

County Elected Officials Reach Salary Agreement

by Doris Cherry

After many hours of discussion behind closed doors, the elected Lincoln County officials came to an agreement on a settlement and adjustment to their salaries.

County commissioners during their regular Thursday, February 18 meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, again met in closed session to discuss the ongoing situation that they termed as "pending litigation." While no elected officials had actually threat-

ened or filed a lawsuit against the commissioners, four officials had retained an attorney to obtain legal advice about the salary situation.

After the commissioners came out of their 20 minute closed session, Howell said he thought it was wrong to ask the elected officials to sign a release for an agreement not to sue when none admitted they would sue the commissioners. "I am not saying they are due the money," Howell added. "But it brings a question if they did not intend to

sue, why offer the money?"

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said no one was willing to talk about the situation in open. "We have not done anything, or tried to hide anything or have anything to be ashamed of," Proctor said. "Elected officials were given an increase, and when it was to take effect, it was unethical, or illegally taken away."

Proctor said that when the elected officials took the decrease in salary (because of the supreme court ruling), they all agreed to negotiate.

However the elected officials were not allowed to use the county attorney for advice on the situation. "We went to another attorney because we felt we were not justly compensated," Proctor said.

Howell said that the commission raised the salaries illegally in the first place, so they can take the raise away because it was illegally given. "You can't pay two in public positions differently for doing the same job, and that is what we've allowed to happen here," Howell said.

"I feel this is a personal attack," Proctor said. She added that Lincoln County elected officials have the lowest rate of pay among the counties of the same classification in the state.

"I know you earn your money," Howell said. "But it is my belief that when you are elected you know what you are getting into. I think you knew the salary could not be increased in mid-term."

Proctor replied, "I don't think anyone who seeks employment doesn't think they

will get a raise, much less, less." She then said it was the sheriff and assessor who lost the most salary, and all elected officials took some decrease.

County treasurer Joan Park also spoke for sheriff Tom Sullivan who had to leave for Santa Fe before the discussion. "All he ever asked for is what is fair," Park said. Then Park spoke for herself. "In 1994 when I declared for treasurer, in April the county

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Ruidoso Will Charge Governments To Use Convention Center

by Doris Cherry

Starting Tuesday, governmental entities wanting to use the Ruidoso Convention Center as a meeting place will have to pay their way.

Ruidoso village council at its meeting February 23 approved a resolution offered by village clerk and convention center director Tammie Maddox that makes all statewide governmental entities subject to the noncommercial/nonprofit rates for use of the center.

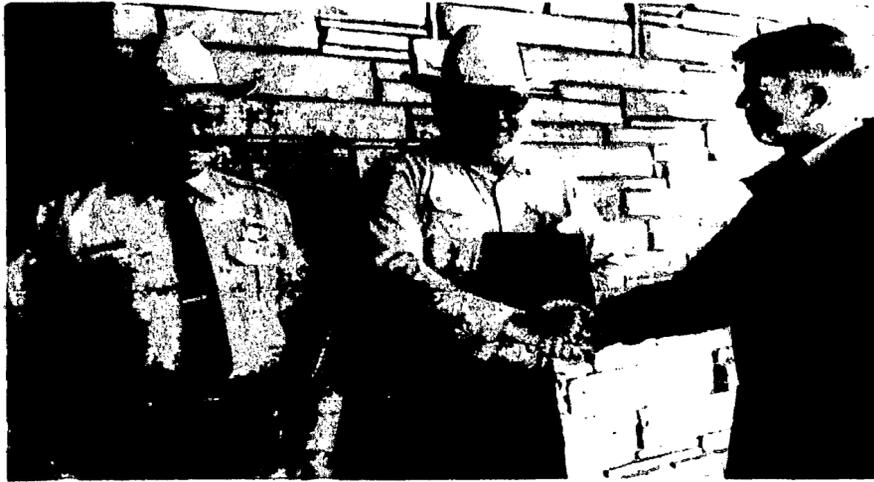
The resolution was approved as part of the consent agenda of the meeting, which meant itemers did not discuss the item.

In her support documents for the resolution, Maddox wrote that for the past six years, governmental entities have used the Convention Center at no cost. However, the center is becoming "the" place to hold meetings. The center is also experiencing increased bookings for paying customers.

Maddox wrote that governmental entities have funds budgeted for meetings, and it is a legal expense to pay rental for facility use. So after six years of promotion meeting, Ruidoso Village Council authorized the charging of governmental entities to use the Ruidoso Convention Center at the noncommercial/nonprofit rate.

According to information from the convention center the nonprofit/noncommercial rental for one large room (Rooms 1, 2 or 3) is \$75 a day, two of Rooms 1, 2, or 3 together is \$150 a day, all three Rooms 1, 2, 3 is \$225 a day. Use of two of Rooms 4, 5 or 6 is \$90 a day, all three is \$200 a day, Rooms 4, 5 and 6 with the exhibit hall is \$250 a day. The exhibit hall alone is \$200 a day. Use of two of the smaller side rooms 4 A, B, C is \$60 a day, or \$90 a day for all three. Use of the entire convention center for nonprofit/noncommercial, including governmental entities now, is \$350 a day. All uses require a \$250 deposit.

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FOREST SERVICE PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION. Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan (center) accepts a plaque of appreciation from Lincoln County Sheriff's dispatch officers from U.S. Forest Service Smokey Bear District Ranger Jerry Hawkes (right). Hoot Murray, Supervisor of Law Enforcement officers in the Lincoln and Gila National Forests is to Sullivan's left. Lincoln County Dispatchers Wila Adkins, Kayla Hightower, Pam Jackson, Amy Aragon, Johnnie Johnson, Holly Cearly and Jean Cunningham received individual certificates of appreciation from the Forest Service.

County Upholds Glencoe Center Agreement

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners upheld an agreement to allow Hondo Valley Public Schools to manage the Glencoe Rural Events Center.

At the February 18 regular Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioner Ray Nunley made the motion and all commissioners voted in favor of it, that directed the county attorney to finalize the management agreement between the county and Hondo Valley Public Schools with the county providing a \$19,500 a year fee, and with understanding that the existing Glencoe Rural Events Center (GREC) advisory board will continue to serve in its advisory capacity.

But the motion and vote was not quickly reached.

For a while during the meeting it appeared as though the commission was wavering on its previous commitment to a lease or management agreement with Hondo schools for GREC. In November, the school district approached the commission about possibly taking over the GREC. Unable to find any group or private entity to take over the GREC, commissioners unanimously approved a motion made by Monroy Montes to enter into a lease agreement with the Hondo School district.

Since November, a management agreement was drafted and sent to the school board that forwarded it to its attorney for review and comments. In January, Hondo School district superintendent Barba-

ra Casey came to a county commission meeting held in Ruidoso to express concerns about some of the wording in the proposed agreement. Also at that meeting were two men

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Howell Questions Manager's Report

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commission meetings are different these days.

Not only did the commission, at the recommendation of the county manager, change their traditional Tuesday meetings to Thursday, they have started receiving the manager's report as a written document, approved on the "consent agenda." This caused some problems at the Thursday, March 18 regular meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. County commissioner Wilton Howell requested the manager's report be taken off the consent agenda and discussed as a regular business item.

But his fellow commissioners did not agree, and no one made a second to Howell's motion to discuss the manager's report. County commission chairman Rex Wilson said the manager's

report is public information and didn't need to be discussed. But Howell said it was the first time in his six years on the commission that they refused to take off an item from the consent agenda and let the public know what was in it. "I have questions of this," Howell said, "And I will ask them during the meeting."

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said Howell could ask the questions of the manager in private. Howell then responded, "I have problems with doing the public's business in private. Things in (the report) need to be addressed."

Although commissioners didn't approve Howell's request to put the manager's report on regular discussion, before they took a vote on the consent agenda, Howell discussed the manager's report anyway. He questioned several items on the budget print-

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Ruidoso to Amend Water And Utility Ordinances

by Doris Cherry

This winter's prolonged lack of snow or other moisture is spelling potential disaster for Ruidoso.

In preparation for possible water restrictions, Ruidoso village council will hold a public hearing on March 30 to take public input on proposed changes to the ordinance that establishes the water contingency plan in the village code.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the Forest Service has advised that unless the area receives some moisture soon, it will be in an extreme fire danger, the worst in several years.

