsy Sanchez, who serves as a clerk to the ETZA, said she had the notice sent to the Ruidoso News showing ETZA meeting to be at 10:30 a.m. at Ruidoso village hall. That notice was to be published Friday, December 11. Sanchez said she first sent a copy of the notice to Howell to ask if the wording was correct. "We didn't discuss where the meeting would be," she added. Rather Howell told her that the meeting would be held at a break of the county commission meeting.

"Then the county manager informed me of the (county commission) meeting at Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens center," Sanchez said. Because she did not believe commissioners would want to drive to Ruidoso village hall to hold the ETZA meeting, she canceled the first notice and reissued a notice of the December 17 ETZA meeting at Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center.

But Howell said people at village hall assumed the ETZA would be at village hall. "The ETZ ordinance is important to a lot of people there," Howell added.

Sanchez said she posted a notice at Ruidoso village hall about the meeting being at Ruidoso Downs senior center.

Ruidoso attorney Chay Rennick said a notice of December 14 identified the ETZA meeting being held at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. He said similar notices were also sent to the radio station, newspapers and at Ruidoso Downs city hall. Rennick affirmed that Sanchez had posted a notice at Ruidoso village hall that morning about the change of meeting place. "In my legal opinion she posted proper notice to hold the meeting here (in Ruidoso Downs)," Rennick said. He said that there were other items on the ETZA meeting agenda that needed to be taken care of.

But Howell did not want to take care of any business.

ETZA Ruidoso member Linda Flack asked if the meeting was to discuss the existing ETZ ordinance, or a new one. Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson, who was the driving force behind changes to the ETZ ordinance, said that according to the Open Meetings Act, any time a public hearing was held or changes to an ordinance, the proposed changes had to be available.

Without any further discussion, ETZA members voted unanimously to not do business and to re-advertise for another meeting.

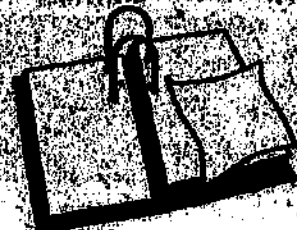
Governor And Lt. Gov. To Be Sworn In Jan. 1

The public is invited to the governor's public inauguration that begins at 10:45 a.m. Friday, January 1, at Sweetney Convention Center in Santa Fe.

Doors to the convention center open at 9:45 a.m. The inauguration ceremony begins with the 44th Army Band of the New Mexico National Guard posting the colors and performances from Zuni Pueblo and Taos High School. Lt. Gov. Walter D. Brantley will be sworn first. At noon New Mexico Court of Appeals Judge M. Christina Armitage will administer the oath of office to Governor Gary Johnson.

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CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!
 And I sincerely hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and that 1989 will be a

wonderful year for all of you and your families.

Every year at the first sign of fall I promise I will get right to my Christmas list and have everything, and I do mean everything, under control so that when the final last few days finally arrive I can meet folks with a smile, greet each new day with anticipation and give thanks to the Almighty God above for letting me live this long.

By the time the middle of December had arrived, which also allowed for the family to handle my 88th birthday, Christmas was upon all of us. I used to tell my mother that I always got cheated because when my birthday arrived she always reminded me that there would be more things for Christmas and I must be patient.

By the time Christmas arrived I was reminded that I had just had a birthday. I never quite understood how that happened to be any fault of mine. Now I have a beautiful little great granddaughter that I was hoping would arrive on the 14th of December, and she almost did, she arrived on the 17th, and she is five now and the most beautiful and adorable little girl in this whole wide world to me. I know that long after I am gone she will have to endure the same stress in December; that is having a birthday and a Merry Christmas in the same month. I always envied folks that had birthdays in the good ole summertime or in the spring or even in the early fall, but not have the two most important days in the year bunched together.

But I sincerely hope each of you folks that read my efforts, and believe me when I say my efforts can sometimes be a burden, but with this little prayer that someone sent me beside me I will try not to complain:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things that I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

The following was stuck in my door last Monday while I was mailing my notes to Ruth so just stuck it right on top of my typewriter to remember to put it in this week.

Notes for Maureen Sullivan:
 More details from the December 12 Merchants Open House and Christmas at the Park on December 12. Additional prize winners were Rose Barton - a small stuffed Smokey Bear, Kim Miller - a Beanie Bear, Theresa Baca - a large Smokey Bear, and Ronnie Montes - a Smokey Bear T-shirt. These prizes were donated by the Smokey Bear Museum. Marla Renfro won the Smokey Bear donated by the Smokey Bear Restaurant.

