

# County Hearing On \$4.9 Million Budget

by Doris Cherry

At 1 p.m. today, Thursday, May 20, the Lincoln County Commissioners will hold their second hearing on the fiscal year 1999-2000 preliminary budget.

Meeting in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners will consider a budget that has a general fund with an estimated \$983,462 in ending cash balance, \$4,380,100 in revenues, \$3,048,680 in expenditures,

\$1,519,098 in transfers out of the general fund to other departments and programs, and an ending cash balance of \$804,748 which will meet the state required three-twelfths reserve which would be \$769,170.

A large portion of the general fund revenue comes from

property taxes. This year property taxes are estimated at a total of \$2,861,978. However the county treasurer has said that only about 85 percent of the total taxes are collected the year they are imposed.

The \$1,519,098 in transfers from the general fund include

\$526,652 to the road fund, \$61,093 to special programs, \$61,133 to Capital Outlay mill fund, \$8,208 for Soil and Water/RCD employee benefits, \$150,684 in agreements. Special programs include \$28,992 for volunteer fire department insurance, \$14,882 to New Mexico Association of Coun-

ties for annual dues, \$3,500 to Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) for annual dues, \$200 for state fair exhibit, \$1,050 to New Mexico Regional Library (bookmobile), \$360 to National Association of Counties annual dues, \$5,000 for Animal Damage

Control, \$2,600 to Coalition of Counties annual dues and \$4,509 for 4-H program.

The \$150,684 in agreements include \$50,184 to the cooperative extension service (the county pays one-third of the cost while the remaining cost comes from state and federal funds, \$19,000 to the Lincoln County Fair Association, \$22,000 Lincoln County Humane Society (left at last year's level), \$25,000 profes-


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## 'Commissioners Have \$42,000 In Surplus For 26 Requests'

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**CARRIZOZO'S GREATEST GRIZZLIES** Renee Rael and Ryan Roper show the plaque on which their names will be added in honor of their athletic achievements this school year. The two juniors at Carrizozo High School were recognized during the Athletic Banquet May 12.

## Ruidoso Voters Approve Tax For Water Improvements

by Doris Cherry

On May 18, Ruidoso Voters approved the continuation of the supplement one percent gross receipt tax for water system improvements and the issuance of bonds that will be paid by the revenue from that special tax.

A total of 549 voters cast ballots with 422 voting for the first question which was to continue the penny tax and 118 against continuing the tax. On the second question, 404 voted for allowing the village to issue up to \$5 million in bonds that will be paid for from the supplemental municipal gross receipt tax and 125 voted against the bonds.

Revenues from the tax are estimated to be about \$1.3 million a year and will pay for the bonds that will be sold to finance several water system improvement projects. By state law revenues from the supplemental gross receipt tax can only be used for water system improvements.

The current one percent tax was set to expire in the year 2003. Without the additional funds to finance the bond issue, or to provide funds for infrastructure improvements, the alternative to pay for these needed improvements to the water system was for the village to increase water rates.

The gross receipt tax shifts some of the burden on paying for the water system improvements to visitors to Ruidoso, without placing extra burden on property owners or increasing water rates.

While the 549 voters who cast ballots was only about 10 percent of the 5,430 registered voters village clerk Tammie Maddox thinks the real number of registered voters is much lower. In an effort to educate voters about the special election and the need to continue the tax, Maddox mailed informational brochures to all 5,430 registered voters at their addresses listed on registration cards in the Lincoln County Clerk's office. More than 1,000 of those cards were returned to village hall, marked as undeliverable because of change of address. Many addresses are out of date because Ruidoso went from strictly post office box to local street delivery.

The registration files are currently out of date, but due to state and federal laws, the county cannot purge the voters lists until year 2000.

Maddox said it is unfortunate the laws do not allow more timely purging because of the cost for mailing to registered voters and the inaccurate percentage in voter turnout.

## Capitan To Decide Water Issue For Trailer Court In Four Months

by Doris Cherry

Refusing to be hurried into a decision, Capitan trustees continued their table of a request for a commercial water meter for a 25 unit mobile home park during a special meeting Monday, May 17. Trustees cited concerns about the impact a trailer park will have on the ability of the village to provide adequate fire protection.

Trustees instead directed the village clerk to place the request for the water meter on a meeting agenda in August or September, giving time to determine the impact the park will have on the village infrastructure and to begin a project to install two additional water storage tanks in the subdivision area on the south side of the village. Also trustees approved a request from trustee Debra Ingle to schedule a hearing on an ordinance to amend the village utility ordinance to limit the number of hook-ups to commercial water taps of two taps to a three-quarter inch meter, three to a one inch meter, four to a one and a half inch meter, five to a two inch meter and six to a two and a half inch meter.

At the beginning of the

discussion about the commercial water meter request mayor Norman Renfro asked the trustees what they thought about bringing the request off the table. Trustees had tabled the request at their regular April meeting, citing a need for more information. Mobile home park developer Gary Caughron and his attorney Lee Griffin were also at the meeting, as well as property owner John Hall.

Trustee John Whitaker said he didn't think they were given enough time to see the impact (of the trailer park) on the village as a whole. He recommended leaving the request "on the table." He said when trustee Leroy Montes made the motion at the April regular meeting Montes said to table it for "two or three months." "I still think we need the three months," Whitaker said. "By then we should be satisfied and well informed on what needs to be done."

Trustee Benny Coker said he feels the village needs more information but he didn't know what time frame was needed to satisfy his questions. "I know there is a real problem out there now for fire protection," Coker said. "There are also several real timely

issues, but I don't know how fast we can answer those."

Ingle, who is president of the New Mexico Rural Water Association, said she went to Washington D.C. to find money to improve the fire protection in the village. She also said she contacted the local Environment Department (ED) and was told the permit for the waste water for the park might have to be handled in Santa Fe. Then citing Ordinance 98-5 (Utility Ordinance) she said it is "our responsibility for the health,

welfare and safety of the citizens and until we are sure that safety is secure, I ask the request stay on the table."

Renfro said he felt the same regardless if the tract of land was developed with a mobile home park or a self storage unit. "Until we are assured of enough water pressure in the upper zones I feel the council did the smart thing," Renfro said.

Village attorney Dave Thomsen advised trustees to set a deadline on how long

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**NEW CARRIZOZO POLICE OFFICER** Rocky Sanchez. His first day of duty was April 26.

## Fire Restrictions Implemented In Southeastern New Mexico

Due to extreme fire danger, fire and smoking restrictions will take effect on all public land administered by the Lincoln National Forest and the Fort Stanton area of the Bureau of Land Management - Roswell District, starting at 8:00 a.m. Friday, May 21. This order will allow the use of a campfire, charcoal grill, citronella candles, and coal or wood stoves ONLY in developed campgrounds and picnic areas where grills and stoves are provided.

Use of fire outside of developed areas will require a permit and may be approved on a discretionary basis. Smoking is allowed ONLY within an enclosed building or vehicle, a developed recreation site, or an area cleared three feet in diameter of all flammable material. Petroleum and propane fueled devices, such as Coleman stoves, are permitted.