Village manager Alan Briley reviewed the proposed changes to the water contingency plan. Currently all customers of village metered water and users of domestic wells within the village limits are subject to the five phase contingency plan that goes from non-emergency conditions to extreme condition based on various factors. Now the plan operates with an outdoor watering plan that allows residents and business-

es on odd and even numbered addresses to water on odd and even numbered days, etc. The proposed changes removes the odd/even system.

A major proposed change to the water contingency plan is the restriction on outdoor watering at all times even in non-emergency times. With approval of the new contingency plan, no outdoor watering will be allowed between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The new proposed plan will have only four phases. Phase 1 is Non-emergency Condition, that is year round with restrictions on watering outdoors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and emphasis on education of public water use through public service announcements in the media in March, April and May.

Proposed Phase 2 is Moderate Condition. The major change in Phase 2 is outdoor watering will be limited to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays in the evening and early morning hours of 6 p.m. until 10 a.m. Phase 2 will be trig-

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Reach Salary Agreement

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commission approved an increase of seven percent for those taking office as of January 1, 1995. So I did know what I would make when I ran first," Park continued. "I made that for five days, because on January 6, the previous commission action (the raise) was rescinded. I believe I have an obligation to hold you accountable to the law. It was a clear violation to lower the salary. And it saddens me that you made no attempt to correct it until this situation."

Park said the elected officials took a lot of criticism because they sought legal counsel. "What should we do when we need legal counsel?" she asked.

Howell said elected officials have the option to seek legal counsel from the county attorney on day to day operations, but not on paychecks.

But Park said that throughout the process, "we asked, no begged, to sit as peers to come up with a clear solution without making it an ugly fight. All we wanted was fairness," Park added. "Was it unfair that four who sought legal counsel would benefit all who get a salary?"

"I would not sue the county," Park continued. "I will as a citizen and peer hold you accountable to abide by the laws."

Howell said it was a difference of opinion because he interpreted the law differently than Park. "It will take a constitutional amendment to avoid this in the future," Howell added. "And you will be compensated."

"That is what the agreement is all about," Park concluded.

The "Mutual Compromise Settlement and Release of All Claims" was between the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, Rex Wilson, Wilton H. Howell, L. Ray Nunley, William H. Schwettmann, Lincoln County Treasurer

Jean E. Park, Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor, Lincoln County Assessor Patricia A. Serna, Lincoln County Probate Judge Stirling T. Spencer, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and former Lincoln County Commissioner Monroy Montes. The settlement deals with the events, incidents or conduct which gave rise to the dispute between the commission and elected officials from January 1, 1995 until now.

The settlement details the events that began on April 19, 1994 when the commission requested an opinion from the state attorney general (AG) about the seven percent pay increase approved on April 8, 1994 that was to become effective for all county officials on January 1, 1995. It was not until January 6, 1995 that the AG had issued an opinion that mid-term raises for elected officials were illegal. Because of this, the board voted to rescind the pay increase for all the elected officials. However, the agreement shows how the commission legally could have retained the salary increase for those officials who were elected in November 1994 and took office on January 1, 1995.

Commissioners did not try another salary increase until May 29, 1997, when they voted to increase all elected officials salaries by 10 percent to be effective July 1, 1997. But on October 21, 1998, the state supreme court issued an opinion that such mid-term salary increases for county elected officials was illegal. So on December 8, 1998 the county commission rescinded the 10 percent pay increase. Then on December 17, 1998 the commission voted to reinstate the seven percent increase for Nunley, Montes, Schwettmann, Proctor and Park, who all took office on January 1, 1995.

That left the other officials not taking office January 1, 1995 without a pay increase. So those officials sought legal counsel from attorney David Sevens who argued that elected officials who took office on January 1, 1997 were entitled to the same seven percent pay increase as those who took office on January 1, 1995.

Through the terms of the settlement, the commission authorized the seven percent pay increase in lump sum as follows: for Montes—gross of \$2,801.40 less withholdings for net of \$1,972.66; Nunley—gross of \$2,801.40 less withholdings for net of \$1,609.60; Schwettmann—gross of \$2,801.40 less withholdings for net of \$1,990.00; Park gross of \$8,436.40 less withholdings for net of \$4,494.26; Proctor gross of \$8,436.40 less withholdings for net of \$4,288.39; Howell gross of \$1,400.70 less withholdings for net of \$1,058.72; Rex Wilson gross of \$1,400.70 less withholdings for net of \$1,079.009; Serna gross of \$4,218.20 less withholdings for net of \$2,334.65; Spencer gross of \$982.10 less withholdings for net of \$758.69 and Sullivan gross of \$4,411.40 less withholdings for net of \$2,439.13.

All elected officials also agreed that from February 1, 1999 forward, those who took office on January 1, 1997 will be entitled to the same seven percent pay increase as those who took office in January 1, 1995 with the seven percent to take effect February 1, 1999.

Followed by the amounts in the settlement are two and a half pages of stipulations that the signed elected officials release the county commission from all claims associated with the dispute and the release is a full and final settlement of all claims. The settlement also states that the

elected officials acknowledge that the 10 percent pay increase approved on May 29, 1997 and to be effective July 1, 1997, and rescinded on December 8, 1998, may be subject to further review by the district attorney (DA) and/or attorney general. If in the future, the DA or AG issues an order demanding repayment the county may do so. The settlement also requests that each of the elected officials are responsible for his or her individual attorney fees incurred in connection with the matter.

On the signature sheet for the settlement agreement, all commissioners signed it but Howell, who refused.

The negotiated salary settlement plus benefits and other taxes came to a total of \$43,857.14 for all county elected officials and had to be reflected in the budget. Commissioners unanimously approved a budget resolution that reflects the settlement. The resolution will be sent to the state.

LCMC Names Administrator

The Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) board of trustees has named James Gibson as administrator of the facility.

Gibson has 25 years of experience in health care administration. Prior to joining LCMC, he was the CEO of Madison St. Joseph Center in Madisonville, TX for three years. Prior to that he served in a variety of administrative capacities at Madison County Hospital in Madisonville, TX, the U.S. Army Medical Service Corp at Fort Sill, OK, Hospital Management Professionals in Edinburg, TX, and McAllen Medical Center in McAllen, TX. Gibson has a masters degree in business administration from the University of Texas in Edinburg.

Canyon CowBelles Ag Day April 22

Canyon CowBelles met January 6 with 15 members present. New officers were the hostesses. New officers for 1999 are: president Weida Grider, first vice-pres. Lisa Dixon, second vice-pres. Stacy Hendricks, secretary P.K. Johns, and treasurer Lisa Shivers.

Treasurer Lisa Shivers reported a balance of \$709.86. She reported a roster of 54 members, down from 82 last year, but said there were still a few she had not heard from. It was noted that Carrizozo will be celebrating 100 years in '99.

Weida and Anne Ferguson reported on the annual state CowBelles meeting that was held in Albuquerque on Dec. 11-12. They announced that the CowBelle of the Year is Inez Marrs. Capitan will host the district meeting.

Canyon will wait until after FFA judging was over before scheduling AgDay. Earth Day, April 22, was offered as a possibility and was met with approval.

Following the AgDay discussion, there were open comments made in reference to Earth Day and radical environmentalists and how misinformed so many of them are, especially in reference to the Wolf Recovery Program which is going on in some of the western states, and which is an ongoing concern for the ranching community as a whole.

Birthdays for January were Doris Maxwell and Pat Hume. P.K. Johns



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TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

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

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

FRIDAYS

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

—Carrizozo elementary Character Counts assembly 2:45 p.m. old gym.

—Capitan School Board special meeting to discuss Bond Issue, Quality of Education Survey questions, executive session to discuss limited personnel matters.

—Friends of Smokey 6:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant, Capitan.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

—Book signing at the Gnatkowski ranch, 10 a.m. until "chore time." See ad for directions to the ranch.

MONDAY, MARCH 1

—Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on Second Street.

—Special Lincoln County Commission meeting at Ruidoso Convention Center, 5 p.m. for regular items, 6 p.m. for public hearings.

—Republican Party of Lincoln County, social hour 5:30 p.m. dinner 6 p.m. Texas Club on Metz Drive, Ruidoso.

