Ruidoso Benind Schedule Disposing Of Pine Needles

by Doris Cherry

Gross receipt taxes and lodger taxes were up in Ruidoso last year.

Alan Briley gave that good report to the Ruidoso Village Councilors during their regular meeting June 29. Gross receipt taxes collected to date exceeded the January 1, 1999 mid-year budgetary projections by \$200,000. Lodgers tax

Village Enjoys Good Economic Year

Ruidoso Village manager very good start for the 1999-2000 fiscal year," Briley said.

Despite a better than expected tax windfall, pine needles continue to pile up in Ruidoso because of the lack of money in the solid waste department. Briley said citizens were being told the vilcollections were up 10 percent lage is 30 days behind in from the 1998-99 fiscal year picking up pine needles and and up 25 percent from the yard waste, but that was 1997-98 fiscal year. "This is a when the village had three

temporary and four contract workers devoted just to picking up yard waste. After July 1, the village will have no extra employees in the solid waste department to pick up vard waste and the delay on picking up the organic materials is expected to be six to eight weeks.

Currently each household pays \$2 a month for yard waste pickup. However it costs the village \$3 a cubic the Lincoln County Solid yard to dispose of the burn- Waste Authority (LCSWA) able yard waste. Briley said about the price the authority the solid waste department is estimating at least 30,000 cubic yards of yard waste, mostly pine needles, to be disposed. "And we don't have enough money from the yard waste fees to pay for the disposal," Briley added.

To cover that deficit, Briley said he is renegotiating with

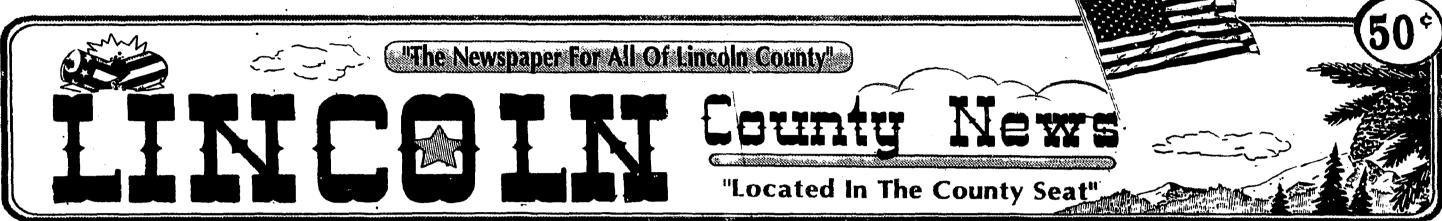
pays for using the village solid waste transfer station. LCSWA takes trash from Ruidoso Downs, Hondo Valley, Lincoln Valley, Capitan, and areas of the county to the transfer station where, for a fee, the village compacts and hauls it to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

"That should generate more money in the solid waste department fund to cover the cost to dispose of yard waste," Briley said.

"We encouraged people to clean up their lots, and now they're doing it in exponential fashion." Briley added. "Because of this we are six to eight weeks behind."

When we set the solid waste department it was an educated guess how much it

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Push America Riders Arrive In C'zozo Next Week

Push America, a cross-country cycling trek, will arrive in Carrizozo Thursday, July 8 at 2 p.m. at New Horizons Developmental Center. The riders will participate in a friendship visit with residents at New Horizons when they arrive.

While in Carrizozo, the riders will have dinner at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Carrizozo and before leaving early Friday morning breakfast will be served at 6 a.m. by Trinity United Methodist Women.

The Journey of Hope, is a project of Push America now in its 12th year. The 56 undergraduate college student riders began in San Francisco, CA June 13 and traveled together the first week and then divided into two teams, one going north and one going south. The trip will end August 14 in Washington, D.C., a total of 3,843 miles for the southern route and 3,583 miles for the northern route. Push America is the national outreach project of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

The Journey of Hope is a national effort to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities. The money is raised through a combination of team member fund-raising

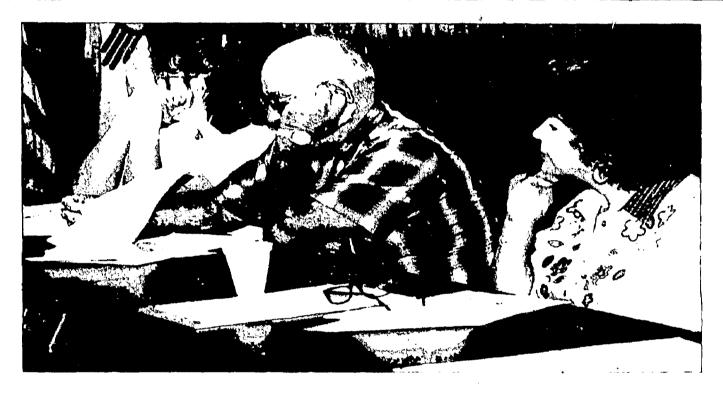
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County Historical Society Receives Grant Award

Lincoln County Historical Society was one of 16 organizations that have received a combination of federal and state funds totaling \$74,237.75 from the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board for preserva-

tion of historical records. Lincoln County Historical Society received a grant of \$6,245 to make a strategic plan for collection, preservation, maintenance and access to historic documents in the county.

Each grant recipient agreed to provide matching funds or in-kind contributions amounting to at least 25 percent of the grant. Some pledged up to five or six times the amount of the grant.



CARRIZOZO TRUSTEES Cynthia Morales, Wes Lindsay and Eileen Lovelace listen to comments made during a public hearing on annexation held Wednesday night. Residents voiced concerns about the town's lack of subdivision regulations especially for streets and the need for improved water quality before annexing any new land.



SEEKING ANNEXATION of 160 acres into the town of Carrizozo, property owner Barbara Kelsey asked Carrizozo Town Trustees what they wanted in a housing development during a public hearing on annexation held Wednesday night.

Carrizozo School **Budget Approved**

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Board of Education approved its 1999-2000 school year operation budget during the school board meeting June 15.

The budget was based on enrollment of 227, the same as the 1998-99 school year. However, because Carrizozo was scheduled to submit its budget early before the state budget was approved by the special legislative session and signed by the governor, the budget was based on the old funding formula and does not include a salary increase.

School district business manager Nenna Whittaker

said the district will have enough funding to provide the 5.25 percent salary increase mandated by the state legislature. However, the board will have to approve a budget adjustment to accommodate the increased funding.

by Doris Cherry

the Lincoln County attorney

that an ordinance to amend

the Ruidoso-Lincoln County

Extraterritorial Zone Ordi-

nance must be adopted by

both the Ruidoso Village

Council and Lincoln County

Commission, Ruidoso village

council approved a resolution

that ratified an ordinance

adopted by the Extra Territo-

During their regular meet-

rial Zoning Authority.

Despite a legal opinion from

The total budget shows expenditures of \$3,059,634 for all funds, programs and contracts including payroll for 35.54 employees. Budgeted

revenue is \$3,062,423. In the general fund, direct instruction is budgeted \$794,697. For 15.48 full time employees in grades 1-12, 2.26 special education teachers, a kindergarten teacher, substitutes for teachers on sick and other leave, benefits such as retirement, health/medical insurance, life insurance and travel and training is a total of \$770,606. Also included in that fund is supplies and materials (textbooks, software and general supplies and materials) totaling \$29,091.

Instructional support fund, for a principal, one librarian/media specialist, counselor, secretary, duty personnel and substitutes, benefits for those employees, contract services, purchased services for contracted diagnostician, speech

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Ordinance Amendments ing June 29, Ruidoso village councilors unanimously approved a resolution to ratify Ordinance 99-01 that amends the 1983 Extraterritorial Zoning (ETZ) Ordinance to give Ruidoso the administrative authority over the one mile Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zone. The resolution was the result of action taken during the June 21 joint ETZ Commission and ETZ Authority meeting and

Ruidoso Council Ratifies

Extraterritorial Zoning

ETZ ordinance. At the June 21 joint meeting, the ETZ Commission had a quorum of four of its seven members when it conducted some business on an item dealing with a development within the ET Zone. At the advertised time for the public hearing, the ETZ Commission recessed to meet jointly with the ETZ Authority.

public hearing for the pro-

posed ordinance to amend the

After nearly three hours of discussions from citizens that ranged from concerns about "Draconian" restrictive regulations with no services or voting representation to the land owners in the ET Zone and concerns about the vague language referring to the FEMA flood plain regulations. to support from a resident in the ETZ and realtors and professional planners who found that restrictions and zoning raised the value of land, the ETZ Commission decided to take action to refer the Ordinance to the ETZ Authority for adoption. However, ETZ Commission member John Ashcraft had to leave the meeting at the beginning of the public hearing, thus leaving only three of the seven ETZ Commission members when it came time to vote on the recommendation. (Editor's note: This is normally considered not having a quorum.)

Even ETZ Commission chairman Glen Barrow said there was no quorum and "so

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July 4th Holiday Celebrations In Capitan, Carrizozo and County

July 4 Independence Day holiday will be celebrated in various locations in the Lincoln County area, beginning Friday, July 2.

On Friday, July 2, festivities in Capitan begin at 9 a.m. with campfire barbecue at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. This year a \$5 admission charge will get visitors into the fairgrounds. There they can visit the 3rd Annual Capitan Music Festival from 10 a.m. to noon and 3-7 p.m., the sanctioned Senior Steer Tiedown roping at noon, and at 7 p.m. the 44th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede. A country and western dance grounds exhibit hall for an Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5. extra \$5 a person charge.

Also on Friday at Ruidoso Downs Horse Race Track is Smokey Bear Day at the Races sponsored by the US Forest Service and New Mexico State Forestry Division from 1-5

On Saturday, July 3, activities in Capitan begin at 7 a.m. with the 19th annual 10k and two mile Smokey Bear Fun Run. There is a \$10 entry fee. The run begins at Ruidoso State Bank branch office on Smokey Bear Blvd.

