

Encouraging News Heard At Y2K Forum

by Doris Cherry

The modern world revolves around and is touched by computers. It is estimated there are 65 billion microchips around the world. As the year 2000 approaches, concerns that these chips and computers will have difficulty recognizing the two digit 00 have governments, companies and individuals scrambling to test and adjust software to prevent a shut-down of services.

To inform citizens on how the change into the year 2000 will affect computers and

their applications, Lincoln County and Ruidoso emergency preparedness coordinators held a Y2K forum on March 10. Moderated by Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart, the forum attracted more than 260 people who filled the main meeting room at Ruidoso Convention Center and overflowed into the adjoining room. Citizens heard from 17 representatives of electric, natural gas and telephone utilities, financial institutions and from the villages and-county on how each entity

was preparing for Y2K. However, there were no representatives from Ruidoso, Capitan or Ruidoso Downs at the meeting.

"Y2K can be anything from doom to normal," Stewart said. "But the truth is somewhere between."

However, he said no one can "sit back and say there is no problem." Y2K glitches should have been starting to appear in programs as the year changed from 1998 to 1999 since many entities operate a year ahead. Other

key times for problems were January 1, 1999, and on April 9, 1999 the 99th day of the year, 9-9-99 since computers sometimes interpret the nines as delete and on July 1, 1999 the beginning of the fiscal year for state and local governments.

Stewart said there has been encouraging news from entities that are working to make sure their equipment is Y2K compliant. "Yes all are preparing," Stewart said. "We wrote to all third suppliers, electric utilities, banks, water, gas to

certify what they are doing to prepare, and we are getting responses."

Although local and state government agencies are reporting compliance or deadlines to become complaint, Stewart said some federal agencies, such as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may be a "nightmare."

At the end of the presentations Stewart told the audience, "don't believe all you hear."

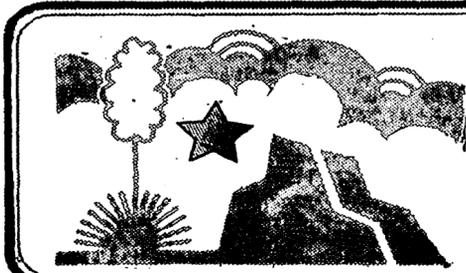
"Don't let them off the hook," Stewart said. "Be pre-

pared and ask questions of each. Challenge everything."

Stewart also cautioned people to be aware of scams or companies out to make money when looking to the Internet for information on Y2K and for software to detect Y2K problems in home computers. He said Internet addresses that end with ".com" are commercial enterprises and addresses that end with ".org" are organizations.

Audience response ranged

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Y2K INFORMANTS. Representatives from electric, gas and telephone utilities, banks and financial institutions and the Red Cross gathered at the Ruidoso Convention Center for a Y2K forum on March 10. More than 260 people attended the forum to hear how the year 2000 will affect our everyday lives. Most institutions reported being ready for the change to the year 2000.

County Commissioners Meet Today In Ruidoso

The Lincoln County Commission is meeting at Ruidoso Convention Center today, Thursday, March 18, having begun at 9 a.m.

At 1 p.m. commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider indigent health care funding.

Commissioners will conduct the following business, in the order listed on the agenda packet. Commissioners sometimes change the order of their business items:

Consent agenda, (when all items are approved with one motion and no discussion) items:

- Payroll, accounts payable, budget, quarterly report and expenditures.
- Acceptance of treasurer's financial report for the month ending February 28.
- Volunteer fire fighters annual report for Hondo, Glencoe-Palo Verde, Nogal and White Oaks volunteer fire departments.
- Resolution setting liquor permit fees.
- Resolution removing two ambulances from the county inventory.
- Standards of employee conduct in Lincoln County Detention Center.
- Policies and procedures

regarding self-commitment of inmates.

Following the consent agenda are these regular business items:

County manager's status report. In the documentation provided in the agenda packet to the media, county manager Tom Stewart provided a written memorandum on several projects. He listed projects "in the works": on the new detention center, a proposed bill in

the legislature to decrease the \$10 million minimum for design/build projects to \$5 million. An agenda item in the meeting is Stewart's draft request for proposals for design/build and finance a new jail.

A \$20,000 legislative appropriation to Lincoln for sidewalks is the subject of much discussion in the community

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Carrizozo Works On PD Personnel Policy

by Barbara Culler

The draft revisions to the Town of Carrizozo Police Department Personnel Policies and Procedures were discussed at the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9. Mayor Manuel Hernandez and trustees Eileen Lovelace, Wesley Lindsay, and Cynthia Morales were present. Trustee James Silva was not present.

Town attorney David Stevens and town clerk Carol Schlarb have been working on

a draft of changes to be made to the personnel policies and procedure. Stevens had given the trustees a memorandum earlier in the afternoon which makes some general recommendation on revisions to the personnel policies and procedures for the police department. Stevens told the trustees that they need to do some planning so that they will not be revising revisions.

In his assessment, Stevens said the police department is understaffed, overworked, and underpaid and that is the

reason there is such a turnover in that department. He feels that the trustees should look at the number of hours that are required under the existing personnel policy and procedures ordinance. He said that the hours the chief of police and the officers work is excessive and are not in parity with any other position in the town; the closest department is the clerk's office.

Stevens said that the ordinance does need to be revised. He said it should be discussed

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Carrizozo School Board Okays 1999-00 Calendar

Staff Is Concerned About State Funding

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Board of Education accepted the 1999-2000 school year calendar approved by the majority of school staff. The calendar has class starting on August 17, 1999 and ending for the year on May 26, 2000.

However, Carrizozo school superintendent and others statewide are putting on their thinking caps to come up with a plan of action in light of Governor Gary Johnson's veto of the state education budget.

During the regular school board meeting, Tuesday, March 16, members heard

school superintendent Glenna Goodwin say that at the New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators meeting attendees discussed a need for a plan of action in case the state education money is not released. Goodwin said she and business manager Nenna Whittaker will know more about the budget when they attend the state budget workshop at the end of March. "The plan of action is for the worst case scenario," Goodwin said.

(Editor's note: On Tuesday, Gov. Johnson vetoed the entire state budget, including the \$1.3 billion for education, because it did not include funding for vouchers for private schools and income tax cuts and it had cuts in fund-

ing for prisons, including no funding for the women's prison at Fort Stanton. Since the end of the 60-day session is set for Saturday at noon, it appears the legislature will be called into a special session to resolve the education and state budget crises.)

The 1999-2000 school calendar has holidays on Labor Day Sept. 6, Columbus Day on October 11, Thanksgiving with early dismissal on Wednesday Nov. 24 and Thursday and Friday off. Christmas holiday will begin with early dismissal on Friday, December 17. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2000. Martin Luther King Jr. day is January 17, a

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Ruidoso Signs Contract For DWI Coordinator

by Doris Cherry

After several months without a DWI coordinator for Lincoln County, Ruidoso Village Council approved a contract with Barbara Souter Reyes to provide the services on a county-wide basis.

During the regular Ruidoso Village Council meeting March 8, councilors awarded a professional services contract with Reyes to serve as DWI coordinator. The village took over the DWI grant from the Lincoln County Commissioners after the county experienced problems with the pro-

gram. Once Ruidoso received notice from the state that it would receive the grant funding for the DWI program, the village solicited requests for proposals for a DWI coordinator.

Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley said it was a two to three month rfp process to the most qualified respondents. "We did this instead of a two day ad in the newspaper, to make sure we took the time to get the most qualified person," Briley said.

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CARRIZOZO SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT Glenna Goodwin performs the swearing in ceremony for newly elected school board member LeeRoy Zamora and re-elected board members Lisa Shivers and Steve Harkey. The swearing in ceremony was held in the Carrizozo School board room March 10.

Y2K Forum Encouraging

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from questions and concern about banking accounts to warnings of marshall law and search of homes for stockpiled food by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). One citizen suggested that everyone be responsible for themselves and stockpile food and water and not rely on the bureaucracy.

Citizens requested another forum be held with representatives of FEMA, the water and sewer utilities, the local militia and information given in Spanish. Stewart said FEMA has undergone a bruising in recent times, but it is mainly called out after local authorities have exhausted all their resources in a disaster. "Fortunately we live in Lincoln County, not a big city where the problems will be amplified," Stewart said.

The agency that drew the most positive response was the American Red Cross. "We'll be there," said Nevada Lindford who said she has been working with Chaves

and Lincoln County to prepare for possible problems. She said Rod Cross is now advising people to prepare as they would for a severe snow storm, except prepare for up to two weeks of no water or electricity. "You don't really need to prepare for six months," she added. To help with any possible problems, Rod Cross will be opening an office in the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce building on April 5.

Both electric utilities, Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP) and Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. representatives said they do not expect to have extended outages of electricity on January 1. Electric utilities are among the most highly regulated in the nation and are being scrutinized.

However, as Keith Nicks of TNMP said, electricity can go off at any time because of a car wreck or winds downing power lines, storms. Nicks presented an hour and a half program outlining what

TNMP has done to prepare for Y2K starting in 1997 with assessments and surveys of computers and equipment that contained "embedded" computer chips that are date sensitive. TNMP is planning "drills" on April 1, and August 9 with the North American Electricity Reliability Council. Nicks said TNMP has contingencies for all disasters.

TNMP has a website that gives information on what TNMP has done and is doing to prepare for Y2K. The address is www.tnmp.com, or call the local TNMP office for information.

Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. representative Ron Schult read a prepared statement about what the cooperative has been doing to become Y2K compliant. While the cooperative has upgraded and tested its systems and has assurances from its power supplier it too is compliant, Schult said there are "no guarantees."

Audience members asked about the use of generators or using railroad locomotive generators to produce household electricity in case of extended power outages. Nicks said linemen are concerned about use of generators to power entire households because the power can migrate into the grid. He suggested generators be installed by certified electricians or used to power only specific appliances.

Presentations from the others were shorter. Another highly regulated industry is banks. Ruidoso State Bank, Norwest, First National, Sierra Bank, and Pioneer Savings were represented. All had similar stories of how they have been converting comput-

erized bank systems. Ruidoso State Bank (RSB) representative Teresa Anderson said her bank has tested its systems plus 25 other "user banks" and none have found problems. RSB is training its people to work in manual mode and the bank has installed backup generators.

As for the cash issue, Anderson said Ruidoso and Lincoln County are unique because the tourism industry generates lots of cash. "It should not be a problem getting cash on January 1, but you need to check with the bank," she said. Anderson also said the government is printing extra cash for banks to have in case customers want their money. After January 1, the extra cash will be sent to the Federal Reserve. RSB plans to hold seminars on its preparations for Y2K.

Anderson and other bank representatives suggested bank customers balance their accounts, and do all major transactions a number of days before January 1.