—Speaker former state representative Lt. General Richard R. Knowles, retired Army.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

—Information meeting on Highway 48 construction project, 10 a.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

—Capitan School Board special meeting 6 p.m., executive session to discuss limited personnel matters.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

—Lincoln County Head Start Registration, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Nob Hill Early Childhood Center, Ruidoso in parent center (second portable building). Call 257-5025 for information, or for transportation.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

—Capitan Village Trustees, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

—Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.

—Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.

—Corona School Board 7 p.m.

Ruidoso To Amend Water

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gered if the April winter snowpack in the Hondo River Basin is below average, and the necessary runoff into Alto Reservoir and Rio Ruidoso is expected to be low and if three of four conditions occur—Alto reservoir drops below the benchmark, Eagle Creek and its wells produce less than 2,000 gallons a minute, the large storage tank levels fall below 50 feet in 24 hours, Grindstone lake falls 10 feet below the spillway.

Proposed Phase 3: Serious Condition, will allow outdoor watering only on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until 10 a.m. No outdoor watering will be allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The plan does not change the provision that allows people to hand water potted plants and flower beds with a container at any hour. Any two of the following conditions can trigger Phase 3—Alto falls three feet below the benchmark, Eagle Creek and wells produce less than 1,500 gallons a minute, level of water in the two large storage tanks falls below 50 feet for 24 hours, Grindstone lake level falls 15 feet below the spillway.

Proposed Phase 4: Extreme Condition, will prohibit all outdoor watering. The phase will be triggered if any of the two conditions occur—Alto reservoir falls 15 feet below the benchmark, Eagle Creek produces less than 950 gallons a minute, the levels in the storage tanks falls below 42 feet and Grindstone falls 25 feet below the spillway.

Also at the March 30 meeting, public hearings will be held on other proposed changes to the village water and sewer ordinances. Those are: Changes in the prices of deposits for water and sewer service and how deposits are refunded and carried over for both residential and commercial accounts.

Making the property owner responsible for tenants who are delinquent on paying water bills, and procedures for notifying owners when the water is about to be cut off.

Adding sections about unlawful uses of water (more than one hookup per meter) and procedure for the violation.

Addition of standby and maintenance fees for water and sewer to vacant lots.

Clarification of prospective customers outside village limits that are being subjected to annexation and their right to tie into village utilities before annexation is completed.

Clarification of fees for service not in the original water ordinance.

The proposed changes were the result of discussions during a council workshop held in November, and refined by a council subcommittee and staff, said Donaldson. Briley said one element of the unlawful use of utilities not discussed in the workshop or subcommittee is the necessity to cut off water service if ordered by the state Environment Department (ED) due to improper use of sewer or septic system. The changes create a cut off mechanism with proper notification, Briley said.

Donaldson said the ED is taking a larger role in the septic tank problem in this area. The ED now wants the village to enforce the requirement that all lots that are within 200 feet of a village sewer system be hooked onto that system, regardless if the lot has a septic tank. Donaldson said the ED has gone so far as to request that two subdivisions in the county east of Ruidoso Downs be hooked into the Regional Waste Water Treatment plant. "But they are not payers," Donaldson said about the properties in the subdivisions. "If we hook up all of them, it will tax the system, unless they pay their fair share. I don't want to do municipal welfare for those outlying subdivisions."

Copies of the proposed changes are available at village hall.

Earlier in the meeting Donaldson said he wanted to add another standby fee for vacant lots to the water ordinance. To encourage owners of undeveloped lots to thin and clean their property to reduce the fire hazards, Donaldson proposed a \$2 a month yard waste and debris stand-by fee for undeveloped lots. He said that the village is in a position to pick up the debris because it now does its own solid waste collection. He said any lot owner who wished to participate in this before the public hearing and ordinance is adopted can contact village hall for information and to be put on a list for pick-up.

Cleaning and thinning for-

est stands in lots does more than reduce the fire hazard, he said adds to the economic Donaldson added. "Cleared lots are a lot prettier." Which value of the village.

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Burglars Hit Carrizozo Area Home

The Lincoln County Sheriff's office is looking for any information about the theft of a gun cabinet filled with 16 firearms from a Carrizozo area home.

According to Lincoln County Sheriff's deputy Bobby Angermiller, sometime between February 21 and 4 a.m. February 22, someone broke into the a home located on County Road A005, outside Carrizozo. The thieves gained entry into this home by forcing open the front door.

Once inside, the thieves removed a large wooden gun

cabinet. The cabinet is described as being a light oak wood color, with two front glass doors, and two solid wood smaller doors on the bottom. Inside the cabinet were 16 firearms of differing calibers. There were 11 rifles ranging from a 12 gauge shotgun to a 270 caliber and five handguns of 9mm, 387 and 22 calibers. Also in the case were ammunition for the fire arms, a gold chain and a silver chain.

No one was home when the burglary occurred, said Angermiller, who is assisting

chief investing deputy Dave Thomas with the case. Deputies estimate the gun cabinet including the fire arms weighed more than 300 pounds, which leads them to suspect the burglary was committed by more than one person.

The cabinet also was locked, but there were no signs that the locks were broken, or the glass broken inside the home. "In my experience this leads me to believe the cabinet was not opened in the residence," Angermiller told THE NEWS.

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Ruidoso Will Charge

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The resolution includes a waiver of fees for entities that can provide the village with a direct benefit. Criteria for the waiver is to be developed by the village manager and director of the convention center.

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Dr. Martinez is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and completed a residency in family practice at Central Texas Medical Foundation in Austin. She is fluent in Spanish.

Dr. Martinez is seeing patients at White Mountain Medical Clinic, located at 129 El Paso Rd. in Ruidoso. Patients may call 257-6500 to schedule an appointment.

Before moving to Ruidoso, Dr. Martinez worked at Presbyterian Healthcare Services in Albuquerque.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Consent to what?

By Ruth Hammond

Important Lincoln County business was not publicized during the county commission meeting last Thursday. Several people were concerned that the county manager's report was a written report, not a verbal discussion. The county manager's report was included in the consent agenda, not a separate agenda item to be discussed.

Many items in the report deserved to be brought to the attention of the public, including the possible loss of the distribution center at the Carrizozo Post Office, over budget spending in the detention department, the mental health contract for the detention center, rips for vehicles for the sheriff's office, rips for the temporary building for detention center trustees, rips for fairgrounds construction, etc.

Projects "in the works" included Gavilan Canyon road, public hearings that will be held March 1 in Ruidoso for indigent health care, county personnel policy and modifications to the subdivision ordinance, a Y2K public forum that will be held March 10 in Ruidoso, and the detention center. Apparently the county will wait for the legislature before proceeding with plans for building the new detention center in Carrizozo. Does this mean the architect has to wait before beginning draft designs for the new detention center?

Other items included in the county manager's report were about the budget; the money spent on gravel for the road department and the difference in percentages spent on base course from November to January. The base course line item was at 60 percent spent in November, 106 percent spent in December and 105 percent spent in January. Over budget spending in the detention department was for contract incarceration of prisoners housed out of Lincoln County.

Regarding the budget, the county commissioners approved a budget adjustment resolution in January that was not reflected in the budget printout given to commissioners at the Feb. 18 meeting. The budget adjustment resolution approved in January has not been sent to the state Department of Finance and Authority (DFA) for approval because a new budget adjustment resolution would be presented for approval at the February meeting, but the budget adjustment resolution presented at the Feb. 18 meeting did not include the budget adjustments that were in the previous resolution.

There are other things that needed to be discussed openly; the agreement with the State Agency on Aging and the DFA regarding spending the \$25,000 legislative appropriation for a new vehicle for the Corona Zia Senior Citizens Center, announcements about the Southwest Border Region Commission, and the Y2K forum.

A portion of the Y2K public forum will be about the Census 2000 project. The Y2K organization plan was in the consent agenda with copies of letters to be sent to all officials and companies that provide services to the county inviting them to attend the Y2K forum. The plan listed the steps the county is doing to prepare for the year 2000 such as upgrading the 911 systems at a cost of \$26,500 provided in a state grant and constructing a brochure.

News such as the county receiving a \$26,500 state grant should be announced, not hidden away in a written document. News about public hearings that will be held March 1 in Ruidoso should be publicized, not hidden away in a written document. News about things that affect Lincoln County should be discussed at meetings.

