

# County Entities Testify At State Capital Saturday

by Doris Cherry

Again this year, as in years past, billions of dollars of requests for state money have poured into the state legislature from communities and governmental entities statewide.

Communities and entities in Lincoln County are no exception.

Part of the routine of making those requests involves appearance before the house and senate capital outlay subcommittees.

Last Saturday, several

Lincoln County folks traveled to Santa Fe to testify on behalf of their capital outlay appropriation requests before the House Capital Outlay Subcommittee. The committee meeting began at 9 a.m. and went until 5 p.m. and a lunch break. The Lincoln County folks sat all day through dozens of testimonies from groups wanting a piece of the \$80 million state pie.

Subcommittee members and their counties are representatives Dub Williams (Lincoln), Jerry Sandel (San Juan Co.),

George Buffet (Albuquerque), Pauline Gubbles (Albuquerque), Anna Marie Crook (Clovis), Eddie Sandoval (Albuquerque) and Donald Whitaker (Lea Co.) co-chairmen, Bobby Gonzales (Taos Co.), Ben Lujan (Santa Fe) and Fred Luna (Los Lunas). During the day many of those legislators wandered in and out of the room, often talking with the others, some never listening to what was being presented. Some members, including Williams, serve on the Education Committee that

was conducting a parents input hearing at the same time Saturday, and came into the subcommittee meeting later.

The first of the Lincoln County requests was from New Horizons Developmental Center. The center's buildings and land belong to Lincoln County and lack fire safety sprinklers and fire alarms. When Jenny Kelly, center director, got to make her presentation it was about noon. Committee members politely listened and made

little comment, except to clarify that the facility belonged to the county.

Right after New Horizons, Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst got to make his presentation for two water storage tanks for Ruidoso Downs. Committee members asked the mayor about the village's new Walmart Supercenter and why the village didn't have its own funding to construct the tanks. Hayhurst said Ruidoso Downs was the fastest growing village in the state last

year, and was in dire need of more water storage. He cited the new demands for water that will come when the new casino at the race track is completed and the added demand for water from the Walmart store. Ruidoso Downs Trustee Ray Hayhurst also spoke on behalf of the request.

Then by some negotiation on the part of Rep. Williams, Jerry Wright, chairman, and Joe Hayhurst, manager, of

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## High Winds Rock County Area Again

Converging high and low pressure systems stirred up winds over Lincoln County on Wednesday.

Only two weeks after high winds blasted parts of Ruidoso and Alto causing extensive property damages, the winds are back.

This time the high winds were wide-spread in the area, not just isolated to the Ruidoso-Alto areas. Sierra Blanca Regional Airport manager Tim Morris reported the highest wind gust at the airport on Fort Stanton Mesa at 65 knots, which translates into 72 miles per hour. He said the airport updates the National Weather Service on conditions at the airport and provides weather reports for pilots through the All Weather Observation System, which is a satellite system. The information is disseminated every 15 minutes for pilots to make their own judgement about landing at the airport.

Morris said Sierra Blanca Regional Airport does not shut down its runways during high winds, unless there has been an accident or some other obstruction on the runway. He said an airplane did land earlier Wednesday but had no problems. Morris said the only time the airport would be closed was if there was no visibility due to snow. Wednesday, Morris said the only thing he could see that would impede visibility will be the White Sands dust that settles over the area if winds are high in the Tularosa basin.

In the Village of Ruidoso, Ruidoso police department reported winds up to 51 miles per hour. Dispatch there said they had received no reports of any new damage due to the winds.

Carrizozo had high winds, carrizozo had severe winds, flags at the Lincoln County Courthouse were taken down early. There were no reports of any damage, however previous winds had blown off metal from the little league ball field dugouts.

Poly carts and trash cans county-wide were blowing

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**CARRIZOZO MAYOR MANNY HERNANDEZ** and State Rep. Dub Williams present the Town of Carrizozo's funding request during the House Capital Outlay Subcommittee meeting on Saturday at the State Capitol. Carrizozo developer Tommy Vargas distributed pictures of the town's deteriorating sewer plant to members of the committee. Carrizozo requests \$2.2 million to build a new sewer treatment plant. The subcommittee tables capital outlay requests until all are presented. Requests are then reviewed and some are selected for funding. So far there have been about \$1 billion in requests for the \$80 million in state funds available for capital outlay projects.

## Carrizozo Will Advertise To Re-Bid Street Project

by Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees met Tuesday, Feb. 9. Mayor Manuel Hernandez, and trustees James Silva, Eileen Lovelace, Wesley Lindsay, and Cynthia Morales were present. Town clerk Carol Schlarb was present. Representing Schlarb was deputy town clerk Margaret LaBelle.

Isaac Camacho, from The Land Group, told the trustees that The Land Group's recommendation was to re-bid the street improvement project, which is the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project and state highway coop project. Armstrong bid of \$334,954.94; however this bid exceeded the engineer's estimate by 19 percent and the construction budget by 10 percent. Camacho said that the CDBG requirement is that when the bid exceeds the construction budget by 10 percent the town needs to re-bid the project.

Camacho listed the options: 1.) reject all the bids and re-bid the projects, he said there would probably be a reduction in the bids; but he was not

sure that it would be enough; 2.) explore funding options available to make up the difference; 3.) reduce the scope of the project.

Reducing the scope of the project was discussed at length. Camacho pointed out several areas that could be reduced or removed completely. Trustees were given a list of the bid tabulation of both projects and compared the items in the project, the engineer's estimate of unit price for each of the items, and the six contractors who submitted bids and their unit price for each item.

The item for process, placing, compact existing pavement was one of the areas Camacho said could be removed from the project. This item is for taking up existing pavement on several of the streets, breaking it up into smaller pieces, compacting it and then set it putting it back down. He said this was not essential to the project and could be eliminated and shift that to removal of surfacing which comes in at a lower price. He figured that would save about \$2,000.

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## Capitan Needs A New Doctor

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Trustees are looking for a new doctor.

After regular business during the Capitan village meeting Monday, Feb. 8, Capitan Municipal Judge Jack Johnson asked trustees what the village can do about the possible loss of Dr. David Rouleau.

Johnson said he heard that Dr. Rouleau posted an announcement that he will be closing his office and leaving Capitan on March 1. Mayor Norman Renfro confirmed the

report and said he has contacted Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann for his help in finding a doctor to serve the community. Johnson suggested the village inquire into a program that brings newly graduated doctors to small communities, and to contact Lincoln County Medical Center for any help.

Trustees also discussed trying to get Physician's Assistant Ernie Gonzales to come to the village for a one-day a week clinic, as he does in Corona and Hondo. However,

the village would have to provide a space for a clinic. The village will continue to look for a new doctor.

Trustees decided the village should increase the size of its cemetery. After a closed session trustees unanimously approved a motion to pursue land acquisition to expand the cemetery. The land will be adjacent to the existing cemetery on Long Road.

Trustees took two other actions after their closed session. They approved the motion to send Eagle Creek Water Board and the Village of Ruidoso a letter regarding the water rights under the stipulated agreement. During the meeting, Eagle Creek member and trustee Debra Ingle said on January 1, the state engineer's office approved the transfer of 838.88 acre feet of water rights from Eagle Creek to the Capitan village well. However, the village cannot begin using those water rights until a gauging station is constructed on Eagle Creek. Ingle said she would know more about the status of the construction of the gauging station after the Eagle Creek board meeting which was to be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Ruidoso. The meeting was changed from the original 6:30 p.m. at Capitan village hall to accommodate Ruidoso Eagle Creek members who were obligated to attend another event Wednesday evening.

Along with more water, the village will have more hours for its Motor Vehicles Department.

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**NEW HORIZONS DIRECTOR Jenny Kelly** and Rep. Dub Williams make a presentation for funds to install a fire safety sprinkler system in the county-owned New Horizons Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults in Carrizozo before the House Capital Outlay Subcommittee at the state capitol on Saturday. Behind Williams and Kelly are some of the large group of people who waited all day to give testimony to their projects, including Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson, county manager Tom Stewart, and Lincoln County Fair Association members Craig Whipple and Billy Bob Shafer.

## County Receives Another Offer For Glencoe Center

by Doris Cherry

A facility that sat unwanted and little used is now in great demand--too great.

In November, Hondo Valley Schools made an offer to Lincoln County Commissioners to manage the Glencoe Rural Events Center (GREC), similar to the arrangement for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. County commissioners, faced with putting the facility in a caretaker status, unanimously accepted the offer and directed the county attorney to begin preparing a lease agreement.

Then on Monday, February 1 during a special meeting of the Lincoln County Commission, held in the Ruidoso village hall, commissioners delayed any action on the proposed lease to allow the Hondo Valley Public School attorney to review it. Also another group approached the commission, claiming they wanted it for a Roping Hall of Fame.

Hondo Valley Public Schools Superintendent Barbara Casey said she received the draft copy of the agreement only that morning and did not have time to forward it to the

school attorney to review and comment on. However Casey, after reading the draft, said she found several contradictions and had concerns about some of the wording, and the length of the agreement, four instead of five years.

County attorney Alan Morel said most of the objectionable language was required by the US Department of Agriculture since it had granted the county funds to construct the rodeo arena. He said all that really needed to be done was fill in the blanks for the

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# County Receives Another

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amount to be paid to the school to manage the facility and the length of time of the lease.

Casey said she understood the gist of the agreement, but thought the language needed clarified to specify the county owns the facility and has ultimate say on what is done. Along with Casey came the Hondo FFA, and National Honor Society students, several teachers and community members, including former county commissioner Monroy Montes.

But now on the verge of

getting an entity to take over management of the GREC, several groups are contacting commissioners individually wanting the GREC.

County commissioner Wilton Howell said the county needs assurance from the school that outside groups will be allowed to use the GREC. Howell said he and county commissioner Ray Nunley (who was absent from the meeting due to a family member with medical problems) had been contacted by a group of people wanting to hold events at the GREC, but the group needed a covered arena.

