

County headed In Right Direction For New Jail

by Doris Cherry

The most cost effective method for constructing a new county detention center is for the county to build it, reported Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart at the Lincoln County Commission at its regular meeting September 16 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

In a memo from Stewart to county commissioners he stated that there had been numerous challenges to the manner in which the county had decided to construct a new detention facility. At the August 19

commission meeting Stewart was asked to look into what the county was doing. In the time since that meeting Stewart conducted an analysis of three different options—close the detention center and use other facilities, have a company design, build and operate a new detention center, and for the county to design and build the new center with a private management.

"From the analysis the most economical option is for the county to build the detention center in the manner currently proposed," Stewart said. "Once

the facility is under construction, the county should go out for a request for proposals for management of the facility."

In his analysis Stewart showed that the cost for clos-

ing the detention center and using other centers could be as much as \$3,414,812 by year 2004. He said the cost to house prisoners in other detention centers ranges from \$54 to \$70

per prisoner per day now. "But the problem is transportation of the prisoner for court appearances," Stewart continued. "That could be as much as ten times what we now spend to house a prisoner."

Also closing the detention center would mean Lincoln County would be the only county in the state without its own jail.

Lincoln County Commissioner Ray Nunley said according to Stewart's analysis it would cost the county \$96.45 a day per prisoner to "farm out" as compared to \$44.74 per

prisoner per day for the county to build a center and operate it.

Stewart's analysis showed that having a company design, build and operate a new detention center would cost the county \$2,071,304 in year 2004, and having the county build the center with private management would cost \$1,482,312 in year 2004. Stewart wrote that the figures were obtained from consultations with a detention center management company.

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Area State Legislators Hold Meeting Oct. 26th


New Mexico State Representative Dub Williams and New Mexico State Senator Pete Campos are scheduled to meet with the public at 10 a.m. October 26 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

The legislators will take comments and hear concerns from citizens in the Lincoln County Commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

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EMPTY SEAT, Lincoln County Commissioner Ray Nunley jokes with County Clerk Martha Proctor during the September 16 county commission meeting. Next to Nunley is the vacant chair formerly filled by Wilton Howell who died in an auto accident on Aug. 31. Gov. Gary Johnson will appoint someone to fill the vacancy.



County Hearing In October To Repeal GREC Board

by Doris Cherry

In mid-July, Lincoln County officially turned the keys to the Glencoe Rural Events Center over to the Hondo Valley Public Schools.

At their regular October meeting the Lincoln County Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to repeal the Glencoe Rural Events Center (GREC) advisory board, or consider leaving the existing ordinance that established the board as it is and continue to allow the board to advise the schools.

During the September 16 regular Lincoln County Commission meeting that began with a moment of silence for the late county commissioner Wilton Howell, county commissioners held discussion about several items dealing with the GREC. Along with the proposed ordinance to repeal the advisory board, county commissioners considered a request from the school district to use the county's water truck for an event at the GREC on October 8 and 9, and for future events.

Among the support documents with the GREC item was a letter dated August 10 from Hondo Valley Public Schools superintendent Barbara Perea Casey who wrote county commission chairman Rex Wilson to update the progress on the management agreement and to address

several concerns. She stated the US Department of Agriculture had approved the final management agreement and in mid-July the GREC was formally turned over to the school district. But in the three weeks the school district had the center the school district discovered that the GREC was poorly maintained. Rodent and other creatures had taken over the building, the roof leaks and leaking water pipes had not been repaired. The tractor did not have any oil and was covered with mud. Trash had not been picked up and the grounds were overtaken with weeds. The bull chutes in the arena needed welding and the restrooms and exhibit hall were very dirty.

Casey also stated that contractual agreements made with private individuals or groups did not follow the fee schedule set by the county commission, and in most cases the proper liability insurance was not provided as required by the contracts. "On at least one occasion, an individual was allowed to use the arena for no charge," Casey also wrote.

She went on to write that the school district had taken corrective action by having school personnel and additional helpers clean the building. The district had the tractor serviced and cleaned and the chutes were to be welded that

week. "Several truckloads of trash have already been removed from the premises and the rest will be removed this week," Casey wrote. She added that the district had contracted an exterminator for the pest problems. "Mr. (Tom) Stewart (county manager) has arranged for the main pipe joint on the water tank to be fixed as soon as the necessary part comes in," Casey added.

As for individuals wanting to use the facility, Casey wrote that they will have to abide by the stipulations set out in the

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County Seeks Company For Drug Testing

County employees who have commercial drivers license, or who work in safety sensitive positions, will soon become subject to random drug testing.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their regular meet-

ing September 16, approved a request for proposals for a company to provide drug testing services. County manager Tom Stewart requested the rfp for a random drug testing program for all employees. However, county commission-

er Ray Nunley said that changes in the laws about drug testing do allow for dismissal of employees with commercial drivers licenses (CDLs) or who are in safety sensitive positions if they test positive. However, staff who are not in those positions can only be referred to rehab.

County attorney Alan Morel backed Nunley's statement and referred to the county personnel policy that states drug testing can be done only with "probable cause."

"If we go beyond the CDLs or safety sensitive positions we may have to amend our personnel policy," Morel said.

Nunley said probable cause does not mean the employee had a wreck or other circumstance, but by his or her actions. "But if we test for no reason, that's not in our personnel policy," Morel responded.

"Why test if there is no probable cause?" Nunley said.

Stewart said the laws evolved mostly for the safety sensitive positions and CDLs. "We need the drug test as a deterrent," Stewart said.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said the drug testing is not a threat to employees, but if an employee has an accident while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the county could be liable.

Tom White, owner of Ruidoso Paving Company who was at the meeting for another purpose, said his company does random drug testing according to Department of Transportation rules. He said his company uses a drug testing company out of Alamogordo and the tests cost about \$52.

County commissioners unanimously approved making rfp for a company to do drug testing.

Authorities Rule Monday's Hanging Death As Suicide

Investigation by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office ruled the hanging death of William James Lipscomb as suicide.

Lipscomb, 70, of Alto, was an attorney with an office in Ruidoso.

A passerby discovered Lipscomb's body hanging from the covered picnic shelter at

the rest stop off Highway 37 on the top of Nogal Hill at about 5:30 p.m. Monday, September 20, said Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan.

The passerby stopped an Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (OCEC) truck and the OCEC workers advised the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office dispatch of the incident. Sullivan, his undersheriff Rick Virden, deputies Dave Thomas, Jackie Raines and Randy Haskins responded to the scene. They were assisted by New Mexico State Police. Dave Vermillion was called in for the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI).

Sullivan said the investigation determined that Lipscomb's death was suicide as there was no evidence of foul play. Lipscomb's vehicle was still at the scene and was transported to the sheriff's impound yard. Lipscomb's body was sent to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque for autopsy, which Sullivan said is routine in such cases.

Sullivan said two of his deputies had seen Lipscomb at the roadside rest area at about 3:30 p.m. Sullivan said the deputies advised that Lipscomb was smoking cigarettes and did not appear agitated. No suicide note was found at the scene, Sullivan added.

Oct. 1 Is Deadline For Letters To Fill County Commission Vacancy

Governor Gary Johnson's office staff has set a deadline of October 1 for names to be submitted for consideration on the appointment of a new Lincoln County Commissioner.

During the September 16 Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart reported on the October 1 deadline for interested individuals to have letters of interest in the governor's office. Stewart did not state how long the governor will take to fill the position.

Letters need to include a resume and statement of interest in the position and letters of recommendation should be mailed to: Office of the Governor, Attn: Ruth Kelly, State Capitol Building, Santa Fe, NM 87503.



CAPITAN BOYS AND GIRL STATERS. Capitan High School seniors Shawna Shrecengost, Rusty Clowers and Bobbyray Silva were recently honored with a dinner by the Capitan American Legion and Auxiliary Post #57, which with Ace 3-Bar-D Hardware co-sponsored the students to the annual Boys and Girls State events. Students in the Boys and Girls State programs participate in "municipal, county, and state" elections and learn about government. Students interested in attending the 2000 Boys and Girls State programs should contact their high school counselor or principal.

County Headed In Right

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"We are headed in the right direction," Stewart said. "We should build as large a facility as we can with the \$3.5 million loan (130 beds) and then rfp for management with a contract yielding income to the county for housed prisoners to offset costs."

Several companies have shown an interest in an operational contract with the county, Stewart continued. The companies also have offered to construct additional bed space at their cost.

"I think we are on the right track," said county commissioner Bill Schwettmann. "But I think we need to move slowly, without a knee jerk reaction. We need to do this thing deliberately and positively."

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said in

Deming (Luna County), the Luna County manager said Lincoln County should not worry about moving too slowly, because all sorts of problems uncover as the project progresses.

On August 27, Wilson, Schwettmann, current county detention administrator Mike Borrego and Stewart toured the Luna County detention facility being built by Nims, Calvani and Associates, P.A. According to a memo from Stewart to the county commission, the group made many observations which they commented to the architect at an August 31 planning discussion with the county Ad Hoc Detention Center Committee members. In addition to the Ad Hoc committee members also present at that meeting

were Borrego and Bill Garrison chairman of Correctional Systems, Inc. (CSI) that operates the current county detention center.

During the September 16 meeting Stewart said in talking with other counties, some have the same problems as Lincoln County. For instance, DeBaca county is faced with problems in meeting the state fire codes. "They're (DeBaca) in a panic," Stewart said.

Stewart also took the detention center recommendations one step further. The county has already looked into obtaining a New Mexico Finance Authority loan for the new jail, however at past meetings, commissioners requested Stewart look into different financing options. To accommodate this, Stewart invited representatives from Ruidoso State Bank and Norwest Banks to give information on large loans. However, Tom Battin, president of Ruidoso State Bank did not have his information completed and did not give a report at the September 16 meeting.

Kevin O'Connor, from Norwest Investments, gave a report to county commissioners. Norwest Bank president Scot Shafer was also at the county commission meeting but did not speak. O'Connor said his company provided the financing for the Luna County jail. He said his company could provide financing for Lincoln County's new jail by underwriting the debt by selling tax exempt bonds locally and throughout New Mexico. O'Connor also compared financing from his company versus financing from the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA).