The situation about the budget printout not reflecting the budget adjustment resolution approved a month ago is disturbing because the county commission meeting was changed to the third Thursday of the month to allow time for financial reports. What happened?

Read All About It!



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - Only days after promising indications that the 1999 Legislature would be more civil than the past four, all heck broke loose.

Just a few days ago, Gov. Gary Johnson and House Speaker Raymond Sanchez sent a joint letter to utilities and their lobbyists asking for assistance and cooperation in solving the huge deregulation issue. At about the same time, the Senate Education Committee passed a bill creating a pilot voucher program for dropouts. Gov. Johnson said it wasn't nearly as much as he wanted, but since he had already "thrown in the towel" on that issue, it was much better than he expected.

Then the governor announced that he was retracting his threatened veto of a bipartisan bill to toughen requirements for teen drivers licenses, liquor, prisons and gambling looked as though they would be much less emotional issues this year. And there were Gov. Johnson's early-session comments about communication and cooperation.

But then the bombshell hit. The governor left town, made a speech to a friendly group down in Las Cruces, and started feeling macho again. He threatened to veto both big budget bills and call a special session of the Legislature if he didn't get private school vouchers for 100,000 students and a \$100 million income tax cut.

Johnson complained that the Legislature never cuts taxes. That declaration brought speeches on the floor of the Legislature, enumerating over \$100 million of cuts in gasoline, gross receipts and income taxes over the past four years. And it brought expressions of frustration about the way our governor operates.

He gives us his demands and then walks away, fumed Senate leader Manny Aragon. He doesn't want to get involved in the give and take of the legislative process. The only communication I've had from the governor this session is a threat, said Senate Democrat leader Tim Jennings. House Speaker Sanchez termed Johnson's threats a "childish overreaction."

Rather than more civility, it appears the legislative battle is his first four-year term. But threatening to veto the state budget bills is an escalated maneuver. Obviously the governor is emboldened by his reelection. He sees his voter approval as an affirmation that the public likes his combative stance. His calls for cooperation, it now is apparent, didn't mean let's cooperate with each other. They meant you cooperate with me.

The process of issuing ultimatums from afar is a completely different method of policy making than the horse trading to which lawmakers are accustomed. It is not necessarily wrong; it just is different.

Johnson's oft-claimed open-door policy means only that he is willing to listen, but don't expect much more.

And certainly don't expect

him to initiate efforts at communication or cooperation. It now is evident that his joint letter with Sanchez to the utility and telecommunications industries was a product of Sanchez approaching the governor.

The governor's veto threats are a result of feeling that his proposals are being ignored by the Legislature. That may be partially true but mid-session is still fairly early in the final decision-making process and it appears he will get some of his requests even without working for them. There likely will be a reduction in "good time" sentence reductions for prison inmates. A bipartisan bill getting tough on uninsured motorists is moving along. And Megan's Law is on a fast track.

Lawmakers are completely baffled by this governor's style of communicating through the press. It may have happened before elsewhere but it is an unusual political process. Most governors are former legislators, accustomed to fashioning compromises. Arizona's Republican Gov. Jane Hull, a former speaker of the Arizona House, says if she has to veto a bill, it means she has failed to communicate with the Legislature.

Gary Johnson sees it quite differently. And as he says, he was reelected.

Highway 48 Information Meet Mar. 3

Officials from the New Mexico State Highway Department, and contractor Meadow Valley will hold a public information meeting about the Highway 48 construction project at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, in Ruidoso Village Hall.

At the meeting, highway department officials and the contractor will update the public about the current construction underway on Mechem Drive/Highway 48, and on future plans.

The highway meeting was announced during the regular Ruidoso village council meeting on February 23. Village manager Alan Briley said he has gotten a lot of calls about the Highway 48 project. He said he talked with Meadow Valley representatives who said the company is only working on the northern end of the project due to the time constraint. "They have to finish blasting by March 1," Briley said.

After March 1, the contractor plans to begin working on the southern portions of the project. Storm drains and the side road work by Innsbrook Village will be resumed then also. The water line replacement project is about 92 percent completed.

Briley invited anyone with questions about the project to the March 3 meeting. He also said informational meetings are held at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in village hall, but have been sparsely attended.

Also, Briley said he has gotten calls of concern about the traffic signals at the intersections of Cree Meadows and Mechem Drives and at Mechem and Sudderth not working during the early hours of the morning. Briley said the lights work on video cameras that make the lights stay on longer if it detects a long line of traffic. The only problem is in the early morning if only one car is at the intersection, the camera may not detect the car and the signal will not change. Briley said he had informed the state highway department about the problem.

Another feature about the new traffic lights is a strobe that detects flashing emergency lights that turns the lights to all directions red, thus stopping traffic for emergency vehicles.

Corona Students Perform For Sr. Citizens

Mrs. Betty Ann Bell's kindergarten, first, and second grade students performed at the Corona Senior Citizens Center on Monday, February 15. The students sang patriotic songs in honor of Presidents Day.

Also, a video about the life of George Washington was played in honor of his birthday. Corona is a George Washington Bicentennial Community. Chairman Lanita Rasak, and Denise Byrd coordinated the effort to promote awareness of our founding father. 1999 is the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington. Committee members including Denise Byrd and Ernest Luera, mayor of Corona have planned other events throughout the year, including planting a tree that descends from a tree that George Washington planted at Mount Vernon in the 1780's. On the actual day of his death, December 14, students and public employees are encouraged to wear black arm bands. Schools and public buildings should fly the flag at half mast.

Community Health Systems Eyes LCMC

by Doris Cherry

Although unsolicited by the Lincoln County Commission, the county's top elected officials heard a presentation from Community Health Systems, Inc. that is interested in purchasing or leasing Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

At the regular county commission meeting Thursday, February 18 held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Brian Dunn representing Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHS) made a lengthy presentation complete with overhead graphics to inform the commission about

CHS proposed intent. CHS, a private for profit corporation headquartered in Brentwood, TN, purchased the Chaves County Medical Center last year from the Chaves county commission and also owns the hospital in Deming.

After passing out packets of information about CHS to commissioners, Dunn told how his company looks for full service hospitals in non-urban markets. He said CHS hospitals have a community oriented approach, local board of doctors and lay persons, is management active, a corporate citizen, pays property and sales taxes, provides indigent care, provides economic development for the community, has commitment to local health care and provides new medical services and technically advanced equipment.

When CHS purchases or leases a hospital, it guarantees to hire all existing employees, honor their years of service, pay competitive wages and provide all benefits. The company also recruits doctors.

Dunn invited the commissioners to contact commissioners and doctors in the other areas where CHS operates hospitals.

Dunn spoke about the current provider at LCMC, Presbyterian Health Services (PHS), which he said is taking many patients out of the area for medical services. He also said CHS is interested in buying LCMC because there is value in the market and community and the company believes it can make LCMC work as it develops its network of CHS hospitals in New Mexico. (CHS is looking to lease or purchase the hospital in Artesia.) Dunn also said a CHS hospital has not failed in 41 markets.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson made it

known that CHS approached the county. "We did not solicit you," Wilson said.

But at least one audience member cautioned commissioners. Hondo School Superintendent Barbara Casey at the meeting for another matter, said she is a resident of Roswell and she asked the Lincoln County Commissioners not to make the same mistake that Roswell and the Chaves County Commissioners made. "On the very day the papers were signed for the sale, all charges went up by 17 percent, and continue to rise," Casey said of the Chaves County Medical Center. She said the hospital is understaffed with nurses working 12 hour shifts and patients not getting what they need. "Don't do this without careful, careful consideration," Casey added. "Where the money comes from (to operate the hospital) is the patients' pockets."

Dunn responded that there is no problem with profit because CHS pays corporate tax. He also said that what currently is happening is the people of Lincoln County subsidize LCMC. He said that everyone in Roswell has an opinion about CHS buying the hospital there. He recommended commissioners get the facts and follow up by talking to the local hospital board in Roswell.

Capitan resident Dwayne Williams asked what CHS is willing to pay for LCMC. Dunn said he couldn't give a price until his company looked at the details, especially since LCMC has some capital needs. But if a sale is considered the price will be public information.

