

It's Official, Nunley Wins

Recount Completed

by Doris Cherry

Despite machine and hand counting of all absentee ballots, L. Ray Nunley remained the winner of the Lincoln County Commission District 2 race.

Candidate Charles "Chay" Rennick challenged the absentee ballot count, where he lost the most votes to Nunley, and filed on November 12 for a recount. He filed both with the Lincoln County Clerk and District Judge Karen Parsons, who ordered the recount for November 23.

After the recount Rennick told *THE NEWS* he would not call for an election contest, which is essentially a law suit, because of the expense and time involved. He said the recount numbers did not alter the outcome of the election.

Rennick said he requested the recount to have accuracy in election and to show the many problems of using the absentee ballot for partisan political purposes. "I think the absentee ballot needs to be returned to the original intent of taking care of people who cannot vote in person because of absence or illness," Rennick said. "I think political parties sending out unsolicited absentee ballot applications was a distortion of the electoral process."

Rennick said he was most concerned about registered Republican voters receiving unsolicited absentee ballot applications, with a letter that urged voting straight Republican. Rennick realized something was different this election when he began getting the absentee ballot request list from the county clerk's office and there were hundreds of requests from Republicans in the first days. Rennick said he responded by ordering absentee ballot applications from the secretary of state office, then mailing the

applications to Democrats and Independents in District 2 along with a letter suggesting they vote their conscience. But Rennick's actions were late in the process. As indicated on a list of District 2 absentee ballots received by the clerk's office, 20 ballot applications were accepted, ballots mailed back to the voters, but not returned in time for the election count.

"I plan to talk with (state) senator Pete Campos about legislation to reform the absentee ballot process," Rennick continued. "As for this election, I won on election day, but lost in the absentee ballots as a result of a mail out. I am pleased and appreciative of the votes I received on election day."

According to the tally sheet of the ballot recount provided by the clerk's office, the recount of the absentee ballots showed Nunley with 170, and Rennick with 109. That included the early vote and

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Health Hearings Are Set For County

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Health & Wellness Board wants to know what the community needs in terms of health care and how the county should finance an indigent health care fund.

The board is currently holding town hall meetings to take input from the communities about their wants and needs in health care. At the Friday, November 6 Lincoln County Commission meeting, Health and Wellness Board member John McGrath reported on a town hall meeting held on November 5 in Hondo. He said about 15 people attended the meeting during which they were given a survey about their preferences for raising money for a county Indigent Health Care Fund (IHCF). The survey gave participants several funding options—one eighth to three eighths percent gross receipt tax, property tax or combination.

McGrath said the county needs to encourage more people to come to the town hall meetings about the IHCF. "It's not if we will have the indigent care fund, it's when," McGrath said.

Comments from those who attended the town hall meeting ranged from questions about how such states as Alaska and Colorado finance their IHCFs to why can't the county get state highway funds to take care of people who are injured on Highway 70. Others comments were Lincoln County has the highest taxes already, so don't add to them, complaints of why people should pay more taxes for those without the gumption to take care of themselves so why free care. McGrath said his response was someone will always take advantage of a program or play fair.

County commissioner Wilton Howell said he understands that Home Health Care is in jeopardy because the county has no IHCF. He was concerned because the home health care impacts a lot of people and keep out of more costly hospitals.

County commissioner chair-

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Mock Disaster Is Very Successful

The mock disaster held in Carrizozo November 14 was very successful. Lincoln County Emergency Management Coordinator Connie Hopper reported that the monitor from Santa Fe said the mock disaster exercise was very good. Don Armstrong, regional coordinator from the Emergency Management Center in Santa Fe, was at the scene part of the time and at the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) in the sheriff's office part of the time, monitoring the response of each group. Involved were fire departments from Carrizozo, Nogal, Fort Stanton and state forestry, Lincoln County EMS, Carrizozo EMS, Ruidoso EMS, Region III EMS, Lincoln County Sheriff's office, Carrizozo Police, Carrizozo Airport, Carrizozo Emergency Management, Ruidoso Emergency Management, Lincoln County Sheriff's office dispatch, Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, the Lincoln County manager, and the Lincoln

County News. Other agencies were involved but were not at the scene.

The mock disaster exercise was held at the Carrizozo Municipal Airport where an aircraft had supposedly crashed into a hangar, careened into the aviation fuel tank and then into hazardous materials, causing a fire at the airport that spread to a grass fire that was spreading towards the town of Carrizozo. Six of the passengers on the plane were injured, and another person was injured later, causing even more problems for the emergency response teams. To make it more realistic the victims had been cosmetically prepared to show bleeding, broken bones, etc. This allowed training for emergency teams in coordinating their response in the event of an actual disaster.

At the end of the exercise responders filled out evaluation forms and Hopper met with the leaders of each group. The general consensus

EMERGENCY RESPONSE teams participated in the mock disaster at Carrizozo Airport Nov. 14. Volunteer victims were treated by EMTs, firefighters battled simulated blazes, and law enforcement personnel provided security. News copublisher and editor Ruth Hammond, acting as a pesky reporter as requested by the EMS coordinator, was placed under simulated arrest for entering the restricted area.

was that everyone learned their strengths and weaknesses responding to an emergency situation. They realized the importance of participating in mock disaster training.

Lincoln County News copublisher and editor Ruth Hammond participated in the exercise, playing the part of a nosy reporter. Hammond was turned away from the scene

by law enforcement personnel and backed down the road, spewing gravel as her car fish-tailed while going in reverse. She drove to a location on Drexel Ave., parked her car and walked across a field to the scene. She took pictures, interrupted EMTs and firemen, and mingled with responders, unaware that she had been observed walking to the scene and entering a restricted area. Officers were watching her movements and eventually Hammond was placed under simulated arrest.

Capitan School Board And Bond Election Feb. 2, 1999

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Board of Education approved the resolution setting February 2 as the board and bond issue election.

During its regular meeting November 5, the board authorized the school bond election of \$5.75 million and election of board members for positions 3, 4 and 5. Currently those positions are held by Freda McSwane who said she is not seeking re-election, newly appointed Ervin Aldaz and James Hobbs who said he will seek re-election.

The election resolution sets out the procedures for the election. Candidates must be registered voters who reside within the Capitan School District. Candidates must file

a declaration of candidacy with the Lincoln County Clerk from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 15. Write in candidates must file a declaration of write in candidacy between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. December 29.

Voter registration for the school election closes on January 5. Absentee ballots may be cast, or early absentee voting may be done during regular hours from January 8 to January 29 at the Lincoln County Clerks' office in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

On election day, February 2, the polls for precincts 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12C will be at the Lincoln County Fair Building in Capitan.

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County Applies For CDBG For Safe House

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County has applied for a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to acquire a Safe House for displaced individuals.