The sanctioned Senior Steer Tiedown Roping begins at 8

begins at 9 p.m. in the fair- a.m. at the Lincoln County At 10 a.m. Saturday, the

44th Annual Smokey Bear Parade will come down Smokey Bear Blvd. Smokey Salutes the Stars and Stripes Into the New Millennium is this year's theme. The parade is sponsored by Friends of Smokey-Capitan, Inc. A car show is set for 11 a.m. at Capitan Shell Station.

After the parade at the fairgrounds, the price of a \$5 ticket gets visitors into the 3rd Annual Capitan Music Festival from 11 a.m. to noon

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would cost. We did well in most of the guesses but yard waste," Briley said.

(Editor's Note: Ruidoso withdrew from the collection portion of LCSWA because of complaints about LCSWA not picking up yard waste, and because of complaints on how household trash was picked up and the trashy condition of the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon. Despite appeals from the LCSWA manager and LCSWA board for Ruidoso to raise its basic trash rates to cover those the Ruidoso village council at that time would not raise the basic trash rates. Because of the way LCSWA was set up, only the individu-

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al governmental entities such as village councils and boards of trustees and the county commission could raise the rates for their constituents. When the village finally decided to withdraw from the collection part of LCSWA, the village council immediately raised basic trash rates and imposed the \$2 a month fee for yard waste pickup to cover the costs for its own solid waste collection department. Since then, there have been fewer complaints about the transfer station mess and collections from households and commercial accounts within the village.)

· : Councilor Bill Chance asked when the new dumpsters

stacked at the transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road will be placed out in the neighborhoods. Briley said all containers in upper canyon have been replaced, however the hooks that allow the truck dumping must be installed manually. "Do you have a systematic approach to replacing the dumpsters?" Chance also asked.

Briley was unsure but suggested that citizens who have problems with their dumpsters to call village hall. Chance said the new dumpsters need to be put out. "The dumpster is the most visual representation of the new solid waste process,"

Chance said. A new stop light at Center Street and Sudderth Drive in midtown will not be installed until after Labor Day. Briley said the delay is due to concerns about the wheelchair ramp at the intersection voiced by the Governor's Committee on the Concerns of the Handicapped. Plans were to tear up the sidewalks at the signal area to install the signal, however, this would have torn up the existing ramp. Briley said the village plans to just remove small pieces of the existing concrete and leave the ramp to avoid having to meet new Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines for ramps.

Until the new signal is installed, mayor Robert Donaldson asked that signs be posted in the mid town area warning pedestrians to cross the walkways at their own risk. He said the crosswalks are dangerous because pedestrians do not watch traffic, and drivers sometimes do not or can not see pedestrians in the crosswalks. He said he wanted the signs put up "to-morrow", regardless what department paid for the signs.

Obtaining a card from the Ruidoso Public Library will get more user friendly soon. Briley said he gets the most complaints from irate citizens who can not get a library card. Because of this he and the library stair developed a new process. Now a valid New Mexico drivers license and proof of residence in Ruidoso and/or Lincoln County is needed to get a card. Under the new guidelines that begin July 1, a person will only need a valid drivers license and fill out a questionnaire concerning where the person is staying in Ruidoso and a disclaimer of liability. "We only have \$24,000 a year to buy books," Briley said. "We will enforce our rules on people taking books."

At the end of Briley's report Donaldson said in the next three months he will present to the council new quality of life initiatives to be undertaken in the next two and a half years.

Carrizozo Fire Dept. Sponsors Fireworks Display On July 4th

Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring its annual Fireworks Display beginning at dusk on Independence Day, July 4 at Carrizozo Golf Course Lake.

There is no admission for the display, but donations will be accepted by fire departments members.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their personal fireworks, but children must have adult supervision.



NEW JAIL ANNEX. All American Construction Company begins construction of the new detention center annex for county minimum security work release inmates. The dormitory type annex is located near the existing detention center in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

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the meeting's over." But Ruidoso/ETZ attorney Charles Rennick said, "You had a quorum at the open of the meeting, and that will carry over until the end of the meeting." Barrow then said, "I stand corrected," and made the motion to send the ordinance to the ETZ Authority for adoption. ETZ Commission member Phyllis Barnett seconded the motion. When the vote was taken by the three members of the seven member board, Barrow and Barnett voted yes, Al Junge voted no. No other comments were made about the quorum situation from either the ETZ com-

It was then time for the ETZ Authority made up of Lincoln County Commissioners Ray Nunley and Rex Wilson and Ruidoso Village Councilor Linda Flack to act on the recommendation from the ETZ Commission. With suggestion from Rennick, Flack included in her motion that the ordinance would go to both the county commission and village council for ratification. With no more comments, the three members voted 2-1 (Wilson voted no) to adopt Ordinance 99-01.

mission or ETZ authority.

Earlier in the meeting both Wilson and Junge said they were concerned that the ordinance would not go to public hearing with both the village council and county commission before it was adopted. Rennick said he differed in opinion from county attorney Alan Morel who offered a written comment that both the Ruidoso village council and Lincoln County Commission must hold public hearings and adopt the ordinance by vote. Rennick said he interpreted state law as giving the ETZ Authority the power to hold public hearing and adopt any amendments to the ETZ Ordinance.

Rennick suggested that to satisfy the county attorney, both the Ruidoso Council and Lincoln County Commission can ratify the ordinance by resolution at their next regular meetings.

During the June 29 Ruidoso Council meeting the council reviewed some of the changes made during the June 21 ETZ joint hearing and approved the addition of a \$35 business registration fee to be paid be all businesses in the ET Zone. Rennick said all other fees and costs listed in the ordinance were set previously and did not change with the amendment.

The only comments came from Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson who said the village has been working to improve the ET zone, and the ET Authority had acted to give administration of the ET Zone to the village of Ruidoso planning department. He also mentioned the differing legal opinions from Rennick and

Morel about the adoption of the ordinance, claiming the compromise was the ratification by resolution by both governing bodies.

Councilor Bill Chance spoke about the negative comments said about former Ruidoso village planning administrator Cleatus Richards. "If Cleatus Richards had not done his job, this town would look like our neighbors," Chance said.

Donaldson said the many "exciting changes" in Ruidoso are "in no small degree Cleatus Richards' responsibility."

Flack said she thought Richards had done a great job as planning administrator. "The Extraterritorial Zoning is so important to have," Flack added. "Now we have something workable and I'm glad to have it voted on." She added that the village planning staff have the time and education, which the county planning officer does not have.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert
Donaldson said during the
public hearing he asked county planning officer Patsy
Sanchez what her responsibilities are. "It took her a long
time to answer and it was
clear she would not get any
relief from the county commission."

"The county has said it does not want the ET Zone to fail, but that is the alternative if they don't let the village administer it (the ET Zone)," Donaldson added. "Now it is up to the county commission to decide if this will work."

Ruidoso village attorney
John Underwood suggested
the councilors contact all their
county commissioners to ratify
the ordinance. "If we don't
have the ET Zone buffer, we
all will be losers," Underwood
concluded.

"The liability is too great," Donaldson also concluded.

After the council approved the resolution to ratify the ordinance, Donaldson offered further changes to the already changed ETZ ordinance with hopes of making, it more accentable to Wilson who voted against it. Among other things Wilson was concerned that the requirement for ET Zone land owners wanting to build on their properties to provide a site development plan drafted by a certified land planner or surveyor with the application for development would place a burden on the land owner if the application was not approved by the planning administrator.

Donaldson's proposed changes would allow a land owner to seek approval for a development with a "sketch plan concept". The sketch plan would have to include an old plat or survey with all proposed construction and land uses accurately drawn in to scale. The planning administrator would then provide a written list of items that need.

to be placed on the plan that would help the ETZ Commission make an accurate decision. If the ETZ Commission approved the sketch plan and application, then the land owner would be required to obtain professional site and construction plans before final approval and permits and/or licenses could be issued.

Councilors unanimously approved the amendment Donaldson offered to the ETZ Ordinance, without public hearing or notification of intent to amend an ordinance.

Donaldson also said he plans to further develop the sketch plan concept idea for submission to the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission to incorporate into the Ruidoso Zoning Ordinance.

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and corporate sponsorships. Each team member raised \$4,000 to participate in this event. In addition to funding the organization's various projects, the money will be used to provide special grants for more than 35 affiliate organizations around the country.

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-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. Thuradays, for children 8-6.

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.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 2 -Hot Foot Teddy Convention, Ruidoso Convention Center through July 4.

FRIDAY-MONDAY, JULY 2-5 -Smokey Bear Stampede in Capitan. See revised schedule in THE NEWS this week.

SATURDAY-MONDAY, JULY 8-5 -Ruidoso Public Library closed for Independence Day. SATURDAY, JULY 8

-Capitan Public Library annual 4th of July Big Bake and Book Sale, 9-11 a.m. -Smokey Bear Parade, 10 a.m. Smokey Bear Blvd.

SUNDAY, JULY 4. INDEPENDENCE DAY! -Fireworks display, dusk, Carrizozo Golf Course Lake, Barbecue sold by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

MONDAY, JULY 5 —All public offices and banks closed, Lincoln County News office closed for Independence Day holiday. TUESDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 6-9

-Lincoln County Extension Service free nutrition classes for youth ages 5-13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Santa Rita Catholic Church hall, 213 Birch.

TUESDAY, JULY 6 -Lincoln County Planning Commission 7 p.m. county commissioners' room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in

THURSDAY, JULY 8

—Libertarian Party of Lincoln County, 7 p.m. Texas New Mexico Power Co. office, Ruidoso. MONDAY, JULY 12

-Bilingual Storyteller at Capitan Public Library 10

-Capitan Village Trustees, public hearing for Community Development Block Grant at 6 p.m. regular meet-

TUESDAY, JULY 18 -Carrizozo Town Trustees, 6 p.m.

-Ruidoso Village Council, 6:30 p.m. -Corona Board of Education 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 --Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce noon, Norwest Bank community room.