The county has another eight or nine years left on the management contract with PHS. However, the contract

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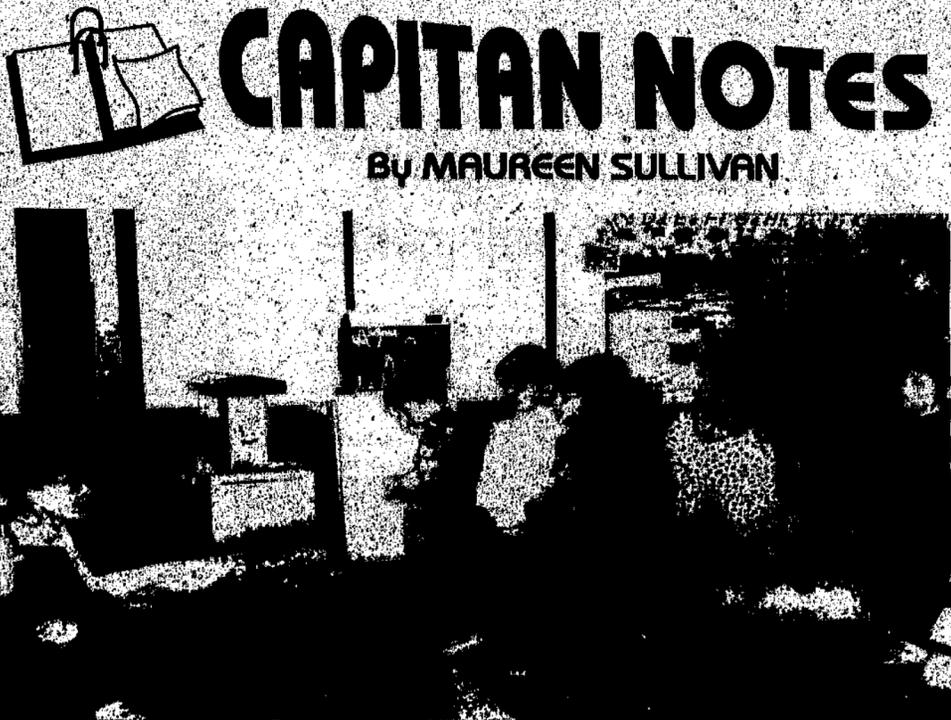
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LET'S MAKE A DRAGON to celebrate Chinese New Year, says parent Kayla Scarafioti (left) to Betty Adcock's kindergarten class in Capitan. Scarafioti and other parents read stories about Chinese New Year and helped the children paint a cloth and paper "dragon" that they later paraded in the hall and helped them make paper lanterns and banners to decorate their room to celebrate Chinese New Year.

CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!

Monday was Washington's birthday and if I did not know better would believe it was mine also, same year exactly need I say more? Most of the time it is a breeze to sit down to my machine and dash out a few lines to submit to Ruth. But today, believe it or not, I have been up since 4:30 endeavoring to get some connecting lines to make some sense out of my jumbled feelings and I have no legitimate reason for my feeling to be so jumbled. So bear with me please. First of all, I detest deadlines. Secondly I detest anything that interferes with my decision to take life easy in my declining years, so there you have it.

And if it were not for the following letter that I received this week, would just cancel out for this week. I just received it, it had been mislaid in the Carrizozo office:

Dear Maureen: I've been enjoying your Capitan Notes in the paper each week and really missed your "input" last summer while you were gone.

My husband, Harvey Fambrough, died on September third of last year. He was born and reared in Lincoln County near Ancho at the foot of Jack's Peak. His parents settled there in 1900. We lived in that area after we married for two years. Then we left, as did other Fambrough relatives.

We lived in the Alamogordo area for 30 years and returned to the Pecos Valley in 1979. For 19 years we lived on a small farm at Hagerman. We kept up with the Lincoln County News because that is the place that we both loved and even talked about going back there to live. However, at age 91, my partner passed away. He was in the Clovis Hospital and we buried him in Portales. We have a daughter there so I moved to Portales rather than live on the country place alone. My daughter and her husband just happened to have a rent house next door to their home. So for the first time in my 80 years, I'm living alone. My loss was great, but I've truly been blessed with four great children, a bunch of grand and great grands for all of my four children live in southeast New Mexico and I see them often.

I have related to your humor and command of the English language. You and I are in the same age range and I would so like to meet you. However, I do not travel well

anymore and it is hard for my children to find the time to drive me on long trips. I have intended to write to you for a long time, but early in the summer my husband's illness kept me tied up.

And then I read your last article before you left on your trip. I was disappointed because you did not promise to return to Capitan. I scanned each paper for some word of you but found none. I was about ready to cancel my subscription when lo, there you were, again. I was glad to have your column back.

So please remember how much you are appreciated and keep up your good work. The paper is enhanced by your weekly offerings. A grateful reader, Kathryn L. Fambrough

And I hope to meet you soon and thanks again and again.

And so my friends and loyal readers, with a letter like that, how can I just dwell on my aches and pains and gripe at the world at large? For you see there are still some wonderful people in this old world that think enough to sit down and send a letter to make someone else happy, and believe it or not, happy I am and am certainly looking forward to the time that I may meet this wonderful lady in person.

And to you folks out there that continue to send me snippy missives, I say to you, save your postage. I recognize your letters and I just toss them the waste receptacle unopened.

And thank you Pat Orsack, another new faithful reader and yes, another friend. Just ran across the little plaque you gave me, and I quote, "I Finally Got It All Together, But I Forgot Where I Put It" so have it by the other oldie that my daughter gave me years ago. "I'm Stuck Between The Young And The Restless And The Old And The Senseless." And with that admission again forgive me Pat for misplacing your final chapter in your story that you gave me.

"I'm sure some people out there might remember seeing my aunt and uncle who performed on the trapeze. They were called "The Flying Cromwells" and they performed without a net. When they were in Chicago, before they went on my aunt had a feeling and asked her husband if he had checked the rings on the trapeze. He said he had, but while they were up there one side of her trapeze broke and down she went. My uncle Frank tried to

catch her and he went down too. My mother saw them being carried out and she fainted. They never returned to work on the trapeze again, but they did continue to work for Ringling Brothers Circus, he as a clown and my aunt as a wardrobe lady for quite a few years. Also when my uncle Frank was a very little boy, his father carried him on his back while walking across Niagara Falls. He was the first man to do this and his hair turned white by the time he got across. But I guess they both were dare devils.

And thank you Pat for being so patient with me, but most of all, thank you for being one of my new friends.

Yesterday I had a most

enjoyable day, an unplanned one at that. I had to make a quick trip to Ruidoso and called my granddaughter to beg a ride with her. She picked up Lucas at his school. What a nice time, especially as we had plenty of time to have lunch at the place where they have a special place for folks with little kiddies. What a beautiful little group of future citizens of America I had the pleasure of being with. Even though I did feel like a dinosaur sitting amid the lovely young mothers watching their offspring, spring in and out of the numerous contraptions referred to as "for the little ones." Well things do change, except sometimes I kept thinking, the more things change, the more they seem the same. Especially when the little ones think they know best and mother had to remind them who really knows best. But thank you Jackie for taking me to Ruidoso but more importantly thank you for a wonderful time with all those little ones.

And so for another week let me add a few bits of the personal.

And on that note will bring this to a close with a hello, and how are you to Dorothy Spies in Arizona land, Betty Shrek, how nice it was to see you last Saturday night at the restaurant and hope all is well with Leota and Peg Pfingston and Louise Babers and any others that are special.

So for another week, God bless each and everyone of you that read my trivia and even those who cannot be bothered.

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Three Lincoln County Girls BB Teams One Win Away From State Tournament

Girls basketball teams from three different Lincoln County schools are all one win away from earning a trip to the state basketball tournament in Albuquerque (in two different classes).

Heading the list is the Carrizozo Grizzly team that won the District 3A Tournament Championship on Saturday night by defeating the Lady Hondo Eagles 55 to 44. Carrizozo had earned the right to play for the championship by entering the Dist. 3A tournament as the third seed, and beating Vaughn in the first round last Tuesday 59 to 57, which advanced them to the semifinal round on Thursday night against the 2nd seeded Lady Cardinals from Corona and earned a hard fought 41 to 39 win in Corona. That set up Saturday night's exciting win over No. 1 seed Hondo on the Eagle's home court.