Casey said Hondo Schools are prepared to work with groups willing to work with the school to first benefit the students, then the community. "It would be wonderful if they want to work with us and the county for fund raisers and events to better the center and to bring cultural events," Casey said.

Howell then said another group in the Hondo Valley wants to use the facility for rodeos and ropings. Casey said the school has no problem working with those groups, and is already working with one group that is arranging to rent the facility in May, August and September.

Then Jim Millar got up to the podium and said he and top roping cowboy Roy Cooper want the GREC for Cooper's rodeos and a Roping Hall of Fame. "We want the facility, but not under any entity,"

Millar said. Millar said he did not know what the school could put into the facility that would bring 100,000 people. "What we propose will," he added.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson asked Millar when he and Cooper first became interested in the GREC. Millar said when he first heard it would be let for nothing, then added, "during the Cowboy Symposium (held in early October)." Wilson told Millar that the county went out for request for proposals in 1998 and got only a few responses.

Howell said he did not believe the school would use the entire facility. But Millar said it would take the entire building for the Roping Hall of Fame.

Howell then suggested Millar talk with the school. He also said it is difficult for the county to deal with a private group directly, instead it is easier for the county to deal with a school since it is a government to government arrangement.

But Wilson suggested Millar go to the GREC Advisory Board, and then called for that board to meet to discuss the situation. "When the county first bought the Glencoe Center we talked of this type of attraction, but it never came to fruition," Wilson said. "You may be the right team to overcome that."

"It's amazing," Howell responded. "That in the last five years, two or three of us hung on to the GREC. Now that we have one interested in it, we have several wanting it."

County commissioner Rick Simpson, whose district includes GREC, said he was contacted by a group that is interested in working with the school or the GREC advisory board to put on events. "I think they can work together," Simpson said.

Toward the end of the discussion, Howell said he hoped the commission would honor its commitment to Hondo schools and keep that in mind when asking the GREC Advisory Board to meet. Wilson said he would support the commitment to Hondo Schools, then asked that the two groups try to "iron out the differences" in the management agreement.

Casey said the school is willing to work with whatever entity or group that is out there wanting to use the facility. She said the county commission had decided to work with Hondo Valley Schools as the managing entity. She also said she appreciated the other groups who believe they can do wonderful things with the GREC. "Let's work together," Casey concluded. "I'll be happy to meet with the commission, or advisory board."

Howell said Hondo Schools had his commitment, Wilson said the county is working in that direction, Simpson and county commissioner Bill Schwettmann had no other comments.

Commissioners also authorized Wilson to sign a letter of support to the Lincoln County Historical Society that is seeking a \$6,000 to \$8,000 grant from the New Mexico Historical Documents Advisory Board for a project to undertake a survey and identify the sources of all types of historical documents and information about Lincoln County. Lincoln County Historical Society member Stan Monks said the project would also generate a plan to collect, preserve and disseminate the information. The group plans to solicit information by advertising. The county would not have to provide any matching funds, Monks said.



**AN EDUCATION IN LISTENING.** Rep. Dub Williams listens intently to testimony given by parents during a special Saturday meeting of the House Education Committee held in the House chambers in the State Capitol building. Many parents spoke in favor of more charter schools and additional funding to public schools. Some were opposed to school vouchers. Williams is carrying the governor's voucher bill. Also pictured are Rep. Gail Beam (left) from Albuquerque, Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton (back row) from Albuquerque and Rep. Bobby Gonzales of Taos.

# County Entities Testify

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the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) made dual presentations for funds to buy land and construct a solid waste transfer station for the communities served by LCSWA. Again legislators asked why LCSWA did not raise its rates to cover the costs. Wright and Hayhurst said LCSWA, the first regional solid waste authority in the state, does not have rate setting abilities and must rely on the member entities for that. Committee members, while not totally attentive, listened politely enough and asked the few questions.

After those first presentations from Lincoln County entities, 12 other requests from other areas of the state were presented before the last 10 requests from Lincoln County entities. Finally at 4 p.m. Carrizozo Mayor Manny Hernandez made his requests for funding to upgrade the town sewer treatment plant, complete with pictures of the decaying outdated system currently used. He also requested funding to upgrade the town hall.

Hondo Schools followed Carrizozo's presentation. Former state representative and Hondo School superintendent Barbara Casey made four presentations on behalf of the Hondo Schools. School board members Jim McTeigue and Curtis McTeigue were also at the hearing.

After Casey presented her requests, it was finally the Lincoln County Fair Association's turn to give testimony. All day, Lincoln County Commission Chairman Rex Wilson and county manager Tom Stewart sat waiting their turn to support the requests from the Lincoln County Fair Association for money to upgrade the county fairgrounds in Capitan. Fair association members Craig Whipple and Billy Bob Shafer presented the information. Committee members asked why the fair association did not go to the village of Capitan for money to improve the fairgrounds.

Capitan Village Clerk Deborah Cummins, and Capitan Trustee Benny Coker were also at the committee hearing to testify on the village's request for funding for water system improvements, which was scheduled after the fair association requests. Cummins, who was in the room during the fair association testimony, rose to speak about the village's inability to provide any funds for the county owned fairgrounds. A rude comment was made about Cummins by one of the legislators. Cummins said she was so embarrassed that, in her opinion, she was

unable to make an effective presentation for the Village of Capitan.

Rep. Dub Williams address is Room 416, State Capitol Building, Santa Fe, NM 87501. The telephone number

is 986-4454. To make comment about any proposed legislation, or behavior of legislators, written correspondence carries more weight than a telephone message that can be misplaced by secretaries.

# C'zozo Will Advertise

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Another item Camacho said was not essential was prime coat. This is an oil that is shot on top of the base course which keeps the moisture in until the hot mix is put on. This could save about \$4,000.

The item to replace all existing signs and posts on the street also could be eliminated, Camacho said. The town could do this and save about \$3,100.

When The Land Group first brought in the pavement design it was for 1 1/2 inches of hot mix. Trustees decided to raise that to 2 inches. Camacho said that they could go back to the 1 1/2 inches of hot mix on all streets except E Avenue. He recommended keeping the 2 inches of hot mix on E Avenue due to the anticipated truck traffic on

that road. This would save about \$8,000.

Another option would be to reduce the base course on the bid and save about \$5,000.

Trustees approved The Land Group re-advertising the original bid and the alternative bid with the above changes. Camacho was asked about a time table on the new bidding and he said it would be about a month before they would be opening the new bids. He said the changes he has to make to get the bid ready to publish will take about a week and the bid has to be advertised for two weeks. The town has applied for a nine-month extension from February 28. Camacho said that with the extension there should be plenty of time for the new bid and completion of the project.

# Winds Rock County

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around, rocked by the high winds that usually occur in the spring. The warm winter and an approaching cold front from the west stirred up the winds, that were predicted by the weather service. The service also predicted Thursday's temperatures would be 10 to 20 degrees colder than Wednesday's warm highs. Chances for precipitation however, were less than 10 percent.

Such high winds, and lack of moisture, this early in the year have fire officials concerned about high fire dangers this spring and early summer. Already the National Forest Fire Danger signs are showing High, warning visitors and residents to be careful with fire. Officials urge every-

one to not have outdoor fires of any sort during high winds. In past dry years, both the US Forest Service, and state forestry division prohibited the use of outdoor fire for camping or brush control by late spring and early summer.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS


# Ruidoso Clarifies Fees For Building Permits

by Doris Cherry  
Last year the Village of Ruidoso got notice from its auditor that it was inconsistent in how it charged building permit fees.

Village auditor Ronnie Hemphill in the 1997-98 audit report made a finding on how the village calculated its building permit fees and noted that the village ordinances did not specify which valuation methods to use. As a result village planning employees were inconsistent in how they determined valuation and often lacked sufficient support on what was charged. Hemphill recommended the village develop and exclusively use a new permit form and amend the village ordinance to reflect a valuation method that all staff should use.

Tuesday, February 9, Ruidoso village councilors held a public hearing to adopt amendments to the village ordinance that changed how building permit values are determined. No one spoke against the proposed changes, and no one spoke on behalf of them. Hemphill, in written comment about the proposed amendments, stated the proposed changes would resolve the issues noted in his June 30, 1998 audit report.

Councilors unanimously adopted the amendment that changed wording in the village ordinance concerning determination of value of building permits when the owner or contractor provides a signed contract stating the value of the construction. The amendment language reads: "Where the owner or contractor provides a signed contract stating the value of construction, such value shall be used in calculating the permit fee under the following condi-

tions: 1) work involved is for renovation of an existing structure when no new square footage is added and/or no International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) valuation covers the work involved; 2) contract value is greater than ICBO valuation and involves quality of work which is better than ICBO listed valuation for work involved."

The amendment did not change the section of the ordinance that requires building officials to determine value of the building permit fees based on regionally adjusted building valuation data published by the ICBO in the Building Standards publication amended yearly based on then current valuation data.

Councilors also held a public hearing on a zone map amendment changing the zoning designation for Lots 1-13 in Block 5 of the Midway Townsite Subdivision and Lot A in Carters Park Subdivision from C-2 community business zoning to C-3 mid-town commercial zoning. As there were no objections to the zoning change, councilors unanimously adopted the amendment.

Another planning department change was approved to allow Charles Mansfield to make two lots from one lot in Block 4 of the first addition to Cress Meadows Heights Subdivision. There was some discussion about requiring the applicant to move a driveway to provide a better line of sight. Mayor Robert Donaldson said he was concerned about requiring a 20 foot line of sight for residential properties, because to him it sounded more like a commercial property requirement.

Village planning officer Cleatus Richards said residen-

tial and commercial property driveways need a clear view to be safe. However, Richards said an amendment to the line of sight requirement for residential properties is "in order."

Councilors also:  
--Approved the mayor's appointment of Bart Young to the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful committee, and councilor Bob Sterchi as ex-officio member of the Arts Commission.