Representatives from the other banks "echoed" Anderson's comments as for their preparations and readiness. Paul Hernandez with Sierra Bank cautioned citizens from removing large amounts of cash because they could be robbed.

Zia Natural Gas Company representative said the company updated its computers about two years ago and all operation systems are Y2K compliant. Control valves are all manually operated, so the only possible problem could be caused by electrical outages with supplier El Paso Natural Gas.

GTE and Tularosa Basin Telephone Companies both told how their systems have been updated and checked and found to be compliant. They said that even without electricity their telephone systems will continue to work. In response to a question, Tularosa Basin said their systems can run up to eight hours on the batteries without electrical supply.

At the end of the presentations by the entities present, Stewart read from a brochure prepared by the state Emergency Preparedness Council that answered frequently asked questions. The first was the state's prison doors are not time operated and have manual overrides. The state human services and welfare offices are Y2K ready, the state tax department computers that issue income tax refunds are Y2K compliant, computers that deal with state business taxes are to be ready by October, law enforcement teletype systems by June, criminal justice information is ready, drivers license bureau by August. Vehicle license computers have been compliant since December 1998, state payroll computers are to be upgraded in July.

Cooperative Extension Service Offers Money Management Program
The New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service invites the public to enroll in NM Money 2000, a free program designed to increase financial well-being through increased savings and reduced household debt. The program includes educational workshops, seminars, publicity releases and printed materials to help participants achieve their financial goals. People of all ages are invited to set savings/debt reduction goals when they participate in NM Money 2000. All information will be kept confidential. Contact Betty McCreight, Extension Home Economist at 646-2311 for enrollment forms.

Commissioners Meet

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Deo Kessler of state monuments is gathering community input. Also, a meeting to explain work being done by the state highway department is being planned for March 18. Thoughts are \$20,000 can be used for other than a sidewalk.

Bears of Lincoln County request to fill a hole adjacent to the business on Highway 48. The state declined to fill the hole because of a water drainage problem at the location. The county road foreman and Stewart met with Andy Anderson of the bears to resolve the situation. Anderson was given advice on how to fill the county easement and still provide the necessary drainage. Stewart is awaiting Anderson's proposal.

Criminal contempt consideration, against the detention center was resolved by Magistrate Judge Bill Butts on March 10. As a result county attorney Alan Morel drafted detention center procedural practices to meet the judge's concerns.

Gavilan Canyon Road will be discussed at the District 2 State Highway Commission meeting in Ruidoso on May 13 to 14.

The Y2K forum attracted 260 people to hear 17 representatives from local businesses and utilities. Citizens requested an additional session and Stewart plans to schedule another in late April or early May.

Southwest Border Regional Commission Initiative appears to be at a standstill. Since the first meeting on January 18 in Las Cruces no action has been taken and the Las Cruces contact cannot explain what happened.

Lincoln National Forest Training Initiative in conjunction with RC&D, Otero County and other local agencies, is sponsoring a training session on local federal land uses issues. Indications are the event will be limited to 45 participants with two from Lincoln County (Commissioner Rex Wilson and the county manager.) The initiative is May 11-13 at the Cloudercroft Lodge.

Arabela Fire District paperwork should be completed this week and filed with the State Fire Marshal.

Repairs on the courthouse heating and cooling are being overhauled by the contractor. Covering the windows on Judge Karen Parson's office is out to bid with opening on March 15. The next priority for the courtroom is a new sound system.

DWI Grant had been approved and Ruidoso hired a new coordinator March 8.

Subdivision ordinance revisions have been delivered to various state agencies for their 30 day period for comment. Final action is to be taken at the April 15 county commission meeting.

On March 25, a public forum on aging will be held at Ruidoso Village Hall. The county and Ruidoso will hold the meeting to take public input on the needs of the local aging.

The next regular items are: A discussion by Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson on future proposals for fire districts and recreation initiatives.

Preliminary road, two year test wear period acceptance of Edelweiss Drive in Edelweiss Resort Village (located off ski run road) requested by Catherine Annala, representative for Edelweiss, Ltd.

Presentation by Steve Lohman of Garland Lohman, Inc. on the design, build and finance for a proposed Lincoln County Detention Center.

Authorization to solicit request for proposals (rfp) for a new Lincoln County Detention Center. 1999-2000 Budget prepara-

tion informational presentation by Susan Rodriguez, budget analyst with Administration (DFA).

Management agreement involving Glencoe Rural Events Center with the Hondo Valley Public Schools, discussion by county attorney Alan Morel.

Approval to contribute \$500 to the Western States Coalition requested by Matt Ferguson chair of Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC).

Certification of county maintained miles for submission to New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

Certification of local government grant application presented by John McGrath.

Consideration of RFPs and bids for: Detention Center temporary annex; annual mental health contract; utility vehicles and police interceptor; Lincoln County Fairgrounds restrooms and concession additions; rural addressing project; Lincoln County main courthouse wall modification; metal building for White Oaks fire station; lease for metal building as temporary detention center annex.

Approval of expenditures recommended by the Lodgers Tax Committee; \$300 for Miner's Day Celebration requested by White Oaks community group, Ruth Birdsong; not more than \$600 to re-face and paint double face sign for White Oaks on Highway 54 requested by artists of White Oaks, Ivy Haymann; \$2,000 for co-op advertising for two pages in a Gateway publication with Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Hubbard Inc.; \$500 for 1999 Connoisseur Classic southwest wine competition requested by Grindstone Graphics, Laura Doth; \$450 for layout and art work on county brochure by Grindstone Graphics; \$1,000 for printing 10,000 county brochures.

Texas Girl Dies In Ski Accident

A 16 year old girl from Austin, TX, died on Sunday, March 14 from injuries she sustained from a skiing accident at Ski Apache.

According to state police teletype, Ashley Fendley was a beginning skier visiting Ski Apache for the first time. She ran off a trail, hit a tree and suffered massive head injuries.

At 3:05 p.m. the ski area made a 911 call to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to request Ruidoso Advanced Life Support ambulance. RALS responded, then requested an OMI.

OMI Danny Sisson declared the girl dead of head injuries. State police investigated the accident and notified the girl's next of kin.

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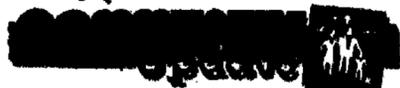
All Lincoln County municipal board, school boards and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, along with the county commission, have been invited to participate.

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Carrizozo School Board

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teachers in-service day is set for February 18, President's Day is February 23, March 8 is early dismissal for in-service day, Spring Break is March 27 through 31, Easter holiday is April 21 Good Friday through Monday, April 24. Last day of school is May 26.

A Quality of Education survey will soon go home with students that includes five questions developed by the school board. The board approved questions 11-16 that ask parents if the school board keeps them informed of school issues, the school board communicates with parents, as parents we communicate frequently with the school personnel, I am aware of the Character Counts program, Character Counts program has had an impact on my child, my child demonstrates increasing knowledge and application of technology. The first 10 questions were drafted by the state department of education. All surveys will be sent to Santa Fe.

The board authorized Goodwin to contract with Eric Woods to bring his drug sniffing dog to campus. Goodwin said Woods, a private contractor, charges \$100 for each visit with the dog.

Board member LeeRoy

Zamora said the dog would be good as long as the school does not tell students when it is coming. Goodwin said the dog would make random visits. Board member Lisa Shivers suggested a student assembly to show students what the dog can do. Goodwin said the eight year old German Shepherd has been trained to sniff out marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, heroine, even if the drugs are concealed in coffee, gasoline or other substances.

Two parents meetings are planned to help the district develop its needs assessments. On April 13, Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads events will ask attending mothers and fathers for ideas on what the district needs. On May 4, everyone will be invited to a district wide Open House to show student projects, a student program and to hold an informal needs assessment forum.

The board accepted two speakers, control console, a mike and stand for the old gym, donated by the Harold Garcia family. Goodwin said the equipment will benefit the graduation ceremony and other events held in the old gym. Board president Steve Harkey said the school is

"proud to have the equipment."

After a closed session to discuss limited personnel matters, the board came out into open session and accepted the resignation letter from middle school teacher Patricia Coale.

In other business, the board:

--Approved switching to Netlink as the district long distance provider.

--Heard Goodwin say bond counsel Charles Casey advised that the bonds will be closed on March 23 and the money released.

--Approved budget increases

in athletics to cover the gate receipts from the regional basketball tournament. The receipts are sent to the NME Activities Association that takes out all expenses for referees, etc., then divides the remaining revenues equally to all schools that participated in the tournament.

--Approved a Region IX budget increase for technology.

--Approved a budget increase of \$2084 for transportation to Sharon Hecker to cover the expenses of her new bus for April, May and June.

Spring break will be March 29 until April 2.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

—Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2636 or 258-3201 for information and location. Or e-mail at www.nogal.com/icasg.

—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, MARCH 18

—Lincoln County Commission regular meeting, 9 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center. Includes public hearing at 1 p.m. for Indigent Health Care funding.

—U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici staff meets with public 10-11 a.m. Lincoln County Commission chambers in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

—Ruidoso Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee 4 p.m. village hall.

—Capitan School parent teacher conferences begin at 4:30 p.m. and go through Friday, March 19. No classes Friday.

—Capitan Schools Parent and Community School Involvement Plan meeting, 6 p.m. school administration board room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

—BLM hosts Conservation Good Turn for the Conquistador Council of the Boy Scouts 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. turn at cave road east of Fort Stanton turnoff. Signs will be posted on Highway 380. Visitors welcome.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

—Republican Women of Lincoln County, board meeting 10 a.m. regular meeting 11:30 a.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso. Speakers Ashley Scott and Elizabeth Miller on Teen Suicide Prevention.

—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meeting 2 p.m. (rescheduled from March 16) LCSWA offices Ruidoso Downs.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

—Carrizozo Family and Community Education (FCE) club 1 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office meeting room. Inez Marrs, NMFCE president, will present "Help Reduce TV Violence" program.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

—Early dismissal for Carrizozo Schools spring break that goes through April 5.

—Spring Break begins at end of school day for Capitan Schools and goes through April 5.

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Thanks to all for your calls, visits, flowers, cards, and most of all for attending Joe's funeral service in his honor — it surely brought a smile to his face to see you all there.

A special thanks to Rev. Hayden Smith and the First Baptist Church congregation for all of their help, especially the lovely ladies for their beautiful singing, and the hard working people who prepared the food at the meal held in the fellowship hall following the funeral, words alone cannot begin to express our appreciation.

Margaret Aguilar, J.P. Aguilar,
Pat Aguilar, Peter Aguilar

Ruidoso Signs DWI

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A selection committee evaluated the responding proposals and prioritized them based upon qualification. The committee then held interviews with the top ranked individual and began working with her to develop a contract.

