

# (3) Commissioners Can County Manager

by Doris Cherry

As first order of business of a long and sometimes debated session Tuesday, Lincoln County Commissioners fired county manager Frank Potter on a 3-2 vote.

County commissioner Monroy Montes said he asked for a re-evaluation of the manager because he believed "there are inefficiencies in the manager office."

"The buck needs to stop at the manager's desk," Montes added. Then he made the motion that Frank Potter be relieved of his duties effective immediately, and assistant

county manager Martha Guevara become acting manager until the position is filled by the commission. County Commissioner Wilton Howell seconded the motion.

Commission chairman Ray Nunley explained, his voice husky with emotion, that the manager serves at the will of the county commission. He refused to disclose the reason behind the dismissal saying, "Some things said might be hurtful to Mr. Potter. I don't want to cause Mr. Potter any personal harm."

Nunley continued, "I have a great deal of respect for him and we re-

main close acquaintances for a number of years. This is very hard for me."

Lincoln County Planning Commission chairman Charles Rennick asked if he could make public input about Montes's comment on inefficiencies, when only two months ago, commissioners rated Potter as having a high level of performance. Other citizens also questioned this.

Montes replied, "...the manager serves at the county commission's discretion." Which elicited remarks from the audience that the county commission serves at their

discretion. "I say the buck stops with the county commission," Rennick said.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked what the inefficiencies were, but Nunley said he could not discuss them. On a roll call vote, commissioner Rex Wilson voted no to relieve Potter, Montes voted yes, Schwettmann no, Howell yes and finally Nunley cast the final yes vote sending Potter packing.

Schwettmann called for a 10 minute recess. Citizen Jerry Carroll expressed the

feelings of many in the audience, "You bunch of cruds."

As Potter cleaned out his desk and office several employees and caring citizens stopped by to bid him goodbye. Potter's only comment for THE NEWS was that he really enjoyed working for the people of Lincoln County. Potter had no contract with the county at anytime during his three years as manager. "I got an office," he said.

At the end of the day-long meeting, when commissioners got to the agenda item of "visitors not on the agenda", several citizens made com-

ments about Potter's dismissal. One Carrizozo citizen read a letter she penned remarking on how she was ashamed of the county commission for firing Potter, who had gotten high marks and offer of a raise only weeks ago and because no one would say why they were firing Potter. Her letter is on page 4 of this issue of THE NEWS.

Janice Silva, former Lincoln County Treasurer and now administrative secretary to

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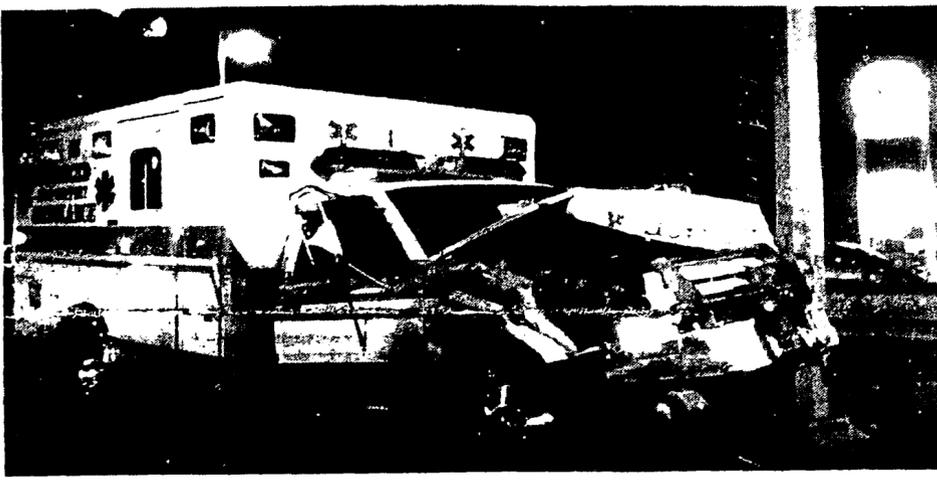
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CARRIZOZO POLICE WERE DISPATCHED to this accident April 12 at 7:59 p.m. at the intersection of Highways 380 and 54. The Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance was transporting a patient from Ruidoso to Albuquerque when it was involved in the accident with a 1991 Chevy extended cab pickup and then the RALS ambulance hit the light pole. The three occupants in the pickup were transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso by Carrizozo Ambulance where they were treated and released. Another RALS was sent from Ruidoso to continue the transport of the patient to Albuquerque. Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office deputies Lerry Bond and Charlie LaBelle also responded to assist Carrizozo Police at the scene. The first report was that the ambulance had lost a wheel but it was later confirmed the wheel that rolled across the highway was the spare tire from the back of the pickup. Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega expressed his appreciation for the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department and deputies LaBelle and Bond for their assistance.

## County Rejects Bids For Tractor

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners rejected bids during their regular meeting Tuesday, including one for a "bright blue tractor."

Hoping to spend less of the \$23,000 insurance claim for snow damage to the Glencoe Rural Events Center roof, commissioners rejected the bids for the repair and opted to do it in-house. The lowest bid was \$19,154 from an Albuquerque company.

"I feel the job can be done cheaper," said commissioner Monroy Montes. "But any time we talk about the road department at Glencoe we get criticized," Montes said. "It's a waste of ink to be saying those things."

Montes made the motion to reject the bids and use the claim money to hire three skilled temporary employees through the road department to fix the roof. Commissioner Bill Schwettmann voted no, the rest voted yes. County attorney Alan Morel said the commissioners must state why they rejected the bids, even if it is to do the job in-house.

"We feel we can do the job with less money," said commissioner Wilton Howell. "We can buy the materials locally and hire local people."

Morel said the county may draw a bid protest from the responders as the low bid was within the money available. County commissioner Rex Wilson was concerned about

repercussions. "We should do it as effectively as possible, but do more than just patch it," Wilson said.

Editors Note: The legal notice for project requested bids for the replacement of about 4,500 square feet of metal roofing on the Glencoe Rural Events Center that was damaged by the winter snows.

Early in the county commission meeting National Alpaca Association member Rick Evans sought assurance from the commissioners that the Glencoe Center would be ready for the National Alpaca Association Convention in mid June. Evans said the convention organizers recently visited, saw the roof and "are in panic" about the facility being ready for the event. "We are quite concerned that the building is fixed on time," he added.

About 800 registrants are expected for the convention, set for June 10-14. The convention will be split with a trade show and animal portion at Glencoe Center and an education portion at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Evans said he has tried to hire or contract with as many local civic groups, such as the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and the youth Lincoln County Riding Club, and local businesses as possible. He estimated that the event could bring in \$800,000 to \$1 million in associated revenue to the county.

Evans did not know how to respond to a question from Howell about how much the convention is paying for the Glencoe Center, so Glencoe center manager Linda Wallace said, "\$2,800 rent to be paid."

"The \$800,000 far outweighs what the facility makes," Howell said.

Another bid commissioners rejected was for a tractor for the Glencoe Rural Events Joe Skeen Arena. "I'd like to address this," Howell said when they came to consider the low bid for the tractor. The tractor that meets the specifications in the notice belonged to Elbert DuBose who bid \$7,200. The only other tractor coming close to fitting the specs was \$300 higher.

"I've owned this tractor at one time," Howell said. "It showed up on the newspaper, too bad it had to show up on a newspaper that not a lot of people read." Editor's Note: Ouch!!

"I once owned the tractor, now Elbert DuBose owns it," Howell said. "I sold it to him

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## County Commissioner Nunley Offers Fairgrounds To Capitan

by Doris Cherry

Just as \$100,000 for improvements to the Lincoln County fairgrounds are becoming reality, a county commissioner has offered to give the Lincoln County Fairgrounds back to the Village of Capitan.

Lincoln County Commission chairman L. Ray Nunley went before the Capitan Village Trustees at their meeting on Wednesday, April 8, and offered the Lincoln County Fairgrounds back to the village. Nunley said the offer was strictly his own idea and he was there mostly to "open a dialogue" about the possibility.

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann was also at that Capitan meeting and did not rebut the offer.

"This is no threat to Capitan, or the fair board," Nunley said. "If you don't want (ownership of) the fairgrounds, we'll stay with the fairboard, they've done a good job. If you want to talk, we'll put you on the county agenda, and the fairboard," Nunley said.

In response to a question from a citizen Nunley said he had talked to the fairboard members. "We won't do anything to hurt anybody," Nunley said.

But another citizen said many think the county is trying to divest the fairgrounds in Capitan as the official "Lincoln County Fairgrounds".

"The whole county is up in arms," said Kathleen Phillips.

Nunley disputed it, "That is not the intent, that is not what I am talking about. I'm not so sure Glencoe wants the county fair." He suggested a joint powers agreement could be passed to have the county fair remain in Capitan. "It could be part of the negotiating process," Nunley said.

Capitan Trustee Debra Ingle said a community committee and the fair board should meet, look at the offer and decide what they want before they go to the county commission. "There are a lot of valid things to consider," Nunley said.

Nunley then asked the village to support

Schwettmann who has worked hard for Capitan. Nunley said the two appropriations for the fairgrounds should be available sometime after July 1,

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LONG LINES FORMED at the new Capitan post office on Saturday as patrons traded in their old post office box keys for new keys for their new boxes in the new post office.

## Absentee Balloting Will Begin April 23

Absentee balloting for the June primary election begins April 23.

The Lincoln County Clerk's office is accepting applications for the absentee ballots. The clerk's office will send out its first ballots on April 23. Voters should send back completed absentee ballots before Saturday, May 30. However, absentee ballots in their sealed envelopes will be accepted until 7 p.m. on primary election day June 2.

Voter registration for the June primary ends at 5 p.m. May 5.

