## County Juvenile Detention Costs Higher Than Expected

by Doris Cherry

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will get another deputy for the rest of the fiscal year.

**During the Lincoln County** Commission meeting of 20, county January commissioners approved in a three to one vote, the midyear budget adjustments as presented by manager Tom Stewart. Dissenting voter Leo Martinez was against the motion to accept the

adjustments because of an amendment made by county commissioner Rick Simpson to add another deputy, at a cost of \$14,234 for five months, as requested by sheriff Tom Sullivan.

The decision to add another deputy came at the end of the mid-year budget review adjustments when county commissioners learned there was an \$80,277 "surplus", the amount left in the general fund above the state required three-twelfths reserve of \$761,196. During

the review, Stewart said the county received \$35,857 more than the projected \$4,417,957 for the general fund in the first six months of the fiscal year.

Even with the surplus, Stewart recommended not funding any of the county department requests for equipment, vehicles, and the sheriff's additional deputy. Also Stewart recommended not to fund any of the unfunded external requests, such as Ruidoso library, Capitan library, recreation,

Zia handicap hospice care,

"Here we go again,"
Martinez said in response to
Simpson's amendment. "The
county manager
recommended we hold the
line. I can't see putting on
another deputy when there
are two unfilled positions.
There are lots of areas not
funded and I don't think it's
right."

Citizen Tony Seno agreed with Martinez. "We should not build up the police state," Seno added. County commissioner Bill Schwettmann, apparently offended by Seno's manner called him "smiley" and said as the population of the county grows so does the need for more law enforcement. Seno admitted his expression was." a smirk", then said he has seen tort claims filed against the county because of sheriff's office actions.

As Seno got more involved in the discussion, county commission chairman Rex Wilson called a halt to the discussion. Wilson then asked Sullivan' or his undersheriff Rick Virden if the office has enough equipment for another deputy. Virden said they have enough vehicles because of the acquisition of the two new vehicles for the office.

Virden said the sheriff's office does not have enough deputies and just one will not cover the gaps in law enforcement. Currently state

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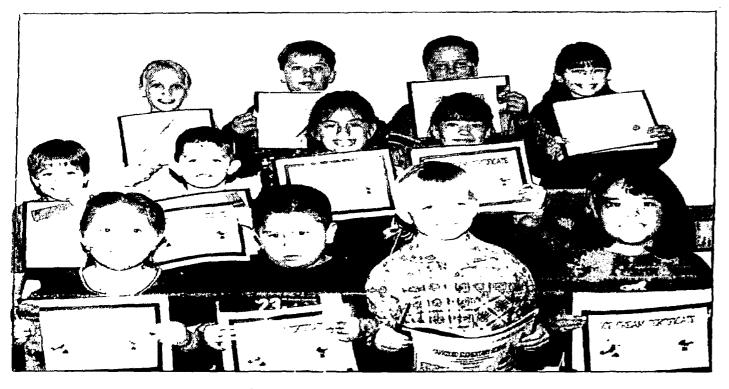
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RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS. Carrizozo elementary students selected by their teachers as the "Most Responsible" students of the month of January, received certificates of recognition and certificates for free ice cream at Roy's during the Character Counts assembly on Monday. Students are, Kindergarten-Gabriella Barela and Derek Vega, 1st grade-Joel Ferguson and Jordan Hill, 2nd grade-Tanner Huston and Arron Vallejos, 3rd grade-Kathleen Schlarb and Alyshia Culley, 4th grade-Kyle LaBelle and Autumn Kratochvil and 5th grade Jace LeBlanc and Nicole Nava.

## County Formalizes Loan For New Jail

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners put the final samp of approval on their application for a New Mexico Finance Authority loan to finance construction of a new detention center.

During their meeting January 20, Lincoln County Commissioners approved a resolution that authorized the submission of the loan. Commissioners approved

### Prescribed Fire Workshop Set For Feb. 8 In Ruidoso

Landowners who are interested in prescribed fire are invited to attend a free workshop set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 8 at the Ramada Limited in Ruidoso Downs.

The workshop is hosted by the Capitan District of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Forestry Division, with support from the Upper Hondo and Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the South Central Mountain RC&D Council.

Speakers at the workshop will address subjects from fire history in the southwest to surface water quality issues, along with information on the Inter-Agency RX (Prescribed Fire) programs.

For more information call New Mexico State Forestry, Capitan District at 354-2231. applying for the finance authority loan during a special meeting on January 12.

Also during the January 20 meeting, county commissioners made their semi-annual tour of the current detention center. County manager Tom Stewart in his report at the first of the meeting said the county had 67 inmates with 43 in the detention center, 14 in the minimum security annex, five on electronic bracelets, two in Otero County Detention Center and three at CCA in Estancia. Stewart advised he was to assist Corrects Systems Inc. (CSI) representative Charlie Turnbo in interviewing two candidates to replace CSI's jail administrator Mike Borego who is retiring at the end of March.

Currently the county pays CSI about \$42,000 every six months for the administration. Citizen Tony Seno called this into question during the January 20 meeting. He said he called the county administration and found that the previous, county employee, administrator was paitl about \$34,000 a year with salary and benefits. "Or we can keep paying \$84,000 a year with this CSI contract," Seno said.