Ruidoso police chief Larry Maddox said he was pleased with the proposals received. He said he spoke with Reyes about the contract. Maddox said DFA (state department of finance and administration that administers the grant), had "been on my neck" about getting the contract finalized with Reyes, but she had been out of town. Maddox said DFA was content once he put Reyes in contact with them. "We hope to get the program running professionally and smoothly, as compared to past years," Maddox said.

Briley told THE NEWS on Wednesday, March 17, that Reyes had signed the contract and was expected to begin the program the week of March 22. Her office will be located in the Magistrate Judge complex on Highway 70.

OBITUARY

JOE M. AGUILAR

Memorial service for Joe M. Aguilar, 59, of Carrizozo were Tuesday, March 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Carrizozo. Officiating was Rev. Hayden Smith. Burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Joe passed away Friday, March 12, at his home in Carrizozo. He was born January 31, 1940 in Pastura, New Mexico. He was raised in Pastura and Vaughn as a youngster prior to moving to Carrizozo with his family when he was 14, moved to California in 1967 and moved back to Carrizozo five years ago. He worked for the Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Carrizozo.

He married Margaret Michel on July 9, 1970 in Los Angeles, California.

He is survived by his wife Margaret of Carrizozo; his parents Anna B. and J.P. Aguilar, Sr. of Carrizozo; two brothers, Patrick Aguilar of El Paso, and Peter Aguilar of Carrizozo; three nephews and one niece.

County.

There is no cost to the village to administer the DWI coordinator program since Lincoln County Commissioners agreed to pay the grant match for the program.

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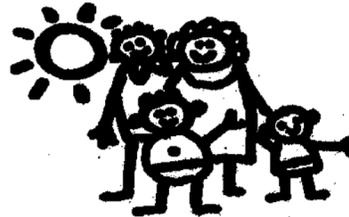
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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Snow blankets area

By Ruth Hammond

Many people may have thought the Y2K problems began early yesterday when the snowstorm hit Lincoln County. The heavy, wet snow caused traffic delays, road closures, power outages, slipping and sliding on roadways, and white-out conditions from the wind.

Official reports at press time last evening were that there were no serious accidents. The blowing snow was responsible for roads being closed north of Carrizozo, Corona and Roswell. White-out conditions and a low ceiling caused a bit of concern for Carrizozo residents. A small airplane circled around and around and around above Carrizozo about five p.m. The dropping of the airplane engine and glimpses of the plane as it circled caused people to question whether the pilot could see the airport. Callers informed The News that vehicles were going to the Carrizozo Municipal Airport to turn on headlights in an attempt to light the area for the pilot to land.

It was impossible to rush to the scene. More than six inches of the heavy snow had to be removed from the car hood and trunk. Even using a push broom it took about 10 minutes to remove the snow. No time to build a snowman or throw snowballs at anyone.

Snow kept falling and with almost zero visibility there was little possibility of the airplane landing safely in Carrizozo. It was good news that the airplane headed south to the airport in Alamogordo, and at last report was making an approach to land there. Apparently there was rain south of Oscura and visibility was much improved.

There were several traffic delays in the Angus Hill and Alto areas. We were told one Capitan school bus was unable to get through and went back to Capitan and went the long way around to get the children home. The most important thing was that all on the bus were safe. As we said last week in this column, children are our future. Keeping them safe to and from school is a responsibility as well as providing the best education possible. That may be difficult with the budget fiasco the governor caused with his big VETO.

Using common sense when driving in the snow is important. Kudos to the Capitan school bus driver for taking the extra time to get the students home safely. It may have caused concern for the parents of these students, but they will know in the future that every effort will be made to keep their children safe, even if it takes longer to get the children home. Other drivers were less than cautious when driving in the snow. One vehicle sped past The News office going about 50 miles per hour. Another vehicle was reported to be speeding on E Avenue. Not smart in this weather.

Road conditions should dictate driving speed but drivers from the flatlands seem unaware that it takes longer to stop when driving on snow than it does when driving on dry pavement. Slipping and sliding is a fun recreation on the slopes, whether on skis or a sled, but slipping and sliding on hilly roads is not only unsafe, it is a sure way to cause an accident. Many of us prefer to sit inside a warm building and watch the lovely snow falling instead of trudging out to a snow-covered vehicle for a slippery drive through the country.

Even though the power outages this time were not caused by the Y2K bugaboo, it did give people time to think about what could happen at the end of this year. The information presented at the Y2K forum last Wednesday may help some people prepare for any situation that may arise. There will be more information available during this year. The best information for next week will be the Community Update 1999 public meeting at the Ruidoso Convention Center next Wednesday. You will enjoy attending this free event.

Spring Begins Sunday



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE - Governor of Peace Dan Pearlman has spotted a major glitch in New Mexico's election code that he says must be fixed before the Legislature ends or else we will have no major political parties in the state.

The problem came to light when Rep. Mimi Stewart, an Albuquerque Democrat, introduced a bill to remove the requirement that major parties have a candidate who receives five percent of the vote every two years.

Stewart would require them to qualify only once every four years, when the ballot has a full slate of statewide races. In presidential years there sometimes are no statewide races other than for president, thereby placing a major hardship on start-up parties such as the Greens and Libertarians.

But that doesn't have anything to do with the flaw Pearlman spotted. The current statute uses the language "as many as five percent," which means "up to five percent." The defective language has been in the statutes for many years but no one noticed it until Pearlman did.

Because Democrats, Republicans, Greens and Libertarians had candidates last November who polled more than five percent of the vote in the governor's race, Pearlman maintains they all have become minor parties. That doesn't negate the 1998 elections, it just means we shouldn't be having primary elections next year if the defective language isn't corrected. That can save the state a bundle of money. Parties would hold nominating conventions, instead, to get their candidates on the ballot.

Pearlman is the guy who has been in a battle with the Greens ever since that party declined to nominate him for governor at this time last year. He then tried to get on the ballot as a declared write-in candidate, but was denied access by the secretary of state and state Supreme Court. A federal court later said Pearlman was unconstitutionally denied the right to be on the ballot.

The Tao's philosopher and self-taught constitutional scholar has been daily fixture around the Capitol this legislative session. He received agreement from Gov. Gary Johnson to call himself governor of the Office of Peace and hands out business cards and news releases using the title.

Here are some other last-minute observations on the 1999 legislature.

Democrats have challenged the governor again with a bill designating "Red or Green" as the official state question. Johnson vetoed the bill four years ago because he didn't want New Mexicans to think state officials don't take their jobs seriously. This time House Majority Leader Ben Lujan has the support of the

New Mexico Restaurant Association, which estimates the question is asked 175,000 times a day in restaurants throughout our state.

Lujan says red and green chile are a \$62 million crop in New Mexico, which is the largest production in the United States. He thinks the catchy state question will attract attention. All states have various official symbols. New Mexico's state question would be unique. And a governor who spends as much time running, skiing and bicycling during legislative sessions as Gary Johnson shouldn't worry too much about lawmakers looking like they're playing around.

In a recent column about First Lady Dee Johnson's effort to rid the Capitol of

smoking, I mentioned she wouldn't get any help from Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley, who serves as president of the Senate. Bradley used to be a heavy smoker but his chief of staff, Reuben Montes, called to say the lieutenant governor is now smoke-free.

The late radio commentator Bob Barth always complained at this point in legislative sessions about legislative officers not giving "sine die" the proper Latin pronunciation upon final adjournment. In tribute to Barth, New Mexico lawmakers have used his preferred pronunciation ever since. But Barth would have cringed if he had heard U.S. Sen. Trent Lott and Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist adjourn the Senate trial of Bill Clinton.

State Budget Called For Closure Of Fort Stanton

SANTA FE - Senator Pete Campos and Senator Joseph A. Fidel said the state budget as amended by the House of Representatives on Monday was disappointing in one major respect: it would force the closure of the Fort Stanton correctional facility and move female inmates from Fort Stanton and the women's prison in Grants to Santa Fe.

"Unfortunately, the House of Representatives amended the budget to transfer the female inmates from Fort Stanton to the penitentiary of New Mexico in Santa Fe," Campos said.

"The house also voted to move the states women inmates from a private facility in Grants to the Santa Fe prison," Fidel said.

Both Fidel and Campos said they believed it was important to quickly and fully inform residents of the provisions in the budget.

"I am very surprised and concerned with this turn of events. State and local officials have worked hard to put

the Fort Stanton facility to good use and, as a legislator, I've worked to keep Fort Stanton open. It is difficult, however, for members of the senate to keep track of everything that occurs in the house," Campos said.

"All of us favor saving taxpayers' money, but we must also be concerned with whether short-term savings will result in longer-term economic harm," Fidel said.

"Economic development has been and continues to be one of my top priorities. Bringing jobs to the Grants area, and retaining the jobs we have, is of utmost importance. I'm confident that Corrections Corporation of America will remain in the area and house male inmates," Fidel said.

As envisioned by the House of Representatives, the OCA facility in Grants would house male inmates, either transferred from Santa Fe or from other facilities," Fidel said.

Campos said he would begin to explore other options for Fort Stanton.

"If we cannot fix this prob-

lem in the budget, I will work again with local officials to find a use for Fort Stanton that is both productive for the state of New Mexico and economically beneficial to the area," Campos said.

Other uses for Fort Stanton might be housing for an expansion of the marine institute at Camp Sierra Blanca or an expansion of state programs for nonviolent offenders, including substance abuse programs, counseling and rehabilitation programs," Campos said.

Campos noted the governor has misgivings about the budget as approved by the legislature and may reject the entire document which would force the process to start over and have the effect of erasing Fort Stanton's closure.

Despite the closure of Fort Stanton and the transfer of women inmates to Santa Fe, Fidel and Campos said the budget includes reforms and programs that are worthy of approval.

Money is included for the second year of the legislature's commitment to hire 170 more state police officers over a four-year period, an expansion of charter schools and educational literacy programs, according to Campos and Fidel. Also tied to the budget is a tax relief proposal that's important for revitalizing the oil industry in the state.

Legislative Session Ends This Saturday

SANTA FE - Talk of reforming state government has been a hot topic during the legislative session this year, and Senator Pete Campos is reminding citizens that reform can take many avenues.

"We want to do more than just reform our school system. We're working to reform how we allocate limited state resources for capital outlay projects. We're working to reform the relations between the executive and legislative branches. And we're working to reform the way in which we inform the public of our actions," Campos said.

Campos pointed to an effort to establish a legislative committee to consider the state's capital outlay needs, changes in the senate rules regarding the posting of committee votes on the internet and refinements in the working of the Senate Rules Committee as some of the reforms this session. Legislation to establish the legislative capital outlay committee failed, but initiated significant discussions on the issue, Campos said. The senate approved a rule change that, if a study this summer uncovers no problems, will result in the posting on the legislature's web site (legis.state.nm.us) of all committee votes taken in senate committees.