But the approval to apply for the grant came only after lengthy discussion about how much the county will dedicate toward the project. During the Lincoln County Commission meeting November 6, commissioners reject a proposal to spend \$750,000 over the next four years on the safe house project.

"This commission never said we would go to the legislature for an additional \$350,000," county commissioner Monroy Montes said. "That is far in excess of what we got for the Glencoe Center and we know what kind of criticism we got for that," Montes said. "This safe house is a place for a few individuals, not a three quarter of a million dollar project." He said he thought the county would apply for a CDBG to cover the total cost of the safe house. "I don't remember agreeing we would apply for more," he added.

County commissioner Wilton Howell was concerned the county would spend \$750,000 in capital outlay, then not have the funds to operate the

facility.

County commission chairman Ray Nunley said the county would apply for a \$400,000 CDBG, but probably would not get all of that. He also said that Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) director Tony Elias, who helped with the CDBG process, advised him the county could find someone to run the safe house.

Howell said the operation

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Nunley Wins

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absentee ballots counted on the OpTec machine, hand tallied and emergency paper ballots cast in lieu of absentee ballots. The total recount of machine and hand counted absentee ballots plus early voting ballots counted on the OpTec machines and the early

voting ballots counted on the electronic voting machines (at Ruidoso convention center) and the In Lieu of Absentee Ballots showed Nunley with 266 and Rennick 209. Election night totals showed Nunley with 272 and Rennick with 212.

The recounted votes added to the votes cast on the electronic voting machine for precincts 7 and 9 showed Nunley with a new total of 572 and Rennick with 548, a 24 vote difference in the race. Election night totals showed Nunley with 578 and Rennick with 551.

On Monday, absentee ballot precinct board workers Edith Dobbins (presiding judge), Terri Brasie, Anna Belle Burrows, Barbara Callar, Mary Dose, Bertha LaFave and Lori Roberts participated in the recount held in the district courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Attorney David Stevens represented Nunley and county attorney Alan Morel was present on behalf of the county. Morel said that Rennick had filed for a hand recount of all absentee ballots, but he, Morel, was asking that the court allow Rennick to review just the 206 absentee ballots cast in his district. However, Morel said he and Rennick agreed to a compromise of machine recounting all absentee ballots and hand counting the absentee ballots from District 2 voters to avoid a long and costly suit for an election contest.

Stevens agreed there were irregularities in the election results. One of the most problematic was eight votes from individuals who applied for absentee ballots, received them late and turned them in on election day. Those votes were counted on the early vote OpTec machine according to final tallies from the clerk's office.

With both Lincoln County Democrat and Republic party chairs, Judge Parsons, Proctor, Rennick, Stevens, and Morel present, the absentee ballot box was opened and absentee ballots were run

through the same OpTec counting machine used election night to count the ballots. Technicians from Ink Impressions, distributor of the OpTec machine, had reprogrammed the machine to a zero count before the recount and were on hand in case of problems. A tape was run out in Rennick's presence to show that there were no numbers listed before the count began.

Precinct worker Roberts ran all 1246 absentee ballots received in the clerk's office through the machine as Dobbins watched. On election night, the OpTec machine rejected 86 ballots because of irregularities ranging from apparent double voting, improperly filled spaces, use of ink instead of pencil and excessive folding of the paper. Those were counted by hand. At the recount Monday, the machine rejected only 54 ballots, which precinct workers hand tallied. Only 12 of the hand counted ballots were for District 2.

The recount was officially completed at about 12:30 p.m. But to further satisfy Rennick precinct workers hand separated District 2 ballots from the 1246 total. Once separated, workers passed the ballots before Rennick and Stevens who made their own tallies. Rennick and Stevens were not allowed to touch the absentee ballots. Democrat party chair Laura Schryer and vice-chair Bob Stephens and Republican Chair Dwayne Williams oversaw the tally. About two hours later, Rennick's count was 169 for Nunley, Steven's count was 168 for Nunley, with 111 for Rennick on both men's tallies. There were six ballots with no vote for either Nunley or Rennick.

But unanswered was the question about the eight votes, which on the November 10 canvass showed six for Nunley and two for Rennick. Proctor said the eight voters cast ballots on the early vote machine. Rennick said if the ballots were cast on an electronic machine, there was no way their votes could be counted separately as shown on the canvass. While Stevens said the eight votes were not enough to change the outcome of the election, Morel said he did not think the eight votes were missing.

Finally, poll workers were dismissed at 3:15 p.m. after being in the courtroom continuously since 10 a.m.

Morel said he wanted it known that he was extremely cooperative in the recount, unlike the recount in Otero County where the county attorney refused to allow a hand tallied recount of absentee ballots. Morel said the Lincoln County Commission District 2 recount complied with the law and satisfied Rennick's concerns, and avoided an election contest that would have cost everybody lots of money.

Rennick said, "it was an arduous task that we needed to go through."

Because there was a difference in the numbers on the recount from the numbers on election night, Morel's opinion was Rennick will not be required to pay the \$75 filing fee and hourly rate for precinct workers.

Proctor told THE NEWS that the recount of absentee votes must now be officially canvassed by the county commission. Morel told THE NEWS that commissioners will hold a special meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, December 1, at the Ruidoso Convention Center to canvass the recount votes.

According to information from Proctor's office, 1,338 absentee ballots were issued for the November 3, general election. Of that 1,246 paper ballots were filled out and returned to be counted, 92 were not returned, and 794 voters completed paper ballots and fed them through the OpTec machine during the early voting period.



CARRIZOZO FFA DAIRY TEAM Rob Shafer, Bryan Hightower and Eil Avila earned a national Silver Award at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, November 12-14. Representing New Mexico in the Dairy Foods Judging, the team was one of 34 teams competing in the event. Carrizozo FFA chapter advisor Herb Borden accompanied the team. This is the first time in many years a Carrizozo FFA team has won a national award.

Ruidoso Manager Briley Reports Holiday Schedule

Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley reported on holiday schedules and other changes during the regular village council meeting Tuesday.

Briley reported that Ruidoso Village Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Thursday until 8 a.m. Monday, November 30. The Library also will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday and reopens on Monday.

Village solid waste crews will run on Thursday morning, all day Friday and on Saturday morning.

Christmas officially comes to the village on Thursday, December 3, when the mayor conducts the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:15 p.m. at School House Park on Sudderth Drive.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Happy Thanksgiving

By Ruth Hammond

When you gather for Thanksgiving with family and friends, and maybe a few cocktails, remember to give thanks for living here in a country where you are allowed to gripe about things you don't like as well as praise the things you do like. Many people living in other areas of the world don't have the freedoms we do. Too often we take for granted our way of life. Too often we forget that freedom is not a right, it was earned by our ancestors. Too often we forget that Thanksgiving is an American holiday not enjoyed by other people.