NMFA was established to provide low cost loans to poor counties with no, or poor, credit ratings. "Many counties can't even get a credit rating," O'Connor said. NMFA eliminates the need for a county to have staff with expertise in financing and provides low interest money. On the down side of NMFA, once a county goes with a NMFA loan, all control is turned over to Santa Fe, O'Connor continued. "And you go at its pace and terms," O'Connor said. "This is one of the weaknesses of the finance authority, you lose control over the process."

O'Connor said in his opinion, Lincoln County has the ability to issue bonds with its own credit. By going with a private financial company, the money can be ready when the county is. O'Connor said state law dictates how counties can issue bonds, but it takes a lot of staff work if the county chooses to issue bonds by itself. "If the county retains Norwest, we

do all the work with your staff," O'Connor said.

In summary, O'Connor said the differences between a private company and NMFA is "Santa Fe versus across the street and timing."

However, Lincoln County has not borrowed money before and currently has no credit rating. Schwettmann said Lincoln County has more assessed valuation than such counties as Luna County. "I'm confident we'll qualify (for a loan)," Schwettmann said.

Wilson asked if the county would save any money going with private financing. O'Connor said private financing is comparable as far as the fees, but in terms of service and opportunity and the lack of "capricious and arbitrary meetings" private option is preferable. "If the county does not need credit assistance the state (NMFA) gives, I feel you will like the private financing better."

Stewart said one of his greatest fears is the cost of the new detention facility could increase to more than the loan amount. O'Connor said that is a consideration and his company would require the county to make sure it had \$1.20 in debt service revenue for every \$1 of debt. "Cost overruns are an issue," O'Connor said. And the additional amount would cover up to a 20 percent decline in gross receipt tax revenue. (Lincoln County approved a one-eighth percent gross receipt tax to cover annual payments on a loan to construct the new jail.)

"The real issue is the historical collection of sales (gross receipt) tax," O'Connor added.



Millers Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Miller Sr. of Nogal are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Vernon (Buddy) L. Miller and Mary Etta Means were married 50 years ago on September 30, 1949 in Carrizozo.

Vernon worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in El Paso as a mechanic until his retirement in 1989. Mary Etta was a lifelong homemaker. They moved to Nogal Canyon in June 1989.

The couple has four children, Glorietta Miller of Carrizozo, Vernon L. Miller Jr. and wife Becky of Corpus Christie, TX,

Luke Miller of Nogal, Esther and husband David Hinson of Lancaster, CA. The couple has seven grandchildren, Amanda Miller, Jennifer Miller, Luke Miller Jr. of Carrizozo, Vernon L. Miller III and Angelica Miller of Corpus Christie, and Stephen and Matthew Hinson of Lancaster.

The Millers are being honored with a reception from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, September 25, at the Carrizozo Church of Christ, 1107 C. Ave.

Family and friends are invited to come and share this happy occasion.

ENMU-Ruidoso Receives \$10,000 Literacy Grant

New Mexico Coalition of Literacy has awarded \$10,000 to the Lincoln County Literacy Program through the Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Instruction Center.

The grant will fund the 1999-2000 Lincoln County literacy program that has a part time coordinator and tutor/student recruiting and training activities.

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Lincoln County Rancher Peg Pflingsten Featured At Museum Exhibit

Fred "Peg" Pflingsten of Lincoln is among a number of ranchers featured at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces. The exhibit chronicles agricultural history and features 33 biographies and is called "Generations" opens to the public at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 26.

Pflingsten, born in 1913, still manages his ranch in Lincoln County. He represents many of the 20th Century ranchers who have had to change with the times to continue their treasured way of life, according to a release on the museum exhibit.

The story of John Chisum, (1824-1884) called the "Cattle

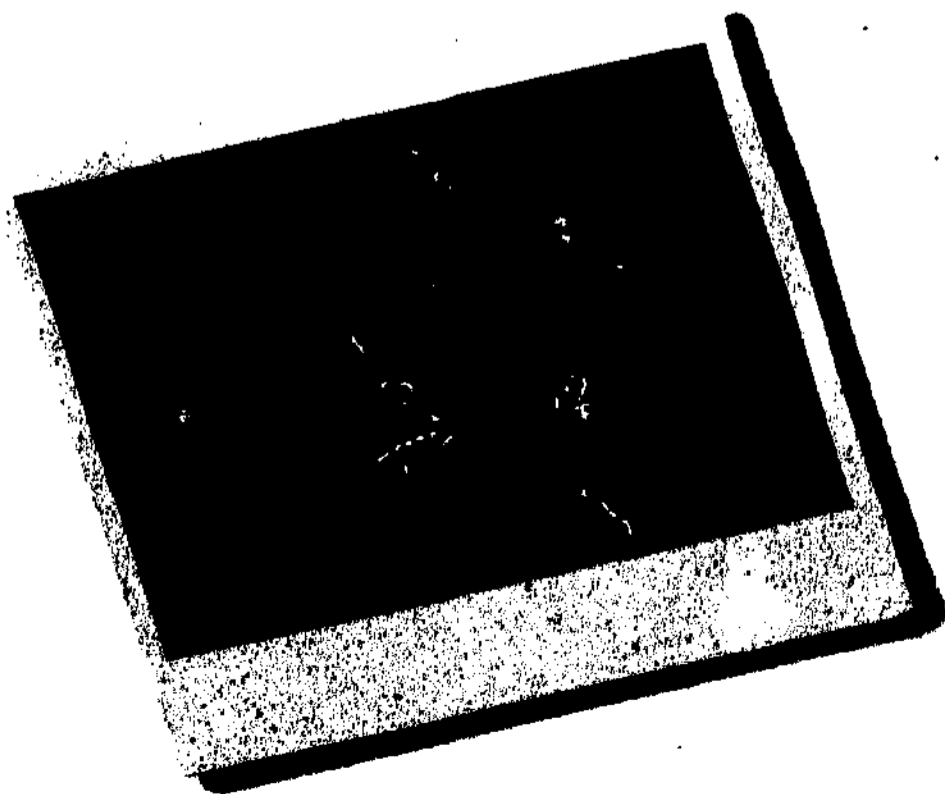
King of the Pecos" when Lincoln County covered most of southeastern New Mexico is also featured.

Visitors will be able to participate in several hands-on activities, hear oral history interviews and see videos on the cowboy way of life.

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, a division of the NM Office of Cultural Affairs, is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road about 1.5 miles east of Interstate 25 in Las Cruces.

Admission to the museum on Sunday, September 26 is free. All other days there is admission to the museum. For more information call (505) 522-4100.

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County Excuses Cleaning Fees

Lincoln County Commissioners excused a reimbursement of \$5,200.08 from the New Mexico Department of Health for the cleaning of health department portion of the county sub-office in Ruidoso.

During the September 16 Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart requested county commissioners excuse the reimbursement. He had received a letter from the Department of Health (DOH) explaining the legislative cut to its operating budget.

The New Mexico Department of Health has received a \$1.2 million cut in its operating budget, Stewart said. "And to preclude cutting services, the department has been forced to remove the reimbursement from its budget."

In the letter DOH District IV director Albert J. Esparsen wrote that because of this decrease, the DOH was forced to look for cost cutting measures including cuts in staffing and services offered to the nine counties of District IV which includes Lincoln County. The letter went on to state that the DOH will no longer be able to pay the \$5,200.08 a year for the cleaning services.

The Ruidoso Public Health Office serves more than 600 families per month with services that include free vaccinations, sliding scale family planning services, free exams for elderly women, HIV testing, TB vaccinations, the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program, and epidemiologic control of infectious diseases. In addition, the DOH contract had included cleaning of the office space for the county assessor's representative, and the sheriff's offices in the sub station. Stewart said that the county's expense to take over the cleaning of the sub office would only be an annual increase of \$1,620.

Carlsbad Hosts International Bat Festival September 24-26

Bat education programs, parades, and bat exhibits are part of the Carlsbad International Bat Festival September 24-26. Educational programs and exhibits are featured at Carlsbad Caverns National Park and the Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park. Opening ceremonies are set for 8 p.m. Friday, September 24 at the Bat Flight Amphitheater

at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Saturday, a parade is set for 10 a.m. in downtown Carlsbad and science programs will be held at the state park from 1 p.m. The annual bat flight breakfast will be held at 5:45 a.m. at the entrance of Carlsbad Caverns and a tour of the cavern is set for 7 a.m. For information on the festival call 505-887-6516.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAYS

—Capitan Public Library story hour for 4 and 5 year olds, 2:30 p.m.

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

—Moms In Touch prayer meeting, 9 a.m. Ancho. Carpool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

—Carrizozo School Library Story Hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. for preschoolers age 3-5.

—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.

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

FRIDAYS

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

—Special Lincoln County Commission meeting 8 a.m. to approve 1999 certificate of taxes.

—Capitan Elementary Archaeology Night 5-8 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

—Capitan Schools District wide in-service, no class for all schools.

—State Accreditation Team exit meeting, 11 a.m. Capitan school board room, administration building. Public invited.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 & 26

—New Mexico High School Rodeo Association rodeo. Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

—Capitan Middle School Parent's meeting 6 p.m. middle school science room.

—Carrizozo Women's Bowling League begins. Call 648-4220 for information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

—Republican Women of Lincoln County 11:30 a.m. Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Bill Farley to speak on "Welfare to Work" program. Board meeting at 10 a.m.

—BLM meeting with the Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concerns Planning Team, 6-9 p.m. Lincoln County Fair building in Capitan. Discussions about biological, cultural, recreation/interpretation and implementation issues.

—Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m. town hall.

—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. village hall.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

—Carrizozo Schools Character Counts assembly 2:30 p.m.

—Carrizozo Trustees special public hearing on domestic livestock 7 p.m. town hall.

—Carrizozo Mixed Bowling League begins. Call 648-4220 for information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

—Capitan Middle School homecoming game 4 p.m. Tiger Field.

—Carrizozo Men's Bowling League begins. Call 648-4220 for information.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

—Capitan Middle School homecoming dance.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

—Aspenfest Parade, 10 a.m. Sudderth Drive Ruidoso.

—Aspenfest Marching Band Contest, Ruidoso Schools Horton Stadium 1 p.m.

—Lincoln County Rodeo Club Awards Banquet 6 p.m. Lincoln County Fairgrounds.



10 YEARS A PASTOR. The Rev. Hayden Smith recently noted his 10th anniversary as pastor of Carrizozo First Baptist Church. Smith is shown here with his wife Cheryl, daughter Lauren and son Johnathan.