THURSDAY, JULY 15 -Capitan Board of Education, 6 p.m.

-Democratic Party of Lincoln County, 7 p.m. Call 336-9156 for location.

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Ruidoso Repeals Impact Fee Ordinance

By Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council at its June 29 meeting adopted an ordinance that repeals all Impact Fees placed on developments within the village.

During the public hearing on the ordinance, Ruidoso Village Mayor Robert Donaldson said that the impact fees were a detriment to decent affordable housing for Ruidoso's workers. Donaldson said he contacted a contractor who said with the impact fees an affordable housing development in Ruidoso would lose money.

"The impact fees affect working people who make \$6 an hour," Donaldson said. "And those are the vast majority of the workers in Ruidoso.'

Because the impact fees are imposed only on new developments, Donaldson said the fees do not provide enough revenue currently to correct the problems with the village infrastructure.

Councilor Bob Sterchi, an original proponent of the impact fees, agreed the fee structure does not work and he questioned whether the impact fees had affected the number of building permits issued since the fees were imposed. Donaldson said initially the number of building permits issued was way down and no single family dwelling permits were issued in Jahuary 1999. Instead most permits were being issued for homes built in the three mile permit zone around the village. And in the one mile Extraterritorial Zone, permits for remodels and add-ons had "skyrocketed", Donaldson said. "Ruidoso is primarily building expensive homes."

Councilor Bill Chance said he sincerely thought the impact fees were a prudent way to control growth." However he agreed the fee structure did not work and he was in favor of rescinding the fees. "This is not ignoring control of growth." Chance said. "Rather we are looking at other vehicles to control growth in a responsible manner.

Donaldson said the real concern in the village now is the splitting of single family lots. 'That has a potential to be a real problem of growth because of the impacts (on village infrastructure).' Donaldson said. He added that the village attorneys are working on proposed ordinances to control the lot split-

During the public comment portion, contractor Tim Hoyt spoke in favor of rescinding the impact fees. But he said growth will not impact the village infrastructure as much as the need to replace the existing systems.

Donaldson said the village one percent gross receipt tax for water system upgrades is the village's primary solution for water line improvements. Also the new village water rate structure has ability to rise with inflation. However Donaldson said water rates will need to go up over the

Eastern Star 50-year Members

Agnes Hein, Frances Degner, Anita Weber, Kathryne Ballweber, and Ogal Armstrong were the 50-year members of Eastern Star honored by the Worthy Grand Matron during her official visit to the Ruidoso Star #65 meeting.

Gordy King Wins

Gordy King won the pro class at Arroyo Seco Dragway in the Akela flats recently. He won with a final round pass of 9.12 seconds on a 9.08 dial at 150.83 mph. Gordy is leading the points in pro class.

next five or ten years to support the costs in the water department. For now, the village is so far behind the water rates cannot cover the costs, Donaldson added. He encouraged builders and homeowners to participate in the public hearings on the Water Master Plan.

Donaldson concluded that if the village went into annexation of private land it may need impact fees again for subdivision developments.

Hoyt said the problem of the impact fees now is the definition of "new development."

With Hoyt's comment, councilors unanimously adopted Ordinance 99-07 which repeals the impact fees for water, sewer and wastewater.

Councilors also: --Scheduled public hearing on July 27 for proposed ordinance on Annexation and Initial Zoning of Metes and Bounds Tract 2, Section 36. T11S, R13E, 786 Corp.

-Scheduled public hearing on July 27 for proposed ordinance on Conditional Use Permit Approval.

--Adopted resolution amending current fiscal year budget. --Renewed annual agreements with A&B Electronics for radio maintenance services. with Human Society of Lincoln County for care and kennel facilities for animals,

Going To Rockies Game

With club level box seats for the 3rd of July, Cory Lopez of Carrizozo and uncle Tino Lopez Jr. will be at Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies baseball team, to watch them play the San Diego Padres.

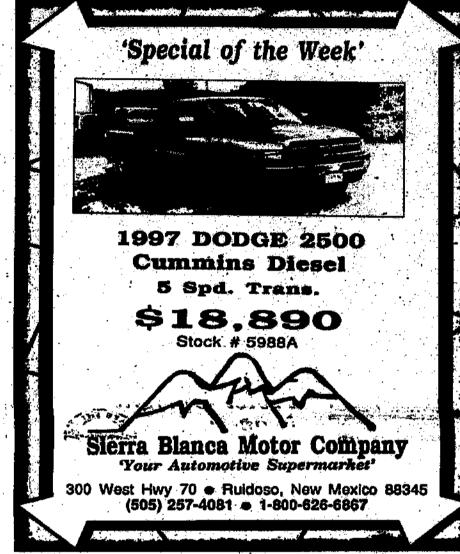
A fireworks display is scheduled for that evening at Coors Field. Corey will spend the 4th of July at the Six Flags Elitch Gardens in downtown Denver. All in all an exciting 4th is scheduled for Corey and his uncle.

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Happy 4th of July

By Ruth Hammond

Here it is July 1st and the 4th of July weekend starts tomorrow. There will be barbeques, parades, barbeques, fireworks, barbeques, roders, and more barbecues throughout Lincoln County. The list of events at the Smokey Bear Stampede and other activities in other locations in Lincoln County are listed in this issue of The NEWS.

Or if you would rather, you can stay at home and enjoy the three day weekend. Monday is an official holiday because the 4th is on Sunday. The federal government decided we should have three day weekends anytime a holiday is on Saturday or Sunday. Now if there was just some way we could get the feds to designate a holiday every week we would have four work days each week instead of five. That would give us three days off each weekend to do whatever it is we might want to do on those three day weekends.

Leading the list of things to do on this three day weekend is to attend the Smokey Bear parade Saturday. There will be horses in the parade, lots of horses. There will also be floats and fire trucks, tractors and bicycles, carts and buggies, and people walking. Grand Marshals will be Howard and Mary Shanks. This will be the 44th annual Smokey Bear Parade and Smokey Bear will be there again.

Immediately following the parade there are many activities to fill your time. See the schedule for events you may want to attend. On Sunday evening be sure to watch the fireworks display at the Carrizozo golf course park. This annual event is sponsored by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department. These firemen work all year to raise enough money to buy the fireworks for the colorful display. If you want to see the rockets red glare and hear bombs bursting in the air, be at the Carrizozo golf course park Sunday evening for a great way to celebrate a safe 4th of July, our Independence Day.

Decide which events you want to attend and then add to the list. Take time to relax and enjoy watching the parade, cating barbecue, attending the music festival, looking at the antique and classic cars, watching the rodeo and steer ropings, attending the cowboy church and gospel singing Sunday morning, and appreciate the 4th of July weekend. During the three day weekend you will have time to do your yard work and other household chores in addition to the events scheduled around Lincoln County. That extra day the feds gave us this weekend should be used for enjoyment, not just work.

After the 4th of July weekend you will have to wait almost two months for another three day weekend. Labor Day, the unofficial start of fall, will be the next three day weekend. You will have the long hot months of July and August to work five days with only two day weekends before you have another three day weekend holiday. Maybe we could convince the feds they should designate a holiday early in August. It doesn't seem fair that we have a full month without a three day weekend. We could name it the "Get Away From It All" holiday, or the "Too Tired To Work" holiday or the "August Agonies" holiday. Any name will do. If you think it is a good idea, maybe we can start a petition and send it to Congress,

You may want to take time this weekend to remember that July 4th is Independence Day. The fireworks you will see at the display at the Carrizozo golf course park are symbols of what our ancestors saw while fighting for our independence. The fireworks will have the rockets red glare, and yellow and green and blue glare. There will be bombs bursting in air. Take a moment and think about how our ancestors felt when they saw the real rockets and heard the real bombs. Remember they paid for our right to colebrate July 4th.

Not just another boliday



EDITOR: Time and Newsweek magazines, in recent cover stories, have all but annointed George W. Bush as the next president of the United States. These two media giants, controlled by fabulously powerful and wealthy corporate giants and other special interests have already preempted our electoral process (conventions and elections). They will be held of course and the other major party has a candidate, but no one gives him much of a chance since there is some question as to whether or not he even has a pulse.

Even if the front runner stumbles when they find too many skeletons in his closet (I understand he has several) and the underdog wins, they own him too, just as they own most of our senators and representatives.

I alluded to "other special interests" besides the corporate giants. While there are many, two of the most sinister come quickly to mind. The Chinese Communists - oh, pardon me, I meant to say the Peoples Republic of China, who has become a major player in our elections by bribing our corporate executives and politicians alike. (They are called campaign contributions).

The 2nd special interest is the fundamentalist Christian right, who keeps insisting that the Republican Party is the party of God, even though many of the Republican leaders they support have recently been exposed as acting like Democrats. (Having affairs with people other than their spouses). What hypocracy!

Other candidates running for office, either in the two major parties or third parties are frozen out before they can get off the ground for lack of campaign funds from the giants who now own the United States.

Former president Gerald Ford, a good and decent man as U.S. presidents go, has described the character of modern elections as "candidates without ideas, hiring consultants without convictions to run campaigns without content".

I heartily concur.

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SANTA FE - Are New Mexico's schools really lousy? Do they have

zero accountability to parents? Would any change be for the better? Would youchers mean the death of public schools and destroy the fiber of our nation?

You've got to give Gov. Gary Johnson credit for getting the conversation started. And maybe it takes the preceding hyperbole to initiate a fullblown discussion and attract public awareness to the need for improving New Mexico's schools. His brash statements and those of his supporters have produced equally brash retorts from the other side. But they've got people talking.

Other governors have proposed bold education initiatives. Former Govs. Jerry Apodaca and Garrey Carruthers both served as chairmen of the Education Commission of the States hile they were in office Former Gov. Toney Anaya called three special sessions in 1984 for lawmakers to consider his education reform proposal. Gov. Bruce King offered a Goals 2000 education initiative. But none of them could arouse much public or legislative interest.