Developed sites on the Lincoln National Forest include Apache, Deerhead, Pines, Saddle, Silver, Silver Overflow, and Sleepygrass campgrounds on the Sacramento District; Monjeau, Oak Grove, Skyline, Cedar Creek, Southfork and Three Rivers campgrounds on the Smokey Bear District, and Sitting Bull Falls (day use picnic area) on the Guadalupe District. Some specific campgrounds may be closed due to fire danger or other public threat.

The restrictions are in place to reduce the number of human caused fires that occur this time of year when conditions are extreme. Due to lack of precipitation, high winds and low humidity, wildland fuels in the southeastern part of New Mexico are at a hazardous level for burning; and it is still early in the fire season for this region.

Remember, the Lincoln National Forest and other public lands are open to use, just without open fires. All communities and recreation areas continue to be open and the public is welcome to visit the area. Lincoln National Forest Fire Management Officer Brian Power, reminds the public that, "Users of public land must exercise extreme caution to prevent a wildfire. Recreationists should still plan on a fun camping season in the forest and surrounding communities."

Those planning to visit the forest or public land are urged to call ahead, visit agency offices, and read bulletin boards and signs to get information on fire closures and other important information. Additional fire information for the Southwest Area is available at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire).

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sional services for mental health counseling in the detention center, \$5,000 to the Little Rascal's Club after school program in Ruidoso, \$10,000 to village of Ruidoso Downs for reimbursement for fire-fighting response in the county, \$19,500 to Hondo school for management of Glencoe Rural Events Center.

Several other requests were made this year for money from the special programs fund. At the preliminary budget hearing on May 4, the draft preliminary budget did not meet the required three-twelfths reserve for the general fund. As a result commissioners deleted the following requests until they found additional surplus revenue:

The outside requests include \$1,000 for RC&D, \$2,500 for village of Corona solid waste, \$5,000 for Hispanic Culture Scholarships, \$6,743 for Capitan Library, \$3,000 for Zia Handicap to provide hospice, \$2,000 to Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District, \$4,050 to White Mountain Search and Rescue, \$26,500 to Ruidoso Library, \$150,000 for recreation county wide, and \$7,200 for rent on the DWI office.

Various county departments had also made several requests that were not funded at the first budget hearing on April 29. Those requests include two part-time detention officers for a total of \$20,992, \$12,000 for facilities improvements, \$1,000 for a file cabinet in the sheriff's office, \$1,400 for furniture in the manager's office, \$6,000 for a copier in the manager's office, \$8,000 for a copier at the road department, \$7,000 for salt spreaders in the road department, \$40,000 for a road mower in the road department, \$28,000 for a detention center van, \$26,667 for an additional sheriff's vehicle (commissioners committed to funding two vehicles for the sheriff during the May 4 budget hearing, the only vehicles funded at that time), \$3,900 equipment on the sheriff's vehicle, \$5,000 for courtroom sound system, \$12,434 for a historical records clerk (in the clerk's office), \$2,015 for a raise for the detention administration bookkeeper/secretary, \$8,000 for courthouse parking lot repair.

At the budget hearing today, commissioners have an estimated \$42,000 to dole out among the requests made from outside sources and from requests made by county departments.

When commissioners ad-

Journal their May 4 preliminary budget hearing the budget was \$30,000 short of the required three-twelfths percent reserve for the general fund. They asked the manager, finance office and all departments to cut their budgets to find the \$30,000 to cover the reserve while providing funds to cover the anticipated seven and a half percent increase in medical insurance. To accomplish this task several adjustments were made to the draft budget to reach the three-twelfths reserve (\$762,170) needed for the general fund plus an additional \$42,614 to the ending cash balance that totals \$804,784. More funds may be added to the ending cash balance as the county departments close out the 1998-99 fiscal year expenditures. The 1998-99 fiscal year ends on June 30.

The adjustments made to the revenues to reach the reserve include requiring Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority pay \$10,000 of its annual payment that has been excused in the past years, reduction of attorney fees by \$6,000, reducing manager's mileage and per diem by \$500, reducing manager dues and conference fees by \$500, reducing data processing by \$2,000, reducing Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) by \$250, reducing the clerk's equipment maintenance by \$1,000, reducing the bureau of elections equipment maintenance by \$1,000, reducing the assessor's office supplies by \$1,500, telephone by \$1,000, mileage by \$1,000, dues and conferences by \$3,000, reducing the treasurer's office mileage and per diem by \$500, professional services by \$1,000, investment fees by \$500, reducing in the road department temporary salaries by \$28,201 but adding an Operator 1 at a cost of \$28,201, reducing volunteer fire fighters insurance by \$1,008, reducing \$30,000 from the detention center project fund and adding \$1,654 to cover the medical insurance increase in the senior citizens fund.

Commissioners will have to decide whether or how they want to spend the \$42,614 surplus during the budget hearing today Thursday, May 20.

Total county revenues in the preliminary budget for all departments (that include the road department, Farm and Range, Recreation cigarette tax revenue, special programs, recording fees, Bonito, Fort Stanton, Hondo, Lincoln, Nogal, Glencoe-Palo Verde, and White Oaks Volunteer Fire Departments, Capital Outlay Mill levy fund, county facilities mill levy fund, volunteer fire department mill levy fund, Soil and Water Conservation District/RC&D, agreements, legislative appropriations, special gas tax, predatory animal control, Lodgers Tax fund, corrections, drug enforcement grant, sheriff's seizure fund, reappraisal fund, emergency management

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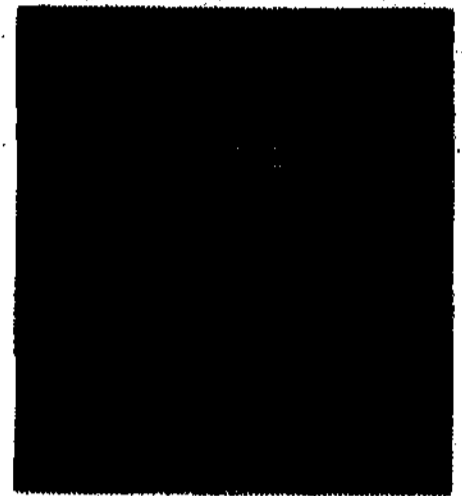
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**FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS**  
—Craig Hipple of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**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**  
—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.  
—Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, MAY 20**  
—Lincoln County Commission meeting 9 a.m. commission chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Meeting includes budget hearing at 1 p.m.  
—12:30 p.m. early dismissal at Carrizozo school.  
—Ruidoso Economic Development Committee 3 p.m. village hall.  
—Democratic Party of Lincoln County, 7 p.m. Cafe Mesclero, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson speaker.

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**  
—Capitan Kindergarten graduation 9 a.m. Traylor Gym.  
—Last day of class for Carrizozo schools, early dismissal at 9:30 a.m.  
—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board, rescheduled from May 18, 2 p.m. LCSWA offices Ruidoso Downs.  
—Carrizozo High School graduation 7 p.m. old gym.