"Reform is best when it is made incrementally, when it is intended to address a specific problem that has been discovered," Campos said. "Sweeping reforms are too often attempted for the wrong reasons, either to damage instead of improve the system or to make headlines."

Campos, as co-chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, said the legislature is continuing to try to improve relations with the executive, including instituting a deliberate, orderly process for considering confirmations of gubernatorial nominees.

The legislative session that began January 19 is scheduled to adjourn this Saturday at noon. Campos noted that legislators worked through the weekend and will work well into the evening during the final week of the session to complete work on issues ranging from the budget and tax relief to education improvements and public safety.

EDITORIAL ON EDUCATION

by Doris Cherry

Here we go again. Our governor who claims to not be a politician, who in his first go-round said he would not run for another term, is back again holding our children's future by a thread.

Some would call this extortion, threatening to withhold money if someone doesn't do something he wants you to do. So it goes with Gov. Gary who has twice vetoed the state education budget sent to his desk in this 60-day legislative session.

Instead of working with the legislature to resolve the issue, to come up with a plan to test the vouchers, he threatens the future of all children who attend public school to get his way.

If he does succeed in extorting the legislature into approving the voucher program in exchange for the education money, no one knows the effects of vouchers on our public schools. The state attorney general has said such a program is unconstitutional. Basically it violates the anti-donation clause that states no public money can be given to private individuals or companies.

Aside from our gross receipt taxes and our income taxes going to support private schools that will not be bound by any state rules, the voucher program could devastate the public schools in terms of enrollment. No where in the voucher bill does it require the private schools to accept students just because they are school aged. Instead private schools, that also have limited room and teaching staff, may be highly selective of students, choosing only the brightest, most talented and best behaved. Public education will then have to deal with the children who have behavior problems, who may have learning disabilities or whose parents are too poor to cover the remaining cost of private school.

In our county, the private schools are very limited and could establish strict criteria on who they accept.

By creating a situation of not knowing how many children will migrate out of the public schools into private schools, school districts will be faced with the unenviable challenge of making budgets based on projected enrollment. Already this is a "magic ball" act at the best, mostly based on historic enrollment. But if on the 40th day of school (usually in October) a district does not reach the enrollment it projected in the preceding May, the district does not receive all the money it budgeted. So if there is a large migration of students out of a district over a summer after the budget is set, a district would be faced with staff layoffs and other budget problems.

Gov. Gary says vouchers will be like business-by creating competition, it will make our public schools better. This is similar to saying all our public schools are terrible, and public school teachers are not worthy of their pay. If he thinks public schools are terrible now, what will happen to public schools when they are faced with declining enrollment and budget cuts. Salaries will be affected, and the best and brightest of our teachers will be going elsewhere, most likely other states, to find teaching jobs where they are appreciated by their state leaders.

Gov. Gary also said he did not approve of collective bargaining element in the state education budget. His years as a pri-

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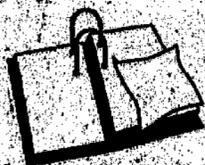
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CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

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

If my weary brain does not come up with some input for this week's column, the "output" will be difficult to find. And on that weary and sleepy note, for it is quite early in the morning, am so glad to have the following from my special friend Linda over at the library.

And here's Linda:
 The Capitan Library is open Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Internet training is on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with Rebecca Judd. Plans are underway for the Roadrunner summer reading program that will be held in June and July. Anyone interested in volunteering, especially people good at working with children, please contact Linda Fox at 853-4619 or call the library at 354-3085.

Calligraphic paintings by Bob Phillips are on display in the library through mid April. Phillips is a native of Roswell and teaches at EMU.

And here's Maureen again, I think. I do not have any news this week other than the special St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Senior Citizens Center that all the elderly are invited to attend, but what will only be a memory by the time this goes to print. So if I do not have your news, I cannot submit it to Ruth, now can I?

My eldest son is here from many years in Brazil. He came home to take care of his fast deteriorating dear old Mom. The thought and the idea was lovely and wonderful and most self-sacrificing, but my son has been ill, very ill I must add, and poor old and already deteriorating Mom has deteriorated even further, if that is possible. And for your discernment, here are a couple of instances:

I rush to the foot of the stairs and hesitate. Am I going upstairs or have I just come down from there? Funny, not really.

I bring laundry down from the second floor to be washed and begin loading them on top of some that were just laundered and are meant for the dryer. And let me hesitate long enough to thank the Almighty Father for giving some folks the intelligence to invent washers and dryers. When I let myself think of all the poor out there in this crazy old world that do not have the conveniences that I have, I hang my head in shame. But I must admit not for long. There is always, but always something for me to gripe about. And I do apologize. I just need to get my act together. I am old. Everybody that knows me is fully aware of my antiquity so what is my problem? I just need more time to accept and perhaps even enjoy my declining years, so pray with me that my faltering steps and my feeble mind can join forces and help

my son get his health back to normal.

Wonder why my little book just opened to the following:

Prayer of Supplication
 Lord, give me strength to do my work, good health along the way
 To persevere, if obstacles confront me day by day.
 Let not my doubts outshine my faith and cause me undue stress;
 Instill in me the gift of joy that knows

You're near to bliss.
 Lord, keep me sweet and pure in heart, not heeding evil's call.

But deeper going with Thee, my Lord; Uplift me, if I fall.
 Your Gospel is my Guiding Light. Use me to spread Thy Word;
 To strengthen others with Thy truths in case
 They Have Not Heard

Gene Appleby

It is almost time for Tom to stop and pick this "offering" up and hand deliver to Ruth in Carrizozo. And Dear God please forgive me for griping. I have so much to be thankful for and believe me when I say this. Have been going through some cards and notes that should have been answered in the last century and I apologize for my tardiness. But my prayers and thoughts will certainly be with Pat and Roland Bailey as Pat undergoes her surgery. They are very, very special friends and I do miss them very much.

And in closing sayonara to Leota and Peg Pflington down Lincoln Way, Louise Babers down the other way, and Doty way out there in Arizona land. And sayonara and God Bless all that read my offerings and even those who cannot be bothered.

OBITUARY

EDNA CATHERINE VAUGHAN GREER

Edna Catherine Vaughan Greer died March 11 in Ruidoso. She had been a resident of Capitan since 1993 and had been living in the Ruidoso Care Center for two years.

She was born February 21, 1916 in Alse, OK. During her childhood she lived in Alse, OK and Roswell. As a young woman she and her family moved to California where she and her twin sister sang professionally for several years.

She moved in Carrizozo in 1980 with her daughter and grandson, and moved with them to Carlsbad in 1984. She returned to Lincoln County in 1992 when she, her daughter and grandson moved to Capitan. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ray, her twin sister Edith Record, and brothers Frank and Benjamin Vaughan.

She is survived by her daughter Raynne Greer of Capitan; grandson Zeka Greer of Las Cruces; sister Marie Brownsey of Sacramento, CA; a niece and a nephew.

A memorial service was held March 15 at the Capitan Church of Christ.

C'zozo To Buy Computer For New Visitors Center

by Barbara Culler

The Carrizozo Town Council approved purchasing a new computer for the visitor's center located in the caboose. The decision was made during the Feb. 23 town council meeting.

Pat Voss, representing the Lodger's Tax Committee, asked trustees to approve the purchase of the computer for the caboose. There were five bids: Barb's Discount Computers from Carrizozo, Radio Shack from Alamogordo, Computer Store from Alamogordo, IBM, and Darmark. Trustees approved the bid from Barb's Discount Computers for \$1,275. This includes the computer, printer, and software. Barb's Discount Computers will install the computer and also install the software.

Trustees approved Judy Nash, to replace Jimmy Luna, and Sandra Silva, to replace Christina Full, to the Lodger's Tax Committee.

The volunteer list for operation of the caboose was approved by the trustees.

Boy Scouts To Be In Lincoln County For Conservation

More than 300 Boy Scouts from the Conquistador Council of the Boy Scouts of America and adult leaders plan to participate in Conservation Good Turn in the Fort Stanton area. The event on March 19, 20 and 21 is hosted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Scouts will spend Saturday, March 20 assisting BLM specialists with conservation projects which include planting cottonwood and willow trees along the Rio Bonito, building soil erosion control structures, removing noxious weeds, and maintaining hiking and mountain biking trails.

Scouts from Capitan, Ruidoso, Mesalero, Clovis, Portales, Melrose, Fort Sumner, Hobbs, Carlsbad, Roswell, Artesia, Eunice, and Jal will participate.

The public is invited to the event any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Signs will be posted on Highway 3880 about seven miles east of Capitan. The turnout to the area is at the east end of the bridge over the Rio Bonito.

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Capitan To Purchase New Road Equipment

by Doris Cherry

Although the village of Capitan's application for a New Mexico Finance Authority loan was among those approved by the state legislature, the village does not plan to utilize that loan to purchase road equipment at this time.

During the regular March 8 meeting, Capitan trustees approved advertising to lease/purchase two motor graders and a large road roller. At a previous special meeting, trustees discussed the possibility of "piggy backing" with DeBaca county on a lease purchase of the road equipment. Monday, village attorney Dave Thomsen said DeBaca county's contract with their equipment supplier Rust Tractor did not make it specifically clear if additional units could be purchased at the agreed contract price. Thomsen said he would give his legal approval if the contract stated that said DeBaca county could buy additional units during a specific period of time, and the vendor concurred.

One reason for Capitan to piggyback with DeBaca is to save the cost of advertising for bids.

Mayor Norm Renfro said the village was told many municipalities are going with the piggyback arrangement for equipment purchase. The village could purchase equipment through the state contract, but it does not have the brand of equipment the village wants.

The village plans to sell one motorgrader, the roller and the water truck to help finance the five year lease/purchase of two motor graders and a bigger roller.

In response to a question from an audience member about whether the village plans to impose an assessment to pay for a New Mexico Finance Authority loan, village clerk Deborah Cummins said the village does not plan to do an assessment in this first year.

Trustees also approved a planning commission recommendation to allow Maria and Joe Jenkins to move a lot line to increase the size of their lot to more than three-fourths of an acre. The size is the minimum required to install a septic tank.

Trustees also heard reports from trustee Leroy Montes about the court hearing held before Judge Jerry Ritter about Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) Company's proposed condemnation of the gas line and the motions that Zia Natural Gas Company filed against CCNG. Montes said Judge Ritter ruled in CCNG's favor in all four counts. "Maybe now we might be able to negotiate with Zia for a fair transportation charge," Montes added. "Instead of the current \$1.82, it might be as nominal as 46 cents."

Montes said CCNG was on the verge of taking back the transmission pipeline from Zia at the cost of several hundred thousand dollars. "We'd rather negotiate which will be good for all the consumers, and maybe we can go down on our rates," Montes said.