For being the biggest item in the state budget, education has been a low-profile issue for years. Public schools receive nearly half the state's general fund. Everyone knows they are important. That goes without saying, most lawmakers don't say much about it. Meanwhile they try to save money in the rest of the state budget so they can put as much as possible into education. Attempts to get public school needs considered first during legislative sessions have always failed.

Until now. Gary Johnson has put education on the lips of legislators, talk show hosts and the public at large. And he did it by proposing radical change - vouchers for every school-age child in the state. But radical change involves radical talk. Statements on both sides of the voucher issue are getting pretty wild.

Is it really good for the state to have the governor saying we have nothing to lose by trying an unproved educational innovation on a scale ever before attempted? When Gov. Johnson .uses gambling language to talk about children and their minds, he must know that gambles sometimes don't pay off. Or if you want to be more scientific, experiments don't always succeed.

Johnson's point is that New Mexico's public schools couldn't be any worse, so we have no way to go but up. That's an exaggeration. We rank as one of the lowest states in the nation in student test scores. But there are some factors outside the education system for the situation and there some good things happening in our schools. They are producing some fine products. Parents can have an effect on their children's schools.

And so can students. Most of you reading this know from experience.

The students Gov. Johnson is worried about are the lowerachievers who flood the business community looking for jobs. Four decades of trying to educate every child while also tending to needs that formerly were the responsibility of other segments of our society, has produced social promotions, watered-down curriculums, less time to teach, and the graduation of illiterates.

Gov. Johnson and the business community are rightfully concerned about the quality of their young employees. It is only logical that they charge the education establishment with not solving the problem and ask if the business model of competition through youchers might work.

Its worth talking about By putting a radical proposition on the table, Gov. Johnson is forcing all of us to think much more creatively about solutions to education problems

than we ever have before. He's got our attention, now if we can just get past talking about silver bullets and the demise of the public schools, maybe we can get something

Commissioners Undecided Indigent Tax

by Doris Cherry

The fourth public hearing on a proposed gross receipt tax to finance a county indigent health care fund resulted in only another public hearing, and almost not that.

Lincoln County Commissioners during their regular meeting June 17 in Ruidoso Convention Center, held their fourth public hearing on a proposed one-eighth percent gross receipt tax for an indigent health care fund. Once again, Dr. Arlene Brown, president of the Health and Wellness Board, spoke on the need for the fund, and how indigent Lincoln County patients do not qualify for certain services out of the county because the county has no fund. She said two years ago the board made a study that showed that health care providers separate from the hospital has given more than \$270,000 in free health care to indigent individuals.

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Jim Gibson said LCMC alone had given out more than \$1 million in free health care. but some of that was covered by the funds from the hospital mill levy collected from property taxes. Gibson said he will recommend to the LCMC advisory board that if the county imposes the one-eighth gross receipt tax for an indigent health care fund then LCMC should not access that fund as long as the voters continue the mill levy.

But once again, county commissioners asked what it will cost to administer the.

program, and how will it be determined who will receive the funding.

Those questions were to have been answered by Gilbert Ferez, the Dona Ana County Indigent Health Care Fund administrator who was to have made presentation on what that county does with its fund. But Perez was unable to attend.

Because of this, county commission chairman Rex Wilson closed the public hearing. When county commissioner Wilton Howell made a motion to adopt the gross receipt tax for the Indigent Health Care Fund he got no second. When Howell made the motion to hold another public hearing on imposing the tax, he again got no second. County commissioner. Ray Nunley had left the meeting briefly to speak to a group of senior citizens in the next room at the convention center.

County attorney Alan Morel said the commission will have to act on the tax before October 1 for it to begin on January 1, 2000. County commissioner Bill Schwettmann suggested waiting until September to again discuss the tax. But Howell said it was a legitimate enough of an issue to call another public hearing before then. Then commissioners argued whether they needed another public hearing, or whether they could act on the

tax without public hearing.

Morel said adopting the tax by ordinance by law must be done "pursuant to public hear-

ing."
This is, an important enough issue to spend \$32 for July 4 holiday.

a legal notice for public hearing," Howell said. He said at some point commissioners had to educate themselves about what was needed for the fund. rather than wait for someone to come and tell them. County manager Tom Stewart said he would try to get information on all variations of adminis-

tration of a program.

Later after Nunley re-turned, he said he talked with Dr. Brown in the hallway who said she thought the issue was "dead in the water." After some banter about whether it was proper Parliamentary Procedure to do another motion to call for public hearing. Nunley made the motion to hold another public hearing at the next regular county commission meeting. Howell seconded the motion passed three to two with Wilson and Schwettmann voting

County commissioner Rick Simpson said the reason he did not second Howell's motion to hold another hearing was 'not because he was so concerned how much is needed" rather because he thought they needed to figure out how to spend the money before they imposed a tax on the citizens. "What is holding us up is how to distribute the fund," Simpson said.

Nunley agreed the county needs a plan and that is why another public hearing was appropriate. Wilson said his biggest concern is the cost of administering the Indigent Health Care funds.

Celebrations July 4th

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and again from 3-5 p.m., the 7th Annual Old West Ranch Rodeo at noon, the crowning of the Lincoln County Rodeo Fair Queen at 7 p.m. followed by another performance of the Smokey Bear Stampede and the popular Smokey Bear Calf Scramble.

The Carrizozo Masonio Lodge will sell barbecue at 11:30 a.m. and the Campfire BBQ will be sold from 1-9 p.m. both at the fairgrounds.

Saturday concludes with a dance at the fairgrounds exhibit hall for \$5 a person.

Sunday, July 4 begins with Cowboy Church and Gospel Sing from 7:30 to 9 a.m. for no charge. The 7th annual Old West Ranch Rodeo begins at noon and the Stampede performance begins at 7 p.m. The \$5 admission charge covers all three events. Children under six years are admitted free. A dance concluded the night at 9 p.m.

On Independence Day, July 4, in Carrizozo, the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department will present its annual fireworks display beginning at dusk. The display will be held at the Carrizozo Golf Course Lake. The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce sponsored barbecue will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with pre-sale tickets for \$5 or \$6 at the gate.

Monday, July 5, concludes the weekend events with a Girls Breekaway Roping and Jackpot Barrel Race at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. The final performance of the Smokey Bear Stampede will begin at 1 p.m. The \$5 admission fee will cover all three events. Capitan's Lone Star Express will end the holiday with a dance at 8 p.m. at the fairgrounds exhibit hall.

Campfire BBQ will be sold on all four days at the fairgrounds. Concessions and snacks will be sold by Lincoln County 4-H and FFA groups at the fairgrounds in Capitan.

The Smokey Bear Stampeds is held each year to raise funds to purchase prizes and livestock in the junior livestock auction at the annual Lincoln County Fair. The Smokey Bear Stampede is the largest amateur rodeo event held in New Mexico on the

County Protests Executive Order

by Doris Cherry

On a 4-1 vote during their special June 23 meeting held at the substation in Ruidoso, the Lincoln County Commission approved a letter of protest against Vice President Al Gore's Executive Order establishing the Interegency Task Force on Economic Develop-

ment of the Southwest Border. During the regular June 17 county commission meeting. Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) chairman Matt Ferguson requested permission to draft a letter of

protest against the executive order on the border initiative. Ferguson said because of the large amount of federal land in the county and the limited number of people it is crucial for the county to pay attention to such initiatives. He said the task force was first started as an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program to control pollution in a 150 mile zone to the south and north of the Mexican border. However, Mexican officials did not go along with the plan and it was adjusted to include

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The executive order has 14 parts, several of which the PLUAC is very concerned about and need addressed, Ferguson said. "The task force only reports to the vice president who makes all the decisions. PLUAC is concerned with this because there is no

public say on any decisions." Lincoln County lies just within the 150 mile zone. "Once done, there is little recourse to not implement the programs," Ferguson said. He added that PLUAC was requesting permission to send a letter to the state's Congressional delegation opposing the

order. County commissioner Bill Schwettmann made the motion for the county to oppose the executive order and draft an appropriate letter to be sent to the congressmen. County commissioner Ray Nunley said he would like to see the letter before it is sent. Ferguson said the only thing PLUAC planned to put in the letter was its opposition to the executive order.

County commissioner Wilton Howell asked that the letter include signature-lines where it says he refused to sign. "I want to do my homework before I vote on this," Howell said.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said executive orders can create real problems, such as the solid waste panic in 1989 when the governor failed to sign new solid waste laws, leaving policy up to the state environment department that ordered all landfills closed within two weeks. "Things like this can happen if no one takes a stance," Simpson said.

"We need to jump on this." ---

Howell said that agencies derive powers from 'regulations and regulations come from statutes and all goes back to law or the constitution. Oscuro citizen Jerry Carroll suggested Howell get a copy of the executive order, then read the state and U.S. constitutions and find where these allow an executive order to become law. "These constitutions require all laws be done by Congress or the legislature. You will put your-selves out of business if you allow the executive branch to be answerable only to the president. And the problem is we have a liar as an execu-

tive," Carroll said. In the executive order the purpose of the task force is to analyze the existing programs and policies of the Task Force members and how they relate to the southwest border to determine what changes, modifications and innovations should be considered, then develop and recommend short term and long term options for promoting sustainable economic development. The plan also will focus on initial efforts on pilot communities for implementing a coordinated and expedited tederal response to local economic development and other needs.

Members of the tack force include the Secretary of State. Sec. of Agriculture, Sec. of Commerce, Sec. of Defense, U.S. Attorney General, Sec. of Interior, Sec. of Education, Sec. of Health and Human Services, Sec. of Housing and Urban Development, Sec. of Energy, Sec. of Labor, Sec. of Transportation, Sec. of Treasury. Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Director of National Drug Control Policy, Administrator of General Services, Administrator of Small Business Administration, Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency or their designees.

County commissioners also heard a report on the proposed Clean Water Action Plan, that proposes to protect U.S. water through the EPA

and US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), and a request to join in a lawsuit against the EPA and USDA with the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts. According to the Wyoming Association of Con-servation Districts the plan is a move for the EPA to seize control of the states' water.