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**  
—Ruidoso High School graduation 10 a.m. Horton Stadium.  
—Corona High School graduation 7 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 24**  
—Lincoln County/Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission special meeting 5:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.  
—Joint meeting of Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority and Commission 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall, workshop on proposed ETZ ordinance revisions.  
—Ruidoso/Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority special meeting 8 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

**TUESDAY, MAY 25**  
—South Central RC&D Council, Inc. 9 a.m. Carrizozo Woman's Club.  
—Republican Women of Lincoln County meeting 11:30 a.m. Enchantment Inn, Ruidoso. Speaker Jan Brooks, 1st Vice president of NM Republican Women. Board meeting at 10 a.m.  
—Early dismissal of Capitan schools at 2 p.m.  
—Carrizozo Town Trustees Public hearing on Community Development Block Grant project at 5 p.m. Regular meeting to include public hearing on preliminary budget at 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 26**  
—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.  
—Capitan Elementary Awards 8 a.m. Cummins Gym.  
—Early dismissal of Capitan schools at 2 p.m.  
—Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.  
—Special Ruidoso Council workshop to discuss Impact Fees, 4 p.m. village hall.

**FRIDAY, MAY 28**  
—Last day of class for Capitan Schools, pick up report cards at 8 a.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 29**  
—Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Service 10:30 a.m. Fort Stanton Veterans Memorial Cemetery.  
—Capitan High School Graduation 7:47 p.m. Tiger Stadium.

## Thank You Everyone

For your many heartfelt cards and condolences in the tragic death of our youngest son, Kit Shannon Swedeen: 11-1-72 to 5-3-99; 13 year auctioneer; married to wife Lori Swedeen; father of two: Burgandi Swedeen, 3 1/2 yrs. old, and Kitryna Swedeen (namesake), 34 days old, "I passed on my "Golden Gavel" with you, Son - wear it proudly up Heaven's Golden Stairs."

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# Carrizozo School Works On School Safety Plan

Carrizozo Board of Education rehired its non-certified staff, approved the tentative School Level Safety Plan, and adopted changes to board policy dealing with procurement and work schedules for teachers assistants.

During the school board meeting Tuesday, May 18, the board rehired for the 1999-2000 school year non-certified staff Candie Agullar, Margaret Barola, Lorene Baros, Linda Brown, Polly Chavez, Charlotte Emmons, Steve Gore, Linda Greer, Sharon Heffer, Fat Jiron, Sandra Jiron, David Roper, Lorenzo Sambrano, Margie Serna, Jaunita Vallejos, and Nenna Whittaker. The board also accepted the resignation of Alce Day whose husband is being relocated to Farmington, and approved employing Rick Cogdill as Instructional Leader for the 1999-2000 school year.

Carrizozo schools now has a School Level Safety Plan that outlines what measures are to be taken in case of an emergency at the school. The state required all school districts to adopt a plan by April 30, but school superintendent Glens Goodwin said she had requested an extension. "The plan is timely as many schools have had to use their crises response plans lately," Goodwin said.

The district based its plan on a model sent from the state department of education on computer disk, then changed it to fit the district. The lengthy plan has three parts, prevention, intervention and response. Prevention outlines what the district has in place now, intervention is currently in draft form because it will include student handbook information on discipline, and the handbook is not yet completed. Response portion provides numbers for all emergency response agencies and gives each school staff person a role to take during an emergency. The response portion also specifies all types of emergency situations, including some in the draft that were deleted such as "earthquakes" because they do not apply to this area. And it outlines where students will be evacuated to in case of an emergency.

"Many of these situations could happen here," Goodwin said about the plan.

The plan is considered a living document that can undergo changes when needed. Copies of the plan can be viewed at the superintendent's office.

Goodwin said the plan

makes it clear that the superintendent or her representative is the only person who can communicate with the media during an emergency.

The board also acted on two policy changes first presented by superintendent Glens Goodwin at the April meeting. The board approved the revision that brought their policy up to date with state procurement rules that require the district to go for sealed bids on any item or project that exceeds \$10,000 in cost. Previous policy required sealed bids for purchases over \$5,000.

Starting next school year, instructional assistants will be required to be in the classroom when students are. Goodwin said she discussed the proposed policy change with the instructional assistants who received the suggested change well. Goodwin said the assistants were receptive to trading duties in exchange for the change in hours in the classroom. The board approved the revision to the policy that previously required assistants to be in class only six hours a day. With the policy change assistants will be in the classroom for about six and a half hours.

In other business the board: —Adopted new science and health textbooks recommended by teachers.

—Recognized coaches Juan Pino and Pat Ventura who were named All-district coaches for girls basketball and track in District 3A. The coaches and many students who were named to the all district teams were also recognized at the Carrizozo Athletic Banquet held May 12.

—Heard that the state fire marshal representative walked through the school to check new fire alarms and recommended another panel be installed at the elementary building.

—Acknowledged a letter from third grade student Gabriel New who asked if the school could donate left over food to needy people locally or in other areas. Goodwin said she sent the student a response that such donations are not allowed by state law.

—Heard Goodwin say she has adjusted the administration office summer hours to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

through Thursday, with Friday off. Graduation is at 7 p.m. May 21 in the old gym.

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services, Carrizozo Health Center, Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) both mill levy funds, Law Enforcement Protection funds state grant, Zia Senior Citizens state funding, environmental gross receipt tax for landfill, CDBG grant fund if county receives grant, Indigent claims fund, IOIP hospital fund, Beautification Grant for summer youth program, juvenile detention fund, Enhanced 911 grant, New Mexico High Intensity Drug Traffic Area grant, Fast Cops grant, detention center project is estimated at \$8,585,210.

In the preliminary budget, which includes figures from the general fund, the county estimates to have an ending cash balance of \$3,697,061 from all funds, revenues of \$8,585,101 from all funds, budgeted total funds expenditures of \$10,501,430, leaving an estimated \$1,780,732 ending cash balance for all funds.

## Carrizozo Police Apprehend Illegal Aliens In Stolen Car

About 9 p.m. May 11, Carrizozo police officer James Streck made a routine traffic stop that resulted in the apprehension of three illegal aliens and recovery of a car stolen from Colorado.

According to information from Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega, his officers have apprehended a total of four illegal aliens during the last two weeks. All illegal aliens were traveling north to look for jobs, Vega said.

Three aliens were traveling in a vehicle with expired Colorado tags, which was the reason for the traffic stop.

"It's an attribute that all the officers in this department can speak Spanish," Vega said.

Lincoln County sheriff's deputy Jacky Raines assisted with the traffic stop. The three Mexican nationals were taken to Lincoln County Detention Center and detained until they were picked up by the U.S. Border Patrol.

Police apprehended another Mexican National after he jumped from a train. Vega asks if anyone sees any individual who has jumped from a train or who is

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**THOUGHTS**  
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Budget hearing today**

By Ruth Hammond

The Lincoln County Commissioners meet today, Thursday, May 20 for their regular meeting. The main thing on the agenda is the budget hearing. Can you imagine trying to figure out how to spend \$4.9 million? The commissioners won't have a problem because there are many requests for county money. We can only hope the commissioners use discretion instead of going on a spending spree as they did a few times in the past by spending what some of the commissioners considered "surplus" money. Just because there is money in the bank doesn't mean there is spare money to spend.