Absentee early in-person voting for the primary begins May 13. Voters must submit an application for absentee ballot at the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Once verified, the voters will receive a paper absentee ballot that the voter fills out and places in the electronic tally machine.

For more information about absentee voting, or voter registration, call the Lincoln County Clerk's office at 648-2394.

# County Rejects Bids

about six weeks ago."

Howell said he would not be a part of the bid process for the tractor. "I appreciate the advertising," he added. "I wish it be more wide spread."

dations on the tractor, other than to comment, that the specs met the "bright blue tractor."

Editor's Note: The outline under the photo of the tractor read "This bright blue tractor..."

Commissioner chairman Ray Nunley said, "I hate to see anyone get in trouble over a tractor." So he made the motion to reject all tractor bids.

Wallace said she did not write the specs. She said in her search for a tractor she found ones that were within the budget (\$7,500) but did not meet the specs. "The rest on the lot were affordable, but not worth owning," Wallace said.

On the vote for rejecting the tractor bids and developing specs for a tractor with adequate horsepower, Nunley, Schwettmann and Wilson voted yes, Montes voted no and Howell abstained from voting.

Commissioners also rejected, in part, three proposals from Corrections Systems, Inc. (CSI) to provide management of the Lincoln County Detention Center. Instead, commissioners voted to extend the current contract with CSI, which is providing jail management now, at \$225 a day from April 15 until June 30 the end of the fiscal year. At that time commissioners will pursue a full year agreement for management of the county detention center.

CSI presented three options of providing manager as now, taking over employees but leaving prisoners cost to be paid by the county and assuming all-employees, liability costs, transport, care and feeding of prisoners, except the county will pay for major medical costs for prisoners.

Howell asked what would happen to the employees PERA (public employees retirement account) and would the employees have health insurance coverage. Bud Grossman, CEO of CSI, said his company pays 100 percent of health insurance but currently does not have a retirement plan.

Grossman said his company could do the electronic monitoring of inmates cheaper than the system the county now uses, and he offered to return profits to the county. He said profits come from having fewer inmates within the jail and thus resulting

lower costs for care and feeding. All electronic systems charge the inmate for each day on the bracelet. However, only judges in Lincoln County designate which inmates are eligible for the bracelet program now.

Commissioners canceled discussion about the detention center administrator position, and about an offer to Wayland Hill. Hill's family members said Hill was not ready for the discussion with the commission. Also, because Hill is still listed as detention administrator, Montes cancelled discussion about the position. Hill remains on extended medical leave until his issue is resolved.

The last bid commissioners considered was for a 1,500 square foot metal building to house the electronic voting machines. The low bid of \$26,817 was submitted by All American Building of Capitan, Craig Whipple owner. But Montes questioned how finished the building was and whether Whipple had insurance. County attorney Alan Morel said the contractor must show proof of insurance before the bid is actually awarded. Morel also was unsure if the bid specs called for electrical wiring or interior finish. Commissioners tabled the bid award until later in the meeting so they could review the bid specs.

Later they discussed the bid with Whipple who said the building is insulated, but not finished inside. He said the electrical would be done by the county-contracted electrician Ron Roybal. Whipple also said that he was told the site, the lot across from the sheriff's office in the courthouse, was to be prepared by the county. Whipple said he could have the building up within four weeks.

Discussion then led to how much was available in the county budget for the building. When the old dental clinic was moved to first serve as a storage building for the voting machines commissioners set aside \$10,000. County finance officer Purnith Schlarb said there is \$10,000 in facilities and the rest of the funding would come out of capital outlay.

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said the limited funds for the building was why the specs were written as they were.

"We can put it on the credit card," Nunley said jokingly.

Finally commissioners voted unanimously to award the bid to All American Building for the bid amount. Nunley then directed county road supervisor Albert Hernandez to prepare the site for the building.



THE BUNNY RABBIT IN THE CAGE, being held by Ariel Vallejos and the puppy on the leash, were two of the animals waiting for the rabies shot clinic held April 4 at the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department building. Standing beside Ariel with the kitty in the carrier are her brother Arron Vallejos and her cousin Carlos Samoré.



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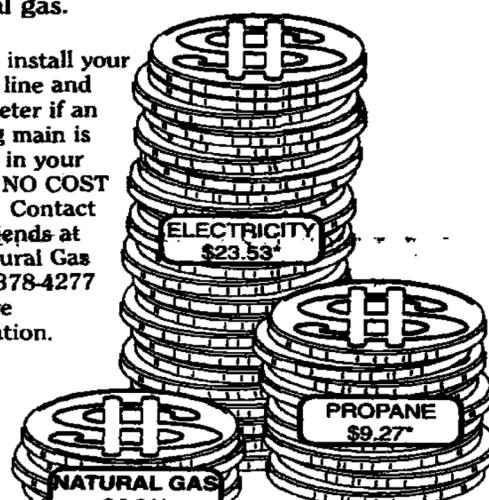
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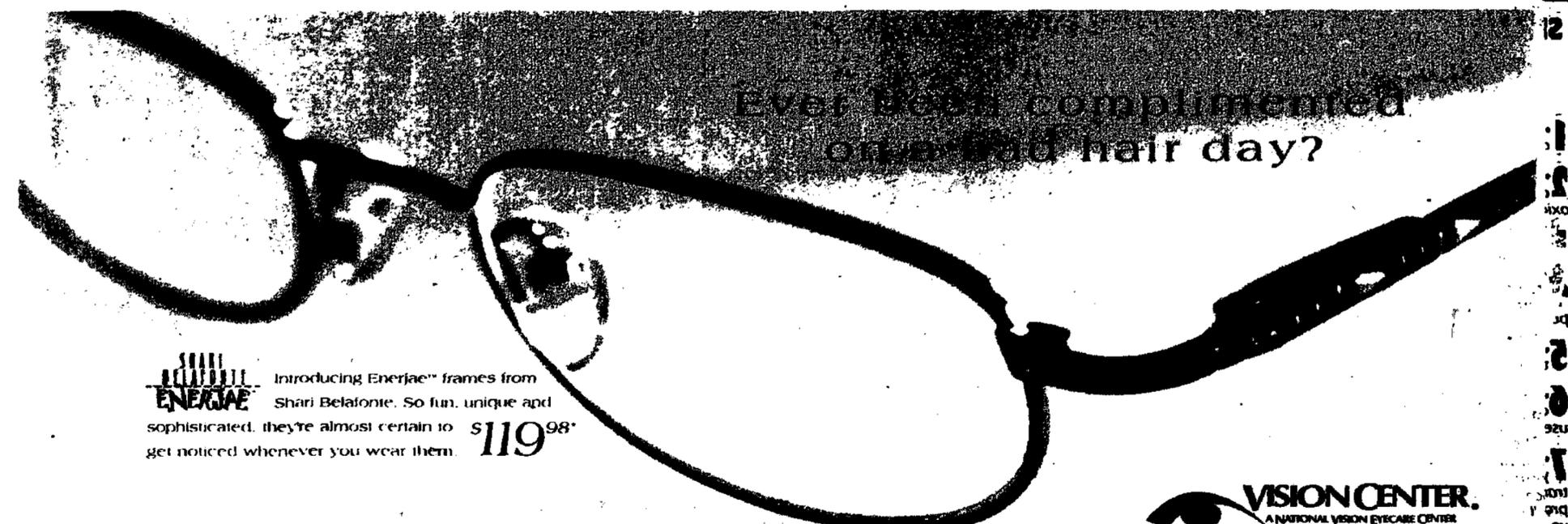
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# Carrizozo Approves LCSWA Agreement

by Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 14.

During audience participation several members of the audience addressed the trustees. The first to speak was Ann Buffington, a resident of Carrizozo. Buffington wanted to inform the trustees that a citizens' coalition was being formed of all the people from all over Lincoln County who support the detention center remaining in Carrizozo. Buffington said that as people got into the issue of the detention center they found out that some of the figures that are coming out are different from what has been presented to the public recently. She said it is felt that this is no longer a Carrizozo issue but a county issue. The coalition is just in the forming stage and doesn't have a name yet. Anybody who wishes to can become a part of this group. Buffington said what she thinks it will end up being is a citizens' for open government, which will be a sort of fact finding and a public participation, watchdog organization on the county commission. They will start off with the Lincoln County Detention Center issue.

Barbara Ward, a resident of Carrizozo, told the trustees that Capitan passed a resolution at their village meeting in support of the Lincoln County Detention Center remaining in Carrizozo. She asked the trustees to pass a resolution stating that the detention center should remain in Carrizozo. Later in the meeting, the trustees requested that a resolution for the purpose of the detention center remaining in Carrizozo be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the town council. It was also approved to send a letter to the village of Capitan thanking them for their resolution and support after Carrizozo Mayor Manuel Hernandez read aloud the resolution passed by the village of Capitan.

Judge Karen Parsons, 12th Judicial District Judge, Division III, during audience participation, addressed the trustees and the audience. She said she had heard a rumor that she was behind moving the detention center from Carrizozo. She said this rumor is untrue. She said that the drive to Carrizozo was not a consideration as it only adds five minutes to her drive to work and that she loves the drive. Parsons said she would go where her job required her to. She encourages anybody who wants to talk about this to give her a call.

A presentation was made to the trustees by Land Group, from Las Cruces, who was awarded the engineers proposal for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for street paving at the town council meeting of March 24. Isaac Comacho, vice president of Land Group; Jerry Williams, a partner in Land Group; and Robert Murphy, a Land Group superintendent all helped in the presentation. Comacho said that

Land Group worked mostly for the private sector; but, they had done some work in the public sector, particularly in Las Cruces.

Williams explained to the trustees the difference between traditional construction as opposed to phase construction, which is the type that Land Group does mostly.