Perguson said county's Land Use Plan requires notification of all interstate or federal water development, yet this has not been done with the Clean Water Plan.

Jay Walley with the Paragon Foundation, gave a lengthy report on the water plan. He said the plan takes control over water rights away from the states and gives it to the federal government. He said the Clean Water Action Plan will impact the county's economy because it will close roads in national forests to improve water sheds. . "So anyone with cattle in the watershed, the cattle are gone," Walley said. "Golf courses will be held to stringent EPA regulations. We don't know how it will affect Ski Apache."

This action has the potential to be one of the most devastating to all here," Walley said.

Walley said the plan would take private lands along waterways and subject property owners to fines for polluting streams through their properties. "We want clean water, but do we want the federal agencies telling us how to do it?" Walley asked.

The Clean Water Action Plan has invited several environmental groups to be a part.

Walley said the Paragon Foundation has filed a lawsuit and is asking counties to sign on to it. He said if the plan is implemented it may cost as much as \$6,800 per family in hidden costs per year.

Simpson suggested the county attorney review the lawsuit and give a recommendation and summary.

Upper Hondo Conservation District member Bob Boebinger said the Clean Water Action Plan came about without public hearing and the lawsuit is trying to force that.

Howell said he was concerned the county will end up spending money on a lawsuitlike it did with the suit against the BLM over the Lincoln Valley. "We need to discuss this," Howell said. "If we get in the lawsuit with no fees and we get counter-sued, then we will have fees to defend ourselves."

Karen Cowen, attorney for the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, invited anyone with concerns to contact her. She also said that under the plan the horse race track is in big trouble because it has a river going through it. Under the plan any place with livestock housed for more than 24 hours will be required to file a plan stating where the run off goes, where manure is located and how the property owner plans to contain the manure. "If you buy manure for your yard, you must file a plan of use," Cowen added.

As an example of the power of the EPA, Cowen said the week before, the EPA filed charges against a farmer who put manure on his fields as

Cowen said August 21 is the deadline for the county commission to sign on to the

County commissioners took no action on the suit, other

Completes Course Air Force Airman 1 Class

Antonio J. Archuleta has completed the aircraft electrical and environmental syste apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, TX. He is the son of Antonio and Vickey L Architeta of Hondo. And is a 1994 graduate of New Mexico. Military Institute in Roswell.

than requesting the attorney to review it and make a summary report before August.

In other business, commissioners:

-Approved an agreement with the South Central Mountain RC&D Council and the County of Otero for their annual contributions for the RC&D secretary.

-Adopted a resolution to continue as a member in the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) and approved appropriating \$1,500 as 1999-2000 membership dues.

-Received a status report on corrections to the prior year's audit, including a new inventory program to allow the finance department to add inventory when purchased; one commissioner had yet to provide a I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification. Howell said it was tough to be an elected official and have to prove he was an American. He said he had sent off for a copy of his birth certificate and social security card to . complete the form. Other corrections efforts to rectify the federal wage payment problems with the last federally funded program and selection of an auditor with a

reputation for timely audit reports.

-Discussed the Thursday meeting dates and the need for commissioner sponsorship of citizens who wish to be on the agenda. Citizen Jerry Carroll said if the commissioners want maximum input from the public at their meetings, then Thursday is the wrong meeting day for the public who only read the Lincoln County News, Since THE NEWS comes out on Thursday, the final agenda is not available before press time. Howell said Thursdays were for staff reports and payroll. County commission Chairman Rex Wilson said the commission should reconsider the meeting day when it sets its meetings next year.

-Approved Lodgers Tax Committee recommended

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Stephanie Deann Midgley, an Eastern New Mexico University student from Capitan High School, is among the 477 students on the 1999 spring semester Dean's Honor Roll.



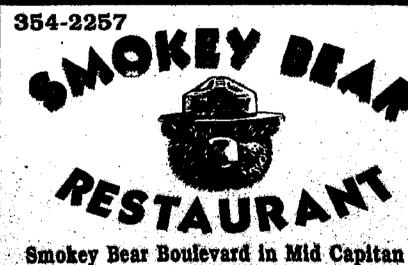
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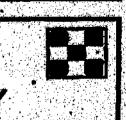
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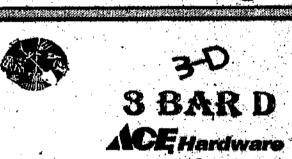
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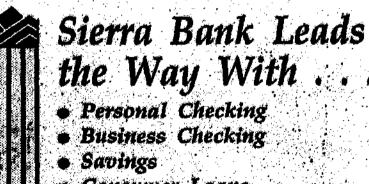
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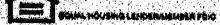
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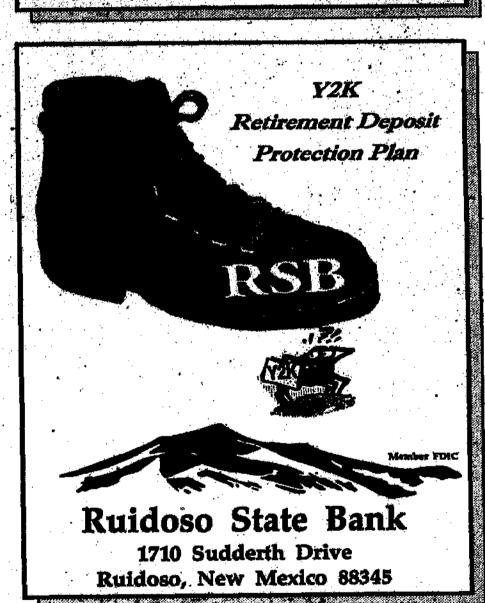
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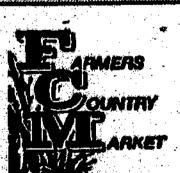


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Smokey Bear Stampede

Calendar of Events (Continued from Page 6 & 7

SATURDAY, JULY 3

RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK Smokey Bear Day at the Races

RUIDOSO STATE BANK, CAPITAN 19th Annual 10K & 2 Mile Smokey Bear Fun Run, 7AM, \$10 Entry

DOWNTOWN CAPITAN

44th Annual Smokey Bear Parade 10AM, Free Friends of Smokey-Capitan, Inc. Car Show, Shell Station, 11AM, Free

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Sanctioned Senior Steer Tiedown Roping, 8AM,* 3rd Annual Capitan Music Festival.

JIAM-Noon* Carrizozo Masonic Lodge BBQ \$5/plate, 11;30AM ** 7th Annual Old West Ranch Rodeo. Noon *

Campfire BBQ, \$6/plate, 1-9PM ** 3rd Annual Capitan Music Festival. 3-7PM *

Crowning of Rodeo Queen, 7PM * 44th Annual Smokey Bear-Stampede & Smokey Bear Call Scramble, 7PM * Dance to "Back To Back", 9PM, \$5

SUNDAY, JULY 4

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Cowboy Church & Gospet Sing, . 7:30-9AM, Fréé Campfire BBQ, \$6/blate, 9AM-9PM ***

7th Annual Old West Ranch Rodeo. Noon *

44th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede & Smokey Bear Calf Soramble, 7PM * Dance to "Back To Back", 9PM, \$5

MONDAY, JULY 5

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Campfire BBQ, \$6/plate, 9AM-9PM ** Girls' Breakaway Roping followed by Jackpot Barrel Race, 10AM* 44th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede & ... Smokey Bear Caif Scramble, 1PM * Dance to "Lone Star Express"; 8PM, \$5

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NOTICIA DE JUNTA ABIERTA AL PUBLICO

COUNTY 4-H & FHA

JULIO 12, 1999, 6:00 P.M. LA CIUDAD DE CAPITAN La Ciudad de Capitan, Nuevo Mexico, tendra una junta publica el dia 12 de Julio, 1999, a las 6:00 de la tarde, en el ayuntamiento, situado en 114 Lincoln, Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de la junta publica sera para discutir la programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBG) y para

avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de los ciudadanos sobre el desarollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gente con ingressos bajos y moderados. Este ano el estado tendra approximadamente \$15,000,000 que sera asignado estatalmente basado en un proceso competencia.

Los objectos estatales y nacionales del progrma de CDBG requieren que las actividades del proyecto se cumplen con por lo menos uno de los siguentes requerimientos: Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados; ayuda en la prevencion o eliminación de barrios desafortunados y insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que posen una amenaza inmediatamente a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no estan disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos publicos eligibles incluyen infrastructura para la Comunidad; Rehabilitación de Casa; Desembolso de Capital para Servicio Publico; Planificacion, Emergencia, y Colonias. Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y proporcionar datos que apoya su testimonio.

Con un mimimo de tres dias de notificacion en avanzado, ayuda auxiliar estara proporcionada y a estar en cumplimiento con el Acto de Americanos Incapacitados. Tambien con suficiente notificacion, un traductor estara proporcionado para los residentes que no hablen ingles. Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta pod-

ran enviar sus comentarios a Kathryn Griffin, Deputy Clerk Village of Capitan 114 Lincoln Capitan, New Mexico 88816

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FORT STANTON facts and fiction

by Betty Lou Joiner

Driving down the canyon everyday and watching the cows and calves reminds me of the things Dan Storm used to write about. There are little black baldies, red ones, grey

ones and many more.
With all the rain the grass is so green and makes it a beautiful drive. The construction company that is tearing off the mountain to get gravel and etc, has been keeping the road in tip-top shaps. They will soon be hauling out of there to more highway construction in Ruidoso.

NICK SERNA RETIRES

A few of the 883 postmasters honored Nick with a retirement party at K-Bobs last week. Nick had been at

the Carrizozo postoffice for 37 years. A golf club set was given to Nick and the others enjoyed a meal. Those present were Shirlene Roberts, Cherie Hobbs, John Quemado, Bud-dy Hill, Amalia Candelaria, Lupe, Esther Rodriguez, Roger from Holloman, Patsy Racher, Betty Joiner and Judy Fletcher who is the Officer in Charge at Carrixozo until a postmaster is selected. Della and David Bonnell visited with the group having already eaten. Della and Nick say retirement is the thing to do and are both enjoying their free time.