Overspending can cause problems, not only at the county level but in the municipalities as well. The state requires the county and each village and town to prepare preliminary budgets that must be sent to the state for approval before final budgets can be approved. These budgets must list revenues and expenditures for the year.

Many people assume that the county and municipalities have all that money to spend, not realizing that there are set expenses that must be budgeted first. Salaries, building costs, vehicle costs and maintenance, utilities, telephone expenses, supplies, equipment, and repairs are a few of the necessary items to be budgeted first. If governmental entities didn't have to pay these things there would be more than enough money to fund all the requests they receive.

Once upon a time counties took care of roads and that was the main budget item. Looking back at the old newspapers and the list of county expenditures shows the difference between how county money was budgeted then compared to how it is budgeted now. There were expenses for the courthouse, but very little compared to today's expenses. There were fewer employees to pay back then.

Revenues can be deceiving because they trickle in during the year instead of being available at the start of the fiscal year. And the county and each village and town is required by the state to keep a certain amount of money in the bank at all times to allow for government business to continue for a set number of months.

Revenue for the governments is similar to the way you earn your money. The majority of you don't receive a year's salary in one lump sum at the start of the year. You receive it regularly at set intervals. If you did receive it all at once, you would have the same problem the governments have and would have to save a certain amount to pay bills during the year. If you didn't have to pay your monthly bills you would have a lot of money to spend as you want.

Oh how nice it would be to have that \$4.9 million to spend. If you had that much money how would you spend it? Would you buy a new home and furnishings? Would you buy a new vehicle? Would you pay for college educations for every member of your family? Would you donate a considerable sum to the governor's voucher program? Would you pay to pave streets and upgrade county roads? Would you buy new clothes and luxuries? Would you take trips and go around the world? Would you share money with your neighbors? Would you invest the \$4.9 million and use the interest for living expenses? Would you donate to charities and worthwhile causes?

When the county commissioners hold the public hearing on the \$4.9 million budget today they won't have to consider how to spend the money. Most of it is already budgeted for necessary expenses. The \$42,000 surplus won't go far toward the 26 requests received but the county commissioners will make the right choices. If you have an opinion as to how the surplus should be spent you can tell the commissioners during the public hearing today at the meeting.

How to spend the money.

**LETTERS**  
to the editor

EDITOR: My son Robert and I will be moving from Carrizozo tomorrow (Friday). There are some things I would like to say to this community before I go. In the four years we have lived here, I've had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people, through church (First Baptist Church), through music, through working for the Census Bureau last fall (I either drove or walked down nearly every alley and street in this town, and so many of you invited me into your homes and were so nice — you made my job very enjoyable), and through the Writer's Group which meets each first and third Monday of the month (which was a great catalyst for the writer in me — it kept me moving forward creatively and thinking like a writer — there's nothing quite like painting pictures with words).

We are moving to Colorado, and I hope that people wave at each other like they do here; I will miss that. I will miss performing with my music friends at the Galloping Tortoise in Ruidoso on Sunday nights (it's a coffee house with a family atmosphere where musicians get together and jam). I will miss hearing the nightbirds sing in the Springtime (if you go outside in the wee hours of the morning, you can hear them), the beautiful sunsets on my walks down to the end of Drexel toward the airport, the crescent moon in a Carrizozo sky that tells me "Life goes on", the schools (Margie's worth her weight in gold), Rancher's Campmeeting in the summer on Noga Mesa, the sound of the train, the taste of an "Outpost" cheeseburger, and the feeling of "home" I have in Carrizozo.

I have a job waiting for me in Colorado in the journalism field (my major in college was Journalism-Mass Communications, and I've spent a good part of my life working in radio, television, and newspaper, as a radio announcer, talk-show host, news director/producer/anchor — it will be nice doing it again. I am thankful also for this newspaper, the Lincoln County News, for it is the voice of freedom for the people of Lincoln County. I have experienced the power of a single letter-to-the-editor, which turned into a mass mailing campaign in which citizens clipped the letter out of the newspaper and mailed it to their Congressman (that happened in another community, and introduced me to the world of political activism — if you don't act someone else will). I have found that if something is worth having, it's worth fighting for. This is true of the opportunities for the growth of Carrizozo. Go to a few town council meetings; you have a right to be there. Go to some county commission meetings; you have a right to be there too. There is power in the pen, just don't ever forget that. Together, you can make Carrizozo the town you want it to be.

Please write to me (P.O. Box 84, Carrizozo — my mail will be forwarded) so I won't get homesick, OK? I will miss you all.

DIANE JAMES  
Carrizozo, New Mexico

WHEN YOU'RE OUT  
THERE TRIUMPHING OVER THE  
WORLD'S PROBLEMS, DON'T FORGET  
—MY GENERATION SUPPLIED  
THOSE PROBLEMS!



GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE?

**Inside The Capitol**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** - The special session of the 1999 New Mexico Legislature adjourned after a 10-day run, amid charges from both sides that it lasted too long.

Special sessions can run up to 30 days but, in reality, take only one to 10 days, with most coming in at around five days. Original estimates for this session clustered at around 10 days, due to the number of unresolved budget issues. But a week before the session was to convene, a meeting between administrative and legislative leaders showed enough promise to bring estimates down to five days.

This columnist was among those who felt the session that Gov. Gary Johnson called for the Tuesday before Mothers' Day would end by Saturday. But by opening day, budget talks between legislative leaders and the governor's representatives had proceeded no further and the public focus had shifted almost completely to school vouchers.

Gov. Johnson brought in a group of voucher proponents from around the nation and paraded them for the media, clouding the fact that this was primarily a budget session designed to keep the state from shutting down on July 1.

Although no one would want to say so, an understanding may have evolved at that point around the governor softening on his budget issues in return for Democrat legislative leaders allowing the full-scale voucher debate for which Johnson had been calling. The requested five days of debate was shortened to four, which was three days longer than the time allocated under the adjournment-in-five-days scenario.

This gave time for all parties on both sides of the voucher debate to show their stuff. Gov. Johnson's national experts, who had come to New Mexico for a week at no expense to the state, got to do their thing. The governor wasn't embarrassed by Democrat legislative leaders giving his out-of-state voucher propo-

nents a cold shoulder. And he got the national exposure he wanted.

Perhaps those extra three days of voucher debate allowed the necessary time for back room talks between lawmakers and administration representatives to get the budget shaped close enough to everyone's liking — or at least equal dislike — and avert the government shutdown that no one wanted.

As it was, Johnson called the budget the worst one he had ever signed, which came as no surprise to anyone. The governor has said that the last few years. And he will continue to say it as long as he refuses to get personally involved with legislative leaders in budget talks.

Gov. Johnson was further irritated by lawmakers sticking around an additional two days at the end of the session, thereby forcing him to decide on his line-item budget vetoes in three days after getting the budget on his desk, rather than the 20 days he would have had following adjournment of the Legislature.

Democrat legislators said they wanted to be sure this time that the budget battles

were over for the year and that they wouldn't be coming back again.