--Approved the consent agenda with: Approval to continue the \$9,211 grant for New Mexico Victim of Crime Advocate program that employs part time coordinator Dawna Reyes; Bid award for Grindstone Dam Raw Water

Treatment and Re-use facility to Carl Kelly Construction for \$165,497.85; Scheduled a public hearing on March 9 for amendments to the ordinance pertaining to architectural controls that would prohibit new temporary or portable carports in all districts.

--Recessed to executive session to discuss purchase, acquisition and/or disposal of real property and/or water rights. After returning to open session, councilors took no action on items discussed in the executive session.

--Heard the clerk announce that councilor Bob Sterchi was still absent because of continuing complications from back surgery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FRIDAYS**  
--Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4082 for information.

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
--Carrizozo Lodger's Tax Advisory Board 1 p.m. town hall conference room.

--Ruidoso Arts and Film Commission 4 p.m. village hall.

--Capitan School Board 6 p.m. administration building. Agenda includes 1999-2000 budget input.

--Otero and Lincoln County Solid Waste Authorities joint meeting, 6 p.m. Tularosa Community Center. Discussion on landfill rates.

--Libertarian Party of Lincoln County 7 p.m. TNM Power Co. Ruidoso.

--No class at Capitan School for Lincoln's Birthday.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
--Presidents' Day, schools, banks, government offices closed.

--Ruidoso Sports Advisory Council 6 p.m. village hall.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
--Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. author-

ity offices Ruidoso Downs.

--Ruidoso P&Z Commission 2 p.m. village hall.

--Carrizozo School Board 6 p.m. administration building.

--Special Carrizozo Town Council meeting 6 p.m. to hold closed session for threatened and/or pending litigation and open session to approve a resolution regarding for waiver from DFA for surplus equipment.

--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7 p.m. Dr. Woods Annex in Lincoln.

--Free parenting course, "Influence or Control?" 7-9 p.m. Ruidoso High School public meeting room.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
--Ash Wednesday, masses at Carrizozo Santa Rita Catholic Church 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. mass at Capitan Sacred Heart 5:30 p.m.

--Jr. High Knowledge Bowl in Hondo.

--Ruidoso Parks & Rec Committee 6:30 p.m. village hall.

--Lincoln County Fair Association 7 p.m. fair grounds office, Capitan.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
--Lincoln County Commission regular meeting 9 a.m. Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Meeting agenda available at county manager's office by February 17.

--Ruidoso Economic Development Ad Hoc committee 4 p.m. village hall.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
--Carrizozo FCE 1 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. meeting room. Program by Connie Hopper on preparing for disaster and Y2K. Meeting date changed this month only.

--Book fair at Carrizozo School all week.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
--No classes at Carrizozo school for inservice day.

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

**MARCH 1**  
--Special Lincoln County Commission meeting 6 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center to hold public hearings on Indigent Health Care Funding and Lincoln County Personnel Ordinance modifications, and to consider variance request for The Preserve Subdivision.

# Councilors Discuss Ruidoso MainStreet

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso's mid town merchants are concerned about the stripes on Sudderth Drive and the upkeep on the wooden benches and trash containers.

During the Ruidoso village council meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, councilor Bill Chance said he had gotten a call from a mid town merchant who was concerned about the striping on Sudderth Drive. The striping paint, a water based latex, has already worn off.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said he spoke with the state highway department district engineer who was surprised to hear the stripes were already gone. Donaldson said he asked if Sudderth Drive, which is also state highway 49, could be placed on a 60 day re-striping schedule. Currently Sudderth Drive is on a 90-day schedule, but the highway department went more than 180 days before it re-striped the street, Donaldson said.

The village is also looking to maintain the mid town benches, trash receptacles and tree planters, Donaldson added. He said hopefully the village can put in new lights and do some re-curbng where the cross walks will be removed. Parks and Recreation director Rafael Salas is checking into replacing the wooden benches and trash cans with wrought iron or some other more permanent material.

Village parks department is also looking to replace all the dead trees and fill the empty planter boxes in the MainStreet area. Donaldson said the village can obtain permits from the forest service to transplant aspen trees from the forest at a minimal cost. The work can be done

internally in the parks department Donaldson said.

Currently the village is working on the designs for the next phase of the MainStreet project. Village manager Alan Briley said the landscape architect for the project has been instructed to plan on vandal proof benches and trash containers, such as ornamental wrought iron.

Donaldson also reported on the meeting of Phase Two of the MainStreet project where participants discussed their wants and needs. While most want new light poles, the wooden poles would cost \$300,000 out of a \$1 million for the project. Most participants also want more and wider sidewalks. Donaldson suggested that instead of putting in brown colored sidewalks that cost an additional \$180,000 for the color, the project install grey concrete sidewalks to maximize the money available. "The key is to learn from the previous mistakes," Donaldson said. "We were not in control before."

Chance said he thought village officials addressed a lot of the concerns for the MainStreet projects. Councilor Ron Anderson said another item of concern is the underground conduits and wiring. Briley said there is no wiring in the conduits. There are two conduits plumbed to every tree stand. One conduit is for wiring and the other is for a water system to drip irrigate the tree stands. Briley said there is a potential the empty electrical conduit will be used to wire the new traffic lights into the existing traffic light at the intersection of Eagle and Sudderth Drives.

*Card of Thanks!*

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Third Grade: Superintendent's - Brian Aragon; A Average - Janis Gonzales; B Average - Alycia Chavez, Brenda Lucero, Patricia Sanchez.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Agenda not available**

By Ruth Hammond

The Lincoln County Commission regular meeting for February will be next Thursday, February 18 at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. When the county commission meetings were held on Tuesdays, the tentative agenda was published in The News the Thursday before the meeting. This information helped the public know in advance what items might be listed on the agenda. It gave people time to contact commissioners before the meeting to express their concerns and wishes on different matters. It also gave people time to arrange their schedules to attend the meetings.

Other items could be added to the agenda until 9 a.m. Monday mornings before the Tuesday meeting. The state Open Meetings Act requires that the finalized agenda for items to be acted upon be posted 24 hours prior to a regular meeting. Last month the county commissioners set the third Thursday of the month for their regular meetings this year. Maybe later in the year the tentative agenda will be available a week in advance to be published, but not this week.

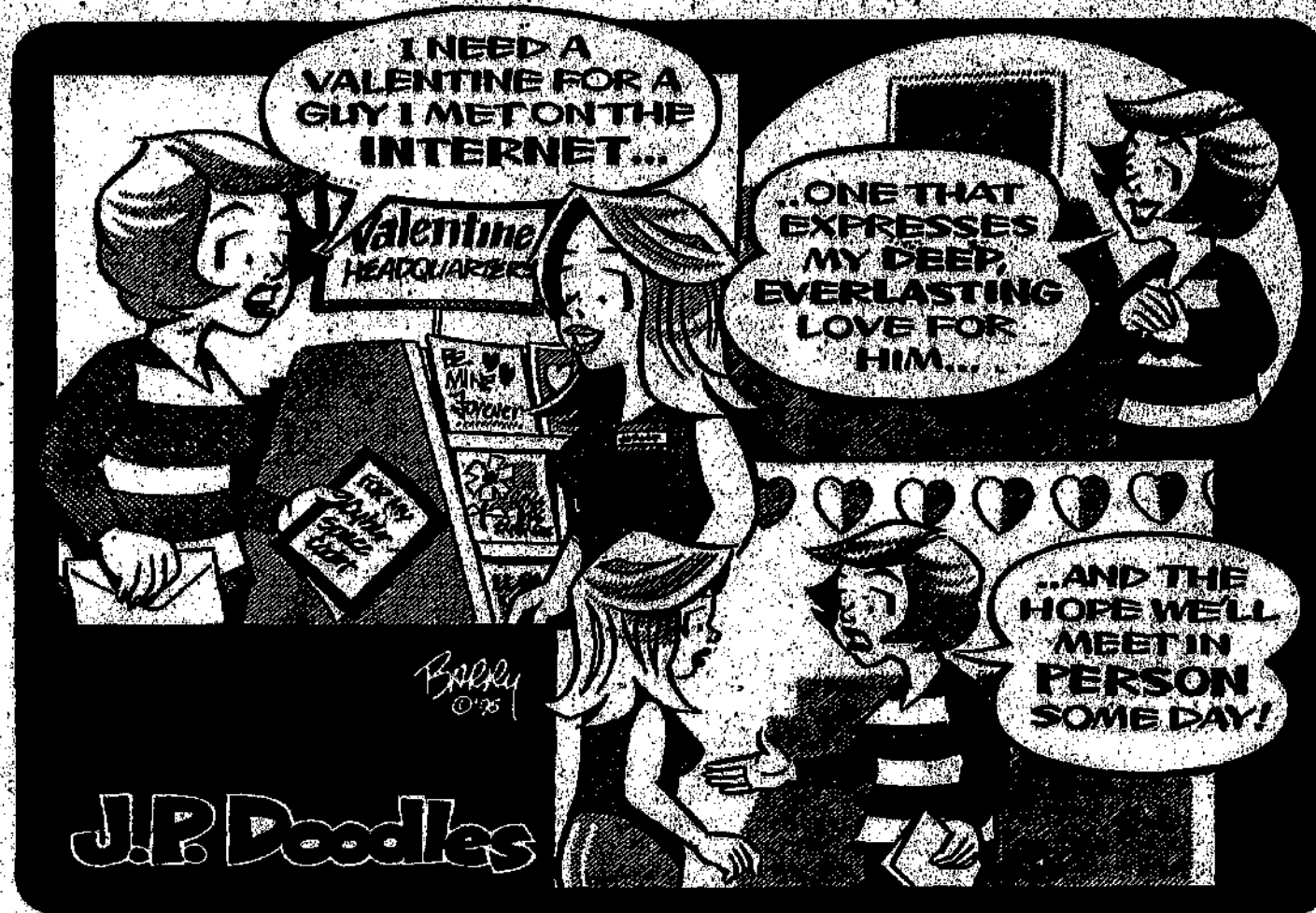
One of the reasons given for changing the meeting date to the third Thursday was to allow more time for financial reports. Maybe it will be a good meeting date but it appears the public will not have the list of agenda items in advance as they had previously. Last month the tentative agenda was not ready by press time and The News published a list of possible agenda items. This month we are not listing possible agenda items, but it is certain the meeting could be quite interesting. Several things need to be considered.