Low Cost Mammograms Will Be Given In October

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso and Lincoln County Medical Center are sponsoring a low cost mammogram program during the month of October.

During October, Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) employees and community volunteers will be wearing bead necklaces, along with a button that reads "Ask me about my beads." The purpose of the necklaces is to

attract one-on-one interaction with women to educate them about breast cancer awareness and mammography. The beads, sized from 4mm to 38mm, symbolize the size of breast tumors detected by various methods of examination. The smallest bead represents the average tumor size detected by women who get

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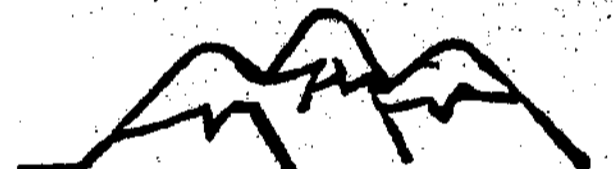
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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Who didn't pay at Glencoe?

By Ruth Hammond

Several things are happening in Lincoln County. Apparently the county is headed in the right direction for the new jail. We do hope the county commissioners will listen when people make comments and suggestions about the jail. The county jail, how it is designed, how it is built, how it is financed, and who will manage it affects everyone, not just the people who will be confined to the jail.

Other things of interest in this area include the Glencoe Rural Events Center and property taxes. It was no surprise to most of us to hear the report that at least on one occasion an individual was allowed to use the arena at the Glencoe Rural Events Center for no charge. We know many people who had questions about who was paying and who wasn't paying when all the brouhaha was going on about Glencoe. It also was not a surprise to hear that contractual agreements made with private individuals or groups to use the facility at Glencoe did not follow the fee schedule set by the county and in most cases the proper liability insurance was not provided.

Charging everyone the same rate would have helped make the Glencoe center an asset for the county instead of the expense it was. Charging everyone the same rate would have been fair and the money would have been in the county treasurer's office instead of being in a private individual's personal account. The situation of allowing an individual to use the Glencoe facility for no charge is a violation of the state constitution anti-donation clause, isn't it? Seems someone should make certain this does not happen again.

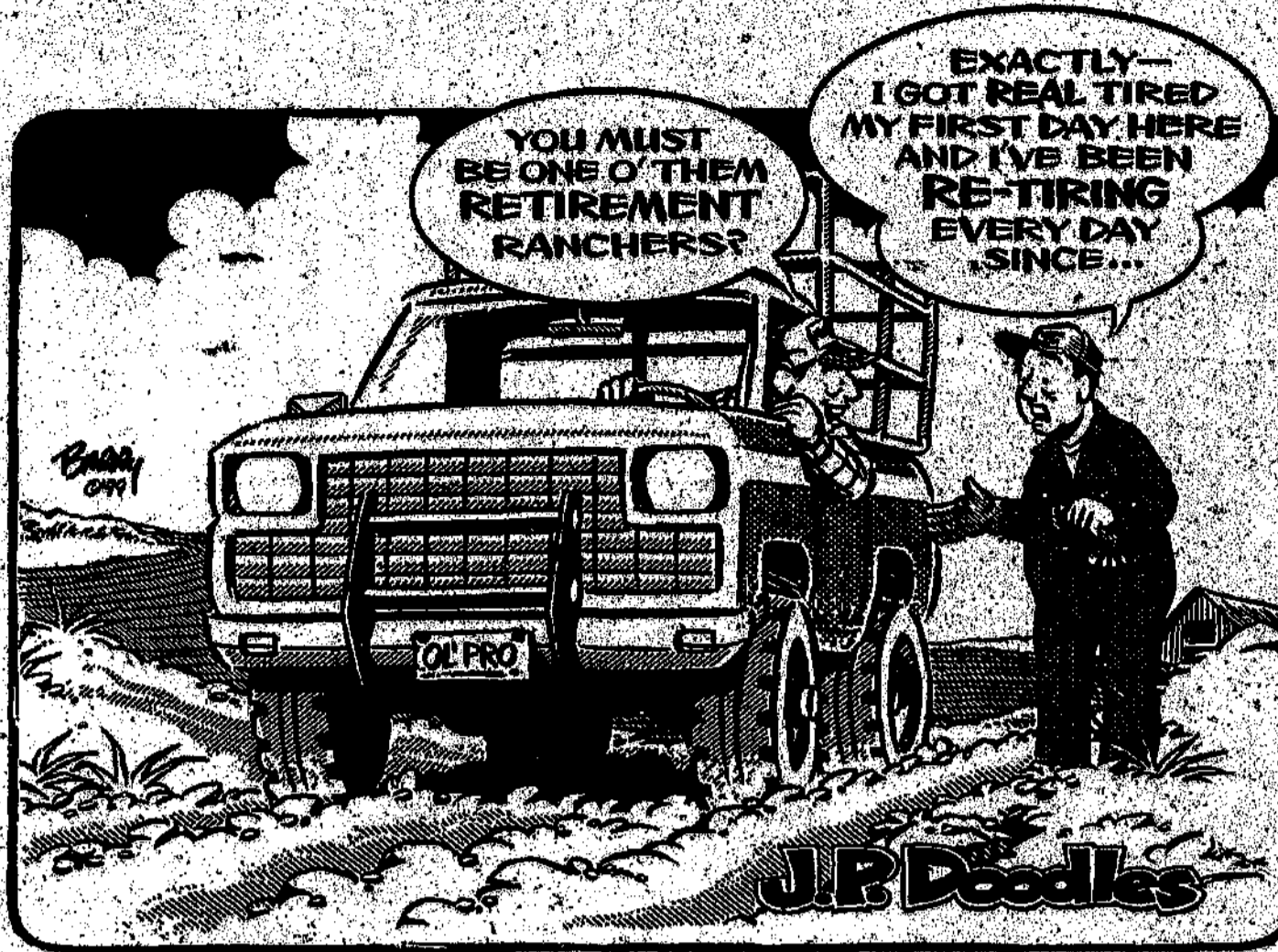
It is encouraging to know that Hondo School plans to enforce the language in the contract including deposits made at the time the Glencoe center is reserved. Enforcing the contract will protect the county and Hondo School and is a policy that should have been in effect when the Glencoe center first opened. Enforcing the policy for everyone would have kept Glencoe in better condition that it is at this time. We heard the roof leaks and leaking water pipes had not been repaired. And we had been told a couple of years ago that the Glencoe facility was in great shape and that was why ads were being placed in out of state publications. Wonder what happened.

Extra workers helped clean the Glencoe building and several truck loads of trash have been removed. We look forward to seeing the Glencoe Rural Events Center being properly used and properly managed. It was disturbing to hear that the new tractor the county bought was in the condition it was. Being muddy is normal when a piece of equipment is used in a dirt and mud area but there is no reason for the tractor to not have any oil. Proper maintenance of the tractor should have been a priority. Apparently it was not a priority.

There will be more changes made at Glencoe but it is promising to hear that Hondo School is cleaning the facility, making repairs, and wants to involve the community in making decisions about the facility. Working together at the Glencoe facility will help make the facility the showplace it should have been a few years ago instead of being an endless expense. Working together at Glencoe will help improve the facility, but most importantly it will help the people, and will help the community and will help all of Lincoln County.

Yes, there is hope for the Glencoe Rural Events Center and yes the county appears to be headed in the right direction for the new jail. Both facilities will take time and county commissioners will be getting comments about them. Property tax rates will also be passed and discussed by the public when county commissioners certify the property tax rates that were set by the state this week.

Cussing and discussing



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - What is the fairest way to decide the value of property for tax purposes?

The New Mexico Legislature considers that question, almost yearly. In many counties, assessed valuations went up sharply this year. As you read this, estate number crunchers are setting tax rates for every community in the state. In November, we'll see the result of our local assessors' work.

But don't despair. There is hope. A Nebraska investment banker has come up with the fairest, solution of all. Self assessment. Let property own-

ers declare their own values. I can hear you snickering all the way from here. That's what we've always wanted, but who's going to let us do that? But don't laugh. It might work.

The mechanics are as simple as they are novel. Every year county assessors would send us a valuation postcard. We merely write in the value of our property, notarize it and mail it back. Our property taxes are then based on that self-declared value. Each year we would get a chance to change the value.

What's that you're saying? People would cheat? Not if they have to live with the consequences of their decisions, they won't.

It would be impossible to prohibit people from selling their property for more than they declared its value to be. But the government could impose a windfall profits tax. The tax would be structured so that if people sell property in excess of declared value, the property taxes that should have been paid over the years would be recaptured, along with interest and penalties. How about that for keeping folks honest?

House Majority Leader Ben Lujan of Pojoaque has been trying for years to lower property values for poor people in resort areas whose valuations skyrocket because of mansions built next door. Their property values truly are higher but Lujan argues that the property, which has been owned by the same family for generations, won't ever be sold, so the higher valuations won't benefit poor folks. It will only hurt them because they can't afford their property taxes.

This plan would solve their problem in an extremely simple fashion. If the people in question aren't going to sell their property, there is no penalty for undervaluing it in order to lower property taxes.

But there are other considerations. If a government entity takes property for a road, or whatever, the condemnation award would be based on what the owner said it was worth for tax purposes. In the same fashion, insurance losses would be limited to the value set by the owner.

Why hasn't anyone thought of this before? What could be easier? No appraisals. No visits by government employees. No haggling. No appeals. No angry phone calls or threats. And think of the government expense we would eliminate.

New Mexico's system for assessing personal business property is somewhat the same. Assessors send out notices each year asking for any

changes. It isn't completely an honor system, however. They can check depreciation schedules on federal income tax returns.

Why aren't we already doing this? Could it be no one has ever thought of such a thing? That seems hard to believe, but after 35 years of wandering the legislative halls, I've never heard it suggested. Would assessments end up being higher or lower? More accurate or less accurate? Guess we'd have to try and see. Considering the complaints about the honesty and accuracy of the current system, we might do better. And it would eliminate a bunch of government employees.

It wouldn't hurt to consider the possibilities. If you like the idea, why not talk it up with your state legislators?

And remind me to tell you sometime about my even more radically simple method of gross receipts taxation.

Are Old Landfills Prime Properties?

by Doris Cherry

The old county landfill located on Fort Stanton mesa, only one mile east of the multimillion dollar Spencer Theater, and the old Capitán landfill are now in demand.