Some of the advantages of phase construction that Williams told the trustees were: 1. The special construction skills engineers may have. (In the phase construction the architect or engineer and the construction manager are the same) By having the them the same it may prevent conflicts of interest between the owners and the designers; 2. In the phase construction there is the opportunity to evaluate costs, schedules, and overall performance; 3. Phase construction can minimize construction time. It can save two weeks to a month in the overall process; 4. Phase construction allows a lot of flexibility and gives the opportunity to make changes; 5. It allows price competition from local subcontractors; 6. Phase construction gives the opportunity to provide value engineering. Land Group is willing to offer alternative suggestions during the project to save money and the decisions will

be up to the council. The traditional concept does not give this flexibility according to Williams.

Several of the disadvantages of phase construction also were presented by Williams. They are: 1. Early completion. It maybe more important to know up front what the amount spent is. If it is important not to exceed a certain amount it than the traditional construction may

be the way to go; 2. They can not guarantee the price up front - if the phase process is used and they go with 2 or 3 contracts the price won't be known until the bids are in; 3. The town trustees will have more responsibility in the phase process than in the traditional process and will have more interaction in the project.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS**  
—Writers' Group 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

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

**TUESDAYS**  
—Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's Ruidoso.  
—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

**THURSDAYS**  
—Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.  
—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
—Senior Olympics shuffleboard and table tennis 1 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.  
—Ruidoso Economic Development Ad Hoc committee 4 p.m. village hall.  
—Special Capitan Board meeting 5:30 p.m. administration building, closed session for personnel. Regular meeting starts at 6 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**  
—Kindergarten registration and preschool screening at 9 a.m. to noon Carrizozo School.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
—Children's Library book drive 10 a.m. Carrizozo Recreation Center, sponsored by Carrizozo Woman's Club.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**  
—Community Gospel Sing and potluck, Capitan United Methodist Church, music 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. and more music.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**  
—Joint Lincoln County and Otero County meeting 12 noon in Judge Doughty's jury room, Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo to discuss juvenile detention centers.  
—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) 2 p.m. Ruidoso Downs.  
—Ruidoso P&Z Commission 2 p.m. village hall.

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### (3) Commissioners Can County . . .

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Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, also commented. Her comments are printed on page 4 of this issue of THE NEWS. Duane Williams, Lincoln County Republican Party chairman commented on commissioners' action against Potter, "The institution of the Board of Commissioners was severely damaged and saddened."

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**THOUGHTS**  
From the Editor's Desk

**Farewell To Frank**

By Ruth Hammond

Tuesday was a sad day for Lincoln County because three of the Lincoln County Commissioners fired Lincoln County Manager Frank Potter with no reason given. Former commission chairman Monroy Montes said he believed there are inefficiencies in the manager office. Apparently he convinced two of the others because their votes were the majority. It is interesting that later in the county commission meeting these same three commissioners objected to Frank Potter being efficient and submitting to the DFA three questionnaires of mundane questions. Potter answered simple questions such as the phone number and address of Lincoln County and faxed his response to Santa Fe by the required time which was 5 p.m. March 20. Potter indicated on the questionnaires that the governing body of the Lincoln County Commission would provide the required certification for the issuance of the Severance Tax Bonding on April 16, 1998, which is today, two days after the county commission meeting of April 14. Apparently "some" of the Lincoln County Commissioners didn't bother to read the documents provided in their packets because one commissioner stated that the questionnaires were received before their last meeting March 10 even though one was received in the county offices March 11 which is one day after the March 10 meeting and two were received March 19, which is 9 days after the March 10 meeting.

Potter did NOT certify anything. He answered simple questions as a good county manager should do but apparently "some" of our Lincoln County Commissioners wanted Potter to ask them what the county address is and what the county phone number is. Many of us know the address is P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301 and we know the phone number is 505-648-2385 without having to ask the county commissioners for verification. What do you guys want?

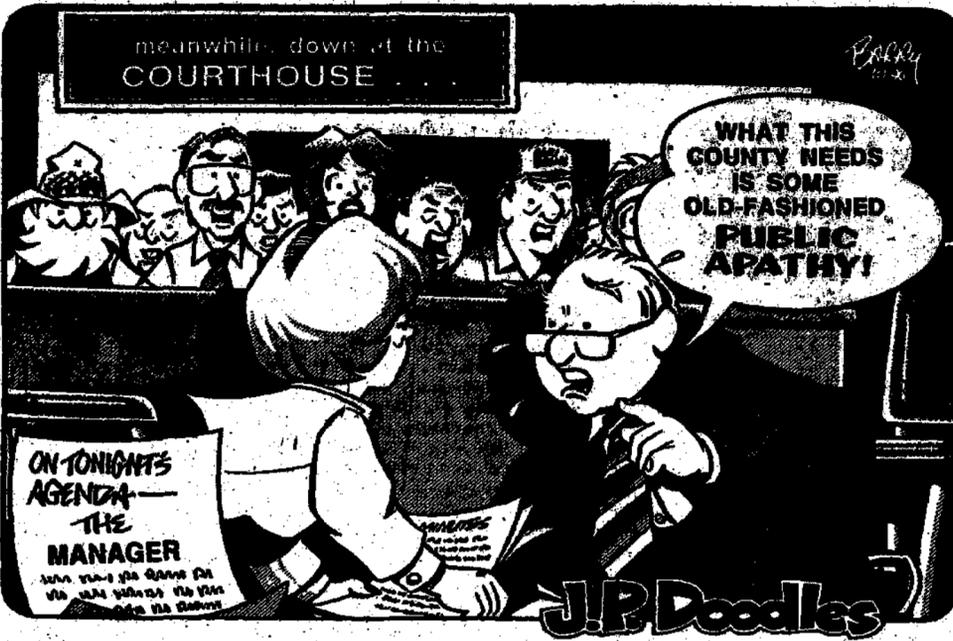
Maybe what "some" of the Lincoln County Commissioners want is to give the Lincoln County Fairgrounds to the Village of Capitan and eliminate the name Lincoln County Fairgrounds for the facility located in Capitan. Maybe what "some" of the Lincoln County Commissioners want is to change the name of the Glencoe Rural Events Center, better known as the Sales Barn, and give the Sales Barn the name Lincoln County Fairgrounds and convince the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) that the money, \$50,000 from House Bill 149 and the \$50,000 from House Bill 9 should be used at the new location of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds for improvements. The \$100,000 in Severance Tax Bond money is to be used at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Lincoln County and "some" of the county commissioners would probably try to convince the state that is where the money should be spent instead of at the present Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

There has to be a reason "some" of the county commissioners objected to Frank Potter doing his job efficiently. There has to be a reason "some" of the county commissioners voted not to approve certification of the Severance Tax Bond Sale for Capital Outlay projects, even though their pet project the Sales Barn is to get \$25,000. Maybe "some" of the county commissioners object to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds receiving money for improvements.

We believe the REALLY sad thing is that "some" of the Lincoln County Commissioners are willing to deprive Lincoln County youth of their once a year county fair by trying to halt any money coming in for improvements at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

Maybe it was efficiency "some" commissioners objected to.

Give away the Fairgrounds?



**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE:** The treasure hunters at Victorio Peak finally threw up their hands and have sued White Sands Missile Range over inappropriate billings of more than \$600,000 for access to the peak, which lies a few miles inside the boundary of the sprawling missile range.

Actually, the suit was filed about a year ago, just after I last wrote about the difficulties faced by the Ova Noss Family Partnership in getting an accounting of the Army's expenses for monitoring the exploration activity. I predicted in that column that if WSMR didn't start cooperating and if no help was received from New Mexico's congressional delegation that a suit was possible. The case is now in the discovery phase. Depositions will start soon.

Why should the Army allow the gold diggers to poke around on its land? In the first place, it is really state land. Shortly before the Army took it over temporarily for a bombing range at the beginning of World War II, Milton E. "Doc" Noss claimed he found a huge treasure that included 16,000 gold bars, jewels, coins, historical and religious artifacts, skeletons, and many documents.

Since possession of gold was unlawful in those days, Noss kept his find a secret and tried to conduct the recovery operation himself. Before he got much done, the military took it over. Subsequent brief searches by various groups have revealed the shafts of which Noss spoke, but they have also revealed a great amount of activity when only the Army had access. When the heirs of Noss' wife Ova were allowed to search, the shafts had all been backfilled and bulldozed.

WSMR officials have denied any unauthorized activity has been conducted under its nose at the peak and have ridiculed the idea that there might be any treasure there. When the Noss family asked permission to search, it was denied, so Rep. Joe Skeen introduced and succeeded in passing legislation allowing the search. The secretary of the Army was very cooperative about implementing the legislation, saying that it would aid the Army's mission to put to rest all the stories about treasure at the peak. But a series of several base commanders have been most uncooperative.

It may be that there aren't any caverns below the peak, as Noss described. If there are, they may be empty. But there is a tremendous amount of history in the Hembrillo Basin where the peak sits. Noss didn't accidentally find the sight. He had heard many stories about caverns below the peak being used as a storehouse for centuries, dating back to ancient Indians.

The area had been mined for gold by the early Spanish. It had been a hangout for Apache chiefs Geronimo and Victorio. It was a sight of battles fought by the now-famous Buffalo Soldiers. There have been efforts to make it a National Historic Site.

WSMR is having its problems with Defense Department cutbacks. No one wants to see the base further crippled or closed. It is a boon to the economy of the area. But in return for New Mexico being a gracious host to the huge installation, it would be nice for the government to reciprocate by allowing New Mexico to reclaim some of its history. We should be able to co-exist.

There may be hope. A new commander is taking over at WSMR just as depositions in the lawsuit start. Maybe he can approach the situation with a problem-solving attitude and settle the suit by allowing the Noss family back

and being a gracious host to their efforts.