Merchants who participated said it was a great idea and they were very pleased. Santa and Smokey were a big hit at the Smokey Bear Park and Christmas caroling was enjoyed by both the carolers and those who were visited by the carolers.

And let me add my very personal appreciation to the carolers that honored me with their beautiful singing and especially my sincerest appreciation to all the little ones that hugged me. I sat down and shed a few tears and offered up a prayer that these beautiful little folks would all have happy and successful lives. Would that all the little children in the whole world could be as lucky as these little ones, to have all their needs met and to live so snug and safely in our little village of Capitan, New Mexico.



HOLIDAY BRIGHT LIGHTS cast away the darkness at Mrs. Virgie Zamora's house on Smokey Bear Ave. in Capitan. Mrs. Zamora's children decorate her yard each year with thousands of colorful lights.

Our Christmas was lovely at the Tom Sullivan household with guests from far and near, but I forgot to get some names taken down when I was there and I hope the Sullivans and all of you reading this will forgive me for not being a better reporter. I did garner some pictures, so promise more about our Christmas next week.

And on that note must walk to the post office (and I do not like to walk) so forgive me the brevity of this epistle and I will sign off wishing each and every one of you that read my

efforts that 1989 will be the greatest year yet for all of you. So sayonara and adios to all and may the Good Lord take a liken' to ye.

P.S. This is for Gloria Griego. She told me at the market that she enjoyed my column especially when there was a poem in it. She just loved poetry. Will have some for you next week Gloria, but thought you might like to have a copy of the following prayer; but you may already have one of this prayer. However perhaps someone out there would like to have it so

here it is:
 Prayer to St Francis of Assisi
 Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, Faith;
 Where there is despair, Hope;
 Where there is darkness, Light;
 Where there is sadness, Joy.
 O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to Love;
 For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to Eternal life.

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OBITUARY

WILLIAM J. "BILL" EDGAR
 Funeral service for William J. "Bill" Edgar, 84, of Roswell and formerly of Capitan was December 29 in the Capitan United Methodist Church. Officiating was Rev. Floyd Goodloe and the Rev. Harry Riser. Burial followed at the Capitan Cemetery.

Mr. Edgar died December 26 in Roswell. He was born January 20, 1914 in Lordsburg and spent his childhood in southwestern New Mexico and eastern Arizona where his family ranched and had a service station.

He served in the Army for six years during WWII, and was discharged as a major. He married Marie M. Merchant on December 26, 1942, at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, TX. After his discharge from the military, they returned to the Merchant ranch north of Capitan. He was actively engaged in ranching until 1974, at which time he retired, and the ranch was operated by son-in-law and daughter, Preston and Willa Stone.

Bill was active in many community organizations and served numerous years on the Lincoln County Fair Board, Lincoln National Forest Advisory Board, Capitan

County Assistant Manager Will Not Retire Next Year

A report in last week's LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS that Martha Guevara is retiring next year was incorrect.

During the December 17 special Lincoln County Commission, county manager Tom Stewart announced that his administrative secretary was retiring next year. Stewart did not mention the name of the employee at that time.

Stewart's administrative secretary is Petra Sandoval. Instead of reporting that Sandoval is retiring, THE NEWS incorrectly reported that Martha Guevara is retiring. Guevara is assistant county manager and is not planning to retire next year. THE NEWS regrets the mistake.

School Board, a director of Otero County Electric Cooperative, and a director of Roswell Production Credit Assoc. He was a member of Capitan United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie in January 1989, after which time he moved to Villa Del Rey in Roswell.

He is survived by a daughter and her husband, Willa and Preston Stone of Capitan; sister Margaret Brooks of Escondido, CA; brother Ed Edgar of Fayetteville, AK; and two grandchildren.

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Grizzly Varsity boys basketball team competed in the Ruidoso tournament on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. We'll get some results of action in next week's column. Next up for both the boys and girls will be the Capitan Invitational next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 7, 8 & 9.

The NFL regular season is finally over and we ended by going 12-3 for the final week. Only teams to let us down were Raiders losing to Kansas City, Colts losing to Carolina and Pittsburgh bowing to Jacksonville Monday night. Biggest winner Sunday was

Arizona who made the playoffs by edging out San Diego. Five teams suffer lost more than just a game last week, they also lost their coach. Like we've been saying all season long Rhodes was ousted in Philadelphia after going 3-13, and Marchionni got the heave-ho by the (no-names) Baltimore Ravens even though they managed to win six games (8-10); also getting the boot were Capers in Carolina (4-12), Wannstedt of the Chicago Bears (4-12), and Erickson by the Seattle Seahawks (8-8). The one really getting shafted was Erickson, whose team would have finished 9-7 and made the playoffs, had it not been for a bad call by bungling referees in game against NY Jets — no justice here.

getting extension to stay as coach of the Cincinnati Bengals who finished at 3-13 and will not be much better than that next year or any year as long as he (Coslett) is around. He messed around with three different QBs this year and will probably try a few more next year to no avail. Bengals draft near the top every single year and have nothing to show for it.