NM HIGH SCHOOL JR. RODEO IN CAPITAN

The LCRC rodeo club sponsored the NM Jr. High School Rodeo last week in Capitan. Over 200 entries did the poles, barrels, flags, steer riding, roping and breakaway. This is one of the money makers the club will have to buy all the awards for the 125 boys and girls who belong to LCRC.

Many people helped to make this a big success. The sheriff posse donated \$600 to help with the expenses and am sure many other organizations helped out.

Shannon Brazel. Whip ples, Turners, Rushes, Gibbs, and all the other parents and officers were very busy all three days cooking and making sure the arena was in good shape. Justin Armenta received face injuries when the bull he was riding wither stepped on him or gored him. He was one of the lat ones to ride and we hate this hanpened. Hopefully he is doing ok after surgery in Albuquerque. * * * *

TURKEY TRACK

RANCH RODEO TEAM The Turkey Track Ranch

Rodeo Team was in Red River last weekend and won first at this rodeo. This qualifies this team to go to the national ranch rodeo held in Amarillo each year.

Eddie Davis is one of these team members who represent the Bogle Ranches, Kersti was really proud of her dad and she was smiling big Sunday when she collected 12 blue ribbons for her participation in the past three riding playdays. She told me she likes to ride but she sure wants to sing at the music festival during the 4th too, a singing riding cowgirl. Jace is still loving his shovel. He loves to work and dig holes.

HIGHWAY 70 MEETING

The meeting about wide: ning the Hwy. 70 down the road was attended by several last week, Many people sure hate to see that happen as many buildings and things will probably be moved or replaced or whatever. Fr. Pean said they sure were hop-ing to get 9t. Anne's Church in the historical sites so maybe it wouldn't be messed with. That is such a beautiful little

church. Many wish the highway could go some other route and miss that beautiful valley. Am afraid I would have to

FRIENDS OF SMOKEY MEET

Friends of Smokey met at the Smokey Bear Restaurant on Sunday evening to finalize the preparations for the parade. Classic cars, fire engines, horses, floats, bicycles, and all the other good things are sending in their forms that they will be participating on the 3rd.

Debra Ingle, Jim and Van Shamblin will be directing the entries of where to go. Mary and Howard Shanks will be the grand marshalls, and am aure they are helping to make sure that the fun run is all ready for the ones wanting to run the race. Another meeting will be held tonight.

POSSE BUILDS STORE ROOM

Roland Caster, Richard Rhump, and Jerry Bertresem, built a store room in the back room of the fair building for all the posse's things. The store room makes it so much easier to keep everything together. Verla Caster cooked hamburgers, and Betty and Jane helped where needed.

The posters are ready and hopefully the envelopes will be ready today or tomorrow. They are very nice and Lorene Caywood has done an excellent job on the original. The posse is gearing up to help the fair board with the four long days of putting on the Smokey Bear Stampede. Get ready to have good boot stomping fun.

Two new businesses opened for business in town recently. More and more new people and businesses-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING July 18, 1990, 600 P.M. Village of Capitan

The Village of Capitan invites you to attend a public hearing on July 12, 1999, at 6:00 p.m., at the Village Hall Council Chambers, 114 Lincoln, Capitan, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Program - to advise citizens of the program objectives,
range of activities that can be applied for and provide
other pertinent objectives, range to activities that can be applied for and provide other pertinent information; to obtain the views of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the needs of low and moderate income people. The CDBG program is designed to meet activities which will address one to three state and national objectives.

Benefit principally low-moderate income families. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.

3. Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

All counties and municipalities under 50,000 population are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance under categories including: Community Infrastructure, Housing, Public Service Capital Outlay, Economic Development, Emergency, Planning and Colonias.

Complete information concerning this program can be obtained at the public hearing along with information on how to receive technical assistance on preparing a proposal for consideration. For information, contact:

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PMS Merges With Hospice And Home Health Services

Hospice and Home Health dental, and human service Services of Lincoln County, both located in Ruideso, merged with Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS) nonprofit corporation, in June. Maureen Coleman and Jennifer Chadwick, 50-administrators, will continue to head up these programs.

Founded in 1969, PMS is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Santa Pe. PMS is not an affiliate of Presbytorian Health Care which manages Lincoln County Medical Contor (LCMC) in Ruidose,

PM8 provides medical. programs to underserved populations in communities throughout New Mexico. Among PMS' 58 programs are health centers, home health developmental disabilities programs for children and dults, comprehensive behavioral health programs, substance abuse treatment, Head Start programs, AIDS and other health education and counseling, and a pharmacy consulting service. PMS has approximately 1,100 employees, most of whom live and work in more than 30 communities in which PMS provides services.

PMS' mission is to provide high quality, accessible, cost-effective, affordable health care and human services in response to identified community needs of the multicultural people of the southwest.

Home Health of Lincoln County and Hospice will continue providing services with the same management and patient care staff, keeping their focus on patient and family services.
Home Health Services of

Lincoln County was founded in 1976 by Verna Adams, Under her leadership, the organization unfolded as a dedicated service organization employing local health care providers.

The Medicare changes resulting from the 1997. Balanced Budget Act has resulted in numerous closures of home health agencies Mexico. throughout New Adams was instrumental in the decision to look at a merger with another organization to ensure continued survival and delivery of services.

Presbyterian Medical Services was chosen for their philosophy and their commitment to providing pervious to the multicultural population of reral New Mexico.

As Home Health looked at merger possibilities, so did Hospics of Lincoln County, As talk began about the merger, Peggy McClellan of Ruidoso, president of the Hospite Board of Directors, said, "We no longer have to struggle by ourselves to make a go of it. We are fortunate to join with PMS to continue to bring hospice services to the community."

Dick Weber of Alto, president of the Home Health board, agreed with McClellan, "We know strength is in numbers and in this community it is the only way to survive. We knew a merger was inevitable," said Weber.

PMS president James Riebsomer said, "PMS will continue on track with the mission and view of how home care shift, hospics needs will be developed within the community."

Other members of the Hospice board are Barbara Dickinson of Alto, Verna Adams of Capitan, Dr. Andrew Megarity, Don Linley and Dr. Jim Smith of Ruidoso.

Additional members of the Home Health Services of Lincoln County board of directors include Kaye Kernodle, Donna Willard, Paul Vodermann, Shirley Neuhaus and Harry Riser of Ruidoso.

The current board of directors for both agencies will continue to be of service as a community guidance council.

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ture regulator. These simple precliutions are basic steps in making the homes of seniors safer. For more information, call Fortis Long Term Care's Productive Aging line at 1-800-950-4679, ask for article #20.

In order to better serve local residents, Lincoln County Medical Center is remodeling and expanding the Emergency Department this summer.

During this time, the Emergency Department will have a smaller area for patients and limited space for family members.

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LINCOLN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

Capitan Honor Roll

Second Semester 1998-99

Sixth Grade: Principal's List: Lauren Dunlap, Katrina Johns: A-Honors: Tricia Bergeron, David Griego, Britttany Jensen, Rochelle Kelley, Patrick Luna, Sarah Lund, Tonia Neal, Javier Trost, Derek Williams, Samantha Yetley: B-Honors:
Jonnifer Bartley, Johnnie
Gonzales, Justin Griffin,
Brandon Kesslen, John
McGrath, Ashley Osborn,
Delaina Stevens, Johnna
Switzer, Andrew Tucker, Switzer, Andrew Tucker, Dalana West, Adam Williams.

Seventh Grade: Principal's List: Audrey Thomas, Candle Turner, Jared Wilson; A-Hon-ors: Tommy Aldax, Rebecca Armstrong, Kate Cherry, John Garber, April Mireles, Bradie Powell, Sandy Sanderson,

Alyx Sheehey; B-Honors: Sarah Barela, Bennett, Robbie Jessica Burchett, Chance Huddleston, Allison Kittrell, Brittany Mark, Sheldon Moor, Derrick Nelson, Katrina Phillips, Stephen Silva, Falon Sparks, Rachelle Waugh.

Eighth Grade: Principal's List: Micah Applin, Kelli Blank, Alena Borowski, Blank, Alena Borowski,
Lorena Brockman, Ginger
Cupit, Alison Hendrix,
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Osborn, Bo Sparks, Jessica
Tully-Mitchell, Chelsea Black
Wright; B-Honors: Seth
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Preston Godines, Randi Goss,
Travis Horst, Jennifer Travis Horst, Jennifer Johnston, Maribell Silvs, Tyler Skeen, Richard Wheeler.

Ninth Grade: Rocky Burrows, Brandon Keith, Januah Turner.

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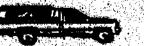
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PROCLAMATION

WHERRAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, New Mexico, has determined that sufficient rain has fallen in the past week in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby rescinds the serious fire danger emergency

within Lincoln County; and WHEREAS, Lincoln County Ordinance No. 1999-05 adopted on May 20, 1999 remains in effect oncouraging the safe handling of fire and fire produc-

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, New Mexico, hereby resdinds Resolution No. 1998-31 and the Proclamation adopted on June 17,

DONE, in Ruidoso, New Mexico, this 23rd day of June, 1999.

> BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO REX WILSON, Chairman L. RAY NUNLEY, Vice Chairman

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MARTHA M. PROCTOR, Clerk Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, July 1, 1999.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

> CV 99-128 Division

FRONT LINE AUTOS, INC., a Texas Plaintiff.

GROUP I

"va.