"Carrizozo Will Host Regionals"

Both Carrizozo and Hondo will advance to the Class 'A' Region D Tournament this weekend in Carrizozo (Friday and Saturday), and will face off against the Dist. 5A champ Hagerman Bobcats (ranked #4 in the state) and runner-up Loving Falcona. Hondo will face off against Hagerman in the first game on Friday night at 8:00 p.m., Carrizozo and Loving are scheduled to square off at 7:45 p.m. Winners of Friday night's contests will advance to Saturday night's championship game set for 5:00 p.m. Also, Friday night's winners will earn a trip to the state tournament next week.

Carrizozo's semifinal win on Thursday against Corona was another nail biter for the Grizzlies as have been most of their games all season long — and the experience in close games looks like is finally paying dividends for coach Juan Carlos Pino and his girls. Corona grabbed a 9 to 6 advantage after the first period but were unable to hold on to their lead, as Carrizozo outscored the Cardinals 14 to 11 to knot things up at 20-20 at intermission. Carrizozo which had lost five straight games to the Lady Cardinals dating back to last season (two this season) took a two point lead going into the final period by outscoring Corona 10 to 8 in the third period. The fourth quarter was nip and tuck affair that saw each team scoring 11 points, and Carrizozo holding off the Cardinals for the two point win.

Renes Rael led the scoring for Carrizozo with 27 points, and Amber Vallejos added a solid 10. For Corona Sarah Stewart scored 19. The win improved Carrizozo's record to 10-9. "Our defensive game scheme was to make Corona shoot from the outside, and the girls did a nice job. Corona only scored 39 points," said an elated coach Pino.

Waiting in the wings was Hondo for Saturday night's championship game. The well rested Lady Eagles jumped out to an early 19 to 13 advantage after the first period of play, but Carrizozo was able to shave the lead down to four points by outscoring Hondo 13 to 11 in the

second period and only trailed 30 to 26 at intermission. And then the third period.

Only a week before on the same court Hondo had outscored Carrizozo 13 to 0 in the first quarter, and had gone on to defeat the Lady Grizzlies off of that defensive performance. This time it was the Grizzlies' turn. They came out in a 'triangle and two' defense according to coach Pino and outscored the Eagles by the score of 16-0 and gave the Grizzlies a 42 to 30 advantage going into the final period of play. Even with high scoring junior Renes Rael sitting on the bench after fouling out early in the final period, Hondo was unable to make up the difference and the Carrizozo girls hung tough and won going away, with Hondo outscoring Carrizozo 14 to 13 in that final period.

Carrizozo got tremendous scoring for the team as Renes Rael scored 14, Amber Vallejos scored 12, Blanca Baca scored 10, Mollie Hightower scored 9, and Stella Brewer scored 5 points. For Hondo Christina Sanchez and Chriselda Acosta each had 9 point apiece.

"It was a team victory, all the girls hitched it up and played their hearts out, we couldn't have done this earlier in the year, we're a much better team now, the girls deserve a lot of credit," said coach Pino.

"Capitan To Region 'G' Tournament In Animas"

Over in Class 'AA', Capitan's Lady Tigers won the District 6AA Tournament by beating the Dexter girls by the score of 54 to 43. Erin Autrey scored 15 points for the Tigers and Alicia Garcia had 11. The win advances the Lady Tigers to the 'AA' Region G Tournament in Animas this weekend. Capitan will face off against Hatch in one game Friday and Dexter will go up against Animas in the other. Winners will meet on Saturday to determine the championship, with both teams advancing to the state tournament.

The Grizzly boys hopes of matching the girls team and making it to the district championship and regionals ended Tuesday night when they lost in the opening round of the District 3A Tournament playoffs to the Vaughn Eagles (fourth seed) 45 to 44 in Carrizozo, thus ending the Grizzly season.

"We were throwing up bricks all night," said a disappointed coach Rick Beserra, "and we still had a chance to win it at the end, but it just didn't happen for us," he said.

Carrizozo was a cold 17 out of 63 from the field, which included 3 for 25 from 3-point range... that's cold. "It could have been the pressure of knowing we had a shot of

going all the way, and the excitement that goes with that, that threw our shooting off," said Beserra, "we'll take it as a learning experience into next year."

Beserra says he is looking forward to next year, pointing out that he has no seniors on the team and everybody is expected back... a little bit more mature physically and emotionally stronger. He pointed out that he will have seven seniors coming back next year and will be adding this year's three freshmen and one sophomore to that group. "We won't have to worry about anyone player getting in foul trouble next year."



DIST. 3A TOURNAMENT CHAMPS. Carrizozo's Lady Grizzlies BB team will host the Region D Tournament this Friday and Saturday. Players are (front to r) seniors Amber Vallejos, Melissa Nava, Melanie Whitaker, Coach Juan Carlos Pino; middle, freshmen Blanca Baca and Andra Harkey, sophomore Stella Brewer; back, juniors Mollie Hightower and Renes Rael, freshman Shannon McNeil and 8th grader Jesse Ortiz. The girls said everybody came together as a team to win the district championship against Hondo last week.

Beserra added, "we'll be at least nine deep in our rotation... we'll be a force to be reckoned with and looking

forward to next season." "Our season is over and now it's time to support our girls team this weekend and

hope they do well in the Regional Tournament on Friday and Saturday, we wish them the best!!!," said Beserra.

Carrizozo School Sells Bonds

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Board of Education awarded \$150,000 in bonds to a Salt Lake City Bank during its regular meeting February 16.

The \$150,000 in bond is the last portion of bonds from the \$450,000 bond issue voters approved in February 1998. Of three bids submitted and opened at 2 p.m. February 16, Zion's Bank of Salt Lake City offered the best interest rate of 4.41679 percent.

Charles Casey, bond counsel, said he was very happy with the interest rate. Casey said in 1990 the district sold some bonds at 7.722 percent interest rate.

In addition to awarding the bonds, the board approved the school's law firm of Simons, Cuddy & Friedman as co-bond counsel, approved the canvassing resolution that acknowledged the voters approved the tax question on the Feb. 2 school board election and two mill levy re-authorization, and adopted the bond resolution detailing the sale of the \$150,000 bonds.

The board also approved a three day, senior trip to San Antonio and Six Flags Over Texas. Senior sponsor Pat Coale presented the proposed itinerary for the trip to the board. She said the seniors were in a "Catch 22" because it was hard to plan a trip and come up with an itinerary without board approval. The seniors also had to pay a \$459 deposit on the trip that will cost a total of \$2,600.

Coale said six seniors had signed pre-trip contracts and a seventh may or may not be able to go on the trip. The seniors also have requested that teacher Valoris Carron and her fiance be invited to go on the trip with them and they are looking for another male chaperon. Board president Steve Harkey said it sounds like an exciting trip.

Actual enrollment at Carrizozo School on the 40th day of school exceeded the number projected by the district. Because of this the district received an additional \$49,358 for operational expenses. Of that \$5,998 will be put into the district's emergency reserves, the rest will be put into sick leave and substitutes for teachers, non-certified staff and administration staff, \$7,500 will be put in the electric budget to pay for the rest of the school year and to pay for installing electricity in the VoAg greenhouse. An additional \$2000 will be put into the water/sewer. The cafeteria will get \$8,000, and about \$8,000 will be put into instructional supplies, supplies for adminis-

tration and general use.

The board also approved a budget increase of \$414 for technology. The extra funding was also due to the increased enrollment.

Board members also discussed what five questions they will add to the Quality of Education Survey. The state department of education sets the first 10 questions on the survey and allows the local boards five additional questions. Board member Gray Gallacher suggested a question on whether parents are aware of the Character Counts program and if there is an impact on students from the program. Board member Eldon Offutt said some parents questioned why the elementary students recently raised money for the Heart Association. He said such fund raising is community service, which is one of the elements of Character Counts. Later in the meeting it was announced that the students raised about \$2,000 for the Jump Rope for Heart event organized by teacher Tylee Traylor.

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PAINTING BLOSSOMS. Students in Betty Adcock's kindergarten class paint flower blossom banners with the help of a volunteer mom. They later decorated their room with the banners to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



CHINESE LANTERNS are fun to make, with a little help from Kayla Scarafioti who organized the project on Chinese New Year in Betty Adcock's Capitan kindergarten class. Students making lanterns are Logan Ashum (left) and Kelsey Jordan.