Even though there is much to complain about, there are many things to be thankful for this year: our great Lincoln County remains a united county instead of being split in two, governor Johnson will remain in office another four years, there will be a bevy of football games on the tube the next few days, we don't have the sage worries the turkey does when he is trying to hide at this time of year, the county detention center issue is all but settled, we don't have to hear negative campaign ads on TV for another four years, and the Christmas shopping season begins on Friday.

All the things we have to be thankful for include the little things as well as the big things. Watching the sunrise in the morning is almost as breathtaking as watching the sunset in New Mexico. The brilliant colors are difficult to describe. The recent meteor showers were exceptional, even if we did have to sit outside for a few hours waiting to catch a glimpse of the rocket-like blazes across the sky. The colorful leaves before they make their descent to the ground help us enjoy the change from summer greenery to winter white. Autumn is an especially pretty time of year with harvest moonlit nights, frost on the windshield in the morning, and watching horned toads digging lengthy tunnels to their winter hibernation homes.

Listing all the things we have to be thankful for would take more space than is available but we do want to remember to be thankful for the volunteer firemen and EMTs. Knowing people will respond in an emergency gives us a good feeling. We know they are trained to provide the services needed at any time. The mock disaster held in Carrizozo November 14 showed how well these people work together. EMTs cared for people were acting as if they had been injured at three sites, firemen from several different fire departments battled simulated blazes not only at the airport but also at spreading grass fires, and law enforcement personnel were at the scene to provide security for the emergency response teams.

The mock disaster was a valuable training experience. Several of the response team members learned how to be more effective when they do respond to an emergency. Many asked for additional training and more at-the-scene mock disasters. Law enforcement personnel saw how pesky reporters will sneak their way into an area even though it is restricted. These law enforcement people did their job and placed the pesky reporter, from the News of course, under simulated arrest. We enjoyed being involved in the exercise.

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you. We hope you have a great day followed by a great year. Our list of things to be thankful for include children, grandchildren, in-laws and out-laws, family and friends, smiles and hugs, wins and losses, twinkling eyes and tears, pets and pests, health and sickness, counting hawks sitting on the utility poles alongside the highway as we drive and watching birds fly, taking a photo of the antelope on the Carrizozo golf course and not getting a photo of the elk on Indian Divide, and especially we are thankful for another year. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving.

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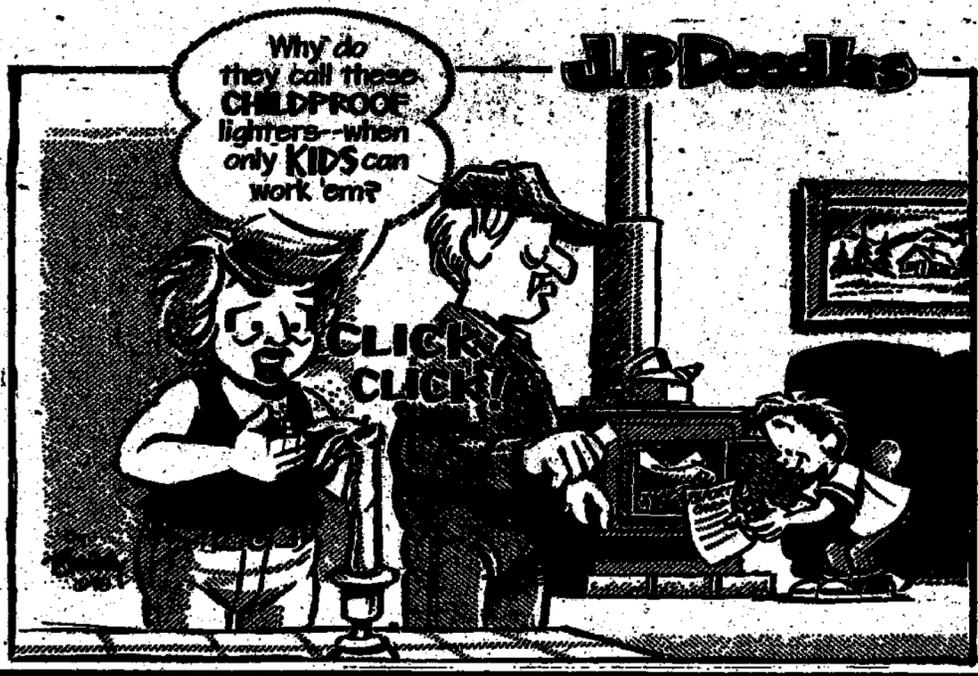
EDITOR: This is a request for Capitan residents to supply Mrs. Sullivan with personal news.
I live out of state and my main purpose in purchasing this newspaper is to read about my hometown area and those people I grew up with. Thanks so much.
SANDY MOORE
San Jose, California

EDITOR: As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we pause to reflect on the many things in our lives for which we are thankful. During this time, we should not forget the people that provide our emergency services.
Each of them has devoted their time and energy to the emotionally stressful, physically taxing, and often thankless job of providing the best health care possible to the community. While the rest of the population goes about their daily routine, they stand on call ready to drop everything to care for anyone in need. Their patients are often complete strangers never seen again - or they may be friends and neighbors. Regardless of who they are, they give their utmost during each call.
These individuals are not all paid professionals. They are often our neighbors, or co-workers, and friends that volunteer their time to care for others. Local EMTs and firefighters go through continual training so they can provide the community with the best emergency care possible. Because our health care systems have become more technical, these providers carry more responsibility than ever before. Firefighters strive to obtain the best training and equipment possible to lessen the number of casualties due to fire.
We want to express our appreciation for that devotion and sacrificial service. While we are spending time with our families during this holiday season, we will remember that many of these providers will be sacrificing your family time to care for others.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGION III
Jan Elliott, Sherri Reed, Judy Hardin, Donnie Roberts, Pat Baker

EDITOR: The Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium is an event encompassing many western traditions, and was established as a celebration of true old time cowboy ways, values, and ethics. This annual occasion has become one of Lincoln County's main attractions. Though currently occurring at the Glencoe Rural Events Center, it has been rumored to take place in coming years at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. What the Cowboy Symposium represents today, and what it could come to express in the

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Inside The Capitol
by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - Do the 1998 election results mean New Mexico is becoming more conservative? Political analysts of the liberal persuasion seem to think so.
They point to Gov. Gary Johnson's re-election victory over a centrist Democrat and lament that liberals had no one to vote for after the Green Party candidate pulled out of the race. But other evidence puts that conclusion in doubt.
Tom Udall, the Democrats' most liberal candidate for high office, ousted an incumbent Republican by a convincing 10-point margin, despite the presence of a Green in the race. Congressional candidate Phil Maloof's much-publicized lurch to the left following a humiliating defeat last June produced a more respectable showing in November. And Martin Chavez's New Democrat centrist politics, although to the right of the traditional Democrat power base, didn't get him any closer to Gary Johnson than a liberal might have accomplished.