Two more that might not make it and are barely hanging in are Vessell in St. Louis and Turner in Washington. Don't be surprised to find some of these coaches that have been let go by one team get hired by another team. Denver and Minnesota both stand to lose some assistant coaches this year, and it will be interesting to see what happens to Holmgren of the Packers. He might pull another Parcels (Patriots to Jets) and jump ship to another team. It'll be an interesting off season.

Going 12-3 last week left us at 159-87 for the season. And now on to the playoffs.

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (In Bold Type)

SATURDAY
* Buffalo at Miami. You should never pick against home teams in playoffs, but...

Bills just look like the better team, especially w/o Dolphins hurting at running back. I'll take combination of Johnson and Frazier over hobbling Manning. Go against home team.

* Arizona at Dallas. Cowboys look like they finally figured out how to handle the blitz, and Emmitt always runs wild against Cardinals and for once he's healthy going into the playoffs. Defense is finally learning how to play without Deion. Should be a high scoring affair. Go with home team.

SUNDAY

* New England at Jacksonville. Both teams hating at QB position, Bladese and Brunell probably will not figure in this one. Jacksonville has better running team and this could be the difference. Better receivers plus home-field give Jaguars big advantage. Go with home team.

* Green Bay at San Francisco. Levens is back for Packers but doesn't look like the same running back he was last year. Young needs to have good game for Frisco. Receivers Stokes, Owens and Rice should make the difference for 49'ers.

Waiting in the wings for the four winners of these games are Atlanta, Minnesota, Denver and NY Jets, all with byes this week. Here's hoping my team beats your team!

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Trash Service Estimates
(Con't. from P. 4)

Then Ingle asked how LCSWA is doing with the recycling. Wright said he got one complaint from Ruidoso about an overflowing cardboard dumpster at the free parking area on Sudderth Drive, but the truck was on its way to empty it. He said part of the problem is that some businesses use the public recycling containers. Wright also said he plans to put out two roll-offs in undisclosed locations over the Christmas weekend to catch boxes, Christmas trees and other large trash items.

Since Wright agreed LCSWA could take care of the recycling for Ruidoso at the \$4,500 a month fee offered by the village, members approved the agreement with Ruidoso to pay \$4.50 a cubic yard for LCSWA trash going through the transfer station.

LCSWA is still waiting for its new trash collection truck. Wright said the truck arrived in Albuquerque more than a week ago, but a glitch was found in the power take off gear delaying delivery to LCSWA. During his manager's report, Wright also said both roll-off transport trucks had broken down, with a problem in the computer chips in the Cummins diesel engines. He said mechanics are blaming some problems on the ban against using the "jake brake" which requires drivers to shift down. Wright said at a recent solid waste conference in Albuquerque, trash managers state wide are complaining of the same problem due to the prohibition of "jake brakes" in most communities.

Wright also presented LCSWA's request to the state legislature. He and Hayhurst presented the request to Senator Pete Campos and Rep. Dub Williams recently. In it LCSWA requests \$1.45 million to acquire 7-10 acres to design, develop and construct a transfer station that also would be open to public for dumping. Ingle suggested such a station be located in Carrizozo because of the easy haul from there to the regional landfill.

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BILL JONES, pastor
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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..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2988 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirtieth, 648-2168
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..... 8:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

Church of Christ
PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM,
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship (Winter)..... 1:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
FR. A. TRIPP, priest
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-258-4144
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches
BOB BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2848
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPITAN
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:15 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors / 648-2850
Nogal Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
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 / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
REX BERESFORD, pastor
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 354-3118
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 8:30 p.m.