THE ESTATE OF CHAD M. VOJTAS. deceased, and all of his UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and his known heir, STEPHANIE VOJTAS, and any and all of her UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS, and GROUP II

JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS,

DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and GROUP III

ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF,

Defendents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS against whom constructive service is HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED:

THE ESTATE OF CHAD M. VOJTAS, deceased, and all of his UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and his known heir

STEPHANIE VOJTAS, and any and all of her UNKNOWN HEIRS, DÉVISÉES AND ASSIGNS, and JOHN DOES 1 THROUGH 100 and their UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ASSIGNS; and ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE

PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above captioned ?cause wherein you are named as the Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is to quiet title to that certain real property described as:

Unit 289 of INNSBROOK VILLAGE, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as set forth and established in the Declaration and By-Laws recorded in Miscellaneous Book 54, pages 928-960, both inclusive; and the Supplemental Declaration recorded in Miscellaneous Book 69, pages 44 to 50, both inclugive, in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, being situated on lot 188-A as shown by the replat of Lots 188-A and 142-A of Innsbrook Village, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Moxico, filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recordor of Lincoln County, New Mexico. on August 14, 1980, in Tube No. 711:

TOGETHER WITH said unit's undivided interest in and to the common area and facilities attributable thereto.

as set forth in the Complaint on file in the abovecaptioned cause.

The Plaintiffs attorney is

Lee Griffin, Legal Services Inc., P.C. 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102, Ruidece, New Mexico 58345

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intend to contest this suit, you must respond to the Complaint on or before July 28, 1999, being 20 days of the last date of publication of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 10th day of June, 1999. ALICE BACA BAXTER

Clerk of the District Court BY: Elizabeth Lucras

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV 97-195 BANKAMERICA HOUSING SERVICES: a division of Bank of America, FSB,

Plaintiff,

ROBERT B. MEANS, JR. and BETTY L. MEANS, husband and wife,

Defendente

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, 'July 26, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrisono, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer for sale

and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following real estate (the "Real Property") located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

A triangular shaped tract of land located in the Southwestern part of the NEY SEY, Section 84, Township 7 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., and being described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the NE% SE% of Section 34, Township 7 South Range 10 East; Thence going North 800 feet along the West boundary line of said NEW SE% of the said Section 34 to the point or place of beginning; thence East a distance of 820 feet; thence North 51' 15' West a distence of 1048 feet; thence a distance of 660 feet to place of beginning.

A tract of land more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 1860 feet North of the NEW SEW of Section 34. Township 7 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., thence Southeast 51 15 858 feet; thence South 396 feet; thence Northwest 51 15 858 feet; thence North 398 feet to the place of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPTING:

A tract of land being situate in the NEW SEW, Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point which is N 0° 04' 10'W. 324.12 feet; thence S 88' 86' 20" E. 81.8 feet from the SW corner of NE% SE% . Section 34: thonce N 39' 11'10" E, 786.40 feet to South R/W line Hwy 880; thence S 51' 15' E, 915.12 feet along the South R/W line; thence S 19' 46'80" W, 411.12 feet; thence N 88' 86'20" W, 282.2 feet; thouco N O' 04'10" W. 324.14 foot: thence N 88° 86'20" W. 789.4 feet to the point of beginning.

(Street Address: S. Highway 764, Carrizozo, New Mexico)

(the "Property").

"Cash" for purposes of this sale shall mean cash or other immediately available funds.

This cale is held subject to any accrued but unpaid ad valorem taxes and subject to a one month right of redemption in favor of Defendant Robert B. Means, Jr. ("Moans").

This sale is held pursuant to the Summary Judgment (the "Judgment") entered on May 6, 1989 in the above-entitled action for collection and for foresignure under a mortgage wherein the court awarded Plaintiff BankAmerica Housing Services, a division of Bank of American, FSB ("Bank"), judgment foreclosing the interest of Defendant Means in the subject Property.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proceeds of the sale will be applied first, to all costs and expenses of the sale including the Special Master's fees; second, for payment of all sums due to the Bank in the amount of \$49,870.87; and, the balance, if any,

as the Court may further direct.
NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN that the Bank may bid and purchase the Property at the foreslosure sale and that it may apply all or a portion of the Judgment toward the purchase price.

By: Joanna Barnett, Special Master, 1007 Mechem Ruidoso, New Mexico 88845

(505) 258-5959 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Sale was mailed to the following parties on this 16th day of June 1999.

David A. Finlayson, Esq. KELLY, RAMMELKAMP, MUEHLENWEG & LUCERO, P.A.

P.O. Box 25127 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125-5127 (505) 247-8860 Attornovs for the Bank

Shawn Boyne, Esq. GARY C. MITCHELL, P.C. P.O. Box 2460 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88845 (505) 257-3070 Attorneys for Robert B. Means, Jr. Joanne Barnett, Special Master

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NOTICE

The Capitan Municipal Schools is accepting food bids for the Cafeteria, for August 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999. For a bidsheet please contact Eli-abeth Montoya at (505) 354-2239, Monthru Thurs 8:00 am until 4:00 pm; Bids will close July 15, 1999, at 3:00 pm. Published in the Lin-

coin County News on July 1 and 8, 1999.

LEGAL NOTICE A Special Meeting of the

Lincoln County Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 1999. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Carrixozo, New Mexico, Auxiliary aides are svallable upon request; please contact Martha Guevera at 648-2385 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make any necessary arrangements...

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Carrizozo School Budget

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therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist and other contract services, supplies and materials, travel and training total \$195,875.

Administration fund is \$57,000 for superintendent and \$20,018 for her secretary. \$150 for substitutes, benefits of \$19,459, purchased services for audit, legal, and other professional services, charges and county collection costs total \$20,600, board expenses and general supplies and materials total \$4,500, board travel, employee travel and training total \$4,700 for a total in the administration. office fund of \$126,427.

Business and support services is \$32,547 for business office employee and \$200 for substitute in case of sick leave, benefits, supplies, travel and training of \$8,851 for a total of \$41.398.

Plant Operation is budgeted \$47,028 for three employees salaries, \$23,484 for benefits. then purchase services of property liability of \$23,727, other contract services of \$4,000 electricity of \$45,000. natural gas of \$25,000 for heating buildings, wa-ter/sewage of \$18,000, communications of \$12,000, maintenance and repair for furniture and equipment of \$9,000, maintenance and repair of vehicles of \$4,000, and maintanance and repair of buses at \$5,000, general supplies and materials line item is budgeted \$15,000, employee training \$1,000 and employee travel \$1,000, and capital outlay of

\$7,746 for a total of \$243,985. Food services is funded at **\$14,000** for food.

Athletics is funded at \$14.800 for athletic salaries (increments), \$3,000 for bus drivers, \$2,636 for benefits, \$6,000 for purchased services, \$2,000 for other charges. \$2,000 for general supplies and materials, \$2,000 for travel and training for employees, \$4,000 for student travel, and \$5,000 for capital outlay supply assets for total of \$41,486.

Non-instructional student support includes \$3,000 for bus drivers, \$1,350 for activity salaries, \$241 for their benefits, \$500 for other charges. \$1,500 for employee travel, \$1,000 for employee training, and \$2,000 for student travel (for nonsports activities) for a total of \$9,591.

The general fund includes emergency reserve of \$60,000 for a general fund total of \$1,527,409.

In addition the general fund, the budget includes special revenue funds.

Pupil transportation (bus drivers) budgets with \$29.266 for salaries of bus drivers. benefits, feeder route payment of \$8,085, transportation contracts of \$92,729 (for buses). insurance, inspections, rents and leases, driver training for total of \$170,055.

Supplies and materials are funded at \$21,198.

Food services including two personnel salaries and benefits, purchased services, food supplies of \$41,001, nonfood items of \$2,800, training and travel for a total of \$87,001.

Athletics purchased services of \$7,500, charges, materials and employee travel and training and an additional \$1,000 for student travel total \$11,833 making athletics at Carrizoso Schools cost \$53,269.

The budget includes federal flow-through grants totaling \$141.636 for a grand total of special revenue funds of \$240,470.

Capital Projects include professional services of \$5,000 for the bond projects, Capital outley of \$177,245 for land and building improvements and asset purchases.

Public School Capital outlay (from the state) totals \$605,465 for building improvements.

"Special capital outlay of \$25,000 will-go to purchase of fixed assets.

Other expenses include the county tax collection cost, maintenance and repair of buildings, supplies and materigle, land and building improvements, bus maintenance and purchase of fixed assets. totaling \$79,391. Capital projects total \$892,191.

Debt services toward payment of bonds include county tax collection cost and bond principal and interest payments, debt service reserve for total of \$208,401,

Grand total expenditures is \$3,059,634. However, the amount does not reflect the salary increase mandated by the state legislature. Business manager Whittaker said once the 1998-99 school year budget is closed out, the district may even have some additional money left for the next

school year. Whittaker said it was a difficult budget to do and will continue to be difficult because of all the adjustments that will have to be made when the final funding is approved by the state. Whittaker also told THE NEWS that funding will no longer be based just on the enrollment on the 40th day of school, rather it will be averaged over three different enrollment counts during the school year.

The board also:

-Approved hiring Mel Holland for high school instructor and coach.

--Approved hiring Becky Borowski as middle school language arts/computer teach-Continue to the second of the

-Approved hiring Rima Davis as elementary instruc-

-Okayed hiring Vincent Pawloski as K-12 counselor, -Approved the cafeteria charge policy; and appeals process for the reduced and free lunch program.

--Okayed the Title 1 and Title VI budgets of \$58,154 and \$8,871. Title 1 is for early childhood preschool.

--Reviewed board policy concerning student absence. School Superintendent Glena Goodwin asked if the policy requiring a certified letter be mailed to parents when a student has five days absence be dropped and allow the district to send a letter by regular mail.

-Heard updates on the 1996-99 enrollment of 288, the progress of the water wells with the Ag Farm well running and working, and a me-: ter needed on the football field

-- Reviewed the proposed 1999-2000 school year student handbook presented by instructional coordinator Rick Cogdill. The handbook includes changes from the previous year on the dress code to delete specific name brands of clothing once thought to be gang related. Member Lisa Shivers also questioned the basis for certain out of school suspensions in the discipline policy. "Out of school suspension bothers me," Shivers said, "I think students should be in school doing something."