Add to that the Greens emergence as a liberal third party, a Democrat sweep of all state offices below governor and lieutenant governor, approval of all constitutional amendments on the ballot and approval of \$83 million out of \$84 million in proposed statewide bond issues and New Mexico doesn't appear in danger of the conservative takeover liberals fear.

Granted, voters rejected Martin Chavez's expensive social proposals but there were many other factors contributing to his defeat. He lost the battle of TV ads badly. Part of the reason was technical, but it was largely personal. Johnson simply came across as a more appealing individual. And Chavez didn't win the series of 26 debates that had been expected of an intelligent, articulate lawyer.

Chavez never could come up with a message despite writing a 115-page book crammed full of ideas. Some smart pollsters must have found that the public likes full-day kindergartens, but the issue never resonated with voters like Johnson's old-fashioned crime and punishment theme.

Although Johnson's vetoes upset enough Republicans to cause threats of primary election opposition, he had clear sailing. The Democrat primary wasn't as rough-and-tumble as usual, but since Chavez entered the fray as the candidate

to beat, most of his opponents took aim at him rather than at Johnson. And they beat up on Chavez for being a big spender, a theme which Johnson could easily exploit in the general election.

Perhaps Chavez's biggest failing was an inability to connect with voters statewide. Although he had demonstrated tremendous gut instincts about what Albuquerqueans wanted in a mayor, he never seemed to get a clue about what turned on voters in the rest of the state, especially in rural areas.

Gary Johnson didn't win reelection because he was a conservative or a Republican. Voters may like him best because he's not a Democrat and, therefore, he can keep the Legislature in check. Like former Gov. Dave Cargo 20 years ago, Johnson is more a maverick than anything else. Westerners like that in a person, and they like Johnson's straightforward nature and wide-eyed innocence. He came

across as completely genuine when he looked into the camera and said, "Vote for me."

When Johnson ran four years ago, he admitted to not having been a Republican. He even confessed to Libertarian tendencies. Now Maurice McDonald has qualified Libertarians to be New Mexico's fourth major political party with his nine-percent showing in the land commissioner's race, Johnson may have an entire new political career of him.

And what of the Libertarians? Are they liberal or conservative? They're neither. Their individual-liberties philosophy demonstrates the fallacy of measuring candidates on a right-to-left spectrum. In a simplistic way, they can be classified as fiscal conservatives and social liberals.

But that doesn't fit either since they are strong supporters of the to bear arms, land rights for ranchers and all other rights associated with conservative causes.

Sen. Campos Priorities For Legislative Session

Las Vegas, NM: Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, said today he believes the legislature will focus on education reform, public safety issues, health care improvements, welfare to work, state wide economic development the year 2000 (Y2K) computer technology concern, tax cuts, fiscal responsibility and wise use of surplus revenues when it convenes early next year.

"Sparking a fresh start can produce new energy, better ideas and more solutions to address the needs which face our state. These issues should not be partisan issues that divide policy makers. Improving the quality of life for all New Mexicans, which starts with a good education, safe streets, quality health care and good jobs is a goal we all share," Campos said.

"I intend to continue pressing for full-day kindergarten and fairness in how capital outlay projects are handled for public schools. The process to implement both these concepts is progressing well. I anticipate within the next few years we will see them through to fruition," Campos said. "Effi-

cient operation of our prisons, including the new prison in Santa Rosa, and better health care for all New Mexicans will also be priorities. This next session, as in the 1994, 1995 and 1998 sessions, we may very well be able to approve another tax cut for New Mexicans."

The 1999 legislative session begins the third Tuesday of

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Campos said that the continuing program, employment and project (PEP) needs of the state, especially in rural New Mexico, will also demand the legislature's attention. "As an example, in Senate District 8, which includes the counties of San Miguel, Guadalupe, DeBaca and Lincoln, we'll be seeking approval or appropriations for: the new San Miguel county health care facility, a regional long-term health care facility at the Las Vegas Medical Center, needed full time equivalents (FTEs) at the District 4 New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, and improvements at New Mexico Highlands University, Luna Vocational Technical Institute, West Las Vegas Schools and the Las Vegas City Schools; a much needed state warm-water fish education center, hatchery and rearing station at Santa Rosa, domestic water and access improvements within the Anton Chico area, community infrastructure upgrades at Vaughn; a vocational and computer complex at the Fort Sumner Municipal Schools, the Bosque Redondo Project at Fort Sumner and to promote it worldwide, community infrastructure and local efforts to attract more public/private sector good paying jobs at Fort Sumner; and, improving program and infrastructure at the ENMU/Ruidoso Satellite Campus, community infrastructure at Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Carrizozo, Capitan, Corona, Hondo and Lincoln, upgrade roads and highways like US 54, tourist promotion, local school initiatives, and local efforts to attract more public/private sector good paying jobs throughout the county of Lincoln," Campos said.

In past sessions, Campos initiated a study and supported legislation calling for full-day kindergarten and has been a proponent of distributing funds more equitably for construction projects and equipment purchases at schools throughout New Mexico. Campos also has supported the tax cuts approved by the legislature in three of the last five sessions.

"While some people want government to do less, we have to think about the essential services that government provides, such as educating our children, keeping our streets safe, caring for our elderly, providing for necessary infrastructure which small businesses and homeowners rely on and ensuring that we have a healthy and safe environment with ample clean water to drink," Campos said.

"Each year, we in the legislature work hard to balance the need to be fiscally responsible with the need to show compassion for those of our neighbors who are less fortunate than the rest of us. Expanding quality health care options to those who need it, toughening criminal laws and supporting crime prevention programs, and continually improving our schools while seeking to exercise fiscal restraint will continue to be our priorities," Campos concluded.

Ruidoso Manager Briley Reports
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includes Open House at the library from December 7 to 11. All during the week volunteers will serve refreshments and give door prizes daily.

Briley also reported on and urged councilors to attend a meeting with state Senator Pete Campos and state Rep. Dub Williams from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, December 4, in the Lincoln County Commissioners chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The state officials will meet with constituents and local elected officials to take their requests for capital outlay and legislation to the upcoming session of the 47th New Mexico State Legislature that begins on January 19.

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close with only AAA and AAAA crowns to be determined. So far three classes have been decided, with all three having repeat champions — Hoy in 6-man football, Fort Sumner in Class A, and Santa Rosa in Class AA. Fort Sumner edged out Texico 22 to 15, and Santa Rosa beat Clayton 18-7 last Saturday.