Bring it to the attention of the county commissioners if you want the tentative agenda to be available for publication a week before the meeting. They don't know what you want unless you tell them. You can contact the commissioners individually or you can tell the entire commission during the meeting. The commissioners were elected to represent Lincoln County and you have the right to know how they are representing you and other county residents. If it is important to you to have the tentative agenda available a week in advance, explain to the commissioners that you realize the agenda is not finalized until 24 hours before the meeting but you like to know what issues could be discussed during the meeting.

Another important thing is for people to attend the meetings. This is the best way to learn what actions are being taken and why. The issues about the new county detention center will be decided by the county commissioners but you as county residents need to be involved. Don't wait until after a decision is made and then gripe. Voice your opinions during a meeting as well as talking to the individual commissioners. They do listen to what people say. Many people from around the county attended the public meetings about the jail and made comments during those meetings. It was this involvement by the people that helped commissioners make their decision. They need to know you care enough to be involved.

Don't assume the commissioners know what you want. If you have a definite opinion about the Lincoln County Fairgrounds or the new jail or the Glencoe Rural Events Center or any other county business, tell the county commissioners. Don't wait until after decisions have been made to offer information that could have affected their decisions. Other people might agree with you but you can't assume they will be at the meeting to relay your messages. If you can't attend the meeting in person, write a letter or call one or more of the commissioners to let them know what actions you want them to take. Don't sit at home next Thursday, attend the meeting.

What tentative agenda?



**Ruidoso Lodging Audit Presented At Meeting**

by Doris Cherry

Last fiscal year the Village of Ruidoso collected a total of \$481,091 in lodger's tax funds from lodging establishments.

While most of those Ruidoso lodgers keep accurate records and report their lodgers taxes, at least two either kept poor records, or failed to report all revenues. These deficiencies were noted in a report of the audit of 14 lodging establishments in the Village of Ruidoso.

During the Ruidoso village council meeting Tuesday, February 9, auditor Ronnie Hemphill presented his special report for Lodgers Tax Audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1998. By drawing numbers from a hat, councilors had randomly selected 14 of the 76 lodgers to be audited.

Hemphill said the audits were performed using special agreed upon procedures format of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. His field examinations included sample tests of sales, cash receipts and other records to substantiate the tax reports of lodging entities.

Of the 14 lodgers Hemphill audited, 11 resulted in no exceptions or significant findings.

The three who had exceptions, one did not have sufficient and/or adequate records to support the lodgers' tax paid. Their records were that bad," Hemphill said. The lodging establishment also violated village ordinance that requires lodging records to be maintained within the village. The same lodger under-reported revenue of \$3,979 and under-reported lodger's tax and related penalties and interest totaling \$481.20. Hemphill said the lodger agreed to the audit findings and agreed to pay the determined deficiency amount.

Another lodger had good records, but had under-reported revenue of \$26,558. Because of their good records the under-reporting was easy to find," Hemphill said. The under-reported lodger's tax penalties and interest on the unreported revenue was \$1,173.22. Hemphill said the under-reported revenue and tax was due to an oversight by the lodger, and was also due to the lodger regularly being late on filing his reports. The lodger agreed to the audit findings and will pay the balance due, Hemphill added.

The third lodger understated taxable lodging receipts in one tax report by \$420 which resulted in an unpaid tax of \$16.80. This lodger also agreed to the finding and to pay the balance due.

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**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** Gov. Gary Johnson gave lawmakers some good advice on opening day - and then proceeded to ignore it himself.

The governor told of a city in ancient Greece where anyone who proposed a law did so on a platform with a rope around his neck. If the law passed, they removed the rope. If it failed, they removed the platform.

Way to go, Gary. Except he then proposed a series of laws that have so little chance of passing, his life would have been in great danger in ancient Greece. He'll take on

trial lawyers with auto insurance reforms. He'll battle labor with a repeal of union wages on state construction projects. He'll fight to give money to students attending private schools. And he'll try to abolish the elected state Board of Education.

Gov. Johnson has a much better chance of body slapping Minnesota Gov. Jesse "The Body" Ventura than getting any of these proposals into law.

Of course, the Democrats weren't listening either. They are inviting almost sure voters by proposing universal health care, almost doubling the minimum wage, gay rights and hate crimes legislation. Several Republicans are proposing to make late-term abortions and same-sex marriages illegal. And an interim legislative committee composed of Democrats and Republicans is proposing utility deregulation, which although it is a good idea, is likely far too complicated to pass this year.

Even First Lady Des Johnson would be in danger of the noose with her proposal to ban smoking in the state Capitol Building. The two top officers of the Senate - Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley, who acts as the president of the Senate, and Sen. Manny Aragon, the Senate president pro tempore, both are chain smokers. Gov. Johnson says he will sign the smoking ban, if it does happen to get to his desk, but he has vetoed a bill supported by his wife before. This sort of bill also goes against the governor's basic libertarian belief that government shouldn't be in the business of limiting people's rights.

If this were ancient Greece, we might have to suspend government for lack of public officials.

A few good ideas will pass. Lawmakers already have sent

the governor three bills to keep violent criminals behind bars for at least 85 percent of their sentences. This year's legislation leaves out the veto-causing possibility of letting non-violent criminals out sooner.

Four years ago, Johnson vetoed a bill discontinuing almost-automatic promotion of public-school students. Now that the idea is his, he's more likely to sign it. All sides seem to support the expansion of charter schools that have more flexibility in designing programs for students.

But for the most part, this year's controversial legislation is not likely to make it into law. Maybe all our public servants' time spent on these issues will be justified by the open discussion of the problems facing our society, and maybe a few of them eventually will make it into law. But without these hot-button issues, we likely could get this session over in 30 days instead of 60 days.

Our country would be better off if lawmakers would realize that very good ideas don't need to be put into law. Gov. Ventura popularized himself with Minnesota voters by contending that we don't need laws keeping people from doing dumb things to themselves. He said it helps the process of natural selection.

My favorite Johnson proposal is the creation of a "Sunset Commission" to review every rule and regulation, every board and commission, and every program and agency for possible elimination. Every year the Legislature creates more and more of the above but seldom ever subtracts anything. And, very appropriately, the Sunset Commission bill will be written with a clause sunsetting the commission.



**SENATORS PETE CAMPOS** and Arthur Rodarte take a look at the New Mexico Legislature's Internet web site with their secretary, Jeanette Sanchez. Campos and Rodarte have been hard at work in Santa Fe since the session began January 19. Members of the public may track Campos' and Rodarte's legislation and learn about other issues by checking out the legislature's web site at: [legis.state.nm.us](http://legis.state.nm.us). Campos' and Rodarte's telephone number is (505) 988-4311.

**Ruidoso Mayor Meets With State Lawmakers**

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson and village manager Alan Briley visited the state capitol in Santa Fe last week to meet with lawmakers about various issues.

Donaldson reported about the visit during the Ruidoso Village Council meeting on February 9. Donaldson said they also talked with state highway department officials about the status of Highway 70. Donaldson said he talked with Senator Pete Campos, and village manager Alan Briley visited with Rep. Dub Williams about the Highway 70 situation. Last week it was announced that the state had discontinued the Highway 70 reconstruction project between Ruidoso and Roswell.

Donaldson said new developments on that issue are looking favorable.

The afternoon of Tuesday, February 9, Senate Bill 362, sponsored by Senator Rod Adair of Roswell, requiring the state to complete construction on Highway 70, was heard in the senate transportation committee. Donaldson said the village was notified of the hearing too late and no village official was able to attend so he requested John Underwood, who is lobbying for the village, to attend the committee meeting.

Donaldson also spoke about Senate Bill 283, sponsored by president pro temp Senator Manny Aragon. The bill proposes to eliminate gross receipt taxes on groceries on the

state level, then give local governments, including municipalities, the taxing ability to reimpose those gross receipt taxes. Donaldson said removing gross receipt taxes (sales taxes) from groceries will bankrupt many municipalities. Currently municipalities rely on gross receipt taxes for general fund operations. SB 283 allows the municipalities to put the tax back on groceries. Donaldson commented that this would make the legislature look good for cutting taxes on groceries, and make the local governments look bad for reimposing the taxes. "It's somewhat upsetting to see the games the legislators play," Donaldson said.

Councilor Leon Eggleston

said the legislature is famous for tax trade offs.

Another bill Donaldson is interested in is for Dark Skies. The bill unifies several pieces of unsuccessful legislation introduced last year that

require all outdoor lighting to be directed downward to reduce the amount of night time light pollution. The bill also outlaws the mercury vapor light by year 2001. Donaldson said there is a trend in the

west to protect the brilliant night time skies from light pollution.

Several capital outlay requests for the village of Ruidoso are being carried by Senator Campos.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!  
 Offensive, repugnant, disgusting, and outrageous are but a small part of the way I feel this afternoon. And it will be difficult for me to come up with anything resembling a

newspaper column, but bear with me, please. After going to the market and visiting with a couple of old friends, it certainly did me good to know that I am not the only individual that feels exactly the same way. The news, if you can call it that, is so revolting and one sided that I am wondering if there is any way we listeners can convey feelings to the perpetrators of this charade in Congress that they refer to as a fair trial. And if it doesn't let up pretty soon, and I do mean pretty soon, I know of several good Republicans that will re-register when it comes time to vote again, for national figures, I mean. This has not been a trial, it has been a mockery. What they started out to do could already have been history, but some of the most adamant ones are using this publicity to further their own public image, at no cost to them but to the federal government. Very, very cheap advertising, wouldn't you agree?

Well enough of my comments on the way I feel and if there are a lot of you out there that heartily disagree, do not contact me. My listening device is not in working order.

How to know that you are growing older  
 Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.  
 You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.  
 You get winded just playing chess or checkers.

Even your own children begin to look middle-aged.  
 You begin to outlive enthusiasm and your mind makes contracts that your body cannot possibly meet.