New Mexico is very proud of its history. We bring in many tourist dollars because of it. It is to our advantage to develop that history as much as possible. WSMR should return some of our hospitality by allowing a search just inside its border.

One would think the government would have learned something from its clumsy handling of the Roswell Incident. What may have been a non-event has turned into a global spectacle because of government stonewalling.

It could happen again at Victorio Peak. The lawsuit is likely to arouse the curiosity of national and international media.



**Literacy Tutor Training**

The Lincoln County Literacy Council will sponsor a tutor training session Saturday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. till 4:40 p.m. at ENMU-Ruidoso. All training and materials are free for volunteers wanting to become a literacy tutor. Volunteers do not need to be bilingual. Anyone with a couple of hours a week to help someone improve his or her reading or speaking skills should call 257-2120 for more information. Anyone interested in free, confidential and one-on-one lessons to improve reading skills should call 257-2120.

**Community Gospel Sing**

A non-denominational Community Gospel Sing and potluck will be held at Capitan United Methodist Church Sunday, April 19. Music will be

from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. and some music. The entire community is invited to join in what is hoped will become a monthly tradition. The church has an organ and a piano and those attending are invited to bring instruments, music, friends and relatives. For more information call 257-5614.

**Carrie Tingley Clinic**

Children with orthopedic problems can be scheduled for an outreach clinic on Friday, April 24 when physicians from Carrie Tingley Hospital at The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center will examine patients at the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo.

Children and young adults up to the age of 21 with chronic physical problems or difficulty with bones, joints and/or muscles may be scheduled for appointments. Doctors, rehabilitation therapists and orthotists specializing in support braces will evaluate and treat patients. Services are not free but no New Mexico resident is refused care due to inability to pay. For appointments or information call 1-800-472-3235, extension 5270.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the News Around Lincoln County column, including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge.

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**CARRIZOZO CHIT CHAT**

**Celebrating Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gallegos celebrate their 38th anniversary today. They were married April 16, 1960 in Carrizozo. Carlos is retired after working 23 1/2 years for the Town of Carrizozo. Mr. and Mrs. Gallegos are the parents of six children—Charley, Charlotte, Andy, Johnny, Ruben and Berline. They have five grandchildren—Steven Rowin, Jennifer Cullley, Amanda Britnie Gallegos and Juanita Presiliana Gallegos, all of Carrizozo, and Dominic Sanchez of Albuquerque.

**Autograph And Sketch Party**

Author and artist Bill Rakocy announced Bravo Press in El Paso has published his latest book *Ghoshown of White Oaks, a Town Called Heart's Desire*. Rakocy is Curator of Museums of the City of El Paso's Department of Museums, is the author of several books on El Paso and Southwestern history, is a mural painter, and a watercolorist to the extent that he is responsible for the establishment of the only watercolor society in this area. *Ghoshown of White Oaks* includes old photos, sketched interviews with local historians

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**LETTERS to the editor**

**To the commissioners of Lincoln County:**

I was first employed by the County of Lincoln in 1987. I worked my way up from knowing nothing of county government to Chief Deputy Treasurer then elected to two terms as County Treasurer, was away from county government for two years and am currently serving as the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant.

During that 11 year span, I worked indirectly and directly with five different county managers including Frank Potter, Suzanne Cox, Nick Pappas, Andy Wyndham and Carolyn Cooney. Each had their own management style, personalities, good points and bad points. There are no perfect county managers, simply because of the nature of county government. Until recently, there were only three commissioners to contend with, each with their own agendas, pet projects, personalities, conflicts, etc. It is difficult if not impossible to please five different individuals with five different goals and directions.

With my past experience in serving the public in county government, I can honestly say that working with Frank Potter has always been pleasant. He is accessible to not only the public but the concerns of county employees which has not always been true of past county management. He is honest, sincere, diligent in trying to do what is best and in my opinion, the best county manager this county has ever had.

Replacing the county manager position may be easy in your eyes according to the ability to hire a puppet but there is no replacing Frank Potter, the man who has done his very best with professionalism and integrity.

JANICE SILVA  
Capitan, New Mexico

**To the commissioners of Lincoln County:**

I am not sure now what to say to people when they tell me they feel that you have already decided upon your actions at meetings and feel there is no point in making their opinions known. I have always told them that they should come to the meetings. That you allowed the citizens of Lincoln County to express their thoughts and opinions on the subjects you deal with. I have always felt that you allowed public input pro or con. I'M NOT SURE ANYMORE!

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# Public Hearing In May On County Road Frontage Tax

by Doris Cherry  
 Lincoln County Commissioners will conduct a budget workshop beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. At 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the preliminary budget.

Some of the issues to be discussed are the cost of county roads, and how to gain more revenue for those roads. Commissioners set the budget workshop and hearing dates during their regular April meeting on Tuesday in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. During the meeting commissioners discussed several budgetary situations, including how to increase revenue for the road department.

County commissioner Wilton Howell referred to the 292 miles of roads in subdivisions, the properties in which do not provide enough revenue to cover the cost of maintenance. "I want a public hearing at the next meeting to consider a

possible road front footage tax," Howell said.

Commissioner chairman Ray Nunley agreed for the need of some type of additional revenue. "Our costs are going up a great deal," he said. "But I feel we should not impose the tax on existing subdivisions, rather impose it on new subdivisions."

Howell said that would be great, but the state laws don't provide for that. Included in the agenda packet were copies of state law that allow counties to impose road frontage tax. Commissioners may adopt a resolution determining that any streets totally "within a subdivided area approved by the county commission...which the board determines to have such a prospective population density as to require extraordinary street maintenance..." Such resolution can be adopted only after an advertised public hearing at which commissioners present information determining the expense of maintaining the streets; the proportion of the expense to be borne by the property which abuts the street; and the charge to be assessed against each linear foot of frontage of the property.

Howell said the issue should be put out to the public. He suggested a tax of 20 cents a foot, and preferred to call it a "road users fee" instead of tax.

Commissioner Monroy Montes said the alternative is some tax for the jail, or closed roads. Howell said the road user fee could provide \$300,000 to \$400,000 for roads, freeing up general fund money to use for the jail.

Discussion about utility, and the function of government brought out a debate by former county commissioner Stirling Spencer, who is current probate judge. Spencer, who was very fiscally conservative during his terms on the commission, said his concept of county government was to provide the sheriff and detention, roads, record keeping, assessments and judicial. "Take a look at county involvement and take a tough stance that the county cannot provide for all if it doesn't have the money to function," Spencer said. "I ask that you look at other costs, versus the cost of basic county government."

Howell asked Spencer for a list of services to be eliminated. When pressed by Howell, Spencer said that such non-essentials as a baseball field be eliminated. "No question do (ball fields) if there is money, but not if there is no money to take care of the roads," Spencer said.

But Howell then suggested the \$15,000 for Animal Damage Control be eliminated. Which caused Spencer to say it was an industrial attack. Spencer said he was bothered that the county would provide money for the schools (to help with the ball field) which have the most power in the state legislature.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann said road front footage fees should not be mandatory, unless a subdivision requests "extraordinary maintenance." He said it was "open to opinion" because a properly built road did not need extraordinary maintenance and should last at least 10 years.

Some citizens in the audience began objecting to the road frontage tax. When THE NEWS objected to the tax, saying it unfairly burdened some property owners, Montes said, "I didn't recognize you" and turned to others

## Letters to

At your commission meeting of April 14, 1998, I saw you PUSH through removing Frank Potter, county manager, from office with a vote of 3-2. Two commissioners, Monroy Montes and L. Ray Nunley, said they did not want to embarrass Mr. Potter by stating why he was to be removed other than by using the word "inefficient". What is more embarrassing than being removed for "inefficiency" after two months previously being offered a raise of \$4,000? Mr. Potter refused this raise stating that the county could not afford to give him this raise.

This re-evaluation (that is how it was put on the agenda) was a surprise to the citizens of Lincoln County; I believe, a surprise to Frank Potter; and at the time of presentation, sounded like it was a surprise to two of the commissioners. It did not seem to be a surprise to three of the commissioners (Howell, Nunley, and Montes).

With no explanations, no audience participation allowed (the two who did make comment went up on their own to make their comments), and the non surprise of the above mentioned commissioners Potter lost his job. I am asking, "Was this already a done deal and only needed to be voted on at the meeting by the above mentioned three commissioners?"

I was ashamed of my commissioners (except Schwettmann and Wilson) at this meeting. I have been angry occasionally at the commission (that is to be expected), but I have not been as ashamed of you before as I was at this meeting.

If you wonder why many of the people of Lincoln County question many of the things you do — look at the Frank Potter re-evaluation at this meeting.

I do not know why Frank Potter was removed as your actions told me that I had not only no right to the information; but, that I do not have the intelligence to decide whether there was a need to remove Frank Potter.

With the last re-evaluation and offer of a raise, I wonder about YOUR action. But then I am not intelligent enough to ask questions and evaluate your answers.

Don't ever wonder why your actions are questioned. Your actions April 14, 1998, showed why your actions ARE questioned by the citizens of Lincoln County.

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# Our Old Friend — The Courthouse

by Johnson Stearns

Roughly a century ago, Governor Lew Wallace said "every calculation based on experience elsewhere, fails in New Mexico." Governor Toney Anaya called New Mexico a "Banana Republic" because New Mexico is closer in its culture, politics and development to the Third World south of us, than it is to our neighboring states. Gov. Ed Mechem said "we are lucky that we don't get all the government that we pay for." And then we hear "one of our fifty is missing." But it is truly the "Land of Enchantment" and for many years our license plates carried this logo.