Johnson also had threatened to keep calling the Legislature back into session until he got his voucher plan adopted. The lengthy debate in front of a national audience appears to have satisfied him. He knew that no matter how many times the "voted" lawmakers back/his/wasn't going to get a voucher bill on his desk because numerous Republican legislators had indicated they would break party lines on that issue.

So the 1999 special session, which possibly could have been dispatched in five days, stretched out to 10 days at the cost of another quarter-million dollars. That's a big pot of money but it wasn't all for naught.

The protracted voucher debate didn't change any votes, but if it kicked off an ongoing public discussion about what is wrong with our schools and how they can be fixed, it was worth it. And the two extra days at the end will enable schools to start budgeting 17 days earlier, which could save part of that quarter-million bucks.

**County Commissioners Meet Today In Carrizozo**

Lincoln County Commissioners began their May meeting at 9 a.m. today, Thursday, May 20, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

At 1 p.m. commissioners will conduct public hearings on a final plat of Cougar Mountain Estates Subdivision in the Corona area, a proposed ordinance adopting a one-eighth percent of County Gross Receipt Tax for Indigent Health Care; a proposed ordinance that would prohibit improper handling of fire, establish procedures to de-

clare an extreme fire danger emergency and establish guidelines for the sale, possession or discharge of fireworks and regulations and/or prohibiting the use of aerial and ground audible devices during extreme drought conditions; and the final preliminary budget for fiscal year 1999-2000.

While the public hearing on the proposed ordinance on fireworks is the first to be held, it is being considered as an "emergency ordinance" that will become effective immediately upon acceptance by the county commission. The ordinance will prohibit certain types of fireworks during extreme drought conditions.

The public is invited to make comment on the proposed subdivision, ordinances and county budget.

Other items on the county meeting agenda are, in the order as they are listed:

Approval of consent agenda which includes finance reports, treasurer's report for April, Zia Senior Citizens

contract with the NM State Agency on Aging for a \$53,000 legislative appropriation to purchase vehicles for the centers, Zia Senior Citizens contract with NM Area Agency on Aging for cash in lieu of commodities grant, Zia Senior Citizens contract with NM Area Agency on Aging for state legislative appropriation of \$24,000 for purchase of meals equipment, Zia Senior Citizens contract with NM Area Agency on Aging for legislative appropriation of \$19,000 for paving and improvement to Ruidoso Downs senior center, cooperative agreement with the US Forest Service for heavy maintenance of Forest Road 87 (Salazar Canyon) and resurfacing of great Road 117 (Monjean Lookout Road), county auction June 19, management agreement with Honda Valley Schools Board of Education for Glencoe Rural Events Center.

County manager report, Request by Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst to conduct Bingo at Ruidoso Downs senior center, Request for vacation of private road easement in Pine Point Estates Subdivision by John Billingsley, Request for road review of close County road C-019 by Roy LaMay. The road, which intersects with State Road 57 between mile marker 2 and 3, accesses the LaMay home only.

DWI program presentation by director Barbara Reyes, Management contract with Correctional Systems, Inc. for management of Lincoln County Detention Center from July 1 through December 31, 1999, Approval of open letter to Governor Gary Johnson regarding property tax out legislation.

Discussion on purchasing requests by commissioner Wilton Howell, Discussion about Gavilan Canyon ball park lights requested by Howell.

Consideration of bids for annual Mental Health Contract, radio maintenance service contract, electrical maintenance service contract, plumbing, heating & air conditions maintenance service contract, police emergency equipment, audit services for fiscal year 1998-99.

Management proposal presentation by Brian Dunn with Community Health Systems, Information letter of interest from Community Health Care Partnership.

Public Hearings, Discussion of Extraterritorial Zoning (ETZ) requested by county commission chairman Rex Wilson.

Appointment to ETZ Authority, Lincoln County Health & Wellness Board and Maternal Child Health Planning Council presentation by Wanda Gielow de Figueras.

Lodgers Tax Committee recommendation for expenditures.

Request to schedule public hearing on proposed ordinance adopting the first one-eighth percent of county gross receipt tax to be used for construction of the new Lincoln County Detention Center.

**Carrizozo Police Apprehend**

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on private property to contact his office at 648-2851 or call 911.

Vega also reported that his office is getting response to the code enforcement of trash, debris and weedy lots. Also Carrizozo police have issued several second notices about their lots. The department is anticipating filing several criminal summonses in municipal court on individuals who have failed to respond to the notice either by correcting the problem or contacting the police department to make arrangements.

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# CORONA NEWS

Corona Summer Festival will be held July 24 and 25 this year, and are looking for interested parties that would like a booth or have musical talent. Please contact Loretta Manning, chairman for the festival at 849-1860.

A cherry tree was planted at the Corona Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. as part of the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration. Anita Kasak, Curtis and Wanda Duke donated the tree, and Lanita is chairman for the Bicentennial Celebration. In attendance were Hazel Burton, Johnnie Faye Harlesson, Patsy Mulkey, and Bernice McCord.

A baby shower was held in honor of Payton Dayles Dunsworth on May 16. The proud parents are Ronnie and Angie Dunsworth. Payton arrived on April 21 in Albuquerque at 5:30 a.m. at 6.1 lbs, 19 1/2 inches in length.

Attending the shower from out of town were Mrs. Rita Dunsworth, Tanya Dasher and daughter, Amber, all from Texico. Local guests were Janice Bonds, Kathy and Aleshia Palomarez, Thelma, Maryah and Megan Romans, Edie Porter, Cathy Yancey, Denise Byrd, Marcella Chavez, Marilyn Brown, Socorro and Nubia Beltran, Johnnie Erramoupe, A.J. Betohel, Patsy Mulkey and Loretta Manning.

The Ramsey Dean Chapter of the National Honor Society held its induction ceremony Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Corona School Board room. Sponsor Roxanne Erramoupe opened the ceremony. After Mrs. Erramoupe lit the blue candle, Travis Lightfoot explained the meaning of the blue candle; knowledge. Four white candles were lit by members Courtney Perez representing leadership, Maryah Romans representing character, Brandon Biebel representing Service, Monica Alirez representing scholarship. Inducted into National Honor Society were Amanda Witt, Delia Gonzales, Rocky Bagley, Sunshine Luera, Robert Zook, Christina Beltran, Josh Tabor, and Marilee Bryan. Refreshments were served to guests and parents.

Corona School Board met May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Corona Board Room. Board members present were Rick Sage, Danny Luera, and Denise Byrd. Motion was made and passed to approve minutes, payroll and bills, a cash transfer request, to hire

Greer/Stafford as Architect for gymnasium project. CES/Architect update was given, and From Report. Betty Ann Bell, elementary teacher gave a report.

Each board member was presented a flower project that elementary students had been working on, with the help of volunteer Edie Porter. The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel. No action was taken. Motion was made and passed to hire Dorothy N. Lightfoot, Sandra Alford, Lee Mulkey, and Lee Sultemeier contingent on funding for the 1999-2000 school year for bus contracts. A motion was made and passed to approve the Tentative Budget for the school year 1999-2000. Meeting was then adjourned.

The Corona Athletic-Academic Banquet was held May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Corona School Gymnasium. The theme was Cardinals-Stars of Today and Tomorrow. Welcome was given by Steve Orr.