A dripping faucet causes quick trips to the bathroom.  
 And you know all the answers, the problem is no one ever asks you the questions or your opinion.

You walk with your head held high, not because you are haughty, but are trying to get used to your bifocals.  
 You even look forward to a dull evening.

You turn off the light, not for romantic reasons, but for economic reasons.  
 You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

The little old lady that you just helped across the street is your wife.  
 You sink your teeth into a steak and they just stay there.

Your back goes out more than you do, and  
 You have so many wrinkles that a fortune teller offered to read your face instead of your palm.

And so it goes.

A month or so ago, I had the pleasure of meeting two most charming individuals, Mutt and Nina Shannon, the very, very good looking parents of my other Trish. They were here assisting their daughter Trish while the head of the meat department at the Farmers Market was under the weather. It was such a pleasure meeting them, but my memory takes a vacation when it comes to remembering names, so in my usual haste to get these weekly epistles typed and mailed to Ruth, I did not get it and my apologies. And just hope you will be leaving Artesia and returning to Capitan quite often. Is that too much to ask? Don't tell your Trish, but she is one very special person to me, and am so glad she and her handsome husband Joe decided to make our little village of Capitan, their home.

A cheery hello and how are you to Louise Babers down in the valley and also to Doty

way over there in Arizona.

No wonder those Senators and Representatives are having such a difficult time coming to a conclusion. On television January 14 or 15 of this year the fountain pens that the Honorable Senators and Representatives of the House received their order of pens with the Senate imprinted on them.

But instead of "United States" the pens came back with "United States" on them. Said pens are now collectors and to that I would like to add, so are some of the participants. I rest my case and bid you all adieu and may you all receive beautiful Valentines on February 14 and may the rest of this year be a happy one.

## Capitan Needs Doctor

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ment. After the closed session, trustees approved a motion to advertise for a full time Motor Vehicles Department clerk. According to village clerk Deborah Cummins, the village MVD which is currently open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of each week, has so much business the trustees have decided to hire another clerk and keep the MVD open five days a week. Cummins said the MVD days will be expanded once a new clerk is hired, trained and the village completes a contract with the state MVD.

Trustees also took action to advertise for sealed bids for a lease purchase arrangement for a large metal roller, similar to the one being leased now for \$3,500 a month. Street Department head Hugh Bob Huddleston said the equipment out his work time in half and produced a better road.

Other action taken included a budget increase for the two Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), \$360,000 for the public safety facility plus a \$30,000 match from the village, and the \$25,000 grant for an updated mylar maps with the \$1,500 match from the village general fund. Representatives from the police and fire departments and the EMS met with the architect on the preliminary plans for the public safety facility this week. Cummins said the architect advised he would try to have updated plans for review within two weeks. Also an archaeological study was made of the land where the facility will be built and the village is waiting for a letter from the state cultural office giving the okay to begin construction.

Trustees approved adding three village requests for state funding to their Infrastructure Capital Improvement

## Corriente CowBelles Install New Officers

The Corriente CowBelles met at the Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan on January 13 with 13 members and 1 guest, Diana Billingsley, present.

Inez Marrs installed the new officers for 1998: president Ruth Shannon, first vice president Dorothy Lacy, second vice president B.B. Berry, secretary Pat Schear, treasurer Willie Hobbs, historian Jeanette Smoot, sunshine Reba Barber.

Inez Marrs was congratulated for receiving the New Mexico CowBelle of the Year award at the annual meeting in Albuquerque in December. Corriente is extremely proud

of Inez for receiving this prestigious honor.

Corriente voted to donate four pairs of boning gloves to the Ag Dept at the high school. A donation was made to the Pat Nowlin Memorial scholarship fund in memory of local rancher, Bill Edgar, father of member Wills Stone.

The Corriente CowBelle of the Year award was presented to Dorothy Lacy for her dedication, dependability and hard work. Dorothy was presented a plaque with her brand on it.

Corriente will once again sponsor the Grady Le Eldridge Memorial Team Roping on June 12. More on this later as plans are finalized.

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SATURDAY	8-OZ. Rib-Eye Steak \$8.75

## OBITUARY

### CONSTANCE JEAN EBARB

Graveside service for Constance Jean Ebarb, 78, of Ruidoso was Feb. 10 at Forest Lawn Cemetery with Rev. Wayne Joyce officiating.

Mrs. Ebarb died Feb. 8 at the Ruidoso Care Center. She was born August 10, 1920 at El Paso, TX and had lived most of her life in Lincoln County except for 17 years she lived in Eugene, OR.

She married Conly Ward on July 9, 1938 in Carrizozo and he preceded her in death on April 8, 1988. She later married Gentry Ebarb on June 7, 1976 at Houston, TX and he preceded her in death on February 29, 1992.

She is survived by a son, Robert H. Ward of Capitan; daughter, Barbara Jean Dixon of Ft. Sumner; sister, Mary Parker of El Paso; 20 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.



# Hondo Honor Roll

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**Stefanie Archuleta, Superintendent's -** Stefanie Archuleta, Pamela Fietek, Carlos Miranda, Christina Sanchez, Sarah Sanchez.  
**Tenth Grade: Superintendent's -** Dave Perez; Honor Roll - Adan Lerma, Sadi Romero.  
**Eleventh Grade: Superintendent's -** Tashina Herrera, Narcisca Montoya, Martin Richardson, Jessica Ann Sanchez; Honor Roll - Mia Kincaid, Immanuel Miranda, Kristen Romero, Philbert Salas.  
**Twelfth Grade: Superintendent's -** Christina Chavez, Karla Martinez, Jessica Medina, Adam Romero, Bethany Sanchez; Honor Roll - Joshua Candelaria, Yadira Lerma, Melinda McTeigue, Patricia Sanchez.

### First Semester

**First Grade: Superintendent's -** Ralph Miranda, Tito Montoya; A Average - Esther Gonzales, B Average - Jerry Lee Gutierrez, Mariana Lopez, Alicia Willette.  
**Second Grade: Superintendent's -** Leticia Vazquez; A Average; Argeia Pineda, Tonia Montoya, James Colvin; B Average - Collette Lopez, D'edra Romero, Camille Sandoval, Jorge Guillen, Dorateo Salcido, Anthony Sanchez.  
**Third Grade: Superintendent's -** Brian Aragon; A Average - Janis Gonzales; B Average - Alycia Chavez, Dolores Gomez, Brenda Lucero, Amanda Medina, Patricia Sanchez.  
**Fourth Grade: B Average -**

**Justine Candelaria, Superintendent's -** Justine Candelaria, Angelie Garcia, Francisca Ontiveros.  
**Fifth Grade: B Average -** Eva Ontiveros.  
**Sixth Grade: A Average -** Humberto Lerma; B Average - Jamie Garcia, Airika Perez, E.J. Sanchez.

**Secondary and High School Superintendent's 3.7 and above, Honor Roll 3.0 to 3.69.**

**Seventh Grade: Superintendent's -** Samantha Gomez, Harmony Haun; Honor Roll - Elijah Chavez, Santanna Gonzales, Josephine Gutierrez, Derek McTeigue, David Miranda, Melanie Miranda, Joseph Ontiveros, Lauren Richardson.  
**Eighth Grade: Superintendent's -** Randi Gomez; Honor Roll - Margarita Baca, Jessica Candelaria, Jackie Chavez, Patricia Montoya, Dominic Ortega, Sara Romero.  
**Ninth Grade: Superintendent's -** Stefanie Archuleta, Carlos Miranda, Christina Sanchez, Sarah Sanchez; Honor Roll - Pamela Fietek, Nancy Greer, Renee Lopez, Cynthia Lucero.  
**Tenth Grade: Superintendent's -** Dave Perez; Honor Roll - Chirifielda Acosta, Kizzy Haun, Adan Lerma, Diego Ontiveros, Sadi Romero.

**Eleventh Grade: Superintendent's -** Tashina Herrera, Narcisca Montoya, Martin Richardson, Jessica Ann Sanchez; Honor Roll - Chassidy Gonzales, Ismael Miranda, Kristen Romero.

**Philbert Salas, Superintendent's -** Philbert Salas, Superintendent's - Joshua Candelaria, Christina Chavez, Karla Martinez, Bethany Sanchez; Honor Roll - Beau Gomez, Yadira Lerma, Sandra Medina, Adam Romero.

## OBITUARY

### DAVID C. SKEEN

Memorial service for David C. Skeen, 69, of Alto was Feb. 8, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso with Lewis Duncan officiating.

Mr. Skeen died Feb. 2, at his home. He was born August 6, 1929 at Santa Monica, CA and moved to Alto in 1991. He served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Lincoln County Republican Party. He married Pat on March 19, 1955 in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his wife Pat of the home; son, David Thomas Skeen and his wife Gayla of Alto; two daughters, Payola Sue Skeen of Phoenix, AZ and Cynthia Ann Wilson and her husband Cone of Roswell; brother, the Honorable Joe Skeen of Pecos, and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

# CORONA NEWS

Through an oversight we have failed to recognize a very important accomplishment by Janetta Stewart, business manager, for the Corona School District. In the last two audits, the auditors from the firm of DeAunn Willoughby, CPA, of Melross, NM, has found NO deficiencies in the school's financial management and records for the school years 1996-97 and 1997-98. Thank you Janetta for your hard work and competency, you are very much appreciated.

Corona Student Council and Senior Class are selling roses and carnations. You may contact Edie Porter at the school or any member if interested.

The Corona Public Schools staff members met Friday for a professional development workshop. It was conducted by Mary Saxton from Las Cruces, who is the coordinator for the computer training classes. Demonstrations were given on the digital camera, scanners, and computer programs. Attending were Edie Porter, Betty Ann Bell, Crystal Bell, Roy Ann Lightfoot, Clay Burton, Norm Ayila, Steve Orr, Ginger Sharer, Mary Smith and Janice Bonds.

Crystal Bell, 2nd grade teacher at Corona Elementary, is currently taking some reading classes at ENMU-Roswell Campus. Her classes are on Thursday and Saturday.