At the Lincoln County Commission meeting September 16 held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners heard two different requests from Van Patton, president of Sierra Contracting, and Peter Blanchard, representative of Mountain Blues Corporation, to lease some of the land at the old landfill on the Fort Stanton Mesa. County commissioners also received a request from Jimmy Clark to use the old Capitán landfill for cattle grazing. However, coun-

ty commissioners made no commitment to either party.

Patton requested county commissioners lease a portion of the old landfill to him for use as a burn site for construction and burnable yard waste. Patton has a site now east of Ruidoso Downs, but he said it was rapidly becoming too small. Patton opened his five acre Sierra Contracting site about three years ago when the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) closed its construction landfill near Capitán. In two years his company disposed of about 80,000 cubic yards of materials from Ruidoso and the rest of the county. Last year the materials coming from Ruidoso alone was about 50,000 cubic yards.

However, there have been complaints about the operation at its current location, Patton said. Also the location is not very accessible to the fast growing Alto, Alto north, Ranches of Sontarra, and Capitán areas. "So we got the idea to utilize the old landfill," Patton said.

Patton proposed leasing 25 acres of the old landfill, excavate an earthen berm around the entire site and install fencing on top of the berm to contain any possible blowing trash. "We are a small transfer station," Patton added. As with the current site, the company would have a 30 yard container on site for noncombustible materials that they would haul to the regional landfill. Patton said his company has an agreement with the Village of Ruidoso to dispose of noncombustible materials at the regional landfill at Ruidoso's lower member tipping fees.

"The Authority (LCSWA) isn't paying our tipping fees (at the regional landfill) now," Patton said. "The original concept of us taking burnable materials and LCSWA taking care of the noncombustibles never worked."

In answering a question from county commissioner Bill Schwettmann, Patton said his company had a gross income of \$171,000 last year.

When county commissioners sought some legal advice from county attorney Alan Morel he had to bow out because he has a five percent interest in Sierra Contracting. Morel offered to find an independent legal counsel at his cost to give advice on the situation.

Schwettmann then asked how Sierra Contracting would deal with smoke at the landfill site since it is so close to the regional airport. Patton said he spoke with Sierra Blanca Regional Airport manager Tim Morris who told him that if there is enough smoke "we're in trouble." Patton said his "air curtain destructor" does give off some smoke now, especially because they are burning wet materials because they have no storage area to allow the materials to age. "But our smoke is insignificant compared to the prescribed burns on the reservation," Patton added.

Schwettmann then suggested the county conduct public hearing to take input from the people living in the area of the old landfill. "I have no problem negotiating (with Sierra Contractors) but there are many hurdles to take before we can give them a carte blanche offer," Schwettmann said.

"We seldom get support of our operation, yet we divert about half the waste stream from the landfill," Patton said.

Morel was able to offer some "generic" state statute advice to the county commissioners about leasing their land. He said a lease would not fall

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County Closes Private Portion Of Ranch Road

by Doris Cherry

A controversial request to close the entire length of a county road that accessed a remote northeastern ranch was settled, after a compromise was reached.

Ranch owner Monte Garrett had come to the Lincoln County Commission about 18 months ago, seeking to close the entire 11-mile length of County Road B041. He cited security reasons for closing the

road that comes off of State Road 247 about 30 miles east of Corona.

Because the road accesses several sections of state land at least one citizen objected to the closing of access to that public land, and as a result county commissioners at that time denied the closure on a split vote.

In August, Garrett again made request to close the road, prompting a road review committee visit. Road review com-

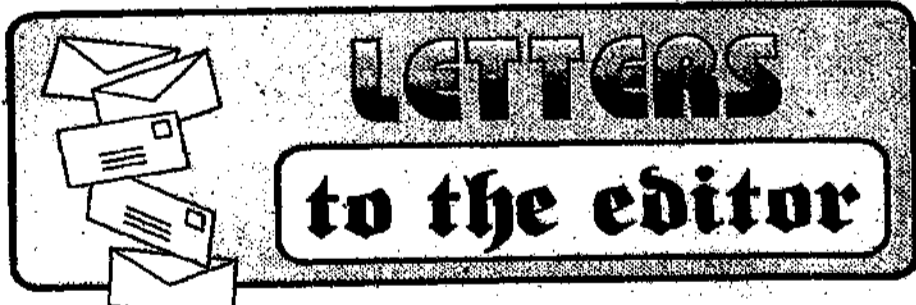
mittee members Ralph Romero, Duane Williams and Mel Gnatkowski however were split on their vote, with two against total closure and one in favor. The one member in favor of closure argued that the Justice Ranch (owned by Monte Garrett) contributed more to the county tax base and the overall commerce of Lincoln County than do hunters who access the state lands.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting September 16, held in the county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Garrett and his legal counsel Don Dutton again argued for closure based on security. Dutton said Garrett's intent was not to close the access to the state lands, rather to enforce his right to privacy and no trespassing on his private property. Dutton said there had been criminal damage and theft from the ranch headquarters, and trespassing, and response time for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was too long to be effective. "If we ask for a vote on closing the entire length we believe we will get a tie vote," Dutton said. "So we are offering a compromise."

Dutton said Garrett would settle with closing the last two miles of the road from where it leaves the state lands and goes across totally deeded land to the headquarters. "We are asking the county to put up a sign that states private land and allow Mr. Garrett to put up a physical barricade," Dutton said.

New Mexico State Game and Fish Department Warden for Lincoln County Dale Bode said he talked with Dutton and Garrett about his department's position against closing the

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EDITOR: Carrizozo always welcomes newcomers with open arms. Many wonderful people from across the United States have looked over our small, friendly, rural community and have chosen to make Carrizozo their home.

However, someone is now bothered by neighboring farm animals and wants zoning. Sir, did you not notice the animals before you chose to live by them?

Carrizozo is a rural community. People who have space for farm animals still raise them today, just as they have for the last century.

Although raising horses for transportation and farm animals for food was once a necessity, today it is one of the privileges we have in living in a rural area.

Neighbors have lived in harmony with this fine, upstanding family and their farm animals for many years. My own family lived close to them from 1968-1976, and we were never bothered by the animals. We enjoyed being neighbors and we also enjoyed the fresh eggs as well.

Living in any community there will always be things that bother us; such as barking dogs, sometimes noisy neighbors, loud cars, etc., these which cannot be zoned out.

It is our hope that Mr. Hernandez and his animals will not be, either.

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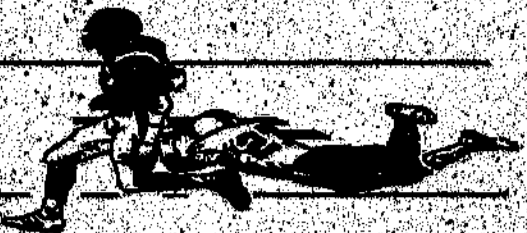
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Sports



CAPTAN JV FOOTBALL ACTION. This is action at the Capitan-Faith Christian junior varsity football game played on September 18 in Capitan. Faith Christian prevailed 22-8.

Carrizozo football coach Pat Ventura and his high octane Grizzly team will travel to Floyd on Saturday (Sept. 25) for their third road game in a row. The high scoring Grizzlies found the Tatum turf to their liking and lit up the scoreboard at will last Friday in convincing fashion 66 to 20, for their third consecutive win of the young season.

Carrizozo will try to stay on track against Floyd this week before finally returning to the friendly confines of Laabs Field the following week against Ramah (their first district game of the season). The Carrizozo JV/Jr. High will get things started at Floyd with an 11:00 a.m. game preceding the varsity tilt.

Other county results included Ruidoso's Warriors improving their record to 4-0 with a 25 to 14 win over Los Lunas; and the Capitan Tigers losing their encounter with Cloudcroft 14 to 34. In other interesting games over the weekend Artesia edged Goddard 19 to 17; Carlsbad by one over Alamogordo 20 to 19; and Tularosa doubling up on Tucumanari 28 to 14.

will be in Capitan this weekend (Friday and Saturday) at the Capitan Classic Tournament. They will return to action on Tuesday, Sept. 28 with Varsity and JV traveling to Mesilla Valley, matches starting at 4:00 p.m., followed by a trip to Vaughn on Thurs., Sept. 30, before returning home on Sat., Oct. 2 for a match against Hagerman VJV starting at 2:00 p.m.

AREA FB SCORES

- Artesia 19, Goddard 17
- Carlsbad 20, Alamogordo 19
- Carrizozo 66, Tatum 20
- Clayton 25, Boise City, OK 13
- Cloudcroft 34, Capitan 14
- Hagerman 27, Estancia 21
- Loving 27, Dexter 14
- Roy 40, Melrose 29
- Ruidoso 25, Los Lunas 14
- Santa Rosa 44, Ft. Sumner 13
- Silver 28, Socorro 13
- Tularosa 28, Tucumanari 14

Week two in the NFL was even harder to figure out than week one was. Last year's weaker teams are no more, and trying to figure out the outcome of last week's games was no easy task. The best we could do was just barely edging over the .500 mark with Dallas' win on Monday night and ended going 8-7 for the week and 17-13 for the season.

The surprise team so far is Detroit who along with Dallas are the only two teams in the NFC that have managed to stay undefeated after two

games. Rams are 1-0 after having an off week. But even more surprising are what has happened to the supposedly superbowl bound Denver Broncos, Atlanta Falcons, Minnesota Vikings and NY Jets, with a combined record of 1-7, with Vikes managing the only win. And things don't look like it will improve for any of those teams this week.

Closer to home—has anybody been paying any attention to the Aggies (NMSU) from Las Cruces. They beat up on NM Highlands on week one, then traveled to Albuquerque (where Samuels out-coached Lobo for another win), and then last week came up with a big, big win over Arizona State. This week finds the Aggies taking on neighboring rival UTEP. The only downside of all of this good fortune for the Aggies is that Samuels will probably be plucked off by some big time school with some big time bucks.

Other interesting news is that former UNM Lobo Stoney Case has been named as the starter at QB by the 'no name' Ravens this week and their opponent will be the Browns. If Case can guide Baltimore to a win he might have a chance at proving himself as a bona fide signal caller in the NFL after riding the bench for four years. Another ex-Lobo, David Sloan (TE) helped the Lions in their win over Green Bay with a long TD reception. Nice to see these guys make it.

As far as week three goes this is the way we see it unfolding:

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (In Bold Type)

* Atlanta at St. Louis: Falcons are hurting even worse than last week and Rams

should be well rested and be able to take advantage. Vermeil hangs on for another week, unless he can't handle winning.