Roxanne Erramoupe, English teacher gave the following academic awards: 7th grade, Keith Shafer; 8th grade, Shalene Lopez; 9th grade, Dal Frost; 10th grade, Marilee Bryan; 11th-12th grade, Maryah Romans. Most improved English student, Manuel Noriega.

Mary Smith, Spanish teacher gave the following academic awards: Spanish II, Manuel Noriega; Most Improved, Marilee Bryan and Monique Johnson; English as a 2nd Language, Christina Beltran. Careers Class, Anthony Aguirre 8th grade.

Ronnie Dunsworth, History teacher gave the following academic awards: U.S. History, Dal Frost; World History, Marilee Bryan; U.S. Government, Courtney Perez and Maryah Romans, World-Comparative, Monica Alirez and Rankin Frost; U.S. History, Keith Shafer 7th grade and Shalene Lopez 8th grade; Drivers Education, Megan Romans; Health, Brandon Witt; High School Physical Education, Rocky Bagley; Junior High Physical Education, Victor Perez.

Clay Burton, Special Ed. teacher gave the following awards: Creative Writing and Story Telling to DJ Hand, Versatility and Potential to Bonnie Garza.

David Schwartz, Math teacher gave the following awards: 7th grade, Rachael Luera and Victor Perez; 8th grade, Megan Romans, Chauncy Jinks and Laura Gonzales; 9th grade, Dal

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**Word of Thanks!**

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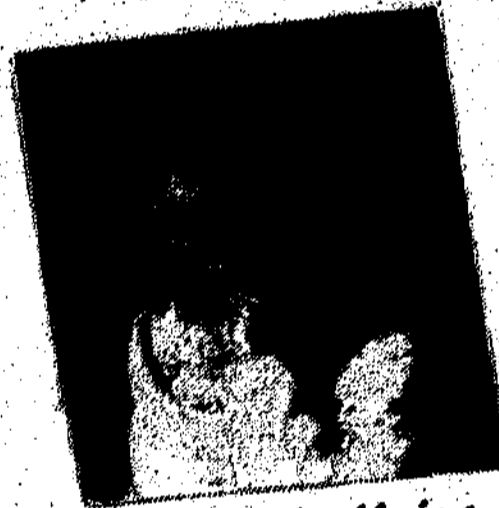
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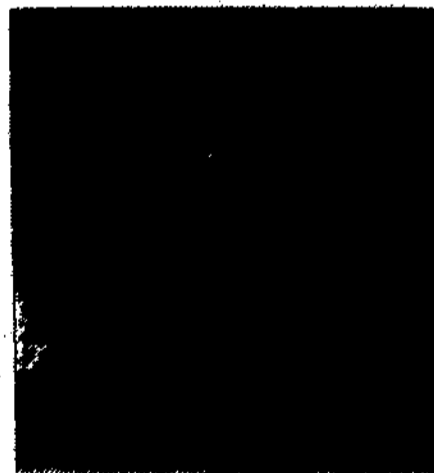
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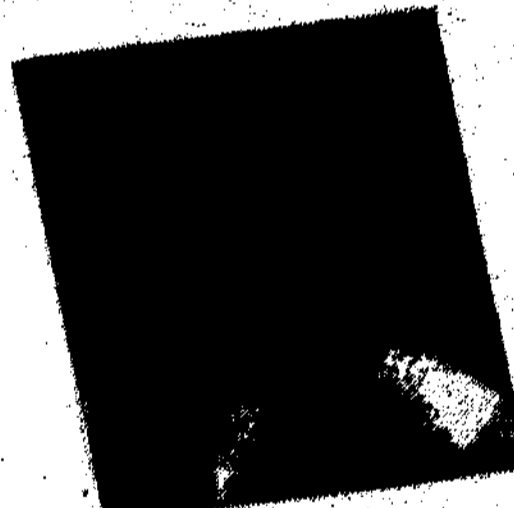
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**HAVE WE CHANGED?** The Carrizozo kindergarten class of 1987 smiled as they posed for this picture with their teacher Larue Wetzel when they were ready to go into the first grade. Several of these students continued their education at Carrizozo School and will receive their high school diplomas during graduation tomorrow night.

**Carrizozo High School  
Class of 1999  
Commencement  
Friday, May 21, 1999  
7:00 p.m. / Carrizozo Gymnasium**

**Class Motto:** "What we hold of yesterday is only a memory, but tomorrow is an accomplishment that is yet to be made."  
**Class Flower:** Silver Rose Tipped in Maroon.  
**Class Colors:** Maroon, Silver and Black.  
**Class Song:** "1999" — by Prince.

**Capitan Board of Education  
Member Jack King Resigns**

Capitan school board members Jack King submitted his resignation during the regular board meeting May 18.  
King said he was "regretfully resigning" because it had been brought to his attention he had missed more than nine meetings. "I do not feel this is fair to the community, board, school district, children and those who elected me," King said.  
King said he had missed the meetings because of his employment. He then recalled how at the meet the candidate forum when he was running for the board he said his employment would not be factor in his ability to serve on the board. Since then King has changed jobs and has frequently been required to be out of town on meeting days. King said his last board meeting will be in June, which will give the other members time to consider how to fill the vacancy.  
School board president Tom Trost accepted King's resignation and said he understood King's employment situation. Trost and King had both worked at Fort Stanton until it was closed as a facility to serve developmentally disabled adults. Trost and King were then relocated to a Roswell office. While King left that position, Trost continues to work in Roswell, but has been able to attend school board meetings.  
School board member Ervin Aldaz made the motion to "regretfully" accept King's resignation. All members voted aye.  
In addition to accepting King's resignation, the board also accepted the retirement of Gerald Montes effective June 14 and resignations from media director/librarian Becky Borowski effective June 7, and

teachers Chad Ghormley and Richard Strahan both effective May 28.  
Also at the meeting high school student senate members Trenna Stephens and Erin Autrey spoke to the board about student concerns on the high school dress code, and to report on the Lincoln County Youth Summit. Stephens said the main concern with the dress code is the limit on when students can wear shorts. "At the high school we are mature enough to make decisions on what we should wear, especially when we can and can't wear shorts," Stephens said. Also she said there is concern high school students will be required to tuck in shirts as they must in the middle school. "We think it's ridiculous," Stephens said then demonstrated by tucking in a shirt that was designed to be worn out. "We feel it is our own decision," she said.  
Also high school students think there should be some rewards for being in high school other than being allowed to leave campus during lunch.  
School superintendent Diana Billingsley, and board member Aldaz suggested the student senate develop a proposal to solve the concerns. Aldaz said the student senate needs to be the organization to represent the students. He suggested the student senate come up with a proposal for guidelines and training for a dress code. Billingsley suggested the guidelines have specific examples of dress. Aldaz said this is needed so not to leave dress up to interpretation. "I think it is great that you are voicing your opinions," Aldaz said. "I have been looking for this since I have been on the board."  
About the youth summit the