Thomsen said Judge Ritter did allow Zia to file an appeal now, instead of waiting until after the trial. Thomsen said the trial is to determine how much it will cost to condemn the line and how much it is worth and what CCNG will pay for. "Zia challenged our right to condemn the line at all," Thomsen said.

Montes said the issue with Zia Gas has been going on since 1992. "He hasn't broke us yet, so we're holding our own," Montes concluded.

Other reports included solid waste and the Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs). The free service large roll-off container will be in Capitan at 9 a.m. March 20 at the village yard. It is a first come first serve situation. Trustee Debra Ingle, the village member on Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), said the roll-off should not be used for branches or similar debris because it fills the container too quickly. She suggested the container be used for white goods such as old appliances or old furniture. Last month, the container was filled within 20 minutes, mostly by what Ingle said looked like an entire old shed. The village is working to get a roll-off container at the village yard every Saturday. However, that service will cost about \$8 a yard.

The CDBG hydrant and well projects are now completed and approved by the state engineer's office in Roswell. Village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox said he is waiting to put the supplemental well into service until an electrical breaker box is installed at the well site. He said the breaker box is a safety factor because any electrical problem will throw a breaker switch, instead of

requiring village crews to physically change 480 volt fuses as is done now.

Plans for the public safety facility, to be financed with the newest CDBG, are being drafted by architect Ron Nims of Las Cruces. The plans will be forwarded to the state fire marshal and must also meet ADA guidelines. The architect also is working on federal and state wage rates, said Cummins. After the plans are approved by all agencies, the village can advertise for request for proposals (rfp) for a construction contract.

The village is currently advertising rfps for an engineer to make the new village mylar maps which will be financed by a CDBG. The rfps run until March 24, then will be evaluated by a committee and the best proposal awarded by trustees at their April meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Ingle said she plans to be at the State Capitol in Santa Fe on Thursday to support House Bill 508, the bill that funds Smokey Bear Park. The bill is to be heard in a senate committee. Smokey Bear Historical Park officials plan to have a display in the capitol rotunda, complete with the "talking Smokey."

Ruidoso Allows Signs On Area Sports Fields

by Doris Cherry

Advertising signs will be allowed on the inside fences of Ruidoso's sports fields, thanks to an ordinance approved by the Ruidoso Village Council on March 8.

At the request of Ruidoso Schools whose high school baseball team wanted some way to raise funds, the council amended the village sign ordinance that did not address signs in sports complexes. With the new changes, signs that are basically advertising for businesses, will be allowed to be put up during the sporting event only, with approval of the facility manager (village parks and recreation director for village sports facilities, and the school district for school property such as the football field).

Signs may be banners or permanent materials not to exceed 32 square feet in size. All signs must be immediately removed after the sporting event. The type of sign, placement and manner of attachment or installation must be approved by the parks and recreation director if the signs are placed on village owned property. Signs on the sports fields will not count against the allowable sign area for businesses.

The rules apply to signs placed at White Mountain Recreational Complex, Eagle Creek Sports Fields, School House Park Tennis Courts, North Park skateboard complex, Ruidoso High School playing fields, and middle

Young Writer's Contest

The Southwest Writers Workshop (SWW) 3rd annual Young Writer's Contest is open to entries from New Mexico high school students. Entries must be received by May 15. There is no fee to enter and top prizes are \$500 in fiction, non-fiction and poetry categories.

The contest categories are judged by published authors. Winners are announced at the SWW annual conference in August. To obtain an official SWW entry form and for more information call 505-265-9485.

school football field. Village planning and zoning commission (P&Z) has power to designate other properties as a sports complex.

During discussion, village manager Alan Briley said there was a lot of deliberation over whether to allow banners. However, banners are inexpensive and easily put up and taken down, so the provision was kept in the ordinance changes.

Councillors unanimously approved the ordinance changes. There were no comments from the public.



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County Subdivision Rules Are Changed

by Doris Cherry

Domestic wells in new county subdivisions will be allowed to use up to three acre feet of water a year if changes to the Lincoln County Subdivision are approved by the State Engineer's Office.

During their special meeting on March 1, held in the Ruidoso Convention Center, Lincoln County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on changes to the county's subdivision ordinance. The major change was the result of problems encountered by the developer of a subdivision in the Gaylan Canyon area. The Hondo Trust, developer of The Preserve subdivision, had gone through all the processes for approval and was in the final stage when the State Engineer's Office sent a letter refusing to accept the development's disclosure statement allowing domestic

well owners to use up to three acre feet of water a year. About two years ago, the county subdivision ordinance was changed to limit domestic wells in subdivisions to one half acre foot of water a year.

During the public hearing on the proposed change back to three acre feet, county attorney Alan Morel said the intent of the wording was to require developers to show in their hydrology reports that a well on each lot could provide a minimum of one-half acre of water. The half acre is considered the minimum of available water to successfully operate a household, and the wording was intended to protect the land buyer from a "dry subdivision."

Morel proposed new wording to the subdivision ordinance to allow the maximum use of up to three acre feet a year, unless the State

Engineer's office or other plan justifies other usage.

County planning commission member Charles Renniok was at the hearing and talked about the discussions the planning commission had about the water wells when they were making recommendations to the county subdivision ordinance in the past. He said members talked of minimum standards and how subdivision hydrology reports needed to show that there was enough water in the development for wells to draw at least a half acre foot a year. A half acre foot is about 325,000 gallons a year.

"When we start limiting we have to start monitoring," said county commissioner Ray Nunley.

Renniok said the county is not equipped to monitor meters on wells, and the state engineer does not require

meters on domestic wells. Nunley said in his opinion a water well is a private property right, established by the constitution.

But Morel then said that if the commission changed the wording to three acre feet, then the developer has to show that much water is available to the property in the hydrology report. Morel said the state engineer allows counties to put limits on water well use. County commissioner Wilton Howell said the wording could be "up to three acre feet" as it is written in state law.

Land planner and surveyor Tim Collins suggested keeping the amount to three acre feet, unless hydrology reports prove there is less water available.

Commissioners also discussed changes to the subdivision wording about requiring bonds for private roads. Currently the ordinance only requires private roads to be built to county standards. Morel proposed new wording that requires developers of subdivisions of six or more lots with private roads to post a performance bond to assure the roads will be built. If the developer does not complete the roads, the bond would be revoked.

Nunley said the reason for a bond is that sometimes property owners come to the county wanting the county to build roads that the developer did not complete, even though the roads were private. Private roads are roads that are not dedicated or turned over to the county for maintenance. A home owners association becomes responsible for maintenance of private roads. Such private roads can be gated and are not open for public travel.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann, who has been an engineer for some recent subdivisions including Ranches de Sonterra and The Preserve, suggested a "payment bond" also be required of developers to assure that subcontractors will be paid. Collins said such payment is between the owner (developer) and those who do the work. "I don't think the county wants to get into that," he added. "But the county does need assurance the private roads will be built to standards."

Collins also suggested an 18 month time limit for building the private roads and if not complied with the county could "pull the plat."

Other proposed changes to the subdivision ordinance were to delete all reference to the "county zoning ordinance" and to require claims of exemption to be listed on the front of the plat that is signed by the owner, notarized and approved by the county manager, and the plat must be filed with the county clerk's office.

Commissioners unanimously approved the changes to the subdivision ordinance to allow up to three acre feet of water from domestic wells in subdivisions, requiring a performance bond for private roads that must be built within 18 months of plat approval, the claim of exemptions on the face of a plat that must be filed with the county clerk and deletion of all references to the "county zoning ordinance."

The approved changes will be sent to all state agencies for 30 day review, Morel said. Once the agencies approve the changes, they will take effect as part of the county's subdivision ordinance.

Before commissioners conducted the public hearing on the proposed ordinance, they held a public hearing on giving a variance to The Hondo Trust, developer of The Preserve Subdivision. With no

Air Force Graduate

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Diane G. Payton has graduated from the AF Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Goodfellow AF Base, San Angelo, TX. She is an operating room services supervisor assigned to the 82nd Medical Group at Sheppard AF Base, Wichita Falls, TX. Her husband is the son of Harvey and Betty Payton of Carrizozo.



BIG BASS! Fredie Miller of Michigan caught this bass at Carrizozo Lake March 5 using a Pistol Pete lure. Fredie has been visiting his dad, Glen Miller of Carrizozo. Glen measured the 19 inch long bass for the News.

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Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 354-2028
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
514 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2058 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:00 am
Sun. Evening Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/C)
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2166
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BEROS, pastor
815 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2888
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
C'ozoza Santa Rita..... 8:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
C'ozoza Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

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)..... 11:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. CANNON JOHN PENN, pastor
Corner of E. Ave. & 24th, Carrizozo, NM
1-258-4144
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

Spirit & Truth Ministries.
ART DUNN, minister / 420-0458
711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM
Affiliated w/ the United Pentecostal Church, Int.
Weekly Saturday evening service..... 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Churches
TOM WOODWARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave., 648-2892/2848-2848
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service (Wednesday)..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
CAPTAN
Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:15 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
Nogal Presbyterian Church
BILL SEBRING, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024
Worship..... 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 (International)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE BARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 858-4627
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
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FIRST NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE IF THE CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE THE DISTRICT'S MILL LEVY ON ALL REAL PROPERTY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE DISTRICT FOR UP TO ONE DOLLAR PER THOUSAND DOLLARS NET TAXABLE VALUE.

To all owners of land within the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District.

Notice is hereby given that a referendum election will be held between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, to vote on the following proposal:

FOR approval of a resolution of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to authorize the supervisors of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to continue a mill levy on all real property within the unincorporated areas within the District at a rate of up to one dollar per thousand dollars of net taxable value.

AGAINST approval of a resolution of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to authorize the supervisors of the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to establish a mill levy on all real property within the unincorporated areas within the District at a rate of up to one dollar per thousand dollars of net taxable value.

POLLING LOCATION WILL BE THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE & CARRIZOZO SWCD OFFICE, located at 408 Central Avenue in Carrizozo, NM.

Eligible voters within the District shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on election day.

Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may apply by mail in writing to Sue Stearns at P.O. Box 457, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88801, for absentee ballots prior to April 18. Each applicant must return the completed absentee ballot to Sue Stearns not later than 5:00 p.m. May 3rd, 1999.

Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may vote in person at Carrizozo SWCD office located at 408 Central Avenue in Carrizozo, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays of the week beginning April 19th and ending on May 3rd.

The Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District includes agricultural land of a portion of Lincoln, Socorro and Torrance Counties.

Board of Supervisors include: Bill Hightower, Chairman; Bob Carter, Vice-Chairman; Billy Bob Shafer, Secretary/Treasurer; Knollene McDaniel, Member; Gordon Barham, Member; Melvin Johnson, Member; Howard Harkov, Member

Sue Stearns serves as Program Director.

The District adopted this resolution on 12/1/98 and the New Mexico Soil & Water Commission approved it on 2/24/99 in Santa Fe, NM.