In Class AAA Ruidoso is still in the hunt, after their 40 to 20 win over Kirtland Central. The Warriors had to rally from a 14 to 6 deficit at half-time, but scored 20 points in the third period and 14 in the final quarter to win going away.

Other winners in the AAAA playoffs were Silver over Teos 10-0, Raton over Socorro 41-13, and Artesia over St. Pius 33-14. Semifinals this weekend has Raton traveling to Ruidoso, and Silver visiting Artesia.

We were barely able to edge over the .500 mark for the week in our NFL picks. New England bailed us out by edging out Miami on Monday night, letting us finish at 8-7 for the week and 108-59 for the season. Grade (C- for the

week, B- for the season).

Biggest surprise wins last week had to include of course, those unpredictable Lions beating Tampa Bay, and the Unknowns (Baltimore) beating Cincinnati, and Carolina beating Rams, Jets played tough and beat Oilers and Packers couldn't keep up with Vikes, Chargers beating Chiefs by one, and Cardinals outscoring Redskins. On to better things and next week.

Fifteen more games on tap this week with two Thanksgiving Day specials. Steelers at Lions, and Vikes at Cowboys. My picks are:

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (In Bold Type) THURSDAY

* Pittsburgh at Detroit. I hate to go against Lions in this one but Steelers seem to have found their offense and should outscore Detroit.

* Minnesota at Dallas. Cowboys hurting but traditionally plays good on Turkey Day, and Aikman will outdual Cunningham for a BIG Dallas win.

SUNDAY

* Arizona at Kansas City. Cardinals playing better ball, but Chiefs have to come out of their tailspin sooner or later. Betting it will be sooner on this one. Go with home team.

* Atlanta at St. Louis. Rams could surprise but probably not. Falcons are aiming to stay ahead of 49'ers, will win on the road.

* Carolina at NY Jets. Jets won on the road last week, should have enough to beat Panthers at home this week.

* Indianapolis at Baltimore. No names proved the wrong last week, but will beat against them again this week.

Manning should have a big day, Ravens will counter with (Priest Holmes)???? Who are these guys?

* Jacksonville at Cincinnati. Just a matter of going with better team here, although Jags lost last week. They will regroup against Bengals this week.

* Tampa Bay at Chicago. Bucs are toast, and will get burned by Bears this week. What happened to the potent offense they were supposed to have this year? Go with home team.

* Tennessee at Seattle. Oilers on the road but should still be able to beat Seahawks who are going with new QB this week, which won't do any good. Tennessee big time in this one.

* Buffalo at New England. Normally would have gone with Patriots but QB position not certain this week. Will go with Bills and Flutie on the road.

* New Orleans at Miami. This will be a good game. Saints are no longer push-overs, but home team should win this one, go with Dolphins.

* Philadelphia at Green Bay. Packers needed a week off, they'll get it this week by beating up on lowly Eagles, who are getting worse by the week.

* Washington at Oakland. (Upset of the week). No reason really, this just has the looks of an upset. Redskins finally scoring points, 42 last week in losing effort.

* Denver at San Diego. Broncos try to make it 12-0 for the season against a good Charger defense. Closer than anyone might think, but Denver should prevail.

MONDAY NIGHT

* NY Giants at San Francisco. Giants might be able to upset 49'ers in New York, but they are playing this one in San Francisco. We'll go with home team.

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Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2966 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:35 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2653
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 6:00 pm
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

Church of Christ
PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2966
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Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship (Winter)..... 1:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

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

United Methodist Churches
BOB BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo
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Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
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Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
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Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
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Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
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Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
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Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
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Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

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Health Hearings

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man Ray Nunley said the home health care crisis is due to cutbacks in federal funding, not the lack of a county IHCF.

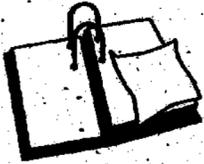
Howell said the county will have to pick up the load on the shortfall. Nunley said the county cannot pick up a \$10 million shortfall, instead it should encourage Congress to study the problem and realize it is cheaper to provide health care at home.

When Nunley suggested a county public hearing on the IHCF in January, McGrath requested a specific date so he could advertise it at the town hall meetings. But Nunley said he wanted to devote one meeting just to the IHCF and Howell suggested it be in the evening.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann suggested a special open "round table" meeting before the public hearing with the Health and Wellness Board, county commissioners and Lincoln County Medical Center representatives to develop options to take to the public hearings.

At the close of the discussion, with still no specific date set for the IHCF public hearing, Nunley said he would have the county manager poll other counties the size of Lincoln about how they finance their IHCFs.

FCE Tours Museum
The Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces was the attraction 14 Lincoln County FCE (Family & Community Education) members toured Nov. 5.



CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

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Cannot believe that another week has elapsed since I took this machine in hand, shall we say, to write of the few happenings and events that I was aware of. My awareness has packed it's belongings and taken up residence in a more intellectual environment, but thanks to my very special duo, Vanessa and Linda, we do have a bit of news for you.

Anyway, here goes, given to me by Vanessa. What would I do without Vanessa?

"It's taken me a little while to get around since my return to our fair little village, but I finally got to see my friends, Ron and Rita, at 3 Bar D Hardware. Was I pleasantly surprised, they are ready for Christmas."

December 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Smokey Bear Historical Park, Santa plans a special visit to help Larry Bandy and Smokey Bear treat our local youngsters to some great goodies. While telling Santa what's on their Christmas wish list, and for parents bringing their children, there will be a photo opportunity with Santa Claus and Smokey Bear. There will also be Christmas caroling in the village during the evening. So let's stay in Capitan on Saturday, December 12. See you there, we hope.

The Capitan Library closes today, Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. but will reopen Friday, Nov. 27. Stop by the library and get acquainted with these lovely folks that have worked so diligently to give Capitan its very first library.

Ms. Jonell Lucas and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wright, all of Lubbock, Texas visited her sister and husband, Howard and Maxine Wright weekend before last. Ms. Lucas and family resided here in Capitan for several years and she wished to tell all of her friends that are still here-hello.

And on a sad note, on October 27, Mr. Shawn Creighton of Clayton died in an accident. He was the son-in-law of Terry and Kay Strickland of Capitan. He was married to their daughter Melinda in September of 1993. They have a three year old daughter, named Kirsten. And Kirsten and Melinda have returned to Capitan and are now living with her parents, Terry and Kay Strickland.

This column has had some difficulty in getting over to Ruth on time and as last week's submission did not make its way to its usual place in the newspaper until today, will endeavor to send it over on Monday instead of Tuesday and see what happens. And my thanks to Linda Fox for being so understanding because last week I promised that what she gave me would be in the paper without fail. Well what is that old adage about the best laid plans of mice and men, et cetera.