Commissioners To Have Special Meeting Monday

Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Ruidoso Convention Center.

Commissioners will discuss and take action on regular items until 6 p.m. when they are scheduled to hold public hearings on four different items. Regular items on the agenda are a mid-year budget adjustment, Arabela Fire Station, and award emergency request for proposal for a central heating/cooling pump for the courthouse in Carrizozo.

At 6 p.m. public hearings will be held on the request for variance for The Preserve Subdivision seeking a waiver to the subdivision rule that individual private wells can only pump a half acre foot of water a year; how to finance the Indigent Health Care Fund; proposed modifications to the Lincoln County Personnel Policy and Ordinance to allow for increments for certifications and training and change the percentage to determine salaries for chief deputies for elected officials; proposed modifications to the Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance to change the half acre foot of water for private wells to three acre feet as allowed by state law.

The meeting will be held in Ruidoso Convention Center.

After their public hearing, county officials plan to attend a public hearing at the Convention Center to set the agenda for a community update forum to be held in late March or early April.

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C'zozo School Sells Bonds

(Con't. from P. 6)

Other questions suggested by board members included "the school staff communicates effectively with parents and the community", "the school board keeps the community informed on all issues." The survey asks parents to rate each question on a range from strongly agree to strongly disagree. School superintendent Glenna Goodwin asked board members to submit any other suggestions for the survey, so she can forward them to the state department of education.

In other business, the board:

--Approved giving a \$500 increment to Traylor for her work as junior high track coach this spring.

--Heard Goodwin report on a meeting with the architect about the high school renovation project. The architect met with teachers, students, custodians and other staff to get ideas on what is wanted or needed for the high school. The architect was to come back with the project engineers to start drawing plans.

--Heard Goodwin say she would contact Dr. Jim Miller about employing his father to conduct a workshop to review and revise the board policies.

Happy Birthday
Juanita P. Gallegos will be three years old March 1. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Gray of Carrizozo. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Gallegos and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Luercas, all of Carrizozo.

HAVE A NICE DAY!



Church Directory

Tinnie Baptist Church

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

Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM
354-2029

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

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2688 (church) or 648-2107

Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of O Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188

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

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGER, pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2682

SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm

SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 pm

Church of Christ

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

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

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

FR. A. TRIPP, priest
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-258-144

Holy Eucharist..... 8 am Sunday

United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODWARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2846

Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 8:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every
3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm

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

Mountain Ministry Parish.

Sierra Blanca Presbytery

Nogel 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..... Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

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

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LEBLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 359-4527

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 49) 648-3119

Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 8:30 p.m.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Thursday, March 11, 1999, 8:00 P.M., MDT, at the Capitan School Board Room, present and publicly review a budget increase for the 1998-1999 fiscal year.

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOM TROST
President

ATTEST:
FREDA MOSWANE
Secretary

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 25 and March 4, 1999.

LEGAL NOTICE
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 1999
5:00 P.M.
RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, March 1, 1999 beginning at 5:00 P.M., to be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Agenda will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aids are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at (505) 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Avenue), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 P.M., Monday, March 15, 1999, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

BID NO. 98-99-026
METAL BUILDING -
WHITE OAKS FIRE STATION

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

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

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

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MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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REP. NO. 98-99-025; EMERGENCY
CENTRAL HEATING AND COOLING
CIRCULATING PUMP/MOTOR/
MOUNT

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their special commission meeting scheduled for 8:00 P.M. on Monday, March 1, 1999.

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RFP NO. 98-99-002; LINCOLN COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS RESTROOMS AND
CONCESSIONS ADDITION

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will

review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 18, 1999.

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REP. NO. 98-99-023;
RURAL ADDRESSING PROJECT
RFP NO. 98-99-024;
LINCOLN COUNTY MAIN
COURTHOUSE WALL MODIFICATION

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

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MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

Notice is hereby given that competitive sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Carrizozo Governing Body at Town of Carrizozo, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 1999. Any proposals received after the above date and time will be retained unopened.

REP. NO. 98-002
TRAILER MOUNTED JET RODDER

The Town of Carrizozo Governing Body will review and make their final determination during their regular meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 1999.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Carrizozo, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 or by calling Carol Schlarb Town Clerk at (505) 648-2371.

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

The Town of Carrizozo 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 the Town of Carrizozo.

Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAB
Town Clerk-Treasurer

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TOWN OF CARRIZOZO
SPECIAL ELECTION RESOLUTION
1999-04

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO THAT

- A. A Special Municipal Election shall be held on April 20, 1999. Polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 p.m.
- B. The following question shall be submitted at the special municipal election.

"Shall the qualified electors of the Municipality of the Town of Carrizozo approve Ordinance 201 adopting a Municipal Infrastructure Gross Receipt Tax to impose a 1/8 of 1 percent tax for repayment of Economic Development Revolving Loan to ALESCA Co. in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the State of New Mexico Economic Development Department if funded, to be imposed for purposes of repayment of said loan in the event ALESCA Co. defaults upon said loan?"

- C. Precincts 2A and 13 are consolidated for the special municipal election.
- D. The following location is designated as polling place for the conduct of the Special Municipal Election:
1. Voters in Precinct 2A and 13 shall vote at Town of Carrizozo Council Chambers, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico.
- E. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Town Clerk.
- F. Persons desiring to register to vote at the special municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Thursday, March 25, 1999 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.
- G. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on Voting Machines.

Adopted and approved this 23rd day of February, 1999.

/s/ Manuel R. Hernandez, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Carol Schlarb, Municipal Clerk
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PUEBLO DE CARRIZOZO
ELECCION ESPECIAL RESOLUCION
NUMERO 1999-04

SEA RESUELTO POR EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DEL PUEBLO DE CARRIZOZO QUE

- A. Una eleccion especial se llevara a cabo el 20 de abril de 1999. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertos al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 A.M. y las 7:00 P.M.
- B. La siguiente cuestion sera sometida al publico en una eleccion municipal especial.
"Que se le concedera a los votantes calificados del Municipio del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo

Mexico que aprobaran Ordinance 201, adoptando un Municipio Infrastructure Gross Receipt Tax y sera impuesto a 1/8 de un por ciento para pagar la Economic Development Revolving Loan a ALESCA Co. en la suma que no exceda \$250,000.00, del al Estado de Nuevo Mexico Economic Development Department sea que ALESCA Co. recubra los fondos, y que esta Ordinance 201 sera impuesta solamente para pagar el prestamo en la causa que ALESCA Co. no pueda pagar?"

- C. Los precinctos 2A y 13 son consolidados para la eleccion especial.
- D. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como lugares para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion especial.

1. Los votantes en los Precinctos Consolidados 2A y 13 votaran en el edificio del Pueblo de Carrizozo, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico 88301.

2. Los votantes en el precincto de votantes ausentes votaran en la oficina de la escribana municipal.

Las personas que desean registrarse para votar en la eleccion especial, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del Condado de Lincoln no mas tarde que el Martes, 25 de Marzo, de 1999 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros de registro.

Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en maquinas para votar.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 23 de Febrero, de 1999.

/s/ Manuel R. Hernandez, Alcalde

ATTEST:
/s/ Carol Schlarb, Escribana Municipal
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
No. CV-98-323
Div. III

JOHN W. KROMER, Plaintiff,

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

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

The physical location of the property is east of N.M. State Highway 48, near mile marker 18. The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by the Court on January 29, 1999, an action for foreclosure of Mortgage. Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property to satisfy the following Judgment Debt:

Aggregate principal 02/04/99 \$90,000.00
Costs of Suit 218.12
Attorney fees 5,000.00
Special Master's fee 200.00
..... \$95,418.12

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

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

WITNESS my hand on February 1, 1999.

Sarah Prothro,
Special Master

Leo Griffin
LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.
1096 Mechem Drive,
Suite 102
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
Attorney for Plaintiff

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LEGAL
15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-99-31

In RE: The Petition for Change of Family Name of Kathleen Alice Trujillo)

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1978, Kathleen Alice Trujillo will apply to the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the 12th Judicial District, at the 12th Judicial District Courthouse at Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 8:30 a.m., March 18, 1999 during regular term of the Court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of family name from Kathleen Alice Trujillo to Kathleen Alice Casper.