* Cincinnati at Carolina. Both teams are 0-2 going into this game. One of them has to win. Right now Bengals might be the worst team in the league. Coakett might be the first one to go. Siefert will get his first win as Panther coach. Go with home team.

* Cleveland at Baltimore. We'll go with 'no name' just because Case is starting at QB. If Browns win this one this will probably be the last time anyone hears of Stoney. Hope he can get the job done. Stick with the home team.

* Denver at Tampa Bay. This could be a toss-up. But we'll go with Tampa Bay. Broncos don't have any idea of how to win without Elway. Shanahan finding out it's not so easy when trying to go for three in a row. I'll stay with home team.

* Detroit at Kansas City. Have changed my mind three different times on this one. Chiefs hurting at RB without Anders but will find someone to take his place for this week. Rumor has it that Sanders might want back now that Lions are 2-0. I say trade him and get a bunch of draft choices for him and build for the long haul instead of this year. Home team again.

* Philadelphia at Buffalo. We'll go with home team AGAIN! Bills are always tough at home and Flutie seems to have hit his stride after last week's win over the Jets. Eagles will probably give good effort, but will fall to 0-3.

* Seattle at Pittsburgh. Sea-

AFC Central. Going with Jags because they're at home. Titans have good backup QB in O'Donnel and could pull this one out. Stay with home team.

* Indianapolis at San Diego. Betting against home team on this one even though Chargers won last week. But Manning and Colts lots better than Bengals. Besides Manning likes warm San Diego weather, almost like being in Tennessee.

* Chicago at Oakland. Raiders pulled out a big one against Green Bay last week and will continue heading up hawks won last week, but Steelers are better than Bears. Pittsburgh tries to stay with Jacksonville in the AFC Central. Stay with home team.

* Washington at NY Jets. I'll go with team that scored 50 points last week against a good Giant defense. They won't need that many to beat Jets. Not even home field advantage will help. Parcells this time around. He needs a QB bad.

* Tennessee at Jacksonville. This one should be a dandy of a game, both 2-0, both in

Cloudcroft Bears Down Tigers 34-14

The Cloudcroft Bears came to Capitan last Friday night to play football and went home with a 34-14 victory.

The Bears began play on their own 34 yard line. Captain's Jared Joy got a good hit on the first play of the game. Cloudcroft was forced to punt and Capitan started on its own 38 yard line.

The Tigers ran a play before James "Wiggy" Robinson rambled to the Bear's five yard line. Robinson then found his way to pay dirt and the Tigers took a 6-0 advantage.

Cloudcroft had a touchdown pass go through a player's arms and a long gainer by Gilbreath nullified by a penalty before the 1st quarter ended.

The two teams traded punts in the 2nd quarter with Smith and Hightower getting good tackles along the way.

With 4:13 left in the half, Gilbreath got loose for 32 yards and a touchdown for the Bears. Cloudcroft passed for two points and went out front 8-6.

Cloudcroft scored again before the half ended with Pollard getting the last nine yards. The extra point was no good and the Bears enjoyed 14-6 lead at halftime.

The Tigers began play in the 2nd half on their own 32 yard line. After two first downs, Capitan's Wiggy Robinson set sail down the sideline and scored Capitan's 2nd touchdown. The Tigers got two points going through the middle of the line and tied the score at 14-14.

A minute and a half later, Pollard went up the center for 42 yards and found pay dirt. The two point pass was good. Cloudcroft 22, Capitan 14.

Justin Jones and Scott Kennedy got first downs for the Tigers before Bowen intercepted a stray Tiger pass.

It was here that Bears quarterback Adams galloped 55 yards for a touchdown just before the 3rd quarter ended. The conversion attempt was no good. Cloudcroft now had a 28-14 lead.

Capitan put together three first downs to begin the final quarter but were hurt by a penalty and forced to punt. A 98 yard runback by Cloudcroft was nullified by a penalty.

The final Bear tally was set up by a nice run by Pollard to the Tiger five yard line. Cloudcroft passed for the final five yards to score. The point after touchdown was no good. The game ended with Cloudcroft out front 34-14.

The Capitan Junior Varsity Tigers suffered defeat at the hands of the Faith Christian Academy Lions on Saturday afternoon 22-8. This is the first year for Faith Christian to play 11 man football. They brought 18 players. The Lions are from El Paso.

Capitan's Matt Stephens suffered a leg injury in this game and was taken by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The Tigers travel to Artesia September 28 to play the Bulldog JV. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The Lady Tiger varsity volleyball team will host the Capitan Classic on September 24 and 25. The Hagerman Lady Bobcats will be in Capitan for games beginning at 4 p.m. on September 28. The Capitan girls go to Cloudcroft September 30 for three important games. The mid-school volleyball girls have games at

home on September 28 beginning at 4 p.m. against Cloudcroft.

The junior high football boys play Cloudcroft at home on September 30. The game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. by Bartley McDonough

U.S. Forest Service Offers Fall Color Hotline

U.S. Forest Service is now operating a toll free Fall Color Hotline at 1-800-354-4695.

The Fall Color Hotline provides weekly updates on fall foliage color changes throughout the nation.

Additional information about fall foliage is available on the Forest Service world wide web site.

Visitors looking for fall foliage color in the Lincoln National Forest should travel through Nogal Canyon and up Ski Apache Road. In the Cloudcroft area, best viewing is the Sunspot Scenic Byway and Highway 130.

Y2K Fair Set For October 4

Lincoln County Emergency Management Office, in cooperation with the Ruidoso Emergency Planning Office and the Local Emergency Planning Commission are hosting a Y2K Fair on October 4.

The fair is set to begin at 6 p.m. in the Ruidoso Convention Center and will feature information booths set up by interested companies and government entities to update the public on efforts made in avoiding problems when the calendar turns to January 1, 2000.

For information about the fair or about having a booth at the fair, contact Lincoln County Emergency Planning Officer Connie Hopper at 648-2385.

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Commissioners To Approve 1999 Tax Rates

Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a special meeting today, Thursday, September 23, at 8 a.m. at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan to approve the Certificate of Tax Rates for the 1999 Tax Year.

Commissioners had listed the certificate of rates on their September 18 meeting agenda, however the rates had not arrived from the state at that time. That prompted the special meeting for today. The new 1999 tax rates were

received at the Lincoln County manager's office on September 21. According to the Property Tax Code in state law, county commissioners have five days to issue a written order imposing the tax at the rates set on the new taxable value of property. Commissioners are expected to approve the tax rates at the special meeting today, Thursday, September 23.

Because of an increase in the value of properties in most school districts within Lincoln County, the majority of actual taxes went down. However, taxes on properties in the Corona school district and taxes on properties within the town of Carrizozo in the Carrizozo School district increased, according to information from Lincoln County Assessor Patsy Serna.

Serna told THE NEWS she will present the 1998-1999 tax comparison to the commissioners during the special meeting. The comparison showed that in Ruidoso, the 1999 taxes on residential properties went down 8.63 percent from the 1998 rate. 1999 taxes on non-residential properties (commercial) also declined, 1.80 percent, from the 1998 rates.

The 1999 tax rates on residential properties in the Ruidoso School district, but not within the villages of Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs declined 4.72 percent from the 1998 tax rates, and non-residential properties in Ruidoso School district out of the municipalities declined 1.9 percent from 1998.

1999 tax rates on residential properties in the Village of Ruidoso Downs declined by 3.66 percent over the 1998 taxes, and taxes on non-residential properties in Ruidoso Downs only declined by .71 percent.

1999 rates on properties in Carrizozo School district increased. Rates for residential properties within the Town of Carrizozo increased 1.37 percent, rates for non-residential properties in town increased 3.89 percent. Rates for residential properties in Carrizozo school district but out of town increased 4.30 percent and non-residential properties in Carrizozo school district but out of town increased by 6.51 percent. Serna said these increases are probably due to school bonds.

Corona properties will experience the largest percentage increase this year. 1999 tax rates on residential properties within the village increased 8.38 percent, non-residential property tax rates increased 8.13 percent. 1999 rates on residential properties within the school district but out of the Village of Corona increased 6.48 percent and non-residential properties in the school district but out of the village increased 7.43 percent.

Hondo School district properties experienced the most dramatic decrease. The 1999 tax rates for residential properties decreased by 16.66 percent, while tax rates for non-residential properties decreased by 11.04 percent.

1999 tax rates for residential properties in Capitan school district within the Village of Capitan decreased 3.18 percent. However non-residential properties within the village increased by 2.57 percent. 1999 tax rates for residential properties in Capitan School district but outside the Village of Capitan decreased by 2.72 percent while rates for non-residential properties in Capitan School district but outside the village increased by 1.06 percent.

In more real terms, Serna provided a tax comparison on a residential property with the total value of \$90,000 and taxable value of \$30,000. Within the Village of Ruidoso the 1999 taxes on a residence with a taxable value of \$30,000 will be \$921.75 or \$34.65 less than in 1998. The 1999 taxes on a residential property in Ruidoso School district but outside the villages of Ruidoso or Ruidoso



CAPITAN'S GRAND SENIOR CITIZEN, Frances Garden-shire Shaw is preparing to celebrate her 87th birthday. Mrs. Shaw came to Capitan from west Texas at the age of three. Her father was a rancher. Frances played on the 1929 Capitan High School Girls State basketball team. She is a former member of the Capitan School Board and Round Table Club. She was postmaster at Fort Stanton and in Capitan. Mrs. Shaw is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and had been a member of the Capitan Woman's club. Frances and Jack Shaw had a son, Jeff, and a daughter, Diane. She has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Downs that has a taxable value of \$90,000 will be \$571.89 or \$28.32 less than in 1998.

1999 taxes on a residential property with the taxable value of \$90,000 within the Village of Ruidoso Downs will be \$746.34 or a decrease of \$28.35 from the 1998 taxes.

The new taxes on a residential property with a taxable value of \$90,000 within the town of Carrizozo will be \$516.87 up \$11.01 from 1998. The same valued property outside the town will have taxes of \$616.98 up \$32.25 from 1998.

1999 taxes on a residential property with the taxable value of \$90,000 within the Village of Corona also are \$622.02 up by \$20.31 from 1998.

1999 taxes on a residential property with the taxable value of \$90,000 in the Hondo School district decreased by \$99.18 from the 1998 taxes to \$562.89.