Here in Lincoln County it is again the season to change the location of the courthouse and jail from Carrizozo to Ruidoso. The old courthouse was my good friend and, because in other times it was the only block in town with a sidewalk all the way around many a pair of skates were worn thin making that circle, and then you could stop and rest on the steps leading up to the main entrance. Also there was a cement tank on the south side about 20 by 20 that was kept full of water and was deep enough to swim a few dog paddles to the other side. You could sneak into it after everyone at the courthouse had gone home except the jailer — he wasn't too big of a bother — most of the time he had only a few or none prisoners — and could holler out the window to get out of there and went back to his lonely vigil. In later years it was taken down to make way for a more modern facility and where there used to be 10 or maybe fifteen people working there, it became a major source of employment that we sorely need besides the money that comes into town from tax collections, court, land trades and the miscellaneous other activities usually connected to a courthouse.

In 1909 the territorial voters decided that the county seat and courthouse should be in Carrizozo where the railroad was located and the town's future was very promising. But at Lincoln it was a mortal blow and all of the citizens in that area hotly contested the change — to no avail — even going so far as taking all of the books from the courthouse and removing them to the hills in a wagon to where they couldn't be found. But then, realizing this was the way it was going to be, brought them back and turned them over to the authorities to transport to Carrizozo. Now 89 years later thoughts are being given to moving the courthouse and jail closer to where the action is. Probably many of the part-time and full-time citizens up in that area could care less that it is not there. Many of them know a drive through our beautiful mountains and down to Carrizozo to pay their taxes, attend court, get a divorce, or whatever, makes it a less painful experience.

The original general contractor who put the mountains, valleys, streams, trees, wildflowers, clear blue skies and clean air up there for the people to enjoy did one heck of a job. Ruidoso and all of the beautiful country surrounding it is being recognized worldwide as the ideal place to live. Having the courthouse and jail would only add to the traffic and confusion. Why not leave it right where it is, the cost of moving would be gigantic and the county doesn't need that expense, and the amount of savings compared to the expense isn't that big of a deal. Our county officials have a big job nowadays and lots of pressure is being exerted on them to make a change, but I don't think the pressure is coming from the majority of folks scattered across Lincoln County. The biggest thing most of us do connected with the courthouse is to pay property taxes and you can mail the treasurer a check for that.

Our government has steadily become more a part of our lives that won't go away and the promises are no different than they were in the last century when they told the Indians "this treaty is forever, as long as the grass grows and the water flows," but then when oil was discovered on Indian lands, the government said the treaties didn't say anything about oil and started making moves to get in on the oil action. The Great White Father in Washington is still the same good old boys.

Change is constant in all of our lives, but that doesn't mean they are all for the good, sometimes changes have no substance and this particular one we are talking about is such a change.

Good luck to Lincoln County, New Mexico, the greatest piece of real estate in the good old U.S. of A.



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

Before I type another word

let me thank the Heavenly Father for Linda Fox and Louie Padilla. They are both my lifesavers this week. Isn't it strange, or is it, that when

we think we have reached the nadir point, I think it is called, someone always comes through. Well, part of my problem this week is I forgot that I was on my last tape for this pesky machine and naturally I forgot to order any more. I usually have a supply on hand, but this week no such luck, even though I thoroughly cleaned out my desk for a change. But on with the contributions of Louie and Linda. Are you ready? Pray the ribbon doesn't run out.

News from the Capitan Senior Center, submitted by Louie Padilla:

The month of April has been designated as National Volunteer Appreciation Month. At the Capitan Senior Center our dedicated volunteer staff is appreciated every day, 12 months a year. These outstanding people give their time, donate their labor, share their expertise and knowledge. Speaking frankly, we can say that without their contributions we would be like on the Titanic.

Gordon James and Ed Pilon did the carpentry work at the Center. These gentlemen donate their labor and materials to make the building more user friendly. Volunteers also help with our fund raising efforts, help with income tax preparation, answer phones, keep the place clean, help deliver meals, and more. Too many people to name individually. Retired R.N. Thelma Stephens reads our blood pressure every Tuesday and "artists" share their God given talents with us.

A very special and most precious group of volunteers are the young people of Capitan Middle School student council, under the tutelage of teacher Linda Fuchs. These young people have chosen to do a community service project. We are happy that they chose our senior center for a beautification undertaking. They plan to build planters and plant flowers at the center. They also plan to take a plant to the homebound on Mother's Day. Makes the heart feel good to be a part of all this.

Unselfishness, generosity, and a feeling of accomplishment are some of the symptoms of volunteerism. Highly contagious too. We are so lucky to be around people who help others.

Gloria Buchanan of Senator Domenici's office had lunch with us at the center. She said she would keep us informed about some amendments making their way through Congress. These amendments are meant to correct a portion of the budget bill that has had a devastating effect on home health providers. We'll keep you posted on this. This is a vital health issue that affects our older population.

Linda Fox of the Capitan Library is working on a plan to provide reading material for the homebound, and large print books for the sight impaired elderly. We'll work with Linda and do what we can to help her reach these worthy goals.

Thank you Louie, you are my life saver this week, as well as Linda, and speaking of Linda, here's Linda:

Who's Who at the library: The children's programming committee is in place and will meet April 22 at the library at 9 a.m. Members are Beverly Wilson, Cheryl Sullivan, Kay Finkelstein, Judy Pekelsma and Linda Fox. They will first



EASTER EGG HUNT at the Smokey Bear Park. Smokey Bear leads a group of excited egg hunters in Capitan on Saturday.

be planning the summer reading program and looking ahead to story times and activities throughout the coming year.

Drop by the library and see the new shelving. It was installed by the Schrupps, the Barones and the Marcums. Rita and Ron at 3 Bar D Ace Hardware alerted the library to this shelving.

The spring open house will be held May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

*The Perils of Pauline*, and only you really old timers will recognize that being one of the old, old movies of long, long ago. Well as each episode always, but always ended with Pauline close to extinction, usually tied to the railroad tracks with the whistle of the locomotive in the distance, would she escape the grinding wheels of that horrible monster that was speeding toward her? But wait for next week's saga for *The Perils of Pauline*.

Some things that happen to me even my family never hear about because I make sure of that. There is a deep chasm or so it looks like a deep chasm in my back yard and for the past 15 years have been tossing, throwing and tamping things into it to fill it up. Fine for a while, but when the wind and the once in a while rain come, it all slumped to the bottom, or near the bottom.

One morning as I was trying to get a hands up on some of the trash in my way back there yard, thought I could drag some of the debris over to the brim and sort of kinda shove it in. The idea was a good one, but when my right leg was dangling over the brim with nothing to steady it and there was not a soul in sight, I did have quite a time getting myself back on track, shall we say. Fortunately the fauna shrouded me from any prying eyes, if indeed there were any at that hour. It was rather early in the morning.

And I am still hurting in places that I had forgotten I had, and I moan and groan more than before, if that is at all possible.

But the Easter weekend brought a lot of happiness for all of us. My daughter called from Omaha with wonderful news about her travels past, present and in the future and to inform me that she and her husband, Jace, and daughter, Katie, will be in Las Cruces in three weeks for a family reunion of her special high school friend, Lorraine Pas, who is flying in from New York with her family. The final remark was that I was to meet them in Las Cruces and fly back with them from El Paso. They did not have enough time to come to Capitan this time.

The other good news was the visit of Paul and Diane Sullivan of Dallas, Texas with their two adorable youngsters, photo included.

Hope the photograph is

said, "This one is for your column, Maureen." She always calls me Maureen, so hope the wrinkle doesn't show up too much as she had the picture clutched in her little hand.

And in closing do hope all of you had a grand and glorious Easter as I did and I want to thank my special friends Bob and Gerry Rice for making certain that I got to Easter services and for just being very special friends all these years. Thanks to my son Thomas and wife Pat for a delicious dinner on Friday evening. I have much to be thankful for: family, friends and more friends.

So many thanks. So much to be thankful for. Nest c pas?



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# Commissioners Object To Response For State Funds

by Doris Cherry

Two Lincoln County owned facilities are in line to get \$125,000 total in state money.

On March 11, Lincoln County received a written memo dated March 9 from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) asking the county to complete questionnaires about the state Severance Tax Bond Sale for Capital Outlay projects contained in the House Bill 149 (HB 149) for \$50,000 for construction of bleachers, restrooms and other improvements at "the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Lincoln County."

On March 19, Lincoln County received a written memo dated March 17 from DFA asking the county to complete questionnaires about the state Severance Tax Bond sale for Capital Outlay projects contained in the House Bill 9 (HB 9) for \$50,000 for improvements to "the Lincoln County Fairgrounds".

On March 19, Lincoln County also received a written memo dated March 17 from DFA asking the county to complete questionnaires about the state Severance Tax Bond sale for Capital Outlay projects contained in the House Bill 9 (HB 9) for \$25,000 for improvements to the Glencoe Rural Events Center in Lincoln County.

The HB 149 questionnaires had to be returned to DFA by March 20 and HB 9 questionnaires had to be returned by April 1.

County manager Frank Potter had filled out the questionnaires, and FAXED them to DFA March 20 and indicated April 16 as the anticipated date of action for the governing body.

At their meeting April 14, the Lincoln County Commissioners mulled over Potter's action on the questionnaires. "We're accepting these after the fact," county commissioner Wilton Howell said. "We received these before the last meeting (March 10)." Editor's Note: The HB 149 written memos were received March 11 which was the day after the March 10 county commission meeting and the HB 9 written memos were received March 19 which was 9 days after the March 10 county commission meeting.

County manager Frank Potter was unable to answer for his quick response to the questionnaires because Potter had been fired without stated reason early that morning. Editor's Note: The questionnaires asked normal questions as to address and phone number of the county.

Chairman Ray Nunley said, "They've (the questionnaires) already been submitted. Frank Potter already signed them."