The Corona Cardinals hosted the Hondo Eagles on Friday. Both the boys and girls lost their games, but played hard. The boys traveled to Alamogordo on Saturday to play Community Christian. The boys won 84-72, and the Lady Cardinals won by a score of 49-41. Rocky Bagley scored 42 points.

We want to thank the Pee Wees for their support of the Cardinals. They are new to our community and we appreciate them.

The Pee Wee basketball team coached by Brad Cagay had a 2:00 p.m. game Sunday in Corona, and played the

Vaughn Pee Wee. The 3rd and 4th co-ed team won their game as did the 5th and 6th team. Congratulations to these youngsters!!!

The Corona School Board held its February meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Kathy Munia, Rick Gage, Pete Gratkowski, Danny Lueras, and Jeanne Gibbs. Others attending were Mitzi Alirez, Kay Sultemeier, Denise Byre, Dean Brinkman, Linda Kester, Bill Wilson, and Turner Wilson. Selling of bond issues was discussed and other school business. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

The Corona Community Action Program Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Monday. They discussed fund raisers and ways to work on the museum. Attending were the Byron Yanceys, the A.J. Gibbs, the Bill Wilsons, the Lee Mulkays, Rick Manning, Gayle May, and Linda Powell.

Johnnie Faye and Bill Harelson went to Alamogordo to visit friends, Frank and Nadine Manker. While there they helped harvest 25 pecan trees and ended up with 425 pounds of pecans.

The Lee-Mulkey family hosted a family gathering for Effie Mulkey's 91st birthday. The Mulkeys also went to Albuquerque to see Adis Robertson off to Jordan. Effie Mulkey also made the trip and while there they visited family and friends.

Hazel Burton made a trip to Las Cruces on Friday to see her grandchild. Hazel Burton returned from Las Cruces on Sunday to Las Cruces.

On Sunday, February 7 a dinner was held honoring Mary Frances Fuller on her 80th birthday. Her family hosted the dinner. Attending were son Harold and wife Pat from Fall Church, VA, Kelly and Steve Brewer and children from Albuquerque, Jason Gibbs from Albuquerque, Ward and Carol Harris from Los Alamos, and Sherrill Bradford from El Paso, TX. The dinner was held at the

home of A.J. and Jeanne Gibbs.

John Nalda, former resident of Corona, now of Albuquerque, was in town this week visiting friends. It has been four years since John was in Corona. He had dinner with the Seniors at the center, and did alot of visiting here.

Patty Paquette from the Chicago area will be speaking at the Aglow Meeting on this Saturday, February 13. Patty is a Bible Teacher, Speaker and Worship and Prayer leader. The public is welcome to come hear her speak at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon at the Corona School Auditorium.

## PVT Offers Scholarships

Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. (PVT) is offering scholarships through the PVT education foundation. The scholarships will be for \$750 per semester, renewable if requirements are met. Students could receive up to \$6,000.

To qualify, the recipient must be an active member or of the immediate family of an active member of PVT. High school seniors, current college students or returning adult students who have decided to return to the college are eligible to apply.

The completed application must be returned to PVT by March 15. Recipients will be announced May 1. Application forms are available at area high schools or from the Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. office at 4011 West Main, Artesia, NM 88210-9566. Contact Janice Burk at 505-748-1241 for more information.



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## LEGALS

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 10, 1999. Any proposals received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

RFP NO. 98-99-018: DETENTION CENTER TEMPORARY ANNEX

RFP NO. 98-99-020: ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 18, 1999.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

All proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the RFP number(s) shown above.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.

**MARTHA GUEVARA**  
 Assistant County Manager  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, February 11, 1999.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 1, 1999, to be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to consider the following:

1. THE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION - VARIANCE REQUEST BY THE HONDO TRUST - BRADY BAXTER
2. INDIGENT HEALTH CARE FUNDING
3. LINCOLN COUNTY PERSONNEL ORDINANCE MODIFICATIONS

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Agenda will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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### NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

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RFP NO. 98-99-021: UTILITY VEHICLES AND POLICE INTERCEPTOR 1998 MODEL

the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 FEBRUARY 16, 1999  
 7:00 P.M.  
 NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Dr. Woods Annex in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the February 16, 1999, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said 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**  
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ing Litigation and to approve Resolution 1999-03 regarding financial hardship to seek waiver from the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division for surplus equipment ONLY.

**AGENDA WILL BE POSTED** in accordance with Resolution 1998-32, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are individually with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

**CAROL SCHLARB,**  
 CMO/AAE  
 Town Clerk-Treasurer  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, February 11, 1999.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 NO. PB-98-39  
 IN THE ESTATE OF ERNEST V. JOINER, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 564, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

**DATED:** February 3rd, 1999.  
**CECILIA G. KUHNEL**  
 Personal Representative of the Estate of ERNEST V. JOINER, Deceased.  
 P.O. Box 564  
 Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, February 11 and 18, 1999.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 for Closed Session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(B) 7, Threatening and or Perid-

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# District Championship(s) Up For Grabs In Carrizozo - Hondo Game(s) Friday

Could be Corona, or Carrizozo, or Hondo... or it could be Hondo, Carrizozo or Mountainair. Could be the boys, or it could be the girls... hope all you basketball fans out there have been enjoying the exciting basketball action being supplied by a bunch of high school basketball athletes and coaches giving it their all during the last couple of weeks... the reward? The regular season district 3A basketball championship, being chased by all of the above mentioned teams. The final results of the regular season district race will come to an exciting end in what should be a packed house at Hondo Friday night when the Eagles host the Carrizozo Grizzlies.



When what? According to Coach Pino, it will all be decided by a coin flip, but Carrizozo will have to beat Hondo for that to happen.

The Lady Grizzlies started the week off by traveling to Mountainair last Thursday and pulling out a squeaker 35-33 when Bianca Baca coolly stepped up and canned two free throws with .08 of a second showing on the clock, after grabbing a rebound and being fouled.

The following day in Carrizozo the Lady Grizzlies ran away from Vaughn and beat the Eagles by the score of 58-40, although the Grizzlies trailed by 7 points at intermission. A little zone press and some hot shooting in the second half by Renee Rael and Amber Vallejos did the visiting Eagles in. Rael finished the night with 37 points and Vallejos added 15.

Which brought us to Tuesday night's showdown with the Lady Cardinals. Corona got off to the fast start and led 14-6 after the first period, but saw their advantage slowly disappear and at one time trailed the Grizzlies 37-30, but were able to play their way back into the game and ended up winning 61 to 48.

"We probably should have won the game," said coach Juan Carlos Pino. "But we failed to convert on our free throws and a few layups, which could have made the difference" (Carrizozo was 10 out of 24 on FTs). "The best thing we can do now is put that game behind us and get ready for Friday's game with Hondo, the whole thing is still in our hands. If we can go up there and knock Hondo off we can win it all". Tip off is set for 5:30 p.m.

Following the girls game in Hondo on Friday will be the action between the boys, and everything is up for grabs in this one too! Hondo will be trying to wrap up the season district championship by beating the Grizzlies for the second time in a week. Hondo will start the evening with a 6-1 district record, followed by Carrizozo and Mountainair, both at 5-2. If Hondo wins they will finish first, Mountainair will finish second, and Carrizozo will finish third... but, (here we go again) if Carrizozo wins, that's another story. If the Grizzlies were to beat Hondo by 11 or more points, Carrizozo would end up winning district, and if Carrizozo wins by less than 11 points then all three teams would wind up tied for first and the winner will be determined by a coin toss.

So what does this all mean? It means that YOU should try and be there to see all this exciting action. Doesn't get any better than

this... for the players, for the coaches, for the fans! This is what high school athletics is all about. Be there!!!

By the way Carrizozo got to this point by losing to Mountainair last Thursday 81 to 67. Grizzlies had trouble at the free throw line and missed 14 out of 24 from the charity line. Josh Vega scored 24 points for the Grizzlies, Ryan Roper scored 17 and Andrew Pierce added 12.

Grizzlies got back on the winning track by downing the Eagles from Vaughn 70 to 55 on Friday night in Carrizozo. "We did a better job of rebounding, and we shot a little bit better at the free throw line", said coach Rick Beserra, noting the Grizzlies made good on 15 out of 28 FTs for the night. Ryan Roper was high for Carrizozo with 21 points, Josh Vega scored 20, Simon Beltran scored 12 and Carlos Garcia added 11 points.

Carrizozo continued their hot shooting on Tuesday night against the visiting Cardinals and won their game 100 to 71. Both teams got off to hot starts and Carrizozo led after the first period 27 to 21 and managed to outscore the Cards 17 to 11 in the second period, for a 44 to 32 halftime lead. Grizzlies stayed hot in third period and outscored Corona 26 to 14 and had 70 to 46 lead after three. A 30 point fourth period got the Grizzlies to the century mark, Corona answered with 22 points of their own in that period.

Coach Beserra praised the play of three 9th graders who saw plenty of action Tuesday night against Corona — Nick Moread who scored 7 points, Patrick Hightower who scored 8 points, and Brandon Langley who scored 2 points. Leading the way for Carrizozo was Josh Vega with 38 points, Simon Beltran with 17, Carlos Garcia with 15, and Ryan Roper with 14. For Corona Rick Bagley scored 30, Al Sanchez had 19 and Andrew Bagley added 14.

"If we can continue shooting the ball well and add a little bit of defense and a little bit of rebounding against Hondo on Friday we have a chance of winning this whole thing," said Beserra. "I'm really proud of our kids, for putting themselves in this position of being able to win a championship, after the last couple of years, when they really took their lumps, they've come a long way!"... Tip off 7:00 p.m.!!!!