New taxes on residential properties in the Village of Capitan went down by \$15.21 to \$463.23 and on residential properties in the school district but out of the village went down by \$3.99 to \$451.77.

The net taxable values submitted to the New Mexico Property Tax Department by the Lincoln County Assessor's office showed residential values in 1999 rose \$36,399,853 over the 1998 values. Based on the new 1999 values, residential tax rates for 1999 is 4.434 mills. A mill is \$1 per \$1,000 worth of taxable value. Taxable value is one-third of the total assessed value of a property. The 1998 tax rate was 4.890 mills.

Total taxes to be collected for 1999 are \$66,378.93 more than last year. With the 1999 tax rates, the taxes to be collected on residential properties for county operations will be \$1,447,211.55. Last year, the taxes collected on residential properties for county operations was \$1,415,154.94. Non residential taxes to be collected for 1999 will be \$1,221,158.04, for total taxes of \$2,668,369.59 for 1999. Last year taxes collected from residential and non-residential properties for county operations totalled \$2,611,895.69.

Along with the county operational tax, there are special taxes such as the mill levy for the hospital. The additional special rate taxes for 1999 will total \$617,866.19, which is \$70,677.84 more than collected in 1998.

Overall, the 1999 grand total of taxes from county operational and special projects rates will be \$127,251.27 more than the taxes collected in 1998.

Media Literacy Programs Set At County Schools

Students at Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo schools and their parents will have opportunity to get a quick lesson on the power of media advertising in October.

Behavioral Health Services Division of the New Mexico Department of Health and The Counseling Center of Ruidoso are sponsoring Peter DeBenedictis, Ph.D. who will give age-appropriate presentations to elementary, middle and high school students during the day on October 4, 5, and 6. In the evening on those days, DeBenedictis will make presentations to parents, teachers and adult community members.

Adult presentations begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 4, in Cummins Gym at Capitan School. At 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 5, DeBenedictis will present his program in the Hondo School multipurpose room. The school is also planning a pot luck dinner. On Wednesday, October 6, the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Carrizozo Schools administration board room.

New Mexico Media Literacy Project gives participants insight into how the media expresses messages and values, what audiences are targeted and why, what techniques are used to manipulate viewers and how to see through the "half-truths".

The project's objectives are to educate youth and adults about the messages behind advertising and commercials and teach them to analyze and evaluate media messages.

Studies have shown that children have less positive attitudes about smoking and drinking after receiving media literacy education, according to a release from The Counseling Center. "More than just a substance abuse prevention effort, the project builds resiliency in youth, making them less vulnerable to all media hype and commercialism," the release stated.

For more information call Genevieve Phelan, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, at The Counseling Center at 258-5038.

Temporary Hiring Authorized

Lincoln County Road Department will get some help this fall thanks to an extra \$10,000 from the county general fund.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their September 16 meeting authorized \$10,000 be taken from the county general fund to hire up to three temporary operators/laborers for use on an "as needed" basis. The temporaries would be on call for emergencies and personnel shortages, said county manager Tom Stewart. Temporary employees would provide more flexibility in hiring, because part time means working an employee up to 30 hours week.

Currently the road department has six full time blade operators and two additional drivers capable of operating

the graders and driving the county's four dump trucks and transport truck. Also the county is in the process of hiring two operators/laborers to operate the new and old mowers.

"While this staff may appear adequate for routine operations," Stewart wrote in a memo to county commissioners, "it does not give us the flexibility required to deal with surges required by bad weather."

Stewart during the September 16 commission meeting said that the \$10,000 would be put into a temporary line item of the road department budget for now, with the intent to use it sparingly. Also, he plans to look at the temporary and road department budgets at the mid-year budget review.

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CORONA NEWS

Marvin and Linda Roberts, Roswell, will be at the Corona Baptist Church, Sunday, October 3, for a Gospel concert at 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to church, a pot blessing and the singing. Come and enjoy with us.

On Sept 16 the Corona Zia Senior Citizens Center enjoyed music furnished by Bill Harelson and his sister, Bobbie Graham and brother, Tuffy. The trio played music before and after lunch. Music soared from guitars, mandolin, and organ. 38 were in attendance.

Visiting Johnnie Faye and Bill Harelson over the weekend were Bill's sisters, Bobbie Graham and Bettye Williams from Aztec, NM, brother, Tuffy and wife Gen from Espanola, NM, another sister, Jerry and husband Steve Stephenson from Surprise, AZ. Other guests were Cliff, Wanda and Tessie Graham from Carlsbad.

"Trek for Trash", garbage pick up day, Saturday, October 9. Groups interested in participating contact the Village Hall, there will be monetary awards and T-shirts for the groups gathering the most garbage.

Cody Lightfoot has been employed by Sulphur Springs Dairy Museum out of Sulphur Springs, TX. He will be doing a lot of the "Dairy in the Classroom" tours. He flew to Sulphur this week from Albuquerque to go through orientation, and will return to Albuquerque the middle of the week to finish up at the state fair. He will be based out of Roswell office.

The Lady Cardinals played the Lady Grizzlies from Carrizozo last week and won one out of the four games. They are showing a lot of improvement with each game they play. The Cardinals played Vaughn in 6 man football and were defeated with a score of 51-6. They do show a lot of try and determination and we are very proud of them for that.

Rankin and Dal Frost are at the New Mexico State Fair

showing livestock this week. Wish them luck on their animals!

Mrs. Theresa Barajas just returned from spending a week with her daughter, Corrine White in Roswell.

Johnnie Faye Harelson and Loretta Proctor made a trip to Roswell and had lunch with Jaunita Owen and reported her doing well, but still missing her home in Corona.

Foggy and cool Tuesday morning made it time to light a small fire. From all reports it was a good weekend for antelope hunters with most successful the first day.

Pamela Vickrey came over from Farmington to guide Ryan Miller, Las Cruces, on his first antelope hunt. Unable to walk with him she pointed out the pastures while she enjoyed the sights and smells, anise, dill, etc. of her old home place. Ryan shot his animal about mid after-

noon of the first day. He was almost as excited about the friendly little doe that stayed close all day. Ryan is the son of Pam's good friend, Carolyn Yandell Miller of Albuquerque. Pam gathered up some sweaters and other winter clothing and left Tuesday for Fort Sumner to spend a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. L. K. Merritt, who herself had decided it best for all concerned that she spend the winter in the Pecos Valley Care Center. She would very much like a card or note from her friends here.

Seth and Max Brewer spent the weekend with their Gibbs grandparents.

Mrs. Amber Hand was taken by ambulance to an Albuquerque hospital Monday afternoon.

Among the hunters seen here Saturday were Lance Darnell, Tjeras, Bill Yung, former UTEP football coach and Shelby Sawyer, El Paso.

OBITUARY

BILL R. WARD
Graveside service for Bill R. Ward, 76, of Ruidoso and Tatum was Sept. 18 at the Nogal Cemetery.

Bill died Sept. 15, in Ruidoso. He was born September 9, 1923 at Broken Bow, OK. He grew up on a ranch at Hatch, NM. Bill was a rodeo cowboy for 25 years but was most proud of being a ranch cowboy. He was former curator of the Lincoln

Museum and started the Pony Express Race from White Oaks to Lincoln and helped to start the Mule-O-Rama at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. He moved to Ruidoso in 1964 then to Lincoln in 1966. In 1980 he moved the Alton Ranch at Tatum to finish his life. During World War II he served on the U.S.S. Missouri when the peace treaty was signed.

He married Pat Alton on February 16, 1952 at Alamogordo. He is survived by his wife, Pat of Ruidoso; two sons, Bill R. Ward Jr. of Loveland, CO and Shearbauer Ward of Nogal; two daughters, Lynda Swafford of Loveland, CO and Fern Sawyer Ward of Ruidoso; and 4 grandchildren.

Lincoln County Fairgrounds
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High school rodeo contestants from all over New Mexico will compete at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 24-26. Events begin at 7 p.m. Friday with the open bull riding. On Saturday, the New Mexico High School rodeo begins at 10 a.m. and on Sunday, the high school rodeo begins at 9 a.m. Dances will be held Friday and Saturday nights from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be admission at the gate. For more information call 354-2005.

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Are Old Landfills

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under the procurement code depending on the length of the lease. He also said the county needs to know where the old landfill cells are located, since the operation could not be done over an old trash cell. Morel said the county also needs approval from the state environment department. Patton said he proposed to lease the area of the old landfill that was never used for trash disposal.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said the request is at the "concept level" now. He also suggested Patton contact the Spencer Theater and advise them of his proposal and get comments. Patton said he would not burn when events were planned at the theater.

Citizen Jerry Carroll said there are not enough private enterprises in the county that has tremendous waste. "We need more of this kind of private enterprise, go ahead

with it," Carroll suggested.

County commissioners then heard a request from Blanchard who said his corporation is looking for a location to place a permanent outdoor amphitheater for their Blues musical events. He proposed to lease a 15 acre "grassy" site for the theater and parking to hold three to five shows on summer weekends. Blanchard said there would be no problem with the burn site because Patton wanted a location on the other side of the old landfill.

County commissioner Ray Nunley asked about water for the blues festivals, since no domestic well can be drilled on an old landfill site. Blanchard said the location he is interested in was not used for burying trash. County manager Tom Stewart said he has a map of the old landfill site that shows where the cells with buried trash are located. He also said the county stores gravel on the

acreage. "I need to get with you two and walk the terrain to deconflict the activities," Stewart said to Patton and Blanchard.

Ruidoso Paving Company president Tommy White who was at the meeting for another purpose, commented that his gravel pit does have an air quality permit. While he supported Patton's proposal he said that Morris has warned Ruidoso Paving if he sees one "puff of dust" he will give White 15 minutes to correct it before he calls the environment department. "I also have an interest in the (old landfill) property and I am willing to lease it for a (equipment) staging area," White added.

While county commissioner's discussed who should draft a lease with the entities and investigate the requirements from the Environment Department, Schwettmann suggested the private entities do the preparation with the Environment Department, state highway department and get back with county commissioners to report on their findings. Nunley wanted county staff to get the information for a report at a future meeting.

County commissioners also got a request from property owner Jimmy Clark who wanted to plant grass seed on the old Capitan landfill in order to graze cattle. Stewart said the underlying motive for Clark is he wanted to sell his property next to the landfill, but the property is not very sellable because it is next to the old landfill. "I would like to see us explore a lease for a small fee," Stewart said.