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FIRST NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION CLAUNCH-PINTO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE IF THE CLAUNCH-PINTO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE A MILL LEVY AGAINST ALL REAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT OF UP TO ONE DOLLAR PER THOUSAND DOLLARS NET TAXABLE VALUE.

To all owners of land within the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District.

Notice is hereby given that a referendum election will be held between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on May 3, 1999, to vote on the following proposal:

FOR approval of a resolution of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District to authorize the supervisors of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District to establish a mill levy against all real property within the District which includes portions of Torrance County, Lincoln County, and Socorro County (except owners of real property within incorporated cities and towns and all lands of a residential, business or nonagricultural nature) at a rate of up to one dollar per thousand dollars of net taxable value.

AGAINST approval of a resolution of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District to authorize the supervisors of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District to establish a mill levy against all real property within the District which includes portions of Torrance County, Lincoln County, and Socorro County (except owners of real property within incorporated cities and towns and all lands of a residential, business or nonagricultural nature) at a rate of up to one dollar per thousand dollars of net taxable value.

Polling location will be the Mountainair High School Gymnasium at 801 Third Street located on the West Side of Mountainair, NM.

Eligible voters within the District shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on election day.

Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of election may apply by mail in writing to Dierdre L. Tarr at P.O. Box 129, MOUNTAINAIR, NEW MEXICO 87038, for absentee ballots prior to April 18. Each applicant must return the completed absentee ballot to Dierdre L. Tarr not later than May 3, 1999.

Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may vote in person at the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District office located at 121 West Broadway, Suite 108 on the West side of Gustin Hardware in Mountainair, Nm, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 NOON on Monday - Friday beginning on April 19, 1999, and ending on May 3, 1999.

The Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District includes real property in portions of Torrance County, Lincoln County, and Socorro County (except owners of real property within incorporated cities and towns). All lands of a residential, business or nonagricultural nature are excluded.

Board of Supervisors, Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District;

Kay Lindsey, Frank Luna, Jr., Lynn Chilton, Roy Von Cain, J. W. Anglin, E.E. Bagley, and J. Brian Groens.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The governing bodies of Lincoln County, the Mesquero Apache Tribe and the Villages of Captain, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs and the school boards of the Captain, Carrizozo, Corona, Hondo and Ruidoso school districts will meet in special session Thursday, March 25, 1999 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The meeting will be convened at the request of the Ruidoso News as this year's Community Update town hall meeting.

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-99-48

BONNIE J. BRANSON aka BONNIE J. SNYDER,

Plaintiff,

v.

CLYDE J. TIDWELL, VIVIAN M. TIDWELL, LESHIA DUNN, ALBUQUERQUE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN aka ABQ BANK, its successors and assigns, and RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION, its successors and assigns,

group 1 defendants.

and

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLYDE J. TIDWELL, VIVIAN M. TIDWELL and LESHIA DUNN, if deceased and UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS.

group 2 defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above named defendant(s),

TO: 1. Albuquerque Federal Savings and Loan aka ABQ Bank; 2. Unknown Claimants 3. Resolution Trust Corporation 4. The unknown heirs of Clyde J. Tidwell, Vivian M. Tidwell and Leshia Dunn, if deceased and unknown claimants.

Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby notified that in the above named plaintiff have filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court cause, the general object thereof being a Complaint to Quiet Title, for the property which is the subject of this suit located in Lincoln County, New Mexico and is described as follows: N/2 S/2 E/2 NW/4 of Section 21, T. 11 N., R. 13 E., N.M.P.M.

Please be advised that, unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before 5-5-99, Judgment by default will be entered against you;

Names and address of plaintiff's attorneys; THOMAS F. HOOKER, JR. & ASSOCIATES 2400 Rose Ave. NW Albuquerque, NM 87104 505-849-2070

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 10th day of March, 1999.

ALICE BACA BAXTER Court Clerk & Court Administrator

By: Elizabeth Lueras

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 18 and 25 and April 1 and 8, 1999.

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS

The Town of Carrizozo in connection with Special Election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 and pursuant to Section 3-6-36 NMSA 1978.

A. Notice is hereby given that the following question, listed in order of appearance will be submitted to the voters:

"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 ALESOCA 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 ALESOCA Co. defaults upon said loan?"

B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling place shall be used for the conduct of the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1999:

1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13 within the municipal boundary shall vote at: City Hall Council Chambers, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88801

2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Town Clerk.

C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:

1. For judge in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Don Means For clerks in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

For alternate clerk in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Anna Belle Burrow

2. For Judge in absent voter precincts 2A and 13.....Don Means

3. For clerks in absent voter precincts 2A and 13.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

For alternate clerk in consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Anna Belle Burrow

D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held Thursday, April 15, 1999 at City Hall Council Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The school will begin 10:00 a.m. The school is open to the Public. DATED this 16th day of March, 1999. /s/ Carol Schlarb, Municipal Clerk

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Representatives from Ruidoso Downs Racing and Casino, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the Mesquero Apache Tribe, Lincoln County Medical Center and the USDA Forest Service

Community Update 1999 Agenda

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca Drive

8:00 a.m. Meet at Convention Center to set up for presentations.

8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Meeting Room 4A: Villages of Captain, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and the Lincoln County Commissioners will proceed to make three presentations to community participants of Community Update.

Meeting Room 4B: Superintendents of Captain, Hondo, Ruidoso School Districts and Director Jim Miller of ENMU will proceed to make three presentations to community participants of Community Update.

Meeting Room 4C: USDA Forest Service, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and the River Association will proceed to make three presentations to community participants of Community Update.

12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

have been invited to update our lunch guests on the future growth/challenges of their organizations. 1:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Round table discussion and planning session.

5:00 p.m. Adjourn. Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, March 18, 1999.

AVISO DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR Y MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL PRECINCTO

Pueblo de Carrizozo, Con respecto a la Eleccion Especial que se llevara a cabo el 20 de Abril de 1999. Y conforme a la Seccion 3-6-36 NMSA, 1978.

A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes preguntas, inscritas en la orden que aparece seran sometidas a los votantes:

"Que se le concedera a los votantes calificados del Municipio del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico que aproraran Ordianca 201, adoptando un Municipio Infraestructura Gross Receipt Tax y sera impuesto a 1/8 de un por ciento para pagar la Economic Development Revolving empresa a ALESOCA Co., en la suma que no excede \$250,000.00, de el Estado de Nuevo Mexico Economic Development Department sea que ALESOCA Co., recibira los fondos, y que esta Ordianca 201 sera impuesta solamente para pagar el empraste en la causa que ALESOCA Co., no pueda pagar?"

B. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la Eleccion Especial que se llevara a cabo el 20 de Abril, 1999.

1. Votantes en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13 dentro del linder municipal votaran en: Pueblo de Carrizozo, Cuarto de Consejo, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico 88801

2. Votantes en el precinto de votantes ausentes votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal.

C. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directiva del Precinto han sido nombrados:

1. Para el Juez en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Don Means Para escribanas en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

Para la alternativa escribana en los Precintos Consolidados.....Anna Belle Burrows

2. Para el Juez en el Precinto de votante ausentista.....Don Means Para escribanas en el Precinto del votante ausentista.....Margaret Baca Cheryl Smith

Para la alternativa escribana en el Precinto del votante ausentista.....Anna Belle Burrow

D. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se llevara a cabo una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Consolidados Precintos el 15th dia de Abril, 1999 en el cuarto de Consejo del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, La "Escuela" empezara a las 10:00 a.m. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico. Fechado este dia: 16th de Marzo, 1999. /s/ Carol Schlarb, Escribana Municipal

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Corona received some moisture last week, a mixture of rain and snow. Everyone is pleased as there was a prediction at one time of no moisture till June.

Mrs. Betty Ann Bell, elementary teacher at Corona Schools, attended the 26th Southwest Regional Conference of the International Reading Association in Oklahoma City on February 18-20. Eight New Mexico teachers attended the five state conference.

Mrs. Bell is the current secretary of the New Mexico Council of the International Reading Association. She facilitated a session with author Chalise Miner who wrote the non-fiction book Rain Forest Girl. Tularosa author, Brian Burks, was a featured speaker for the conference. Mrs. Bell brought back many materials to share with the students, parents and staff members.

Bob and Kathy Burroughs had company from Sioux City, Iowa. Bob's brother, David and daughters, Mary, and Tina. While visiting for a week they enjoyed a trip to Carlsbad Caverns.

A wedding shower was held March 13 for Denise Lightfoot, bride-elect of Scott Martin at 2:00 p.m. in the Corona Senior Citizens Center. Denise was raised at the Corona El Paso Plant, and the Recreation Center there is now the Senior Center, relocated in Corona. Both Denise and Scott live in Roswell, NM.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Annie Withers of Carrizozo, Mrs. Margaret Lightfoot and Mrs. Pattle Wood of Farmington, Mrs. Karen Lightfoot and daughter Tommie of Animas, Mrs. Marie Owen-Smith of Roswell, Janice, Sarah and Callie Gnathowski, Susan and Beth Hightower of Anaho, and Mrs. Sherill Bradford of El Paso, TX. Corona guests were Dorothy Lightfoot, Johnnie Bond, Betty Ann Bell, Robin Pfeiffer, Patsy Mulkey, Jeanna Gibbs, Martha Garza, Sabra Davidson, Shan-

non Lightfoot, Roxanne Erramoussis and daughter Halley. Hostesses for the wedding shower were Dorothy N. Lightfoot, Myla Pounds, Johnnie Erramoussis, Denise Byrd, and Lee Sultemeier.

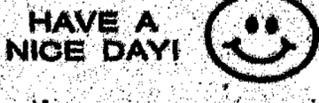
Guests of Mrs. Waymon Lightfoot for the weekend were Mrs. and Mrs. George Lightfoot and Mrs. and Mrs. Aubry Woods of Farmington. Everyone attended a team roping in Alamogordo on Sunday.

The Corona Community Action Program committee will begin opening the Corona Museum on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. If you haven't had the chance to go by and see all the work they have done and are still doing, take the time. A lot of hard work and time has been donated by community members.

The Corona School Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. Installation of new board members, Denise Byrd, Rick Gage, and Danny Lueras was held, and then election of officers. Rick Gage was elected president, Danny Lueras as vice-president, and Jeanna Gibbs as secretary.

Minutes and payroll bills were approved, sale of bonds was approved, also purchase of doors for the Ag build and the auditorium. Teacherages were discussed, along with current enrollment with ENMR, area vocational school, superintendent's search, insurance on rock building, visitors comments and questions. Executive session and RFP/Architect followed.

A special board meeting will be held March 18 at 6:00 p.m. for superintendent search, RFP for Architect and any other items that need to be discussed.