ALICE BACA BAXTER
District Court Clerk
by Elizabeth Lucas
Deputy Court Clerk

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CORRECTED LEGAL NOTICE

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

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the

appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience, and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Two or more County Commissioners will be attending the 1999 Community Update at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 1, 1999. No business will be conducted.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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Good Luck At Regionals
Captain, Carrizozo & Honda Girls

NOTICE OF MEETING AND BOND SALE

CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13
COUNTIES OF LINCOLN, SOCORRO AND TORRANCE, NEW MEXICO
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS
SERIES 1999-\$650,000

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Corona Municipal School District No. 13 (the "Board"), governing body of Corona Municipal School District No. 13, Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties, New Mexico will on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., local time, at the offices of George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 8501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico, receive sealed bids and publicly open the same for the purchase of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 1999 (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$650,000. The Board will hold a regular meeting at the Corona Municipal School District No. 13 Administration Building, 250 Franklin, Corona, New Mexico, on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., local time, after receipt of such bids, and will also award the Bonds, adopt a bond resolution and consider any other matters.

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

Amounts Maturing	Years Maturing	Amounts Maturing	Years Maturing
\$25,000	2002	\$85,000	2008
\$50,000	2003	\$75,000	2009
\$50,000	2004	\$75,000	2010
\$50,000	2005	\$75,000	2011
\$50,000	2006	\$75,000	2012
\$50,000	2007		

Said issue constitutes a portion of the bonds which were authorized at an election held on February 2, 1999 and will constitute general obligation bonds of the District, payable from general taxes which may be levied against all taxable property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

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

Bidders are required to submit an Official Bid Form specifying the lowest rate or rates of interest and premium, if any, at which such bidder will purchase such Bonds. Further limitations and information concerning the interest rates which may be bid for the Bonds and otherwise concerning bidding are set forth in the Official Notice of Bond Sale, of which this notice is a continuation. All bids must comply with the terms of the Official Notice of Meeting and Bond Sale. Bids should be enclosed in a sealed envelope endorsed "Bid for General Obligation School Building Bonds of Corona Municipal School District No. 13," addressed as follows: Corona Municipal School District No. 13, c/o George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 8501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. Only unconditional bids shall be considered. The District reserves the privilege of waiving any irregularity or informality (except time of filing) in any bid.

The Official Notice of Bond Sale, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the District's financial advisor, George K. Baum & Company, One Park Square, 8501 Americas Parkway, N.E., Suite 360, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 (Telephones (505) 872-2320).

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

/s/ Cathy Perez-Muniz
President, Board of Education
Corona Municipal School District No. 13

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County Upholds Agreement

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saying they wanted the GREC but not under the school district. They claimed they could turn the center into a "Roping Hall of Fame" and attract large crowds, if only the rodeo arena was enclosed.

At that same January meeting, the commission sent its newly elected member Rick Simpson, who represents the district in which the GREC is located, to meet with the community, and to invite the five member GREC advisory board to meet with the community.

During the February 18 county commission meeting, Simpson reported on his meeting with the community. He said while he campaigned for the commission position he talked with many people about the GREC. "My original thought was a working board and budget similar to the Lincoln County Fair association," he continued. "It works well because it has the right people who want it to succeed and who spent countless hours and hard labor."

Simpson said the agreement

between Hondo Schools and the county was made before he was elected. Since then others have showed an interest in making the facility work better. So Simpson proposed a board made up of county and school appointees to manage the GREC jointly. He said he talked with Casey about the joint board and he said she agreed she could work under such a board.

But Casey had a different story. She said that Simpson had come to her office on Tuesday of that week (the meeting was Thursday) and he said he had spoken to the other commissioners who all agreed to his idea, instead of the agreement with the school district. "The question is, are you reneging, changing your minds now? Where does Hondo School stand? I want a definitive answer today," Casey said.

Casey also said Simpson told her the new type of board was a "done deal" and she had no need to go to the commission meeting.

"Did you rescind your vote or

what?" Casey asked.

Casey said she has put off a lot of work that could have been done on the center because the district had no definite agreement with the county. "Stop vacillating, and stand by your agreement made in November," she continued.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson then said he wanted to clarify what the commission had done in November and he read the minutes from that meeting. Montes' motion was that at the next regular meeting, the commission would finalize a lease agreement with Hondo Valley Public Schools. The vote was unanimously in favor. "The motion centered around a lease agreement," Wilson said. However, commissioners discussed both lease and management. "But we haven't pursued the lease agreement where the school pays us," Wilson said. He then said that since that meeting, other interests have come forward.

"On the record, we need a board to make the Glencoe Center work," Wilson added. "I personally support a board the type that commissioner Simpson proposes." Wilson said he thought that a board patterned after the fair board was a good approach that will make the GREC work.

County commissioner Ray Nunley said he proposed to give the management of GREC to Hondo Schools, provide the district the same amount of money as the fair association receives and have a local committee to run the facility. Casey said that she

understood the agreement was between the school district and the county and a board would be under direction of the school, or work in conjunction with the school and county.

In the long discussion about the situation, county attorney Alan Morel again said that by the terms of the US Department of Agriculture Grant that financed the rodeo arena, the county must retain the ultimate authority over the facility. Morel also reminded commissioners that they have an ordinance that created the five member GREC advisory board.

County commissioner Wilton Howell then asked if Simpson had met with that GREC board. Simpson said he did not. However, county manager Tom Stewart said he invited the serving board to Simpson's meeting.

But Howell was concerned about Simpson's actions, because the commission had voted to turn the GREC over to Hondo Schools, and all that needed to be discussed was type of agreement would be used to transfer the GREC to the district. "It's clear to me this is no longer about the Glencoe Center, it's about right from wrong and doing the people's business in public. I'm not for changing the public's business between meetings," Howell said. "Once we voted, it was the job of the manager to move only in that direction, and the commission to move on to the next issue."

"If we go a different direction, I want to know who rescinded our previous action," Howell said.

During discussions, Casey said the district could not afford to lease the GREC, even for \$1 a year, and needed the \$19,500 like the fair association gets to manage the

facility. She also said the facility is needed by the district so her students can have FFA, livestock facility, and a rodeo club. But Simpson said if the county puts money into the arrangement there should be a county representative involved with the management.

"This is amazing to me," Howell said. "I don't think a member of this commission fought any harder to keep the Glencoe Center under the county, and now I find myself fighting for it to go to Hondo Schools."

Casey said she was committed to working with the GREC advisory board. "But I prefer the agreement be between the county and the school district," she added. "And the GREC board will be advisory to help decide events and maintain the quality of events and guarantee the school children can use the facility."

Commissioners continued with a long discussion about the make-up of a board, whether it should be five, seven members, whether it should be like the hospital board that is independent of the county commission, a board appointed by the school,

or the existing board established by ordinance and appointed by the commission.

Casey said the concerns of the Hondo School Board was that the management agreement would be equitable to the school and who would be responsible for insurance.

After nearly two hours of discussion about the situation, Nunley made the motion that confirmed the county's commitment to a management agreement with Hondo Schools. After the unanimous vote on the motion, commissioners discussed the details of the agreement. The county will provide Hondo Schools \$19,500 a year to manage the GREC, the county will retain ultimate authority of the GREC as required by the USDA, the county will maintain basic liability insurance for the facility, but the school district must obtain special insurance for such events as rodeos, any major repairs costing more than \$1,000 will be the responsibility of the county. The agreement will be for four years, to be reviewed and renewed annually. Howell asked that the final management agreement be ready by the March 1 special meeting.

CHS Eyes LCMC

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has a provision by which either party can get out of the contract with a six month advance notice.

While commissioners politely listened to Dunn's presentation, they made no commitment to the company to sell or lease LCMC.

Commissioners also heard two different presentations, from Colonial Life Insurance and Otero Federal Credit Union, both requesting per-

mission to speak to county employees about payroll deduction programs and other services offered by the companies. Commissioners authorized the companies to speak to county employees, however, only after hours. They did authorize county manager Tom Stewart to assist employees if they did not understand the programs offered or needed other advice about the programs.

Card of Thanks!

My sincere thanks to all my friends and family for their help, cards, flowers, phone calls, well wishes, concern and prayers during my recent illness and stay in the hospital. May the good Lord bless each and everyone of you.

r/c
Lena White

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