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

### Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor  
209 Lincoln Ave., Capitán, NM 354-2025

Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

### First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2958 (church) or 648-2107

Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

### Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Third St., 648-2188

Children's Church..... 10:30 am  
Worship Service..... 10:30 am  
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

### Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 pm  
Czozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm

SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
Czozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

### Church of Christ

PERRY ZUMWALT, minister  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM

Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship (Winter)..... 1:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

### St. Matthias Episcopal Church

FR. A. TRIPP, priest  
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 7-286-4144

Holy Eucharist..... 9 am Sunday

### United Methodist Churches

BOB BOYD, pastor / Trinity - Carrizozo  
1000 D. Ave. 648-2808/648-2848

Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm

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

### Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery

Nogal Presbyterian Church:  
BILL SEBRING, pastor

Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

### Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024

Worship..... 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

### Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)  
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

### Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
5th & Lincoln / 338-4827

Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

### Trinity Southern Baptist Church

REX BERGFORD, pastor  
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 354-3115

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.



## Lodging Audit

(Cont. from P. 4)

As required by ordinance, the names of the lodging establishments audited are not made public.

Hemphill charged the village \$2,106.88 for the audit of the 14 lodging establishments. "I didn't quite pay my bill," Hemphill joked. In the past the amount of unreported lodgers taxes exceeded the cost of the audit.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said the reason for the lodgers tax audit is not to penalize lodgers but to make sure of compliance to village ordinance. Hemphill said since he has been auditing lodgers he has seen an increase in compliance to the lodgers tax reporting.

Copies of this report is submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration as required by state statute.



LEGALS

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET INCREASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN; that the Board of Education of Carrizozo School District #7, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Tuesday, February 16th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Administration Board Room, 800 D. Avenue, present and publicly review an increase to the 1998-1999 Fiscal School Budget.

This is a Public Hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Carrizozo, New Mexico, this 1st day of February, 1999.

Steve Harkey President

ATTEST: Patricia Vega Secretary

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 4 and 11, 1999.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for one (1) member-at-large to fill a vacancy on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., March 9, 1999.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF MEETING AND BOND SALE

HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS SERIES 1999 - \$75,000

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 (the "Board"), governing body of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Lincoln County, New Mexico will on February 16, 1999, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., local time, at the offices of George K. Baum & Co., One Park Square, 6501 American Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico, receive sealed bids and publicly open the same for the purchase of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 1999, (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$75,000. The Board will hold a regular meeting at the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Administration Building, Highway 70/380 East, Mile Marker 286, Hondo, New Mexico, at 6:00 p.m., local time, on February 16, 1999, after receipt of such bids, and will also award the Bonds, adopt a bond resolution and consider any other matters.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds will mature on September 1 of each year as follows:

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Said issue constitutes a portion of the bonds which were authorized at an election held on February 4, 1997 and will constitute general obligation bonds of the District, payable from general taxes which may be levied against all taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The maximum net effective interest rate permitted on said Bonds is twelve percent (12%); provided, however, that if the net effective interest rate on such bonds is greater than ten percent (10%) per annum (based on the actual price to be paid to the District for said bonds, calculated to maturity according to the standard tables of bond values), such rate must be approved in writing by the New Mexico State Board of Finance, and the District may not issue the Bonds before such approval is given.

Bidders are required to submit an Official Bid Form specifying the lowest rate or rates of interest and premium, if any, at which such bidder will purchase such Bonds. Further limitations and information concerning the interest rates which may be bid for the Bonds and otherwise concerning bidding are set forth in the Official Notice of Bond and Sale, of which this notice is a condensation. All bids must comply with the terms of the Official Notice of Meeting and Bond Sale. Bids should be enclosed in a sealed envelope endorsed "Bid for General Obligation School Building Bonds of Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, County of Lincoln, New Mexico," addressed as follows: Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, c/o George K. Baum & Co., One Park Square, 6501 American Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. Only unconditional bids shall be considered. The District reserves the privilege of waiving any irregularity or informality (except time of filing) in any bid.

The Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the District's financial advisor, George K. Baum & Co., One Park Square, 6501 American Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (Telephone (505) 872-2820).

The validity and enforceability of the Bonds will be approved by the New Mexico Attorney General and Simons, Cuddy & Friedman, LLP, Attorneys at Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico and McCall, Parkhurst & Horton LLP, Attorneys at Law, Austin, Texas.

/s/ Ray Aragon President, Board of Education Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 15, 1999, Conley's Nursery, P.O. Box 888, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346 filed application No. H-1054 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to supplement shallow well No. H-1054 located in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., for the continued diversion of up to 3.3 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater by using existing well No. H-2713 located in the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M. for the irrigation of 1.0 acre of land located in the SE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.

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 or 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 or 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 St., 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. Z 263 893 268

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 1999 IN THE CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13

Table with 2 columns: Position, Total Votes Received. Includes School Board Member positions 1, 2, 3 and Question 1 - General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$850,000.

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR QUE TOVO LUGAR EL 2 DE FEBRERO DE 1999, DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO NUMERO 13 DE CORONA

Table with 2 columns: Position, Total Votes Received. Includes School Board Member positions 1, 2, 3 and Question 1 - General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$850,000.

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 1999 CAPTAIN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 1999 CARRIZOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 1999 HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCION REGULAR DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 2 DE FEBRERO DE 1999, DISTRITO ESCOLAR PUBLICO NUMERO 30 DE HONDO VALLEY

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO NO. PB 99-10

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS WILLIAM WINTERS, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THOMAS WILLIAM WINTERS, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS WILLIAM WINTERS, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representatives (Ancillary Administration), filed by the undersigned Attorney for the Petitioners, will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, on March 10, 1999, at 11:00 a.m., before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Court Judge.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court. DATED: February 8, 1999.

EUGENIA O. VEGA Chief Deputy Court Clerk

By: Clydene Hull Deputy

JAMES C. HALL Attorney for the Petitioners Suite 112, 3836 Menaul, NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 Phone: (505) 888-8608 Fax: (505) 887-1029

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LEGAL NOTICE

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 1, 1999 6:00 P.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 Monday, March 1, 1999 beginning at 6:00 P.M., to be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold three public hearings 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) 848-2885 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 1999 10:00 A.M.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the February 24, 1999, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at (505) 848-2885 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-98-223 Div. III

JOHN W. KHOMER, Plaintiff

vs. THE ESTATE OF CLARK B. RAINEY, Deceased; and his UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and VERA SAWYER, a married woman, and her UNKNOWN SPOUSE, if any, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 2, 1999, at 9:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property:

The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 19, T9 South, R14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico;

Subject to exceptions, reservations and easements of record; and FURTHER SUBJECT to a thirty (30) foot wide roadway and utility easement around the perimeter of all four sides of the tract; and/or a sixty (60) foot right-of-way easement for existing roadway throughout the property herein described; which were previously reserved for the benefit and use of adjoining property owners and the public in general with warranty covenants.

and The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 09S., Range 14E., N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico;

Subject to exceptions, reservations and easements of record; and FURTHER SUBJECT to a thirty (30) foot wide roadway and utility easement around the perimeter of all four sides of the tract; and/or a sixty (60) foot right-of-way easement for existing roadway throughout the property herein described; which were previously reserved for the benefit and use of adjoining property owners and the public in general with warranty covenants.

The physical location of the property is east of N.M. State Highway 48, near mile marker 18.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Default Judgment, Degree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by the Court on January 29, 1999, an action for foreclosure of Mortgage.

Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property to satisfy the following Judgment liens:

Table with 2 columns: Lien Name, Amount. Includes Aggregate principal \$80,000.00, Costs of Suit \$213.12, Attorney fees \$5,000.00, Special Master's fee \$200.00.

\$95,413.12

In addition to the Judgment liens noted above, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice.

The Special Master may continue the date of sale by appearing at the time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

WITNESS my hand on February 1, 1999.

Sarah Prothro, Special Master

Lee Griffin LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C., 1095 Mechem Drive, Suite 102 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

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**Arabela Fire Station Agreement Reached**

by Doris Cherry  
Arabela Volunteer Fire Department got one step closer to reality Monday as Lincoln County Commissioner approved an agreement with owners of land on which the Arabela fire station is built.  
During a special Lincoln County Commission meeting Monday, February 1 held in Ruidoso Village Council chambers, Lincoln County Commissioners approved a quit claim agreement with Fernando Montoya Sr., his wife Fidela Montoya and their son Tito Montoya of Arabela on the portion of land on which a substation had been built. County commissioner Rick Simpson, whose district includes the Arabela area, said he met with the Montoyas about the situation. After discussion, the Montoyas signed a quit claim deed over to the county. The deed agreement contains a clause that the building and land must be used for a fire station or it reverts back to the grantors or their heirs.  
The agreement provides 18 months from the time the quit claim agreement is signed for the Arabela Volunteer Fire Department to get going,

Simpson said. This is enough time for the new fire department to go through the mandatory one year probation time with the New Mexico State Fire Marshal. "If they don't get the fire department going by then, the land goes back to the Montoyas," Simpson said. And the county will remove the building within 60 days from the time the property is quit claimed back to the Montoyas.  
County commissioner Wilton Howell commended Simpson for his diligence in getting the parties together and resolving the issue over the Arabela fire station.  
The Arabela station was constructed first to serve as a substation for the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department. Several Arabela area residents got together and decided to try and form their own volunteer fire department. However, Hondo fire department removed its equipment from the Arabela station when the Arabela group decided to form its own department. The Arabela group has made application with the state fire marshal to become a volunteer department.  
Volunteer fire departments receive funding from the state

fire marshal's office.  
Also at the special meeting, commissioners:  
--Approved Lincoln County Medical Center's sole community hospital payment request to be submitted to the state for fiscal year 1999-2000 in the amount of \$829,306. Hospital administrator Jule Sterchi said the amount is higher than what was first proposed because the state received additional federal funding. She said the amount can be justified because the amount of free medical care given by the hospital has risen substantially in the last year.  
--Approved a resolution authorizing the county manager to plan, budget and apply for a Litter Control and Beautification Grant that provides funds to hire students in the summer for beautification projects.  
--Accepted the two month notice of resignation of Better Days Mental Health Services, Mary Satonica, and authorized the county manager to go out for request for proposals. Satonica will provide mental health counseling to inmates in the county detention center until March 12.