LEGALS

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-99-18 Division II

ROBERT BROOKS, Plaintiff,

vs. GROUP I TRUMAN RUSSELL and BILLIE RUSSELL, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; and LAKESIDE CORPORATION, a New Mexico Corporation;

GROUP II JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;

GROUP III AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF

Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

TRUMAN RUSSELL and BILLIE RUSSELL, his wife, their heirs, devisees, and assigns; LAKESIDE CORPORATION; JOHN DOES 1 through 100; and any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiff.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that ROBERT BROOKS, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-18 (II), wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject 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:

Lot 24D, DEER PARK WOOD SUBDIVISION, UNIT 4, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, October 28, 1977, in Tube No. 599.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 15, 1999, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., P.O. Box 1090, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 18th day of February, 1999.

ALICE BACA BAXTER Court Administrator / District Court Clerk By: Eugenia Vega, Deputy

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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 Receipts Tax to impose a 1% 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 18 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 18 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 aprobaron Ordinance 201, adoptando un Municipio Infrastructure Gross Receipts Tax sera impuesto a 1% de un por ciento para pagar la Economic Development Revolving

ing empresto a ALESCA Co., en la suma que no exceda \$250,000.00, del el Estado de Nuevo Mexico Economic Development Department sea que ALESCA Co. reciba los fondos, y que esta Ordinance 201 sera impuesta solamente para pagar el empresto en la causa que ALESCA Co. no pueda pagar?"

C. Los precinctos 2A y 18 son consolidados para la eleccion especial.

D. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar y para llevar a cabo la eleccion especial.

1. Los votantes en los Precinctos Consolidados 2A y 18 votaran en el edificio del Pueblo de Carrizozo, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico 88301.

E. Votantes en el precincto de votantes absentes votaran en la oficina de la escribana municipal.

F. 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.

G. 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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LEGAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

RFP No. MMP-001

Project Name: Miller Mapping Project Second Phase.

Contracting Agency: Village of Capitán, Address: P.O. Box 246, Capitán, NM 88316. Telephone: (505) 354-2247. Date: March 1, 1999.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Village of Capitán, P.O. Box 246, Capitán, NM 88316, for RFP No. MMP-001.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional planning services for Miller Mapping Project Second Phase thru Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), Project No. 99-CR-1-6-G49.

Proposals will be received at Village of Capitán, 114 Lincoln Ave., P.O. Box 246, Capitán, NM 88316, until March 24, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Village of Capitán Clerk-Treasurer at 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitán, NM 88316 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Deborah Cummins at (505) 354-2247.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on March 18, 1999 at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., 10:00 a.m., Capitán, NM.

Date: March 1, 1999

PURCHASING AGENT: Deborah Cummins, Clerk-Treasurer, CMC

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LEGAL NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID CORRECTED NOTICE

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.

RFP NO. 99-002

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, April 13, 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, waiver minor technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of the Town of Carrizozo.

Carol Schlarb, CMC/AE Town Clerk-Treasurer

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

No. CV-99-44

Roy Browning, Plaintiff,

vs.

C.L. Crowder Investment Company, Inc., a New Mexico corporation,

and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

To the above named and described defendants: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff in the above entitled cause has commenced a suit against you in the above styled court by filing therein his complaint in writing; that said suit is now pending; that the general object of said suit is to determine and quiet the title of plaintiff against the defendants in and to the property described in the complaint; which property is described as follows:

Lot 15, Block 9 of Black Forest Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the revised plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on June 11, 1971 in Tube No. 998; and as further shown by the Plat of Survey of Lot 15, Block 9, Black Forest Subdivision, recorded June 25, 1998 in Cabinet F, Slide No. 470.

together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; that said complaint prays for the establishment of Plaintiff's estate in fee simple against the adverse claims of said Defendants; that the defendants, and each of them, be barred and forever stopped from having or claiming any lien upon or any right or title to the premises adverse to the Plaintiff, and that Plaintiff's title thereto be forever quieted and set at rest; that unless said Defendants enter or cause to be entered their appearance in said cause on or before April 23, 1999, judgment will be rendered in said cause by default against them so failing to appear; and that Plaintiff's attorney is Owen Russell, P.O. Box 1899, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355.

DATED this 4th day of March, 1999.

ALICE BACA BAXTER Clerk of the District Court By: Elizabeth Lucas Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

EQUIPMENT Minimum Specifications New and Unused Current Production 2,000 Gallon Water Truck

Model: 1999 GMC C85000 Topkick, Single Axle with 127 Inch Wheelbase. Engine: Caterpillar Model 3126, 180 Horsepower Minimum. Transmission: Allison MT84SD Automatic. Tank: 2,000-gallon water tank with air controls, 2 front, 2 rear and 1 side sprayers. Tires: Front-11R22.5 GYL Michelin Highway tread, Rear-11R22.5 GYL Michelin Premium traction. Brakes: Air Brakes with Rockwell auto front-rear slack adjusters. Axles: Front: 11,000 pound rated, Rear: Eaton 190605 with 4.68 ratio. Rear Springs: 21,000 pound rated multileaf type. Exhaust System: Single horizontal-California Emission Standard. Others:

- 1.) 50 gallon fuel tank. 2.) Racor fuel/water separator. 3.) Dry type air cleaner. 4.) Water cooled 15.2 CFM air compressor. 5.) 100 amp alternator. 6.) Delco 1110 batteries. 7.) Tachometer and engine alarm. 8.) AM-FM Radio with-search-scan-clock. 9.) Air conditioning. 10.) Tinted cab glass. 11.) Frost white color. 12.) Only acceptable bidders will be authorized primary dealers for the truck or authorized primary dealers for the engine. 13.) If there are any exceptions to these bid specifications,

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Capitán Municipal School District No. 28 (the "Board" and the "District", respectively), in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Special School Bond Election, (herein, the "Election") be held on May 11, 1999, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined upon its own initiative to submit to a vote at said Election, the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purposes herein after specified, as permitted by Section 22-18-2(B) NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act; and

WHEREAS, the same bond question has not been presented to or defeated by the voters of the District at a bond election held within a period of two years from the date of the Election hereinafter set forth; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 11th day of May, 1999, there will be held in the Capitán Municipal School District No. 28, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a special school bond election for the purpose of submitting to all the qualified electors of the District the question of creating a debt by the issuing of general obligation bonds.

Section 2. The Precinct Polling Places for this Election are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Voting District, Election Precinct, Polling Place. Row 1: 1, 3 and 5 and portions of 7, 10 and 12C within the District, Lincoln County Fair Building Capitán, New Mexico

In addition there will be an Absentee Voter District established, as described in Section 3 herein.

Section 3. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 4. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Capitán Municipal School District No. 28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$2,000,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling elementary classrooms, addressing safety concerns by improving and upgrading school grounds and purchasing equipment or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?"

Section 5. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election and a resident of the District on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Lincoln County, or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 1999, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln at the County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerk of Lincoln County (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln County) or at the office of a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978, or at any state agency providing public assistance or services to people with disabilities pursuant to Section 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Section 6. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by Section 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978 and 8-1A-1 et seq., NMSA; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., April 16, 1999, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., May 7, 1999, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 7. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 1999.

(SEAL) Attest: /s/James R. Hobbs Secretary, Board of Education

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Hence, they must be so listed and titled "Exceptions to Bid Specifications".

Base of Award: The bid award will be based upon the lowest monthly lease payment including the costs associated with the machine warranty, extended warranty, and its conditions, delivery, availability of parts and service facilities, and a complete analysis and comparison of specification details, will be weighed in making the final decision of award. It is understood and agreed that the Village of Capitán reserves the right to reject any and all bids at its discretion, if the best interest of the Village of Capitán is thereby served.

The bidder must be an authorized dealer and have parts and service facilities. The bidder shall state in his bid the location of the nearest service shop and adequate stock of parts.

Trainings: The successful bidder agrees to provide a training program for employees in sufficient scope to assure efficient and economical performance and maintenance of the equipment.

Bids: Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 26, 1999. Bids can be submitted to Village of Capitán, P.O. Box 246, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitán, NM 88316. Each bid must be marked "Equipment Bid".

/s/Deborah Cummins Clerk-Treasurer, CMC Village of Capitán

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 8:00 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 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, CMC/AE Town Clerk Town of Carrizozo

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IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

PROBATE NO. 1788

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF J.O. PAYNE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at CARRIZOZO, New Mexico, or filed with the PROBATE COURT. DATED: February 25, 1999.

DOROTHY PAYNE, Personal Representative of The Estate of J.O. PAYNE, Deceased

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IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

PROBATE NO. 1788

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Monroe Aldaz Sanchez, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Probate Court. DATED: March 12, 1999.

LUCIA MOREGUE SANCHEZ P.O. Box 392 Hondo, NM 88356

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Carrizozo Works On PD

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in the context of what the staffing requirements are, what the work requirements are, and getting salaries in line with other towns. His main concern is that we get the work requirements and salaries in line with other towns because we train them, give them experience and then they go somewhere else to get more money. Right now Carrizozo is at the bottom of the pay scale, according to Stevens.

Stevens says that it is a competitive environment and that the trustees need to face the reality that Carrizozo is in a competitive environment for talent. Stevens says that he personally feels the police department has good people and that they are required to work too many hours, to take too many risks for not enough

money.

One of his suggestions in the memorandum, is that when the budget allows they should consider hiring a fourth officer. On an annual basis, the work requirements are about 8,760 hours in a year and there is no physical way that three officers can handle that, Steven said. Stevens says that fortunately that has not been a real issue yet, but in the future could be.

He gave the trustees a summary of the hours worked by Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega and his officers. Their total work this year, on an annualized basis of the officers, is 7,276 hours and that leaves about 1,480 hours when there are no officers on duty but are on call. The existing personnel policies and procedures require an officer to work 2,756 hours per year which Stevens said is way too many. Stevens said that the town has a real problem on not having an officer on duty 24 hours per day and there is a need to give sufficient time off for an officer to have a life and a family.

Lovelace agreed that there is a need for 24 hour coverage even if Carrizozo is a small town. If there were to be 24 hour coverage now, the current officers would have to work 58 1/2 hours per week, Stevens said. He said that it should be remembered that as the town demands more hours from the staff their productivity declines. The town does not compensate them with more money through overtime or more salary for working more hours; the current ordinance requires them to work more for less money.

Stevens said that in revising the ordinance the trustee's responsibility is the need to see that Carrizozo, first and foremost, has adequate protec-

tion. To do this, Stevens said, Carrizozo needs to be able to attract talent and keep talent. He said the way to do both of those things is to pay them well. He said that Carrizozo needs to offer a program that is better than the competitors. If Carrizozo wants talent they will have to pay them, according to Stevens.