We are all saddened to hear the news that Jim Newman has lost his long battle with cancer. Jim passed away on Saturday, November the 21st at the hospital in their home town of Electra, Texas. Jim and Judy Newman have spent their summers here in Capitan for a number of years and made a host of friends. We have all certainly missed their smiling faces, their wit and their wisdom. And they never met a stranger and to know them was to love them so please let us all keep Judy and Jim and their family in our prayers. God Bless you

Jim and am sure Heaven is a brighter place now that you have taken up residence there. So adios Jim until we all meet again.

And my special thanks to Phyllis Macaw for leaving the above note in my door. You are special also.

And also thanks to you Pat Orsack for the delicious cookies I found taped to my door. What a nice surprise and I

hope to get your story all straightened out before 1999. Just be patient with me. If you could see all that is piled up on my dining table for sorting and new filing, you would understand why I miss items now and then.

So adios for now and may the Lord take a likin' to ye all, and each have a happy Thanksgiving.

Capitan Church Establishes Program To Help Needy

by Doris Cherry

As government funds for the poor dry up, churches are stepping in to help.

In Capitan, the Christ Community Fellowship has begun a program called "Bethesda Outreach" to provide clothing, funding, emotional and other assistance to those in need. The word Bethesda means "God's House of Mercy".

Seeing a real need in the community, a group of the church members took the Bethesda concept from a church in Amarillo and adapted it to the local community. Lou and Mary Chavez, Stan and Jan Cox, Janelle Thomas, Sarah and David Brooks developed a guidebook that has been distributed to Capitan businesses. The guidebook explains the concept behind the outreach program is to reach the community for Christ by helping the poor and others in need.

The goals of the program are to expand the Kingdom of God, build the local church and to enact social change by helping individuals become self sufficient with financial help. The policy of the program is to help individuals who have a genuine need. Primary ministry services will be short term personal or crisis family counseling, benevolence by providing food, clothing, financial counseling and assistance, basic necessities, gasoline and help with utilities. No assistance will be given for legal expenses or consumer indebtedness. Spiritual Bible based and life instruction and training will be given to those who receive assistance.

Minister Ed Vinson and Mary Chavez said they hope to expand the program to a wider area, but are starting in Capitan first. Vinson said one purpose of the program is to find out the real needs of the community. He has presented the concept to the other churches in the village and hopes they will participate.

Businesses in the village have also been given voucher forms to give to persons who need help with gas, food, lodging and meals. The vouchers are worth up to \$25 and the church will reimburse the businesses that provide the assistance. The voucher requires the person requesting the assistance to write his or her name, date of birth, social security number, address, auto license number, state, drivers license number and state and how many people need help, what kind of assistance and the vendor, plus a space for comments. The applicant must sign the voucher. The voucher states it cannot be used for purchase of tobacco or alcohol.

Vinson said the vouchers will be used to help track the individuals receiving help. One of the policy guidelines is to provide emergency food assistance to anyone on a one-time basis. After the first time, food will be distributed

to the person only following counseling. Records will be kept of each time a person receives food or clothing. This will help determine whether the individual has a legitimate need or is abusing the program, then provide counseling to help the individual become more self sufficient.

Bethesda Outreach will also provide individuals assistance with rent, utilities and other needs such as minor medical

or emergency auto expenses. Financial assistance will be given only after personal counseling with the individual. However this policy exempts assistance to illegal aliens and couples living together out of wedlock.

Christ Community Fellowship is accepting donations of clothing or money for its outreach program. Checks can be made out to "Bethesda" and deposited at Ruidoso State Bank Capitan branch. Clothing, especially men's winter clothing, can be taken to the Christ Community Fellowship church building at 517 Smokey Bear Blvd. The congregation has set up a Bethesda Room in the building to display the clothing. Now they have plenty of women's winter clothing. The room is open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Anyone in need of clothing or other assistance can come to the room during those hours, or can call 354-5042 and leave a message at any time. There is no charge for the clothing.

Anyone wishing to help with the Bethesda program can call the same number and leave a message.



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OBITUARY

CLINT OWENS

Clint Owens, 83, died Nov. 17 at this home in Capitan. He was born Dec. 14, 1914 in Brady, TX.

He is survived by one sister, Hilda McDonald of Midland, TX, and four brothers, Alton Owens of Ballinger, TX, Tommy Owens of Hillsboro, TX, Jerry Owens of Odessa, TX, and Bill and Damon Owens of Montana.

Services were held Nov. 21 in Ballinger, TX with Rev. Tony King officiating.

ENCARNACION (CHONA) MUNOZ

Encarnacion (Chona) Munoz, 80, of Ruidoso Downs died Nov. 12. She was born March 1, 1918 in Oklahoma. She was the widow of Gerardo Munoz, Sr., who died in 1989.

She is survived by daughter Carmen Pautsky of Ruidoso Downs; son Gerardo Munoz Jr., two sisters, Andrea Garcia of Wichita Falls, TX and Celia Alvarez of Ralls, TX, and six grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 16 with Rev. Manuel Davila officiating at Crestview, TX.

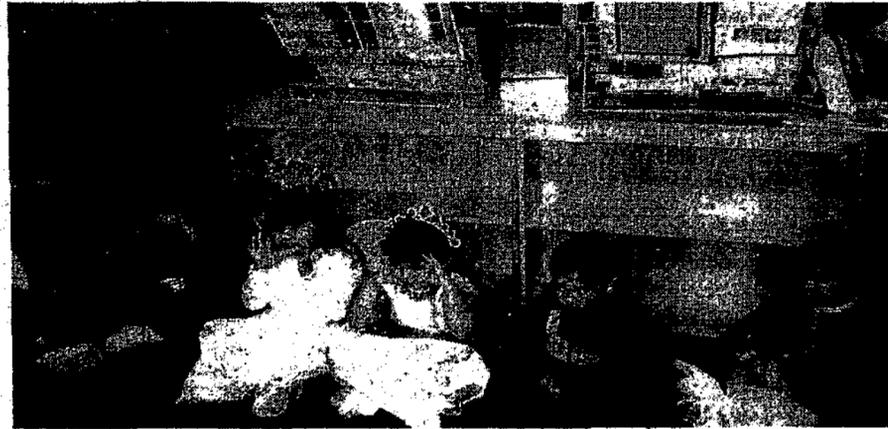
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Letters to

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future, would be profoundly diverse.

For nine years, patrons of this event have come from miles around to relive western tradition. A multitude of performers, each demonstrating a style of entertainment synonymous with the old west, spill their emotions through hours of cowboy poetry, story telling, outdoor events, and music. Chuckwagons provide authentic trail dinners on land which has hosted many such meals for centuries. An abundance of vendors exhibit artistic and useful products very similar to those of times past, many of which are hand-made. Each night during this special occasion, a country dance is held where individuals, young and old alike, gather to revel in a friendly and festive atmosphere.