The board will discuss the handbook again at the July board meeting. Parents are invited to leave written comments with the superintendent.

Ruidoso Restrictions On Charcoal Grills Is Lifted

Because of recent rainfall, People with wells drille fire restrictions within the village of Ruidoso have been eased to allow the burning of charcoal in grills.

However, open flames such as a campfire in the backyard, are still prohibited. Also fireworks of any kind are prohibited in the village of Ruidoso and the surrounding forests.

Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley reported on the new fire restriction during the regular village council meeting June 29. Briley also reported that the village is still in Phase 2 of the water conservation plan. Under Phase 2, outdoor watering is allowed every other day from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Recent rains, 1.4 inches at city hall the weekend of June 26, have boosted flow in the rivers, allowing the village to stop using water from Alto Reservoir for now, Briley said, "We're on the verge of going back to Phase I of the water conservation plan," he added. However, Briley said he and the water department director decided to wait until after the July 4 holiday weekend to make that determination. Under Phase I, the only reatriction is the 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. time when outdoor watering is allowed.

Councilor Bob Sterchi asked if Briley wanted citizens to report water violations to city hall. Briley said that was best because the village has hired a full time code enforcement officer who begins on July 1. Then Sterchi asked about weskends and holidays. Police chief Lanny Maddox suggested violations be reported to the police department during those off times. Briley said many reports are about people who turn out to have wells that were drilled before 1996.

1996 are under the same water restrictions as those with municipal water only.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the water conservation plan is there for a reason-to help people develop good use habits of a finite commodity. "Most cities in the west have conservation plans," Donaldson said. "And no warnings."

Briley said most of the water used in the summer is for outdoor watering, and since the recent rains, demand is down about 500,000 gallons a day,

Later in the manager's report, Donaldson made a statement about the water situation in the village in response to negative com-ments from the public, "We need to differentiate between crises and concern. Donaldson said. "We are not in crises as long as we pay attention to the concern. Our primary problem with the water is the aging distribution system. I never said we have no water problems, rather we have no problems with water rights or supply.

As for the falling water levels in Alto Reservoir; Donaldson said that is normal, not a sign of crises. 'Alto covers the water supply in Eagle Creek between the end of spring run off and the beginning of the summer raining season. We expect Alto Lake to fall then.

Donaldson said that the water storage tanks on Alto: Crest have 13 million gallons capacity that food seven other tanks throughout the village that provide about half the water for the village, "It would take five days to run (the tanks) dry with no incoming water, he added.

Have A Safe & Happy Holiday .

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EMPLOYMENT

FULL-TIME POSITION The Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas will be accepting applications for the position of Billing Clerk until 4:30 PM July 1, 1999. A complete job description and application may be obtained at 217 Lincoln in Capitan, NM.

2tc/June 24 & July1

METER READING **PROPOSALS**

Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is soliciting proposals for a one year meter reading contract. The contract will entail reading approximately 3,000 meters per month in the Carrizozo, Capitan, Ruidoso Downs, and Hondo area. The successful bidder will be required to furnish labor and a suitable vehicle to read the meters monthly. A minimum of \$1,000,000 / 500,000 public liability and appropriate workman's compensation insurance is required. The performance of the contract will comply with the Cooperative's standards for accuracy and timing.

Proposals should be directed to Terry Buttram, Operations Manager, Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 227, Clouderoft, NM 88317, by 5:00 P.M., July 16, 1999. Phone: 505-682-2521. Selection anticipated by July 30, 1999. 1tc/July 1

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for one parttime DETENTION OFFICER in the Lincoln County Detention Center. Applicant(s) must be willing to work all shifts, must have a clean driving record, no felony convictions, and must possess a valid New Mexico driver's license. Experience in Corrections or disadvantaged individuals is preferred but not required. Obtain application and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505/648-2385. The last day to apply for this position is Monđay, July 12, 1999 at 5:00 p.m. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirementa, Title II-A.

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Fourth Grade: Kallie Griffin, Ashley Cole, Clint Grahn, Katie Polley, Morgan Thomas, Kevin Kelsey, Brittney LaMay, Christina Stevens, Jimmy Thomas, Williams, Sarah Austin Williams.

Grade: Brittany Anna Hail, Betsy Fifth Adcock, Hobbs, Kelsey Stierwalt, Brendan Osborn, Taber Midgley, Staci Stanbrough.

The following students also received \$50 savings bonds from the school for being on the honor roll all four nine weeks of the 1998-99 school year: Jayna Johns, Danielle Mills, Lindsay Osborn, Jessica Shaver, Brittany Caughron,
Ryan Jackson, William Kern,
Courtney LaMay, Morgan
McMakin, Stephen Sears
Beck, Chad Williams, Kevin
Kelsey, Ashley Cole, Clint
Grahn, Katie Polley, Morgan
Thomas, Brittany Adeock Thomas, Brittany Adcock, Anna Hail, Betsy Hobbs, Kelsey Steirwalt.

Principal's List - All A's A Honors 3.5 to 3.99 B Honors 3.0 to 3.49

Sixth Grade: Principal's List: Lauren Dunlap, David Griego, Brittany Jensen, Katrina Johns; A-Honors: Tricia Bergeron, Rochelle Kelley, Sarah Lund, Tonia Neal, Derek Williams, Samantha Yetley; B-Honors: Courtney Cummins, Eric Garber, Ashley Garcia, Brandon Kessler, Dara Leinnewebber, Patrick Luna, John McGrath, Daniel Montes, Ashley Osborn, Steve Ramirez, Veronica Reeves, Clint Skeen, Delaine Stevens, JoHanna Switzer, Javier Trost, Andrew Tucker, Dalana West, Adam Williams.

Seventh Grade: Principal's List: Tommy Aldaz, John Garber, Audrey Thomas, Jared Wilson; A-Honors: Rebecca Armstrong, Chance Huddleston, April Mirelez, Bradie Powell, Sandy Bradie Powell, Sandy Sanderson, Alyx Sheehey, Candle Turner; B-Honors: Sarah Barela, Jessica Bennett, Jayla Buff, Kate Cherry, Jessica Fraeman, Josh Germany, Allison Kittrell, Brittany Mark, Sheldon Moor, Derrick Nelson Karring Phillips. Nelson, Katrina Phillips, Trevor Sanders, Stephen Silva, Falon Sparks, Rachelle Waugh.

Eighth Grade: Principal's List: Micah Applin, Alens Borowski; A-Honors: Kelli Blank, Ginger Cupit, Kaycee Gilson, Allison Hendrix, Emily

Hobbs, Stephanie Kelsey, Josh Osborn, Bo Sparks, Jessica-Tully-Mitchell; B-Honors: Seth Adcock, Michael Aguilar, Karen Bailey, Michael Burrell, Madalena Cordova, Mitchell Cox, Preston Godinez, Randi Goss, Jennifer Johnston, Kurtis Lee, Judd McGraw, Lucera Montes, Maribell Silva, Tyler Skeen.

Ninth Grade: Rocky Burrows, Brandon Keith, Jessica Neal, Januah Turner.

Tenth Grade: Tracey Armenta, Mandy Arrowsmith, Darrell Brooks, Lindsey Bush, Melanie Hail, Casey Helms, Brooke Holland, Jared Joym TJ Maroon, Armand Nicolet, *Bryanne Wilkerson.

Eleventh Grade: Sammi Allen, Truman Armstrong, Keena Brazel, Dale Cillesson, Rusty Clowers, Shawna Cupit, David Hightower, Marlo Marcon, Codi Montes, Haylee Murry, Holly Schlarb, Taylor Smith, *Kenny Stahl, Trenna Stephens, Jesse Wright.

12th Grade: E'rin Autrey, *Krin Autrey, *Cara Baker, Amanda Bird, Sheila Crandall, *Ty Davis, *Kyle Franklin, Martin Gonzalez, Jessica Hathcock, Lori Helmstetler, *Klay Jones, Patrick Kennedy, Ashley Martin, Mike Martinez, *Colleen McGrath, Maggie Montoya, William Morris, Adriana Scaff, Faith Smith, *Jennifer Tracey. * Denotes all A's.

County **Protests**

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expenditures of \$500 to the White Oaks Art Council, \$1,500 for the Willie Nelson Concert to be held at Ruidoso Downs Race Track and \$500 for Pinestock as requested by Paul Crown.

-Tabled appointment of member on the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission until the July meeting.

-Awarded bid for construction of bathrooms and concession at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds to J.R. Brown Construction of Sapello, NM

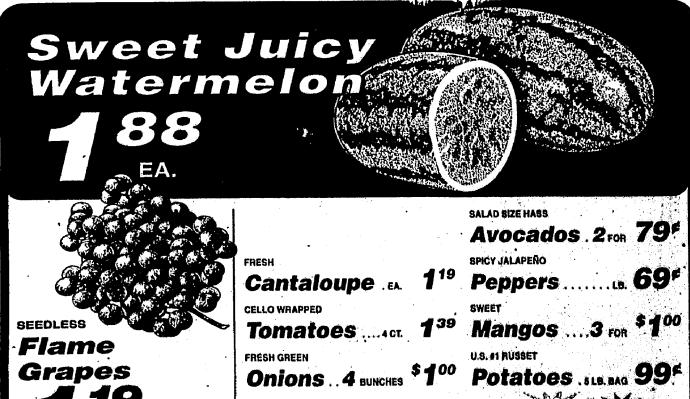
-Rejected bids and approved re-bidding for the 1999 Ford chassis for a Lincoln fire department brush truck.

-Discussed and delayed approval of proposals for group health insurance for county employees.

-Heard Jerry Carroll ask why he could not get information from the county planning officer Patsy Sanchez on the number of complaints filed from property owners within the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zone. Carroll said the ET Zone benefits Ruidoso so Ruidoso should pay the cost of the attorney for the ET Zoning Commission and Authority.

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