FAST ACTION

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of DEPUTY SHERIFF in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, must possess a New Mexico Basic Police Officer's Certification or be certifiable by waiver, and willing to work anywhere in Lincoln County. Obtain application at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505/648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., Monday, January 25, 1999. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements. Title II-A. 4tc/Dec. 10 & 23 & Jan. 7 & 21

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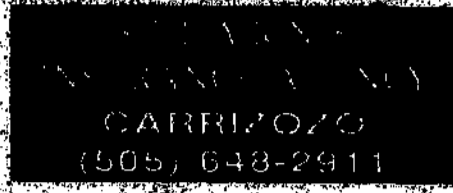
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For further information and appointment call: C.O. Rominger, GRI at the C.O. Rominger Company, Realtor and member of the MLS. (505) 648-2800 Fax (505) 648-2801



EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for a full-time FINANCE DEPARTMENT HEAD in the Lincoln County Manager's Office, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Must have experience in local governmental procedures, budget preparation, payroll, reports, contracts, grants and purchasing. Obtain application and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office or by calling 505/648-2385. Deadline for receipt of application is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 1999. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA, Title II-A. 2tc/Dec. 25 & 31

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NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Multiple-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 1999. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Village Council Building, 315 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico. **AGENDA**
A. CALL TO ORDER
B. ROLL CALL
C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 21, 1998.
D. NEW BUSINESS
Discussion on Extraterritorial Zoning Ordinance.
E. ADJOURNMENT

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee for four (4) members to serve

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN No. PB-88-54 Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOTTIE O. HENSLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at HC68-180, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, 88346, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court within and for the County of Lincoln. DATED: December 16, 1998.

FRED W. HENSLEY, JR. HC68-180 Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346

Alan P. Morel ALAN P. MOREL, P.A. P.O. Box 1030 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030 (505) 258-2202 Attorney for Personal Representative Published in the Lincoln County News on December 23 and 31, 1998.

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-98-41

AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY F/K/A LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff vs. RICHARD A. VIGIL, SHARON R. VIGIL, AND SOUTHWEST APPRAISAL AND VALUATION Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on January 20, 1999, at 12:00 P.M., at the front steps of the municipal building in Ruidoso, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 3, Block 1 of Mountain View Addition, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the replat of Block 1, Mountain View Addition, Filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 1, 1995, in Cabinet F, Slide 277.

The address of the real property is 1604 E Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 2, 1998, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$72,904.39, plus interest from June 12, 1998 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.7500% per annum, or \$21.11 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The lien of Defendant Southwest Appraisal and Valuation is hereby declared to be a second and valid lien on the property.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: December 22, 1998.

DiAnn Doyle Special Master c/o Shapiro & Mainhold 105 E. Moreno, Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80908 (800) 284-0013 (719) 634-3988

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members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee. Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 8, 1999.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 31, 1998.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 12, 1999 to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following:

1) PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDING A PROPERTY TAX REBATE PURSUANT TO THE INCOME TAX ACT FOR LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS ON A COUNTY OPTION BASIS

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

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 31, 1998.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees Saturday, January 9, 1999 9:00 a.m. Hospital Conference Room Pursuant to Limited Personnel Matters Exception Administrator Interviews. Published in the Lincoln County News on December 31, 1998 and January 7, 1999.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) for seven (7) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln.

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LEGAL NOTICE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 12, 1999 9:00 A.M. LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 1999 beginning at 9:00 A.M., to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the January 12, 1999 meeting will be available at the office of the County

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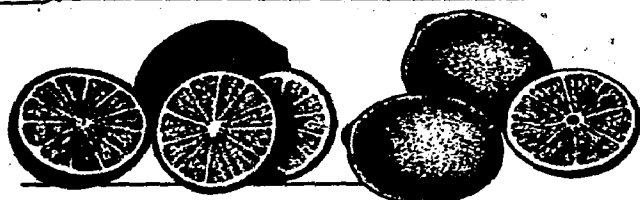
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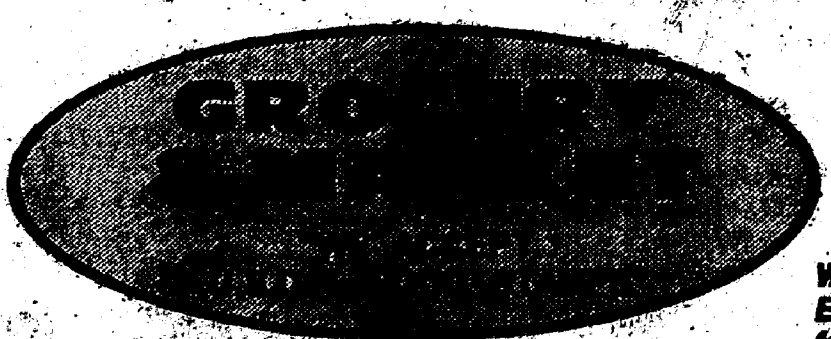
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