students said six from the high school and four from the middle school attended the event called "Celebrate '99" where all school districts in the county were represented. They learned about suicide, teen pregnancy, alcohol/drugs and the prevention of these problems. They also agreed the school district should try to hold its own seminar about these issues.  
The board also approved the awarding of the Jack O. Pogue scholarship of \$500 as a renewal to Mandi Aldaz who is attending UNM, the Jesse E. Faye scholarship of \$525 to Mike Martinez, and the \$700 postmasters scholarship to Colleen McGrath.  
Non-certified personnel also were re-employed. In the elementary are instructional assistants Debbie Anderson, Kathy Dean, Mary Holman, Janell Thomas and Ruby Trost, custodian Inge Sedillo, and secretary Mozie Sparks. In the middle school are instructional assistants Cathy Darrah and Erma Nichols, secretary Gloria Whitham, and custodian Rose Ann Wright. In the High school are instructional assistants Sherry Gowen, Beth Micanter and Dinah Roybal, secretary Stephanie Aldaz, and custodian Beverly Brazel. Cafeteria personnel rehired are cooks Theresa Baca, Wynell Kenemore, and Anna Silva, computer clerk Jennifer Barnwell, director Liz Montes, and dishwasher Rhonda Hayenga. Maintenance personnel are director Nick Pacheco, grounds custodian Paul Griego, and custodian Jerri Wilson. Administration are administrative secretary Dawn Goodrum, payroll clerk Liz Montoya, and business manager Frances Traylor.  
Results of the May 11 bond issue election were canvassed and the notice of bond sale was adopted by resolution. The bond sale will take place at 11 a.m. June 10, at the office of George K. Baum and Company in Albuquerque. Sealed bids will be opened for the school building bonds of \$2 million. At the regular June 10 meeting, the board of education will award the bonds and adopt a resolution giving notice of the award. The bonds are scheduled to mature in year 2012.  
In other business, the board:  
--Approved adoption of science/PE and health text books as recommended by teachers of those subjects.  
--Heard reports from Ed Berglund about the golf team, from Lynn Dunlap about the Parent/community task force, from Linda Fox with the Capitan Public Library and its summer reading program

open to children, and from high school principal Darrel Stierwalt about the Math Task Force and the math expectations in grades K-2. Copies of the multi-page math expectations report are available at the superintendent's office.  
--Conducted the first reading of the District Strategic Plan. Copies are available at the superintendent's office.

**OBITUARY**  
**N.E. BRITTON**  
Funeral service for N.E. Britton, 86, of Lubbock and formerly of Capitan, will be

Friday, May 21, at 2:00 P.M. in the Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. Officiating will be the Rev. Floyd Goodloe. Burial will follow at the Capitan Cemetery.  
Mt. Britton died Monday, May 17 in Lubbock. He was born Nov ember 12, 1912 in Erath County, TX. He had lived in Lincoln County since 1951 and was a retired ranch manager for the Mescalero Apache Tribe. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He married Pauline Moss on June 6, 1940 in Stephenville, TX and she preceded him in death on February 11, 1990.  
He is survived by a daughter, Nathales Taylor of Lubbock, and a son, Carlton Britton of Lubbock; six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.  
Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

**RC&D Meets Tues.,  
May 25, In Carrizozo**

The South Central Mountain RC&D Council, Inc. will meet Tuesday, May 25 at the Carrizozo Woman's Club building. Coffee and donuts will be served from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. when the meeting will start.  
Agenda items include discussing establishment of water planning steering committee and review of cooperative agreement and scope of work, progress reports on active measures, agency reports, report on state RC&D Council activities, chairman reports, and other business.

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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  
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1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

**Mountain Ministry Parish,  
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BILL BEBRING, pastor  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:  
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024  
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Covena 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)  
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Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
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Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
REX BERESFORD, pastor  
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 354-3119  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA Wednesday..... 8:30 p.m.

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Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Church Services..... 11:00 am

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O'zozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am  
Corona-St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

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# Capitan To Decide

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they wanted to leave the item tabled. Then Griffin said he wanted to clarify the health, welfare and safety issue. He

said he had a letter from the EP that clarifies the park did not have to be a certified water user. He also said that

when trustees had left the request tabled from their regular meeting on May 10 trustees had directed Caughron to meet with village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox. Caughron did that. "Nothing has changed, we are entitled to a three quarter inch water meter," Griffin said. "Now tonight there are some concerns that did not seem to be present last week." Whitaker said the original motion was for two or three months. "We don't want to feel pressured," Whitaker said.

Trustees acknowledged they had received a memo from Cox about the meeting with Caughron. But Ingle said the last meeting was the first time she was able to review the request because she had been out of town looking for money to construct additional water storage tanks in the subdivision area. "They sent me to Washington to find money for fire safety. Until we get money for the tanks and the safety issue is cleared I don't know if I can say 'okay here you go,'" Ingle said. "My concern is for the safety of the citizens." Ingle submitted an application/proposal for a \$300,000 grant with Congressman Joe Skeon's office and learned the village can obtain a \$100,000 partial loan from Senator Jeff Bingaman's office.

Thomsen said unfortunately the time-line for the table did not get into the official minutes of the meeting. Because of this he advised the mayor direct the clerk to put the request on an agenda on a specific date, "to keep the property from being in limbo forever." Renfro said he did not want the property to be in limbo but he didn't want to bring the issue off the table until the village learned about the grants/loans for the water tanks, and the village has an engineer on board.

Griffin then said he did not represent the property owner, John Hall, but asked if Hall could speak. At the May 10 meeting, Hall said he was not the property owner, rather the property was owned by a corporation. Hall asked the trustees if they intended to deny him a water tap due to the fire safety issue. "Will you deny all future water taps (because of the fire safety issue)?" Hall asked. "If not this is a liability for the council."

Ingle said only commercial water tap requests must come before the board. Residential water taps are handled administratively in village hall.

Hall said the fire safety issue was only an excuse to leave the request on the table. "Basically you are killing my sale," Hall said. "We feel you are acting in a manner that is adverse."

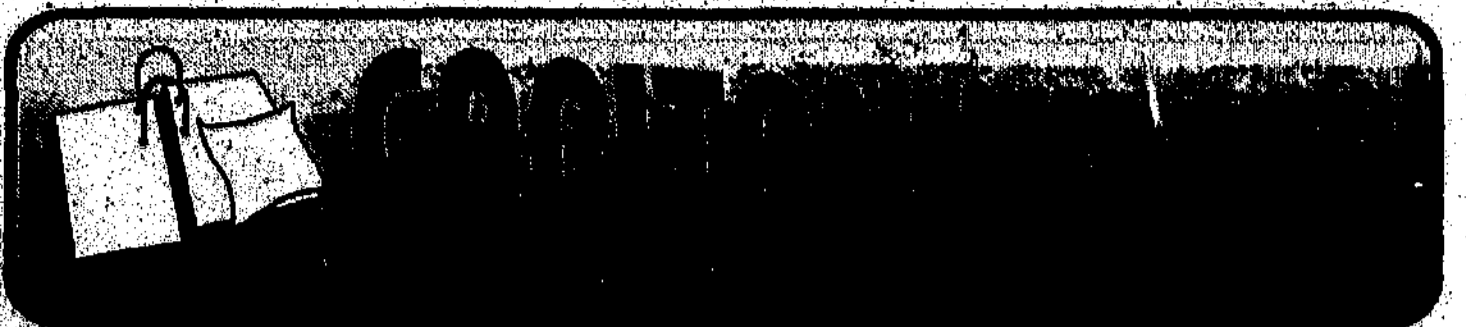
Whitaker said the trustees were not discriminating against Hall. The problem is 26 new residences and the impact those will make when they are fully developed. "I see where you are coming from, but you are not looking where we are coming from," Whitaker said to Hall. "Until someone says there is enough water to put out fires it will stay tabled."