On a vote to accept the certification of the three state money projects, commissioners Howell and Montes voted not to approve, commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Rex Wilson and Nunley voted to accept.

Over the telephone on Wednesday, Nunley told THE NEWS that the commission had never been notified of the receipt of the memos until they received their April 16 meeting packets last week. "We should be notified of things like this before they happen," Nunley said.

# County Commissioner Nunley ...

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after the bonds are sold by the state. "For improvements, probably bathrooms," he said. Nunley also said that turning the fairgrounds over to Capitan give local control of the facility.

"I can give you an answer tonight," said Capitan mayor Norm Renfro. "We're interested."

Nunley said it was all he wanted to hear, that people were willing to talk. But then questions came from fairboard member Craig Whipple about the Glencoe Rural Events Center (GREC). "We're not here to discuss the rural events center," Nunley said.

Capitan trustee Benny Coker said the county is "looking to fix up the rural events center."

But Whipple asked if the county was looking to do something with the GREC. Nunley said there has been very little discussion, but he had heard that Cowboy Symposium Board was talking about possibilities.

"Government's responsibility to the people is to provide economic means," Nunley said. "I feel the county has done a fair job over here, and I feel the fair board can do better."

Nunley went on to say that he thought the county has almost accomplished its goals for the GREC. "And I feel it's time to turn it over to private enterprise or a board," Nunley said. "I feel government is not a very good manager."

Coker then said the village should look at the issues. "I feel the fairgrounds and village should have a joint powers agreement, it should be discussed," Coker said.

"The duplication of services all play into this," Nunley concluded and then invited anyone with questions or needing help to call him.

Capitan trustees tabled a resolution for the joint powers agreement with Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority to allow the Village of Ruidoso to withdraw from the collection portion. Ingle wanted assurance there was enough funding to close the Capitan construction landfill before she took action on the agreement.

In other business, trustees: --Unanimously approved a resolution in support of keeping the Lincoln County Detention Center in the Lincoln County Seat of Carrizozo.

--Authorized negotiation with Dennis Engineering for contract price for the Community Development Block Grant Master Plan.

--Approved mayor's appointment of Ingle to the village Planning Commission.

--Accepted resignation letter from police officer Tony Serrano dated March 10.

--After hour long closed session for personnel and litigation, hired Rodney James and Richard Obermeier as police officers.

--Received a library board update of 420 patrons, story time for Head Start, new shelving, \$1,500 from state library for books, connection to Internet, full tax exempt status, program for home-bound.

--Discussed 40 year water plan and need to finish and send it to the state water engineer for approval in order to finalize the transfer of water rights.

--Voted to table planning commission recommendations.

--Voted 3-2 not to annex a tract of land surrounded by the village until the water rights transfer is completed. Renfro cast the tie vote for no action along with Leroy Montes and John Whitaker. Ingle and Coker voted against not annexing.

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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

February 3:

3:21 p.m. VIN inspection requested.  
6:46 p.m. keys locked into vehicle at Capitan Elementary. Capitan police responded.  
10:57 p.m. violation of domestic restraining order. Capitan police notified.

February 4:

3:47 a.m. husband drinking and dangerous and on his way to Ruidoso in the car. Ruidoso police notified.

9:52 a.m. items missing from the house in Fawn Ridge.  
10:23 a.m. request for ambulance for non-emergency transport to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) transported.

10:54 a.m. two vehicle accident with injuries on Highway 48. RALS, Bonito Fire Dept. and state police responded.

11:11 a.m. accident without injuries involving several vehicles that caused traffic jam on High Mesa Drive in Aho. State police and Bonito Fire department responded.

12:06 p.m. accident without injuries at Gavilan and Lower Eagle Creek Road. State police notified.

12:11 p.m. accident without injuries on Angus Hill.  
1:43 p.m. report of death threats over the telephone to woman who knew who was doing it.

3:15 p.m. possible gun shot. Woman driving down Gavilan Canyon Road heard loud noise and checked vehicle and found what she thought to be a bullet hole. A deputy was notified.

4:47 p.m. three to five vehicle accident on Highway 70 with one injury. RALS transported to LCMC. State police notified.

6:37 p.m. two vehicle accident on Gavilan Canyon at Homestead Acres Road. Ruidoso police notified.

7:30 p.m. report of prowler. Carrizozo police notified.  
7:43 p.m. accident without injuries, vehicle slid off Highway 54. State police and a wrecker notified.

9:09 p.m. state police requested officer be sent to advise motorists at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo not to go north as there is no traction and visibility was about 25 feet. Carrizozo police responded.

10:37 p.m. possible drunken driver eastbound on Highway 70.

February 5:

8:29 a.m. ex-wife problems, requested officer to press charges against ex-wife in Corona.  
9:29 a.m. VIN check at RV park.  
11:09 a.m. request for wrecker on Highway 54 at Ancho for broken down pickup.

12:01 a.m. an officer requested a deputy to assist with an unstable subject. A deputy responded and Carrizozo police arrested the subject.

12:49 p.m. Ruidoso Police

## Carrizozo Chit Chat

(Con't. from P. 8)

Johnson Stearns and Robert Leslie and comments from many local residents and former residents and has many excerpts from **THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS** back when it was the *Carrizozo News*, before the name was changed to **THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS**. The copies of old ads from 1890 through the early 1900s are especially interesting in the 176 page book. Rakocy said he had enough material for another 200 to 300 pages.

Rakocy will attend an autograph party and sketch party at Ray's Gift Gallery, 1200 E Ave. in Carrizozo Saturday, April 25 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Rakocy will autograph his book, which is on sale at the Gift Gallery, and draw sketches if requested.

## Family Planning Clinic

A family planning and prenatal clinic will be held April 28 at the Lincoln County Public Health office located at 710 E Ave. in Carrizozo. Call 648-2412 for appointments.

Blanchard well truck and plow at White Chalk Hill.

1:17 p.m. fire alarm sounding, but no fire and woman was scared and alarm company requested an officer go to her house. Dispatch advised a fire fighter could respond but no a deputy, then the alarm company hung up on the dispatcher.  
6:21 p.m. gas slip of \$18. Capitan police notified.

7:28 p.m. possible violation of domestic order, the ex-husband is calling the house.

February 6:

6:35 a.m. request for wrecker for stuck vehicle on Alpine Village Road.

8:17 a.m. request for ambulance for 50 year old woman who fell. Carrizozo ambulance transported to Gerald Champion.

9:25 a.m. dog drug up remains of dead horse at location off Highway 37. Livestock inspector contacted.

10:26 a.m. 911 call about domestic in Aho. Male subject fled the scene, then later call advised male was in the residence and ex was upstairs in the bathroom calling on a cell phone. Two warrants were issued on the male who was arrested by deputies.

2:54 p.m. accident without injuries on Highway 48 at entrance of Alpine Village.

5:06 p.m. request for ambulance for 19 year old male having anxiety attack in vehicle on Highway 285. Chaves County sheriff's office notified.

7:22 p.m. reckless driver north bound on Highway 54 no tail lights.  
8:44 p.m. gas slip of \$10.50. Capitan police notified.

9:16 p.m. ambulance requested for male subject with cut wrist at location off Highway 380. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

9:20 p.m. request for ambulance for male teenager who had taken 8 muscle relaxants and was very sick. Capitan ambulance transported to LCMC.

10:15 p.m. Capitan police requested to speak to a deputy about a male subject passing out narcotics at a location west of Capitan.

10:32 p.m. 911 hang up from

Blanchard NM. Dispatch called back and caller advised sons were raising hell and she threatened them by dialing 911. Cibola County Sheriff Office was notified.

11:07 p.m. deputy requested case number of warrant issued for woman in aggravated assault on household member case.

February 7:  
10:55 a.m. theft of money \$2,000

from pickup at a store or at home.  
3:30 p.m. gas slip of \$10. Capitan police were notified, but the call was cancelled when the store clerk found a check on the floor.  
3:42 p.m. neighbor harassing. Ruidoso Downs police notified.  
6:10 p.m. welfare check on wife requested. Capitan police responded and advised all was okay.  
6:14 p.m. stolen cattle guards south of Carrizozo.  
7:17 p.m. female needed report taken as she hit deer on Highway 380.  
9:47 p.m. prowler in backyard.

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MRS. CECILIA BOOKY from La Junta Family and Community Education (FCE) shows a quilt her mother made from old dressing during a show and tell of old things at the FCE Lincoln County Cultural Arts Show April 9 in Tinnie. Members brought memorabilia and told stories about it.

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**CARRIZOZO AND LINCOLN COUNTY RESIDENTS** waited in line with their animals at the Rabies Clinic April 4 at the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department building. Dogs and cats of all sizes and ages received rabies shots at the rabies clinics held in Nogal, Carrizozo, Ancho and the White Oaks turnoff on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. State law requires rabies vaccinations for all dogs and cats over the age of three months with yearly booster vaccinations.

## Carrizozo Approves LCSWA . . .

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Trustee Eileen Lovelace asked if Land Group had ever worked with CDBG grants. Comacho said that they had not. Town clerk Carol Schlarb said that Rita Montano, from the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) in Roswell, would be working with the Land Group very closely. Comacho said that the design and construction would be completed before fall and Williams said he feels it could be done by October.

Town attorney David Stevens made his recommendation to the trustees on the joint powers agreement/Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) which the town of Carrizozo has been requested to approve and sign. This item was bought before the trustees at the March 24 meeting. The trustees had it put on the agenda of April 14 so that Stevens would have a chance to go over it and make any recommendations he felt necessary. This agreement allows Ruidoso to pull out of the collection phase of the LCSWA and remain as a landfill partner. Jerry Wright, general manager of LCSWA, was in the audience to answer any questions on the agreement. Stevens had some questions which he had asked LCSWA attorney Don Dutton previous to the trustees meeting. Stevens reviewed these questions with the trustees and told them the answers he received from Dutton.