This event is customarily held in an area which provides a multitude of historical significance. Many of the vicinity's residents are direct descendants of its earliest settlers. These elements, coupled with the rural landscape, contribute immeasurably to the old west theme the Symposium has so diligently displayed.

In sharp contrast to the rural Glencoe, the Ruidoso Downs Race Track offers an atmosphere filled with hype and fast paced action. To move an event that memorializes rustic western customs to a location plagued with modernization would be detrimental to its thriving existence, and provide a contradictory expression of traditional cowboy ways.

With the anticipated erection of a casino and hotel situated at the Downs Track, there would undoubtedly be ample space for an array of performers and vendors, though it would raise a question of quality in direct relation to old style cowboy authenticity. Vendors of merchandise that do not exemplify relevance to the cowboy world would increasingly occupy larger spaces, eventually overtaking the smaller hometown "mom and pop" peddlers of today's Symposium.

It is probable that chuckwagon dinners would be served by multiplying numbers of makeshift "want-to-be" as opposed to truly authentic wagoners. The necessity to place these wagons on the track's infield would almost certainly be followed by numerous regulations to insure the preservation of the well-kept lawn. Among the first of these rules would inevitably be the banning of in-ground pits generally utilized with this type of cooking.

Though the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, much like the Glencoe area, is rich with history, the origination of this history is very different. The track's memoirs descend from race horses, trainers, owners, and jockeys, most of which were not born in New Mexico, nor do they carry a lineage from this State. Also, the traditions and customs of "tracksters" are not equivalent to those of old west cowboys.

In order to ease the contrast in atmosphere from rustic Glencoe to the exciting pace of the Downs Track, it would be necessary to involve performers and vendors who do not represent customary cowboy ways, values, and ethics. In doing so, the modernization of this event would be inevitable, and ultimately destroy the traditions standing since its establishment. To host the Cowboy Symposium in this flavor would gravely disgrace the authenticity of this tradition and be unworthy of the effort required to undertake such a project.

KIMBERLY NOSKER
Ruidoso, New Mexico

Calendar of

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

—Santa Rita Church Quilting Group craft show and bake sale, 11:30 a.m. Parish Hall.

DECEMBER 8

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needs to be addressed. "I hate to think we would have a vacant house because we have no one to operate it," Howell said.

Commissioners delayed action on the resolution authorizing application for the CDBG until later in the meeting, hoping to contact Elias about the reduced funding for the project. Unable to contact Elias, county manager Tom Stewart adjusted the project resolution and capital project description that must accompany the CDBG application to reflect the project would total \$400,000.

Also on the advice of Elias, commissioners approved increasing the county match to the CDBG to \$25,000. Stewart said Elias advised that the higher match would give the county more points toward winning the CDBG. Montes asked if there was somewhere the money could be transferred from. Howell said he had a problem with obligating more money with the county's financial picture in a cloud. County finance officer Punkin Schlarb suggested the \$5,000 be "in-kind" services. With that advice, commissioners approved the \$25,000 with the \$5,000 to be in-kind service.

As part of the CDBG process, commissioners approved a new Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) that showed the Safe House as one of the county's projects.

In 1991, commissioners applied for and received a \$250,000 CDBG to rehabilitate homes belonging to low income and elderly people in the county. A contingency of the CDBG was the homes could not be sold within a 10 year compliance period, or if the homes were sold, any money above the original value of the house would be prorated and sent back to the state, not the heirs.

Since the completion of the project several of the elderly home owners have died, and their heirs or benefactors have been unable to sell or transfer the homes. Montes said he did not think the heirs should be penalized and he made the motion to waive the compliance period of the 1991 CDBG. Commissioners unanimously voted in favor of the motion.

Another grant the county has is for the 911 Rural Addressing project. When commissioners had no county manager, they appointed county attorney Alan Morel as the grant's contact person. Now with the new manager, Morel requested the manager become the contact person. Morel said Stewart has qualifications in mapping. Commissioners unanimously approved the transfer from Morel to Stewart as the 911 grant contact person.



Indigent Care Hearing

A town meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse, commissioners meeting room for indigent health care fund and for the county and maternal child health plan updates. The meeting is sponsored by the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Board. The public is invited to attend. Call Wanda Gielow de Figueroa at 378-7197 for more information.

Ruidoso Library Open House

A Christmas Open House will be held at the Ruidoso Public Library December 7 through 11. Sponsored by Friends of the Library Ruidoso Woman's Club. Refreshments will be served, prize drawings daily.

RC&D Meets Tuesday

The South Central Mountain RC&D Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 9:30 a.m. at the Smokey Bear Ranger District office, 901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Agenda items include a report on the state RC&D council foundation initiative, reports and project updates. The public is invited to attend.

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The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your payments **MUST** be postmarked Dec. 10, 1998.

INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979).

PENALTY on taxes that become delinquent, shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each month they remain unpaid, (Statute 7-38-50).

By NM State Law, property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received. Mail payment or contact us at the address and phone number listed below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills.

Thank you.

Joan E. Park
Lincoln County Treasurer
P.O. Box 709, Carrizozo, NM 88301
648-2397 or 648-2525

Deer Park Roads To Get Maintenance

by Doris Cherry

Two roads in a bankrupt development in the Alto area will get minimal county maintenance.

Lincoln County Commissioners authorized the minimal maintenance on portions of Antler and Reindeer Drives during their regular meeting November 6. Deer Park Valley resident Earl Hobbs had requested the maintenance at the October commission meet-

ing, but his request was tabled because the county was being sued concerning the roads.

At the November 6 meeting county attorney Alan Morel said the roads in Deer Park Valley have been a long standing issue and there have been about five requests to open roads in the nine, separate units of the development. Morel said the road review committee and himself, county road supervisor Albert Hernandez, and the county planning officer Patsy Sanchez went out to view the roads in question. Morel said the problem is with the developer Lakeside Corporation, Ed Blaughran who filed bankruptcy, then died in the middle of the project. Although almost done, the roads were dedicated to the county, but never accepted after the two year test wear period. Hernandez said the cost to improve the roads could exceed \$27,000. Also some of the roads were never built.

Hobbs said he believed the minimal maintenance requested for portions of Antler and Reindeer Drive would not cost more than \$1,000. He said there are about 12 homes on the portions of the two drives.

Morel said one of the problems with the development is people want to construct homes on the areas where the roads need extensive maintenance. The county commission has the discretion on how

much maintenance a road receives. But the county must maintain the road properly to avoid liability problems.