"If you get one three-quarter inch meter, with one tap for a residence out there," added Ingle, "I am sure the fire department will do its best to save one residence, and you don't have to come to this council for that."

After Renfro asked trustees if they would go along with four months, Hall left the meeting in a hurry muttering, "We're going to court."

Cox then said that during his meeting with Caughron they determined they could

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Greetings from the Sullivan-Anderson home in Springfield, Nebraska.

What a busy, busy place, more like a bee hive than a beautiful country estate, which it really is. Imagine, if you can, sitting in the solarium and on three sides, all you can see for blocks is gorgeous, beautiful, huge trees. And believe me, I am not exaggerating.

I love to loll out on the upstairs deck and watch the squirrels and the rabbits, and the different species of birds enjoy themselves. I had heard of black squirrels, but believe it or not, never ever seen one. They too, have the same address as the Jace Anderson family.

And I guess I have spent enough time trying to give you special folks and my special friends a birds-eye view of where I have been staying, and as things look now, where I will be residing for quite a while, unless things change suddenly. So on to some other bits of this and that.

Sometimes the more things change, the more they stay the same, the saying goes. But not this week. Last week I mentioned Katie's four remaining mice in their basement abode that I have refused to even take a peek at.

Well yesterday Katie and her mother went to the grocery market on their way home and bought tons, or it seemed to me, of food for the two dachshunds and the four four-legged critters still ensconced in their basement habitat. 60 seconds after Katie's feet hit the basement she was coming back up the stairs, two at a time, and crying uncontrollably. Her four four-legged critters had passed away to their "whatever."

Katie was inconsolable, she was heart broken and her tears could not be stemmed. However, her grief was mollified somewhat when we all promised to supplant her terrible loss with something else.

So I may have to shorten this mouse obituary as we promised Katie a funeral for the faithful departed four little four-legged creatures. Services will begin in about three hours, I think. But do not quote me on that. Time to most folks is when you state the time. Not here. Time for things here is when folks get around together at the same time, and they all lead such busy lives that together time can vary quite a bit. I still have some last minute fixing for the final farewell to the little creatures so if this appears short, excuse me please.

This has been the day that was and I hoped does not return very soon. Attempting to get bills paid that have not yet reached their destination, here in Nebraska that is, and with my right eye still not being just right yet, all of this poses quite a problem.

Just picked up the following and thought it most appropriate at this juncture:

Gem of the Day by George Washington Carver, taken from the Omaha World Herald...

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the elderly, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of those who are weaker than you, because someday you will be all of these.

I liked that and thought some of you would also.

Some bits from today in history: dismissed by Judge William

On May 19, 1949 the Soviet Union announced the end of the Berlin blockade.

In 1937 Britain's King George was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

In 1965 West Germany and Israel exchanged letters establishing diplomatic relations.

On May 11, 1948 the first packages from the relief agency CARE (cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) arrived in Europe at e Havre, France.

In 1847 Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become its governor.

In 1958 Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1910 Glacier National Park in Montana was established (and on December 14, 1910 this writer was born.)

In 1944 Allied Forces launched a major offensive in central Italy.

In 1949 Israel was admitted to the United Nations as the world body's 59th member.

In 1949 Siam changed its name to Thailand.

In 1973 charges against Daniel Ellsberg for his role in the Pentagon Papers was

Byrne, who cited government misconduct.

In 1985 more than 50 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

In 1989 Kenya announced it would seek a world wide ban on the trade of ivory, a move intended to preserve its fast dwindling elephant herds.

In 1994 Atlanta-bound Valujet from Miami caught fire shortly after take-off and crashed in the Florida everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

And adding the Thought for Today: We carry our nemesis within us; yesterday's self-admiration is the legitimate father of today's feeling of Guilt. - Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary General 1955-1961.

And so for another week, adios and sayonara and may all your troubles be little ones. God bless all who read this and even those who cannot be bothered. Just remember the world is what you make it.

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**Approves Marketing Agreement For Convention Center**

By Doris Cherry  
At 5 p.m. June 3, Ruidoso Village Council will hold a special meeting to conduct a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that authorizes the issuance of industrial revenue bonds in the maximum amount of \$8,770,000 to finance the convention hotel project that will be operated by Hotel Ruidoso, L.L.C. and be known as the Hawthorn Suites Golf and Convention Center.  
The council authorized the hearing during a special meeting on May 17. During the May 17 meeting, village attorney John Underwood explained that the village has no liability on the bonds or the indebtedness for the bonds. Hotel Ruidoso, L.L.C.,

a Kansas limited liability company, will be liable for payment of the bonds from proceeds from the hotel.

Also during the May 17 meeting, councilors approved the Marketing Services Agreement with Hotel Ruidoso, L.L.C. As terms of the negotiated agreement between the village and Hotel Ruidoso, L.L.C., the corporation was designated as the sole source provider of marketing services for the Ruidoso Convention Center. Underwood said Hotel Ruidoso is in the best position to market the Convention Center and Hotel, "emphasizing the seamless convention experience possible" through the use of the Convention Center and hotel.

Under the agreement Hotel Ruidoso, L.L.C. will be provided a minimum of \$80,000 a year paid from Lodgers Tax funds. The agreement also provides for a Convention Sales Director to administer bookings for the convention center on behalf of the village. In addition the director will be allowed to travel and promote the convention center and do media advertising.

**Capitan To Decide**

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make the mobile home park work with a one-inch commercial water meter without affecting the water pressure in the area.

After Renfro asked village clerk Deborah Cummins to place the request on the meeting agenda in four months, Ingle asked the trustees to consider her request to amend the village utility ordinance to limit the number of hookups to commercial water taps. The amendment would not affect the request currently on the table only affect future commercial developments. Trustees unanimously approved scheduling a public hearing on the amendments.

Trustees also sent to the village planning commission a request for a proposed ordinance placing a moratorium on commercial and industrial development on any undeveloped land in the village until the adoption of a managed growth plan ordinance that will determine where such development can occur. The proposed ordinance was requested by citizen Lonnie Lippmann.

**OBITUARY**

**VICTOR R. BROOKS**

Funeral mass for Victor R. Brooks, 72, of Glencoe will be today, Thursday, May 20, at 10 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in San Patricio with the Rev. Richard Catanach.

Victor died at his home May 15. He was born May 13, 1926 at Belmont, Iowa. He married Inez Chavez on April 20, 1947 in California.

He is survived by his wife Inez of Glencoe; two sons, Harold of California and Ray of Idaho; a sister, Esther Evans of Iowa; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

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