But Schwettmann said the county doesn't own the landfill, rather it belongs to LCSWA, or the village of Capitan. "We don't control it," Schwettmann said. "LCSWA closed it." But Nunley said the county owns the land.

Schwettmann then suggested the county look at the closure wording before "we circumvent the state." Morel who was able to advise county commissioners on this issue, said the county manager needs to go to the county assessor's office to find out who owns the property before any further steps are taken.

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County Closes Private

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access to the state land. "But with the new proposal of a physical barrier at the end of the state land we have no opposition because it still allows access to the state land and gives a physical buffer for Mr. Garrett," Bode said.

Citizen Jerry Carroll asked for a road review committee member to read the Road Review Committee report for the benefit of the public at the meeting. Romero said it was impossible for the committee to determine where the state and private lands were along the entire 11 mile stretch of the road. "So to close the entire stretch was unfair to those wanting access to the state lands," Romero said. "When we met with Mr. Garrett we suggested a barrier at the end of the state property and the beginning of his deeded land. We believe this compromise is good."

Romero added that many ranchers go through the security problems each year at hunting season time. "We were against total closure, but were for the compromise 100 percent," Romero added.

Carroll, who had objected to the closing of access to the state lands 15 months ago, said he had no objection to closing the county road from Garrett's private property.

said he spent about four hours with the state land office. "The office needs to be involved with deciding where the line is with the deeded land," Morel said.

Dutton said Garrett was agreeable to abandoning the public road from where it goes on his private property.

County commissioner Ray Nunley asked if there is room at the barrier to Garrett's private land for people to turn around. Romero said there was room on the road which in his opinion was one of the best maintained roads in the county. Dutton refuted Romero's statement about maintenance and said Garrett told him there had been no county maintenance from February 1998 to April 1999. County road supervisor Albert Hernandez said blade operator Brent Sultermier had tried to blade the road in July but Garrett told him not to blade the road.

County commissioners unanimously approved closing the last two miles of County Road B041 from Garrett's property line to the headquarters. Aside from access to the state lands, the 11 miles of the road served only the one ranch headquarters.

County commissioners also unanimously approved abandoning the county's interest in an unbuilt road named Lincoln

Street in the township of Nogal. The request to vacate the road and an alley on block 3 came from property owners Terry Scarafioti and Marvin Peacock whose land adjoined the unbuilt street and alley. The only objection came from attorney David Stevens who represented Candace Jacobsen. Stevens said Jacobsen's concern was to not vacate 20 feet of the alley on the north end of the townsite, because it would prevent access to her property that adjoins the alley. Nunley said his motion did not include the vacation of the last 20 feet of "Creek" alley.

Before the action was taken on the motion, county attorney Alan Morel said there are 37 different state laws dealing with townsites. "The county can give up only what it has," Morel said. "We have to assume the roads were never built or used so there are no prescriptive rights." Morel cautioned commissioners that they can only give up the county's "interest" in the streets.

There are two other unincorporated townsites in Lincoln County-White Oaks and Oscura. Both locations have numerous streets and alleys that were platted in the original townsites but which were either never built, or have since been abandoned and not used.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. DM 99-104
Div. III
GARY WAYNE CASPER,
Petitioner,
vs.
LILA MARLENE COLEMAN,
Respondent.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Lila Marlene Coleman
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now pending in the 12th Judicial District Court, Lincoln County Court House, Carrizozo, New Mexico a lawsuit in which Gary Wayne Casper is the petitioner and you are the respondent. The general object of the suit is a divorce, including an equitable division of community property and community debts, and attorney's fees to be awarded against you.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within thirty days of the last publication of this notice, judgment will be rendered in this cause against you by default.
The attorney for the petitioner is:
David A. Thomson
2810 Sudderth Dr., Suite 208
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(505) 297-9000
CHERYL CASTRO,
Clerk of the District Court
By: Elizabeth Lueras, Deputy
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EGBERT G. TIMONEY, AND SARAH WILLIAMS,
and
GROUP IV: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,
Defendants.
AMENDED SUMMONS AND
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS: SAM TEAGUE

GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: J. EVERETT BIRD, M.H. BELLAMY, EDWIN R. BONNELL, VIOLA J. BONNELL, A.L. GANGNER, ABALOM HOCKING, MATTHEW W. HOYLE, W.C. LEA, J.H. LYND, PAUL MAYER, ULA G. MAYER, MAE G. MILLER, GEORGE W. PRICHARD, MAUDE H. PRICHARD, HARRY M. SWANK, EGBERT G. TIMONEY, AND SARAH WILLIAMS.
GROUP III: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: J. EVERETT BIRD, M.H. BELLAMY, A.L. GANGNER, ABALOM HOCKING, W.C. LEA, J.H. LYND, MAE G. MILLER, HARRY M. SWANK, SAM TEAGUE, EGBERT G. TIMONEY, AND SARAH WILLIAMS; and
GROUP IV: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,
GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Archie A. Witham and Gloria F. Witham, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-174 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.
The general subject matter of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate, which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Block 11, and Lots 2, 3, and 4 in Block 25, Original Plat of the TOWNSITE OF WHITE OAKS, as shown by the plat thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico. SUBJECT TO reservations, restrictions and easements of record.
You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before October 23, 1999, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.
The name and address of the attorney for the plaintiffs is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 18th day of September, 1999.
CHERYL C. CASTRO
Clerk of the District Court
By: Elizabeth Lueras, Deputy
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the Carrizozo SWCD are eligible to vote. Persons may be asked by election officials to provide a tax receipt or other documentation of land ownership to verify eligibility to vote.
Absentee ballots will be available to persons requesting them by mail between October 5th and October 15th. The District will mail requested ballots 15 days before the election to persons requesting them. Absentee ballots returned by mail and received by the district on Election Day or before will be counted. Absentee ballots received after Election Day will not be counted.
Absentee voting may be done between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the above address between October 15th and October 30th.
CARRIZOSO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BILL HIGHTOWER,
CHAIRMAN
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ELECTION CONTACT:
Sue Stearns between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 648-2941 or 354-2220.
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 457, Carrizozo, NM 88301
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County Hearing

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management contract, including deposits made at the time the GREC is reserved. The school district is not making any changes to the contract that was used by the county," Casey wrote. "However the district is enforcing the language in the contract. We strongly believe that this will protect both the County and the school district from any unnecessary liability."
Mary Prudencio, the Hondo Valley School District business manager, will be in charge of making all reservations, fee collections, maintenance oversight, paying bills, etc. A separate account has been set up at Norwest Bank to hold money given to the district by the county, Casey advised. She also included a budget for the \$1,625 quarterly allocation from the county. The budget includes \$21.39 for alarm system, \$1,000 for electricity, \$80 for propane, \$30 for phone, \$95 for Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (trash), \$100 for supplies and \$298.61 for maintenance.
In closing, Casey wrote that the Hondo Valley Public Schools board of education at its September meeting would be organizing a committee made up of community members to advise the district as to the center's use and to help make decisions regarding any facility upgrades. She invited county commissioners to join the group.
On August 25, Prudencio contacted the county manager about use of the county's water truck at the GREC arena. During the September 16 county commission meeting, county commissioners discussed the request. County commissioner Rick Simpson said he had been contacted by people with private arenas in the area who wanted to know if they could use the county

water truck if the Hondo schools get to use it.
In a memo from Stewart to county commissioners, Stewart stated that the 1981 water truck is the only water truck the county has. He wrote that the operator of the truck must have a commercial drivers license (CDL) and the county will be liable for its use. "The truck was used in the past when the county's GREC facility use contract stated the facility would provide watering of the arena," Stewart wrote. The truck was used at both the GREC and Lincoln County Fairgrounds (in Capitan) in the past, but the fairgrounds recently received a used water truck in need of repair from the Village of Capitan. Stewart also wrote that she advised Prudencio that she should look for a truck in the area of the GREC, and also advised that the contract with the school district could be amended to charge a fee for watering the arena.
Stewart recommended county commissioners approve the use of the water truck for the GREC and fairgrounds events, but only when operated by a licensed and trained county employee who is willing to volunteer his time. "Otherwise the school should find another water truck for their events," Stewart concluded.
During discussion about the request for the water truck, county attorney Alan Morel said the county can't give away county money or equipment unless there is a service contract as that would violate the state constitution anti-donation clause. However, any contractual obligation, that included use of the truck, made with a group to use the GREC before the GREC was turned over to the school district would have to be upheld, Morel added.

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV 99-198
ZELMA WANT aka ZELMA VICKREY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GROUP I:
ESTATE OF ALLEN N. VICKREY, Deceased,
INCLUDING THE KNOWN HEIRS OF ALLEN N. VICKREY: JUDY VICKREY, DANA WILDMAN, DEAN VICKREY, CHARLES VICKREY, NATHAN VICKREY, and ALLAN VICKREY,
Defendants.

GROUP TWO:
ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
TO ALL THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS:
ESTATE OF ALLEN N. VICKREY, Deceased,
INCLUDING THE KNOWN HEIRS OF ALLEN N. VICKREY: JUDY VICKREY, DANA WILDMAN, DEAN VICKREY, CHARLES VICKREY, NATHAN VICKREY, and ALLEN VICKREY, ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff, filed a quiet title action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to quiet title on property located in the County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:
Lot nine (9) in Block one (1) in the Townsite of Corona, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, June 30, 1903.
That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before 11-9-99, judgment by default will be entered against you.
Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: HUNT, REECER, TOBIAS & DAVIS, P.C.
(By Larry M. Reecer)
P.O. Box 30088
Albuquerque, NM 87109-0088
WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 9th day of September, 1999.
CHERYL C. CASTRO,
Clerk of the District Court
BY: Eugenia Vega, Deputy
(SEAL)
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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV 99-174
Division III
ARCHIE A. WITHAM and
GLORIA F. WITHAM
Plaintiffs,
vs.

GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS: SAM TEAGUE
GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: J. EVERETT BIRD, M.H. BELLAMY, EDWIN R. BONNELL, VIOLA J. BONNELL, A.L. GANGNER, ABALOM HOCKING, MATTHEW W. HOYLE, W.C. LEA, J.H. LYND, PAUL MAYER, ULA G. MAYER, MAE G. MILLER, GEORGE W. PRICHARD, MAUDE H. PRICHARD, HARRY M. SWANK, EGBERT G. TIMONEY, AND SARAH WILLIAMS,
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CHERYL C. CASTRO
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed Proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 13, 1999. Proposals received after the date and time for receipt of Proposals will be returned unopened.
RFP NO. 99-00-020
RANDOM DRUG TESTING PROGRAM
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse.
Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Martha Guevara at 648-2385.
All Proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Project Title, RFP number, date of opening and time of opening. If the Proposal is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Proposal Enclosed" on the face thereof.
Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of Lincoln County.
MARTHA GUEVARA
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER
Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday September 23, 1999.

ELECTION NOTICE (FIRST NOTICE)

CARRIZOSO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act. Location of the polling place will be 409 Central Ave., Carrizozo (Ruidoso State Bank Building).
The position to be filled is currently being held by Bob Carter. Nomination petitions for the position of supervisor may be secured at the above address. All owners of land within the district are eligible to serve as supervisors. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least ten eligible voters and returned to the District Office by October 4th. Names of persons with nominating petitions will appear on paper ballots. All owners of land within

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

Mountain Ministry Parish,
Sierra Blanca Presbytery
Nogal Presbyterian Church:
BILL SEBRING, pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor (Inter-denominational)
514 Smoky Bear Blvd./Capitan
Preparation Prayers 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
6th & Lincoln / 354-4027
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
REX BERESFORD, pastor
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 354-3119
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

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 Boanerges
 1to/Sept. 23

ATTENTION all animal owners and animal lovers. Public Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7:00 p.m., City Hall, Carrizozo. Everyone welcome. Your support needed.
 1tp/Sept. 23

"Anti-Aging Medicine"
 To consult an Anti-Aging Physician about scientific possibilities for stopping or reversing your age, go to web sight <http://eternal.youth.anthill.com/>
 4tp/Sept. 16, 23 & 30, & Oct. 7

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 The Village of Capitan is seeking applications for a full-time New Mexico Certified Police Officer. Salary will be established depending on experience, ranging from \$1,400-\$1,600.00. Uniform allowance and benefits. Complete job description and applications are available at the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246 - Capitan, NM 88316. Phone: (505) 354-2247. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., October 1, 1999.
 /s/Kathryn Griffin
 Village Clerk
 Village of Capitan
 3to/Sept. 16, 23 & 30

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
 Lincoln County is now accepting applications for a full-time Secretary/Bookkeeper in the Lincoln County Detention Center, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Individual will be responsible for maintaining accountability of all accounts receivables; assists in the preparation of the annual Detention Center Budget; prepares Purchase Orders for all needed supplies; maintains training schedules, personnel files and other duties, as assigned. Obtain application and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office or by calling 505/648-2385. Deadline for receipt of application is 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 5, 1999. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity employer and in Compliance with ADA, Title II-A.
 1to/Sept. 23

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 1to/Sept. 23

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Ruidoso Sends Changes On Ordinance To P&Z

by Doris Cherry
 Two ideas by Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson to change the Ruidoso planning ordinances to make it easier on citizens to receive approval on construction plans stalled out during the regular council meeting on Tuesday, September 14.

Donaldson wanted to change village planning ordinances without first sending the proposed ordinances to the village Planning and Zoning Commission to first hold public hearing and submit to the council recommendations. Donaldson based his decision to bring the proposed changes directly to the council without prior P&Z hearing on an opinion given by village attorney John Underwood who said that under a new amendment to the village ordinances the council could further amend the planning texts if those had been changed within 18 months. Otherwise, village ordinances state that all proposed changes to the planning ordinances or "text" must first go to public hearing with P&Z, then to the council.

During the public hearing on proposed Ordinance 99-15, sketch plan approval, surveyors Jack Shaw, Wyatt Sparks and Tim Collins spoke about the idea. While some "generally favored" the idea, others were skeptical. The sketch plan approval would allow citizens to submit a hand-drawn concept of an improvement to an already existing structure for tentative approval from the village planning department. If approved by village staff, the property owner would have to submit a professionally drawn site and construction plan for the project in order to obtain a permit. Donaldson's idea was to lessen the cost to the property owner in obtaining some idea of whether the construction concept would be acceptable, before the property owner went to the expense of a professionally drawn plan.

Shaw said often the dimensions in a rough sketch by the property owner do not match the actual plan. He suggested the sketch plan concept idea could work on a "trial basis for a limited time."
 "I suspect it will work," Donaldson replied. "But a lot of people will learn they are not capable of doing an adequate plan."

Shaw wanted to know if the village and property owner will be required to send neighbors certified letters in the sketch plan phase to advise them of the owner's intent to modify his or her lot. Donaldson said that would still be required, but the sketch plan concept approval phase would just be a choice for the property owner.
 "With this I am trying to make the land owner's life easier," Donaldson said.

But P&Z chairman Glen Barrow was not so "generally in favor" of the idea as Shaw. "You've almost convinced me to be in favor of it," Barrow told Donaldson. But as with

Shaw, Barrow was concerned that "sketch plans" would not be accurate enough. "It would give a false sense of hope to the home owners and could become a waste of the public's time," Barrow said. "If a sketch plan is not platted, it is a waste of P&Z's time until it is properly surveyed."
 Barrow then suggested the council turn the proposed ordinance down and go with what is already in the ordinance. "I don't think you can do this tonight (approve the ordinance)," Barrow added. He suggested the council table the proposed ordinance until P&Z could hold a hearing on it. "Village ordinance says any changes to the planning ordinances must go through P&Z who makes recommendation to the council that holds another hearing," Barrow continued.

Village assistant/planning attorney Charles Rennick then said that the new amendment allows the council to revisit sections in the village ordinances that have been amended in the last 18 months. "Outside that I have no opinion," Rennick said.

"I believe P&Z or the council can initiate changes," Donaldson said. "We are trying to be responsive to the citizens. I get lots of complaints of how things work in the planning department, not because of staff, but because of the rules."
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 Barrow then said the council needs to give "due process" to the proposed ordinance.
 "Who isn't getting due process?" Donaldson replied. "This is a public hearing, we are not violating state statutes. The only due process is to the public," Donaldson said. "I'm sorry we didn't notify you (P&Z) we were having this public hearing."
 Flack said that P&Z members are volunteers and because of this she preferred to table the proposed ordinance rather than make P&Z feel they are not part of the process. "I value their (P&Z) opinions," Flack added. "We're not on a deadline, what would it hurt to table this."
 Councilor Leon Eggleston suggested some changes to the proposed ordinance that sketch plans must be based on "improvement survey" of the property. Then Eggleston also said he was no rush to adopt the ordinance.
 "I served on P&Z longer than anybody here," Donaldson said. "But we need to keep an eye on the citizens. With this we are trying to react to what is wrong with the ordinances." Currently the process for approval on proposed site improvements is six to eight weeks. "I don't believe the citizens should have to wait that long for the process," Donaldson continued. "The council needs to be responsive to the citizens."
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 "So?" Barrow responded.

"Sometimes we need to do things more quickly," Donaldson said.

Eggleston then said he was uncomfortable with Rennick's "no opinion" and made the motion to send the proposed ordinance to P&Z for public hearing. Councilor Bill Chanda seconded the motion. Councilor Bob Sterchi said he agreed with the mayor on the need to have the ability to initiate changes in the ordinances when there was dire need. "I was astounded when I left private work and came to public work how long it takes to change things," Sterchi said.

Councilor Frank Cummins asked that the village attorney give an opinion about the council making changes without P&Z recommendations. When the vote was taken to send the proposed ordinance to P&Z it was unanimously in favor.

The same action was taken on proposed Ordinance 99-10 that would allow minor design variances. The proposed ordinance was not first sent to P&Z for hearing.

Village manager Alan Briley recommended the proposed ordinance be sent to P&Z. "I suggest you be very careful in making changes, except in instances of marshal law. This is not emergency stuff," Briley said.

Donaldson said he never intended to get rid of P&Z, rather he was trying to find a way for the council to react to the needs of the citizens. "This was to help the property owner, we need to consider their needs first," Donaldson said.

Barrow said that P&Z has a little more to offer in comments on changes to the planning ordinances. With that Donaldson agreed that the proposed ordinance should go to P&Z for hearing first. Eggleston made the motion to send proposed ordinance 99-16 to P&Z for hearing, and the council unanimously approved the motion.

College of Santa Fe Alumni Plan Family Weekend Oct. 16 & 17
 College of Santa Fe invites all alumni to attend Family Weekend '99 on October 16 and 17 at the campus in Santa Fe.

Graduates from the 1954, 1959, 1964, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1994 will be having special reunions. Call 505-473-6123 or 1-800-456-2673, ext. 6123 for information and reservations.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on September 28, 1999 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.
AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 1998-32, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.
 If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.
 Carol Schlarb,
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 Town Clerk
 Town of Carrizozo
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HUGE 3-family garage sale, Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to ?? Baked goods, bikes, clothes of sorts and sizes, kitchen items, comforters, shoes, radios, records, record players, toys, stuffed animals, curtains, 100's of misc., 404 Cedar, follow signs, Carrizozo.
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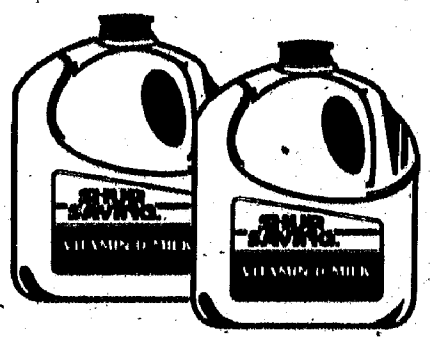
\$200 CASH REWARD, by owner for info of two rifles taken from a residence in Carrizozo. Information of the two rifles listed below: * 30-06 Springfield Rifle w/Wide Angled Scope. * 25-06 Remington Rifle. Please contact the Carrizozo Police Dept. 505-658-2351.
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FOR SALE: Household furniture and items. 1-Elec. Dryer, 1-Lrg. Desk w/Chair, 1-Cedar Chest, 3-Table Lamps, 2-Dressers w/Mirror, 5-Chest of Drawers, 1-Oak Kitchen Table & 4 Chairs, 1-Pine Kitchen Table & 6 Chairs, 2-Book Shelves, 2-Twin Beds, Numerous household items, and women's clothes (small). For more information call 648-2484 between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Ask for Russell.
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