Among the questions Stevens had were: 1. What happened to the environmental gross receipts tax? Wright said that all environmental gross receipts tax are returned to LCSWA and are used for operations or establishment for funds for equipment replacement; 2. Ruidoso will still be a part of the landfill. Will that be all they will be voting on? Wright said that Ruidoso will be going down from 5 voting members to 1 voting member and will be voting solely on operations of the landfill.

Stevens said that suggestions from Carrizozo and the other entities involved had

been incorporated in the agreement. In Stevens opinion it would be in the town's best interest to allow Ruidoso to pull out of the collection end of LCSWA. Stevens recommended the trustees sign the agreement with an attachment of a letter from Stevens outlining the basis of the trustees approval. This letter is to include the assurances Stevens received in answer to the questions that he had about the agreement. The trustees unanimously approved the signing of the agreement and the attachment of Stevens' letter.

The trustees appointed Trustee Cynthia Morales to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board. Carrizozo Chief of Police Angela Vega made his general report to the trustees. He told the trustees that he has increased the traffic patrol. Also that he is working with the New Mexico Traffic Public Safety to try and rectify the problems at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380.

Vega also said that he had contacted the district attorney's office and requested that they give his officers training on writing reports. The district attorney's office did this for the Carrizozo police officers, sheriff's office, and also a member of the detention center. Vega also said his officers certifications for weapons were up-to-date.

Vega asked the trustees for permission to buy cages to bait animals into. He wanted at least 3 large cages for dogs plus small cages for cats and skunks. Vega said he is trying to coordinate with the Fish and Game Department on skunk trapping. He also asked for permission to buy animal tags for 1998. The trustees passed a motion to give their approval for purchase of the cages and the animal tags. Schlarb suggested that Vega might buy two year tags, the tags would be for 1998-1999.

Vega said he had changed the stop signs at the intersection of 14th Street and Aspen and the intersection of 14th Street and Birch back to the way they had been previously.

The municipal judge report was not presented as Judge C. O. Rominger was not in attendance.

The trustees gave approval of the resolution for Legislative House Bill 149 for \$26,000 for the purchase of heavy equipment.

The trustees gave approval of the resolution Legislative House Bill 9 for \$25,000 for the purchase of heavy equipment.

Approval was given by the trustees of the contract with SNMEDD to administer the CDBG paving project.

Approval was given of the 1998-99 Fire Protection fund application.

Budget workshops were scheduled to be held on Monday, May 4; Tuesday, May 5; and Wednesday, May 6 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

At the town council meeting of March 24, Bill Meeks requested information on litigation in progress against the Town of Carrizozo be available at the April 14 meeting.

Stevens said he did not like to discuss pending litigation because it could adversely affect the course of the litigation. He did say that at the present time the city had two matters in litigation, both in the 12th Judicial District Court: The first is former

police officer Frank Conley vs the Town of Carrizozo. This concerns alleged back wages and overtime. Stevens said this case is in the discovery phase and he said it would be for some time. The second case is defendant Michael Cain versus the Town of Carrizozo. Cain was a tenant in the old locker plant.

Trustees authorized two trustees, Eileen Lovelace and Wesley Lindsay, and town clerk Carol Schlarb and deputy clerk Margaret LaBelle to sign requests for payment and the paper work for the CDBG street paving project. Only two signatures are required; however, the four were authorized in case two were not available.

No action was required on the purchasing of a cell phone for Hernandez. Hernandez said he talked to the president and vice-president of the Municipal League and they told him to go and get one. The phone is required so that Hernandez can keep in touch with town employees and be reached when needed.

No action was taken on the dedicated telephone line to the Carrizozo Recreation Center as the information on the cost still has not been received from the telephone company.

The 1998 Business Registrations were approved.

The Monthly Expenditures were approved.

Lindsay, during the reports from the mayor and trustees, thanked everybody for the support he and his family received during their granddaughter's illness.

The flag pole in Fred Chavez Park that holds the plaque in memory of Carlos Zamora will be painted, the rope replaced with a cable, and a new American flag attached.

Lovelace told the trustees that Fred Chavez Park needs to be cleaned up and watered. She also reminded the trustees that it was the time of the year to get the ditches cleaned out.

Hernandez, Morales, and Vega will do interviews with those who applied for positions at the swimming pool. These interviews will be Monday, April 20, and start about 4:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will be April 28 at 6:00 p.m.

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LEGALS

LEGAL INVITATION TO BID PROJECT NO. 98-0018

County of Lincoln Lincoln County Courthouse Carrizozo, New Mexico New Public Toilets Glencoe Rural Events Center Glencoe, New Mexico

Sealed bids for the construction of New Public Toilets, located at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, Glencoe, New Mexico, shall be received at the office of the County Manager, until 3:00 P.M. (D.S.T.) May 8, 1998, at which time the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after 3:00 P.M. shall not be accepted.

Bid proposals shall include the furnishing of labor, materials, equipment and performing all work required by the Contract Documents (drawings and specifications) dated April 17, 1998. A brief description of the work is as follows: A new concrete slab and grade turned down footings, 2x8 wood studs, wood frame roof with metal siding and roofing. Building contains 468 S.F. Site work is minimal.

Drawings and Project Manuals may be examined, without charge, by the Bidders at the following locations:

- Builders New Plan Room 3313 Girard NE Albuquerque, NM 87107 (505) 884-1757
Construction Reporter 1807 Second Street, NW (505) 243-9793
Dodge Reports 2211 E. Missouri, #E239 El Paso, TX 79903 (915) 778-5097
Office of the County Manager Lincoln County Courthouse Carrizozo, NM 88301 (505) 648-2385
Wayne G. Andrews, A.I.A. 4001 Juan Tabo, NE Suite A Albuquerque, NM 87111 (505) 275-1764

Drawings and Project Manuals may be obtained, after April 19, 1998, from Sungraphics, Inc., 3900 Candalaria, N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87107 (505) 884-2080, upon deposit of \$40.00 per set.

The plan deposit(s) will be refunded, if returned to Sungraphic, Inc. in satisfactory condition, within ten (10) calendar days after the bid opening. Unsuccessful Bidders not returning Plans and Specifications in the time period described above shall forfeit their plan deposit. Forfeited deposits shall become the property of the Architect.

Drawings and Project Manuals will not be distributed without the deposit on hand at the distribution point - Sungraphics, Inc. Bidders outside the Albuquerque area, will have plans and specifications, overnighted to them by Federal express, U.P.S., or other "fast delivery" carrier, as deemed necessary.

All bids shall be submitted on the Bid Form furnished in the Project Manuals.

Each Bidder is required to be a licensed Contractor in the State of New Mexico, and shall affix his/her contractor's license number in the space provided on the Bid Form and shall attach a list of his/her subcontractors, as required by the New Mexico State Procurement Laws. Failure to comply with this obligation will result in a non-responsive bid.

Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the base bid will be required to accompany bids, in addition, a Performance Bond in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the contract price shall be required from the successful Bidder. There are no liquidated damages. Project completion date is July 17, 1998. Any questions concerning the interpretation of the bid documents shall be directed to:

Wayne G. Andrews, A.I.A. Architect/Project Manager 4001 Juan Tabo NE/Suite A Albuquerque, N.M. 87111 (505) 275-1764 - FAX (505) 298-3471

For Lincoln County Wayne G. Andrews New Public Toilets - Glencoe, N.M. Advertisement

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LEGAL NOTICE APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS 1998 Primary Election

The County Clerk of Lincoln County will appoint Precinct Board Members for the following Precincts: Precinct #1: 4 Members Precinct #2A: 4 Members

LEGAL

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 6, 1998, Eddie Chavez, Box 61, San Patricio, NM 88348, filed application No. H-42, H-43, H-44 into H-101 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place of use of 13.44 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following existing wells:

Table with 5 columns: Well No., Subdivision, Section, Township, Range. Rows include H-42, H-43, H-44 with corresponding subdivision and section information.

and ceasing the irrigation of 4.2 acres of land located in part of the E1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-101 located in the SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 13.44 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 4.2 acres of land located in part of the SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. The move from and move-to wells are located in Honda, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

cc: Santa Fe C/RRR No. 2 263 893 289

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Table listing Precincts #2B through #13 and Absentee/Early, with corresponding Member counts ranging from 4 to 7.

Applications to be placed on the standby list of Precinct Board Members will be accepted by the County Clerk's Office, Please call (505) 648-2394 if you would like to be on this list.

MARTHA McKNIGHT PROCTOR Lincoln County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo shall hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the following purposes:

Approval or Disapproval of License / Appl. / A-3188 Applicant Name: 4 Winds Restaurant & Motel, Incorporated

Business Name: 4 Winds Restaurant & Motel Proposed Location: 111 North Central Avenue Application type: Restaurant License Application

Approval or Disapproval of License / Appl. / A-3171 Applicant Name: Davis, Barbara J. Business Name: Barb's East Coast Subs Plus Proposed Location: 1201 6th Avenue Application type: Restaurant License Application

Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAE Town Clerk Town of Carrizozo

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Cause No. CV-97-190 LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. LYNNWOOD M. BAADÉ and RITA KAY BAADÉ, husband and wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as Aspen Drive, Alto, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in the NW1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the North one quarter corner of said Section 28; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 29 seconds East along the North boundary of said Section 28 a distance of 412.85 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 262.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 165.95 feet; thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 206.51 feet; thence South 26 degrees 33 minutes 07 seconds West a distance of 832.21 feet; thence South 01 degrees 49 minutes 44 seconds East a distance of 100.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 10 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 240.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 1327.73 feet to the said place of beginning.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 6, 1998, at the east entrance of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold the Preliminary Budget Hearing for Fiscal year 1998-1999 at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commissioners' Meeting Room, in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA, Assistant County Manager

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to Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the judgment in favor of the Plaintiff in the principal case of \$25,545.78, plus interest thereon through February 28, 1998, in the sum of \$33,008.94, and accrued thereon at the rate of 10.75% per annum (170.00 per year) until paid; plus late charges through February 1998 in the sum of \$1,341.91; plus court costs in the sum of \$3,343.27; plus appraisal and inspection fees of \$315.50; plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by plaintiff through March 25, 1998, in the sum of \$1,852.89, with interest thereon from date of payment until paid at the rate of 10.75% per annum; plus costs incurred by Plaintiff from February 28, 1998 until the date of sale, including the Special Master's Fee of \$911.63, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair; plus reasonable attorney fees and costs as they shall accrue from date of judgment to date of sale, as awarded by the Court. The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants Lynnwood M. Baade and Rita Kay Baade, as specified in the Judgment filed hereto.