County commissioner Wilton Howell said there has to be some mechanism for subdivision owners to pay for maintenance, or declare their roads to be private. Since road front footage is the only mechanism available for extra maintenance now, Howell suggested the county go to the legislature to adjust the road front footage laws to accommodate subdivision property owners who can vote for the footage fees by mail. County commission chairman Ray Nunley said that could be a legislative priority for the county.

Hobbs said he and the 10 other property owners who signed a petition just want grading with a crown and a light overlay of compacted gravel. He also said the Reindeer and Antler Drives are part of an emergency fire evacuation route from Alto Village. The evacuation route was recently published by the Alto Property Owner's Association. But Hobbs said Reindeer and Antler in their current state are virtually impassable.

County commissioner Rex Wilson said he thought the county should grant the homeowners what they ask for and nothing more.

Road review committee member E.J. Fouratt said he thought providing maintenance to the unaccepted roads was setting a "very dangerous precedent for the future." He said the people paid for the roads to be built, but the county dropped the ball in the past and never accepted the roads. Morel said if commissioners accept any of the roads for maintenance they have to be real, clear what roads are included. "If we deny any the land owners may sue us to force us to take

the roads," Morel said.

County commissioner Monroy Montes said if the county accepts a portion, it may have to accept all of the roads. Then Montes asked if the county could declare the maintenance of a portion of the roads under a "Health, Welfare and Safety" issue because the roads are used for the evacuation route for Alto Village. Morel agreed - the county could use that argument.

Howell made the motion to do minimal maintenance - mowing and blading with no base course - on portions of Antler and Reindeer Drives as a health, welfare and safety issue. All commissioners voted yes.

On another road issue, commissioners approved a

request to vacate an alleyway in the Nogal Townsite in Blocks 24 and 37, and to open the remaining 125 feet of Hockridge Street from Highway 37 to the intersection of Dry Gulch Road. Requestor W.D. McCutchen provided the county with corrected mylars of the project, as requested at the last county commission meeting.

Commissioners also approved the county manager's recommendation to award bid of \$525 for a gas welder valued at \$500 to Pete's Backhoe Service; \$3,510 for a diesel truck valued at \$5000 to Robert Hnulik; rejected the \$6,100 bid from Mountain States Welder for a John Deere motorgrader/blade valued at \$12,000 because the bid was too low; accepted the \$160 bid for an Airce welder valued at \$200 from Pete's Backhoe Service and rejected the \$100 bid from Ruth

Hambard for a Lanier Copier valued at \$1000 because it was too low, instead the copier will be donated to a senior center. The values were not listed with the advertisement inviting sealed bids for the surplus county road department equipment.

Graduates From Basic

Army National Guard Pvt. Edward N. Misquez has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK to be a member of the Army National Guard or Reserve Split-options program which allows students between their junior and senior years of high school to attend national guard or reserve weekend drills while still in school and pursue a military career specialty after they graduate from high school. He is a student at Ruidoso High School and is the son of Margie Misquez of Ruidoso.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Rural Addressing Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 8, 1998 for public hearings. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
A. Name private road east of Highway 48, milemarker 14.
B. Name private road off of Santiago Lane in The Ranchos of Sonterra Subdivision.
C. Name private road off County Road 23 in Section 19, Township 9 S, Range 14 East.
D. Request for name change from Cedar Crest Road in Loma Grande Acres Subdivision.

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LEGALS

RESOLUTION #2-1998
UPPER HONDO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1) through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any

proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Hondo SWCD on this 5th day of November, 1998, that:

1. Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD shall ordinarily be held on the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office located on Smokey Bear Boulevard (Hwy 380 West - Forest Service Complex), Captain, NM. A proposed agenda will be available from the District Clerk. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular

meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting to the Ruidoso and Lincoln County News.

2. Special meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. The Lincoln County and Ruidoso News will be notified by telephone.

3. Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the board of supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office in Captain, at Ruidoso State Bank in Captain, the Post Office at Ruidoso, and other pertinent places.

4. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Upper Hondo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion of action is included in Sub-section E of the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:

(1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and

(2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstance, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.

John A. Cooper, Chairman
DATE: November 5, 1998

This resolution passed upon motion by Mary Shanks and second by Robert Rannels with vote as follows:

John A. Cooper (Yes)
James Sanchez (Yes)
Richard Phillips (Absent)
Fred Pflingsten (Absent)
Mary Shanks (Yes)
Robert Rannels (Yes)
Bob Boebinger (Absent)

ATTEST:
Sue Ann Stearns

DATE: 11/5/98
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Board of Education for the Carrizozo Municipal Schools is soliciting qualification based proposals from all interested providers of professional architectural services as deemed necessary by the district. Responding firms (offerors) must submit eight copies of their proposal, in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled "Architectural Services Proposal" along with the offeror's complete firm name and address. Improper identification may result in failure to consider the proposal. A one year contract, renewable annually, will be entered into with the successful firm. This district further reserves the right to terminate architectural services upon written 30-day notice.

Firms will be selected on their past experience in high school facility design and ability to complete projects on time and within estimated cost projections. Firms wishing additional information may contact Glens Goodwin, Superintendent, at (505) 648-2348, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Proposals must be delivered to: Carrizozo Municipal Schools, P.O. Box 99, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Deadline for Submission: DECEMBER 11, 1998 - 12:00 P.M.

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LEGAL NOTICE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 1998
8:00 A.M.
RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 beginning at 8:00 A.M., to be held in the Civic Events Center in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is the recharter by Conveying Board of recount, check of the November 3, 1998 General Election and to consider other proper business that comes before the Board. Agenda will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at (505) 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARtha Guevara
Assistant
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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CV98-44

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES,
a federal savings bank,
Plaintiff,
vs.

MELVIN H. NELSON and
CARLA JO NELSON,
husband and wife, **MICHAEL WILLIAMS,**
and **REBECCA MONCRIEF,**
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee 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 702 Harris, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico; and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 6 Block 5 of VALLEY VIEW SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, August 1, 1949.

The sale is to begin at 11:30 a.m. on December 21, 1998, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New 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 Plaintiff Matrix Financial Services.

Matrix Financial Services was awarded a Judgment on October 22, 1998, in the principal sum of \$15,600.50, plus interest thereon through October 22, 1998, in the sum of \$1,775.16, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.13% per annum (\$4.33 per diem) until paid; plus late charges through October 1998 in the sum of \$137.90, plus escrow credit in the amount of \$1,094.67, plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by Plaintiff in the sum of \$2,001.33, with interest thereon from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 10.13% per annum; plus costs incurred by Plaintiff from October 22, 1998, until the date of sale, including the Special Master's Fee of \$158.62, 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 Melvin H. Nelson, Carla Jo Nelson, Michael Williams, and Rebecca Moncrief as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

DIANE DOYLE
Special Master c/o
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