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**LEGAL**  
Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
will meet on Thursday, February 18, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Monday, February 15, 1999. Published in the Lincoln County News on February 4 and 11, 1999.

**Campos Lists Obtainable Projects For Eastern NM**

Santa Fe... Several communities in eastern New Mexico are natural niches for major economic development projects, Senator Pete Campos said.  
"We know that rural New Mexico is the lifeline of our state. The family ties, culture and lifestyle of rural New Mexicans is what makes this state unique. A lack of economic development threatens rural New Mexico and thereby hinders our ability to fully develop as a state," Campos stated.  
"Working to advance economic development initiatives that blend the best resources of the public and private sectors is our best chance of ensuring plentiful and quality jobs for our residents, particularly the youth who are seeking to enter the job market at home," Campos said.  
Campos highlighted obtainable projects for the counties of Senate District 8 which includes Lincoln County: Lincoln County is a natural niche for a regional tourism and economic development

research center, Campos said. "I'd like to see us establish a public-private tourism and economic development research center in Ruidoso," Campos said.  
"Such a center would complement the strong push to develop a recreational plaza and convention center hotel in Ruidoso. That strengthens the community as a visitor destination and benefits the entire county as more people are attracted to the area," Campos said.  
"The preservation of rural New Mexico hinges on clean, sustainable economic development," Campos said.  
"By thinking about our natural niches and working together, we can make this vision a reality," Campos said.  
Other obtainable projects for the counties of Senate District 8: a regional health care complex for San Miguel County, the warm water fish hatchery and educational center in Guadalupe County, and the Bosque Redondo Project in DeBaca County.

**AROUND LINCOLN COUNTY**

**NMSU Graduates**  
Three Lincoln County residents graduated from New Mexico State University after the fall 1998 session.  
Captain graduates: Kelly Ann Traylor, BS in education, and Jack Alan King, Master of Arts educational administration.  
Carrizozo graduate: Yvette Renee Hernandez, BS in education.  
\* \* \* \* \*  
**Completes Navy Basic**  
Navy Seaman Eldon G. Offutt, a 1998 graduate of Carrizozo High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.  
\* \* \* \* \*  
**Connie Hooper Is Winner**  
Connie Hooper was the winner of Anna Belle Burrow's famous Jewel Christmas Tree at the Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Anna Belle's annual Christmas Tree is a fund raiser for the Senior Citizens Center

**Energy Assistance**  
LIHEAP representatives are at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon to assist with energy assistance applications. Call 648-2121 for more information.  
\* \* \* \* \*  
**Burn Awareness Week**  
Burn Awareness Week is February 7-13. Shriners, members of the fraternal organization that operates 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, ask that parents and caregivers be aware of the dangers posed by many household appliances and to take steps to keep children safe.  
\* \* \* \* \*  
**PT Boats Conference**  
All torpedo boat sailors who served on P.T. boats, tenders, or bases, are invited to attend the P.T. Boats Inc. 35th annual reunion in Albuquerque August 19-23. Contact Dunne Renville, TMI, USN Retired, P.T. Boat Historian, P.O. Box 424, Waltham, ND 58282.

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# Carrizozo To Apply For State Surplus Vehicles

by Barbara Culler

During the Carrizozo Board of Trustees meeting Feb. 9 Carrizozo Chief of Police, Angelo Vega, presented the police department report. Mayor Manuel Hernandez and trustees Eileen Lovelace, James Silva, Wesley Lindsay and Cynthia Morales were present.

The trustees and Vega discussed the waste bin at the animal kennels for the animal control kennel's use. It has been placed where other waste bins are stored and discussion was held as to its being emptied in a timely manner. This waste bin is used for dead animals that animal control has found and picked up on the street and is required to be picked up within 24 hours of having an animal placed in it. It was suggested to move the bin beside the kennels where the Solid Waste Authority truck could better see it. This bin is to be used for animals only; however, regular trash has been dumped into it. Trustees hope that by moving the bin by the kennels it will stop people from dumping trash into it. If this does not stop trash dumping the waste bin will be locked. A sign will also be put on the bin that says "For dead animals only."

Vega updated the trustees on approval for a pay scale for the police officers. Vega and the town attorney, David Stevens, discussed the pay scale for the police officers and the hours that are worked. Vega told the trustees that Steven's recommendations were: 1) for the officers

to remain salaried employees; 2) that they have some kind of salary increase (nothing drastic but enough to keep their incentive going and when a new budget consider more); and that Vega should ask for a comp time policy for the officers as there is no overtime budget.

Vega said that in a comp time policy an officer would not exceed 80 comp time hours. Vega said that he felt comfortable with this because if an officer gets discharged or resigns the liability would only be for 80 hours of compensation. Vega said he would keep them scheduled to keep the comp time down.

Lovelace told Vega that any salary increase would need to wait until budget time and should be tabled.

She said that the comp time issue should be tabled at this time until the trustees can have Stevens present, check with the state on comp time, and gets all the information together so she understands what she is doing before approving anything. Lovelace said that they need the personnel policy before them also.

During this part of the discussion, it was bought up that there is some contradiction in the personnel policy which Stevens was supposed to be looking into. He has not gotten back to the trustees on this yet. Lovelace said that they need Stevens to bring back his results so that the contradictions can be cleared up before they can do anything about the comp time issue.

Lovelace said she agreed

with Vega that the comp time is an important issue and needs to be cleared up. Hernandez said that he agrees with Lovelace that the pay scale should be brought up at the next budget hearing. At the end of the discussion Lovelace said, "This has been a problem (personnel policy contradictions) a long time, way before you (mayor) got on. I take part of the blame for this, because we should have taken care of this long time ago, because it was brought to our attention a long time ago...So I think maybe to take care of this to start the process...put it on the next agenda...get Mr. Stevens to...do whatever we need to do to get that taken care of...It has to be down in black and white". This will be put on the next agenda and Stevens will be asked to attend the meeting. The trustees will have him look into the personnel policy and procedure conflicts. Vega said that there are conflicts in three different areas.

Trustees approved tabling approval of a pay raise for the police officers.

Approval of an employee evaluation form for the Carrizozo police department was given. This form was approved for the police department only. If other departments want to adopt this form later they can.

Vega asked the trustees for approval of a resolution to apply for State Highway Department surplus vehicles. He said he had been in contact with Hernandez and Lindsay about trying to get some sur-

plus vehicles from the state highway department. Vega said he has been in contact with the state highway department and they have 16 or 17 applications for their used vehicles. Vega said that if the trustees would like to apply for surplus vehicles from the state highway department they need to give their approval so that the application can go in as soon as possible.

Hernandez said Vega saw some of the vehicles and they were in pretty good shape. Jim Payne, town foreman, said that his department could use several. Vega said that the state highway department has a \$25,000 allowance per qualifying agency, the amount of the allowance depends on how the state categorizes the town. Lovelace asked if passing the resolution just put Carrizozo on their list. Vega said it did. Lovelace asked if the \$25,000 is like a grant. Vega said it was. It was stated that what they don't give away is later sold at auction.

There was no number for the resolution and the trustees were not sure that it could be approved without a number. LaBelle said that she would check and see if it can be put on the special closed session that Hernandez has called for February 16 to discuss threatening and or pending litigation. Vega said the deadline for the application is March 31 and that it is a first come first served situation.

Carrizozo Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger gave his report. He said that in case of any disaster that an updated list of emergency numbers has been given to both the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Carrizozo Police Department.

Trustees received copies of the ordinance showing suggested changes to the town municipal code concerning a planning and zoning commis-

sion. The copies are for the trustees to study and if they feel anymore changes are necessary to let Schlarb know. At the next regular meeting, it will be on the agenda for the town clerk to publish.

The Carrizozo Recreation was also discussed by the trustees. The deadline for proposals to manage the center is February 12 and LaBelle said that as of this meeting no proposals have been received. The new contract will be on a year to year basis.

Funding for resurfacing of the lanes was discussed. Gary Stout was present to ask if the possibility was there that the funding would be there to resurface the lanes in the next budget. He said he needed to know in order to get on the list with the company that does this so that it can be done this summer while the lanes are not being used. The estimate on resurfacing the lanes is \$6,800.

Silva said, "We are going to do everything that we can to see if we can budget that money."

Hernandez said, "We agree to go ahead and work on the funding...We can't tell you yes we are going to get \$6,800...Yes...we will work towards that...we know it will be disastrous if we don't come up with something."

Lovelace said, "...if it does need it and unless we don't want a bowling alley anymore, then we need to give an answer, yes, we will have the funds."

Lindsay stated, "We have to figure out a way to get them."

Trustees told Stout to get on the list as they are working on getting the money.

Discussion included seeing if lodger's tax money can be used to do the resurfacing. Stout said that they have funds for building; but, it has to be tourist related. Lovelace said that she had been told

that the recreation center does not have to have its name changed, it just has to be tourist related. She said that the chamber of commerce and the lodger's tax promotional committee are in the process of making up flyers advertising what is in Carrizozo, all the businesses including the recreation center. This flyer will be put in all the motels.

Trustees also took the following actions: approved per diem for Vega attending the New Mexico Chief Association League meeting in Santa Fe on February 18 and 19 and gave approval while Vega was up there to take the 1997 Crown Victoria to Albuquerque for a factory warranty re-call; did not approve Vega going to the New Mexico Municipal Day in Santa Fe on February 24 and 25; and approved the monthly expenditures and 1999 Business Registrations.

## IRS Problem Solving Day

The Roswell IRS office will host a Problem Solving Day on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 500 North Richardson, Room 113.

Problem Solving Day is a special opportunity for taxpayers to meet with IRS officials, face to face to resolve on-going tax problems. Local IRS people can cut through the red tape and help fix problems.

Scheduling an appointment is recommended. Prior to your appointment, IRS personnel research your account and compile all available information. By the time of your appointment, your problem is already on its way to resolution. To make an appointment call 505-622-6301 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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FRESH GREEN  
**Onions** 4 BUNCHES **\$1.00**

CALIFORNIA NAVEL  
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GREEN BELL  
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