DARRYL N. BRANTLEY, Esq. Special Master 1000 New York Ave. Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310 (505) 487-7810 ext. 43

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LEGAL TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. CV-98-68 Division III

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME FOR TAMARRA DAWN RODGERS, Petitioner.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Change of Name. The nature of Petitioner's application is to legally change her name from Tamarra Dawn Rogers to Tamarra Dawn Rankin.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that said Petition has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County on the 6th day of April, 1998 requesting the relief set forth herein, and a hearing on said Petition is scheduled to be heard at 8:15 a.m. on the 30th day of April, 1998. The Plaintiff's attorney is Adam D. Rankin, P.C., P.O. Box 1012, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 6th day of April, 1998. ALICE BACA BAXTER Clerk of the District Court BY: Clydene Hall Published in the Lincoln County News on April 9 and 16, 1998.

is scheduled to be heard at 8:15 a.m. on the 30th day of April, 1998.

The Plaintiff's attorney is Adam D. Rankin, P.C., P.O. Box 1012, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 6th day of April, 1998.

ALICE BACA BAXTER Clerk of the District Court BY: Clydene Hall Published in the Lincoln County News on April 9 and 16, 1998.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 98-01 CONTRACTING FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-1998

The Town of Carrizozo is requesting proposals for their annual audit services for the 1997-1998 fiscal year. Multi-term proposals will be considered. Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk, 100 4th Street, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30,

1998. The examination is to be conducted in accordance with the Audit Act, Sections 12-1 through 12-14, NMSA, 1978. The purpose of the audit is to determine whether the financial statements of Carrizozo are correct. Evaluation of proposals will be based on the audit contract proposal evaluation form prepared by the State of New Mexico. The Town of Carrizozo will award audit proposal at their regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 6:00 p.m., Conference Room, Carrizozo, NM, and be based in the best interest of the Town of Carrizozo. For further information, please contact Carol Schlarb, Town Clerk at (505) 648-2371. Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAE Town Clerk Town of Carrizozo Published in the Lincoln County News on April 16 and 23, 1998.

meeting at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, to be held in Judge Douglas's Jury Room, Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible drainage easements. MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, April 16, 1998.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold special budget workshops on Wednesday, April 22, and Thursday, April 23, 1998, beginning at 8:00 A.M. The budget workshops are open to the public, and will be held in the Commission Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Budget requests for Fiscal Year 1998-1999 will be reviewed. MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, April 16, 1998.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that three or more Lincoln County Commissioners may attend a joint Lincoln County and Otero County

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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

(Con't. from P. 8)

Carrizozo police responded.

February 8:  
12:55 a.m. requested to speak to officer concerning domestic. Carrizozo police arrested two male subjects.

1:25 a.m. 911 request for ambulance for 83 year old man having problems breathing. Capitan ambulance transported to LCMC.

8:47 a.m. request for ambulance for 10 year old girl who fainted. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

11:19 a.m. open door and gate at business. Ruidoso Downs police responded and spoke with employee on shift who advised all was okay.

11:58 a.m. larceny, theft of two saws from storage area. Carrizozo police responded.

2:46 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run area. RALS transported.

6:22 p.m. theft of daughter's go cart in Alto.

7:20 p.m. missing nine year old son who spent the night with friend and was to be home at noon. Capitan police responded. At 7:31 p.m. child called home and was okay.

8:18 p.m. request for ambulance for allergic reaction. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

February 9:  
8:09 a.m. dogs at large on Highway 70 bothering chickens and goats at caller's home.

8:24 a.m. welfare check of neighbor's house. Capitan police notified.

9:50 a.m. 911 report of accident with injuries, a vehicle hit a telephone pole on Highway 70. Ruidoso Downs police notified.

11:36 a.m. 911 request for ambulance at Corona post office. Corona ambulance transported to LCMC.

12:08 p.m. 911 report of altercation with student. Carrizozo police responded but was advised by the school principal that they would handle the situation.

12:36 p.m. one vehicle rollover with injuries on Highway 247. Carrizozo ambulances responded, transported one to Roswell and Lifeguard helicopter was dispatched by state police in Roswell for two injured persons.

1 p.m. possible child abuse, mother threatening to kill eight month old baby and herself. Carrizozo police spoke with the woman and all was okay.

3:28 p.m. domestic, caller wanted boyfriend evicted.

5:56 p.m. larceny, someone stole golf clubs in breaking and entering in Alto.

9:43 p.m. woman wanted to file complaint about reckless driver.

11:17 p.m. threats made to wife and kids. Caller reported male subject threatened his wife and kids. Subject had warrant for arrest. Ruidoso police were to file charges.

February 10:

4:08 a.m. 18 wheeler stuck on Highway 380 mile marker 40 due to black ice. State police notified.

7:36 a.m. request for ambulance for elderly man with stroke. RALS.

3:07 p.m. accident without injuries at Warrior and Hull Roads, vehicle side swiped. Ruidoso police notified.

4:35 p.m. request for ambulance for 40 year old woman with hip injury at ski run. RALS.

5 p.m. 911 call about injured deer needing to be put down on Highway 70 in Tinnie. Game and Fish notified.

5:01 p.m. request for animal control. Carrizozo police notified.

5:54 p.m. 911 report of injured deer in Alto. Game and Fish requested a deputy handle.

9:18 p.m. 911 cell call of trouble in Mountainair. Mountainair police notified.

11:23 p.m. 911 report of van rollover at mile marker 268 on Highway 70. State police notified.

## Sierra Blanca DAR Attend Conference

The New Mexico state organization of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) held their 78th annual conference in Las Cruces last month. More than 80 members celebrated 100 years of the DAR in New Mexico. The New Mexico DAR was organized in 1898 by a group of fiercely patriotic women led by Mrs. L. Bradford Prince, wife of a former Territorial Governor and Chief Justice.

The New Mexico DAR was responsible for placing 23 markers along the Santa Fe Trail. The famous "End of the Trail" marker is in the plaza in Santa Fe. Other achievements were designing the state flag in 1925. It features the symbol of the ancient Indian Pueblo of Zia in red on a field of yellow.

DAR members at the conference from the local Sierra Blanca chapter hosted the awards banquet. They were given the time period of 1890 to 1920. The awards banquet featured state winning students who read their essays on Forts in America, as well as one essay on Christopher Columbus. The Sierra Blanca group decorated the tables with miniature Forts sporting names of local Forts including Fort Stanton and Fort Sumner. Some members dressed as Gibson Girls or flappers of the period. Each Fort was circled in teepees, which were bandannas folded to look the part. They were given as favors.

Awards were given to Wanda Duke, Majel Powell, and Marcile Stewart from Sierra Blanca chapter for their entries in the American Heritage room. Mrs. Stewart won a blue ribbon for an antique wax doll. Mrs. Duke won two blue ribbons for a crystal butter dish and a doll bed made by her uncle with a quilt made by her mother. Mrs. Powell won two blue ribbons for a doll, and an angel in needlepoint. The needlepoint also won the grand prize, best of show.

The awards luncheon began with a toast to the flag given by Gaspar Altomare Commander of the Military Order of the World Wars. He was dressed as a Continental soldier.

The DAR supports numerous schools across the country including Bacone College in Muskogee, OK. Bacone College has a large number of American Indian students and a nursing school. Susanne O'Malley of Sierra Blanca chapter is an advisor to Bacone College. Tom McKinney, head of the American Indian Museum at the school and his wife performed traditional Indian dances at the opening dinner of the conference.

Guylyn Nusom, State Regent, has chosen as her project during her term of office to compile a book describing and locating the DAR markers in New Mexico. They will be distributed to libraries and

schools around the state.

Sierra Blanca members attending were Regent and State Museum Docent chairman Wanda Duke, vice Regent Faye Rowland, registrar Gloria Fogerson, historian Lanita Rasak, librarian Dorothy Bailey, state American Heritage committee chair June Rawley, state Registrar Marcile Stewart, and state 2nd vice Regent Susanne O'Malley.

## CALENDAR

(Con't. from P. 3)

—Carrizozo School Board 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

—Lincoln County Commission special budget workshop 8 a.m. Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Carrizozo FCE meeting 1 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative building on 12th Street.

—LaJunta FCE meeting 10:45 a.m. at San Patrio Senior Citizens Center. Program on cancer awareness.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

—Friends of Smokey 12:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Cafe meeting room.

—Carrizozo School spring music concert 6:30 p.m. old gym.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

—Kindergarten registration and preschool screening at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nob Hill Elementary in Ruidoso.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

—Bill Rakocy autograph and sketch party 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Roy's Gift Gallery in Carrizozo.

—Literacy tutor training session ENMU-Ruidoso 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.

—Clean up at the Ruidoso Masonic building 9:30 a.m.

—Corona Community Players dinner theater 6 p.m. Corona School auditorium.

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