Going to straight salaries, giving the department head flexibility, establishing minimum hours on a weekly basis that a police officer is required to work, have the officer work whatever hours over the minimum at the direction of the chief and receive comp time (which would be time off that the officer would otherwise be working) for these hours, having a maximum accrual of 80 hours of comp time per officer are some of Stevens' recommendations. He told the trustees that the ordinance should have language that specifically states they are salaried employees, exempt from overtime, and will not be paid overtime.

Stevens said that the trustees have to look at budgetary restraints; but he feels that this is one of the most critical departments that the town has. He said that Carrizozo is a nice, safe small town and that the reason for that is the good, dedicated people who work for the town. Stevens said that the ordinance has to be revised as to how it pertains to what the town compensates and what the town requires of the officers. He feels that Carrizozo needs to be the community that people in the law enforcement business look to and where they want to work because the town takes good care of them and treats and pays them well.

One of the problems with the current ordinance, according to Stevens, is that once you have read it you still do not know what you have read. He said that Carrizozo needs an ordinance that people can understand.

Stevens said that the way to proceed on the redrafting of the ordinance is for the trustees to read his memorandum, make a decision on staffing (another officer) in which the memorandum includes information of a way to go if the

trustees want another officer or a way to go if they don't, and then next time discuss and agree on a plan, and then put it in writing and in a motion. No action was taken at this time to give the trustees time to read the memorandum and will be placed on the next agenda.

Trustees approved a motion to accept the proposal regarding operation and management of the Town of Carrizozo Recreation Center. The town and Christine Full, who is managing the recreation center now, will now negotiate the contract. Lovelace told Full that she had heard that Full had children running the recreation center. Full said that she had one 16 year old working and that the others working were adults. An adult is present at the center at all times, according to Full.

Town foreman Jim Payne said that he had met with a representative of the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) on the Carrizozo swimming pool. The main problem with the pool is the filter system is outdated. The filter system does not filter enough water to meet the state requirements. Water operator Tomas Vargas and Payne have found a system that will work with two in-line filters and will filter a little above the state filtration requirements. The system will cost about \$11,000. That price is for the filter alone and does not include the sand or the installation. He said that the total price could be double the \$11,000. Lovelace said that the town has money for the swimming pool. Payne said he would have to go out for bid on the system.

Payne said that other than the filtration system the NMED said that the pool was fair and needs first aid kit and some other minor items.

The trustees gave Payne permission to have the town haul rocks for the new rock wall that is to be built around the caboose. Tom and Nancy Guck, of Nogal, have volunteered to build the walls. The wall will be from four to five feet by the ditch and lower around the rest of the property. Rene Burton said that some of the rocks are to be used in the landscaping. She said that the caboose is now open and that the grand opening will be in August when Carrizozo is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Vega, during the police report, was asked about the way he and his officers handle giving out speeding tickets. He feels that they have to be fair to everybody and if a person is speeding through town five miles above the speed limit it is the officer's discretion to cite the person. Vega says that there is a bad problem with trucks and other vehicles speeding through town and that the only way to control the problem is to cite those speeding. Vega said he is a firm believer in enforcing the speed limit through Carrizozo as there are senior citizens and children crossing the road.

Trustees approved the following: Vega to attend the South Eastern Community Policing Seminar in Las Cruces, the resolution for police department budget adjustments, and the appointment of the precinct board for the special election on April 20. Trustees tabled annexation discussion until the next meeting.

Tune Out Violence
Members of the National Association for Family and Community Education (NAFCE) are collecting pledge signatures from people who agree to tune out and tune off all media violence on Monday, April 5.

EDITORIAL

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vate contractor are showing greatly because he would rather pay minimum wage or the lowest wages possible, instead of providing a living wage that will attract the better teachers. There is no mystery that Gov. Gary would like to do away with all unions, in private and public sectors, including the National Education Association that has a strong lobby.

What a shame that our governor has such a low opinion of our children. He has two children, both of whom were in private school before he was elected governor. Once he was elected he moved them into public school. Makes us wonder why he is so determined to get vouchers approved.

While Gov. Gary called the state budget an "abomination and abominable" which according to one of the definitions in Webster's dictionary is "hateful", we believe that his veto of the state's public education budget is an abomination and one of the most hateful and selfish acts he has done in his five years as governor. In the long run it will be our children who suffer the most from the selfish acts of this "non-politician" governor who said he would serve only one term.

We do have a voice, we the people can call the governor at 1-800-432-4408, FAX him at 505-827-3026 or e-mail him at gov@governor.state.nm.us and let him know how we feel about his vetoes.



CARRIZOZO POSTAL WORKER Arlene Najar helps Carrizozo preschoolers mail their special Valentines when Cheri Goad's class toured the Carrizozo Post Office recently. The preschoolers saw how mail is received, sorted and sent out. Each child was given a first class stamp of approval by Najar before leaving the post office.

AROUND LINCOLN COUNTY

Corriente CowBelles.

The February meeting of the Corriente CowBelles was held at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan with 10 members and two guests, Marie Jordan and Makenzie Martin present.

President Ruth Shannon gave a report concerning the Pat Nowlin Memorial Scholarship fund. This \$500 scholarship will be presented to a CowBelle member or a child of a member at the mid-year meeting in Ruidoso. Applications must be received by April 10.

The District V workshop will be held in Alamogordo March 23 and the mid-year meeting will be held in Ruidoso on June 24 with Corriente hosting.

Ines Marrs reported that the teaching kits entitled *Fused for Flight* had arrived and would be put in the classrooms for grades 5-8 in Capitan and Ruidoso.

Members were urged to read the Animal Cruelty Bill to see exactly what is covered and to contact legislators with opinions.

Anyone wishing information about Corriente CowBelles may contact Ruth Shannon at 354-2473.

County Residents At ENMU

Lincoln County residents enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales this spring and their majors are:

Capitan High School graduates: Casey LeAnn Cunningham, agriculture; Sean M. Fletcher, computer science; Glenda Fay Grant, education; Monica Jean Johnson, biology; Lucy Ann McCasland, university studies; Stephanie Deann Midgley, undeclared; Yvonne A. Montes-Rich, undeclared; Jessica L. Newcomb, special education; Stacy Lavonne Reynolds, communication disorders; Angela A. Romero, social studies; Lara Renee Smith, elementary education; Sonya Marie Wood, psychology.

Carrizozo High School graduates: Michael Joseph Chavez, sociology; Linda J. Greer, elementary education; Wendy Michelle Hollis, elementary education; Nathan L. Portillo, wildlife and fishery sciences.

BLM To Conduct Prescribed Burns

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will conduct two prescribed burns between March 23 and April 10. Both projects will be conducted to reduce hazardous wildland fuels and to improve range and wildlife habitat.

The Cherry Burn will be in Cherry Canyon in eastern Lincoln County about 30 miles southwest of Roswell. This burn will occur over a period of several days. Smoke may be visible from Roswell during

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 1. High School Diploma and CDA Certification required.
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 Only fully-qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is Friday, March 26 - 4:00 p.m. Call REC IX - (505) 257-2388 (Fred Romero or Mary Bradley) for complete job description and application.
SALARY: Dependent upon training/experience per REC IX Non-Certified Salary Schedule, plus the benefit package of REC IX.
START DATE: April 5, 1999.
CONTRACT DAYS: 182 days corresponding with the Region IX calendar.
SELECTION PROCESS: Applications, resumes, letters of interest will be screened by an application screening committee. Finalists (2-3) will be interviewed by an interview committee.
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BLM To Hold Public Hearings On Rangeland

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold public hearings in regard of a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed by the BLM and the state of New Mexico for standards of rangeland health and guideline for livestock grazing.
 The public hearing in Alamogordo will be held Tuesday, March 23 in the Otero County Courthouse, commission chambers, Room 253, 1000 New York Ave.
 The hearing in Roswell will be held Thursday, March 25 at the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI), Tolles Learning Center, Maybes

Room.
 The hearings will begin at 2 p.m. and continue until those signed up to speak have done so by 5 p.m. The hearings will reconvene at 7 p.m. and continue until those participants signed up to speak have had the opportunity.
 The draft EIS analyzes standards of rangeland health that would apply to approximately 13.5 million acres of BLM managed public land in New Mexico, 3.1 million acres of which are administered by BLM in southeast New Mexico. The draft EIS also identifies livestock grazing guidelines that would be used where the grazing practices are currently preventing the standards from being achieved.
 BLM encourages interested individuals to read the draft EIS and make comments regarding the various standards and guidelines proposed in the alternatives. The final decision will amend BLM's resource management plans and define how BLM will administer the public lands.
 A public hearing will also be held in Carlsbad Wednesday, March 24.

Around Lincoln

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 the burn.
 The east burn will be southwest of Hope, NM in western Eddy County.
 BLM will conduct both burns under planned weather parameters to meet land management objectives. Information about the burns is available at the BLM office at 2909 West Second Street, Roswell or call 505-627-0272.

ROAD Meets March 30
 The South Central Mountain RC&D Council will meet Tuesday, March 30 at the Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan, 500 E. Tenth St. in Alamogordo. Coffee and doughnuts will be served from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. The public is welcome to attend.
 Agenda items include reports on the state RC&D Council, sponsors and agency reports, progress reports and a report from the chairman; new proposals on ROA Grants, Lincoln Community Center, Tularosa Park improvements and White Oaks Museum; and other proposals on Americorps, Water Plan Phase 3, and Juniper demonstration project.

New Arrival
 Rebekah Menique Chavez was born February 19 at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. Her proud parents are Jackie and Darrell Chavez of Carrizozo. Her grandmother is Albina Chavez, great grandmother is Lola Chavez, and uncle is Eric Chavez, all of Carrizozo.

Easter Egg Hunt
 The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse will host their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. in the area next to the Carrizozo Country Club. All Lincoln County children through age 12 are invited to participate in the Easter egg hunt.

Community Update Public Meeting Next Thursday

The public is invited to attend a **FREE** public Community Update 1999 meeting Thursday, March 25 in the Ruidoso Convention Center. The meeting will be held at the request of the Ruidoso News as this year's Community Update town hall meeting.
 The purpose of the Community Update 1999 meeting is to bring together as many governmental agencies as possible to work for the betterment of the residents of Lincoln County in a coordinated effort. Governing bodies of Lincoln County, the Villages of Capitan, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, the Town of Carrizozo, the Mesalero Apache Tribe, and the school boards of the Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Hondo and Ruidoso School districts will participate.
 The Community Update 1999 public meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Copies of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the offices of each governing body at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
 In addition to the governmental agencies, representatives from Ruidoso Downs Racing and Casino, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the Mesalero Apache Tribe, Lincoln County Medical Center, and the USDA Forest Service have been invited to update lunch guests on the future growth/challenges of their organizations.
 A round table discussion and planning session will be held from 1:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
 There is no admission charge to attend the Community Update 1999 public meeting. Tickets for the lunch can be purchased for \$12.50 at the Ruidoso News or by calling 257-4001.
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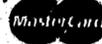
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