"You (commissioners) have a responsibility to handle our money in a prudent fashion," Seno said. "I would like to see this situation corrected because we should not spend more than twice as much as we should on a jail administrator."

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said the county already has a contract with CSI to manage the detention center. Stewart said the CSI contract ends in June, but the county wants someone to help facilitate the move from the old detention center to the new one when it is completed.

"I'm tired of this money leaving county coffers," Seno continued.

Stewart said CSI was the only responder to the county's request for proposals (rfp) for a jail administrator. The contract with CSI was renewable and has a 90-day exit clause.

County commissioner Leo Martinez commented that the \$7,000 a month to CSI was due to the "stop gap emergency" created when the state fire marshal was on "our necks" because of problems in the jail. "So the commission hired professional," Martinez said. "I agree with Seno, this is not an emergency now, and we won't have a new jail for at least 22 months. I can't see paying \$7,000 a month to CSI. I think the commission should look at the contract when it expires and consider a new rfp."

Citizen Jerry Carroll said he remembered when former county sheriff James

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## Ruidoso Village Revenues Strong

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso is bucking a statewide trend toward decreasing revenue from gross receipt taxes.

During the Ruidoso Village Council meeting of January 25, village finance officer Lorri McKnight presented the midyear budget review. Through seven months of the fiscal year that started on July 1, 1999, the village has collected about \$4.27 million in gross receipt tax revenues. The village receives the gross receipt tax revenues two months after the state Taxation and Revenue Department receives it from businesses within Ruidoso, including major highway contractors.

"Things are looking really good overall in the budget," McKnight said. "It's where we like to see it."

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson said the village is a "whole lot better than the rest of the cities in the state."

Councilor Bill Chance asked how much of the increase of revenue came from the highway contractor. Village manager Alan Briley said he estimates the village will receive about \$300,000

from the highway projects. "But we didn't put the \$300,000 into our budget," Briley added.

In the budget report, McKnight wrote that the gross receipt tax revenues through the second quarter were at 60 percent of the budgeted revenues of \$6,195,559. Water revenues were at 54 percent of budget, sewer revenues were at 53 percent of the budget.

Revenues property tax collections were at 28 percent of the budget. The village receives most of its property tax revenues in the second and third quarters.

Lodgers Tax revenues were at 61 percent of budget. Airport Fund revenues were at 47 percent of budget, compared to 58 percent last year. Recreation Fund revenues are 78 percent of the budget. This is due to state reimbursement for grant funds. Pool revenues were up \$2,500 and other park revenues were up about \$8,000 from last year.

Solid waste fund revenues were at 42 percent of the budget. Since this is a new fund there were no comparisons to last years

revenue.

Total revenues for the year, except for the major capital improvement projects, was \$9,502,338 or 51 percent of the budgeted \$18,473,900.

Expenditures in the General Fund were at 44 percent of the budget. All other department funds, except finance, library and executive were under 50 percent expended. Utility Fund expenses were 39 percent of the budget. Actual figures were up this year due to capital expenses in the water department. Airport expenses were 38 percent of budget.

Recreation expenditures were 43 percent budgeted. Solid Waste expenses were 42 percent of the targeted budget.

Total expenditures for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, without the capital improvements projects, are \$9,699,059 or 47 percent of the budgeted \$20,629,989.

Village investments total \$8,455,040 in all funds. The investments include \$5,205,040 in certificates of deposit in local banks, and \$3,325,000 in the state investment pool.

## Hondo Voters Turn Down Two Mill Levy By A Single Vote

by Doris Cherry

School superintendents attributed the disappointing voter turnouts at the special school elections held Tuesday to the snowy

Only 300 voters came out to cast ballots in the Capitan Public Schools special election for the Public School Capital Improvements Tax. The two mill levy tax, good through year 2003, passed with a vote of 159 for and 141 against. School superintendent Diana Billingsley said she was disappointed with the low voter turnout, but pleased that voters approved the continuance of the two mill levy. Funds from the are used for levy maintenance, equipment and remodeling needs and will be used to complete some of the additions and renovations financed with the bond issue approved by voters last year.

Hondo Valley Public Schools superintendent Barbara Casey was especially disappointed. Only 87 voters came to the polls and by one vote, 43 for and 44 against, defeated the Public School Capital Improvements Tax, or two mill levy. While voters turned down the two mill levy they did approve, on a vote of 48 for and 45 against, the \$300.000 general obligation bond issue election.

I was extremely disappointed," Casey told THE NEWS, "We had planned to buy a new driver's ed car (with the two mill levy money). It will be hard to lose that money because it really helped."

The two mill levy was estimated to bring in about \$30,000 a year for Hondo Schools.

Casey said the district will be able to hold another election for the Public Sich of oil. Capital Improvements Tax, two mill levy, in one year. But she is concerned that voters will not be receptive to the two mill levy because property taxes will go down.

Funds from the \$300,000 bond issue will be used for ongoing district

improvements, including replacer ent of playground equipment, new gym lockers and renovation of the small elementary—classrooms. Casey said. With passage of the bond issue, the district is also considered "bonded to capacity" which makes it

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## Food Commodities To Be Distributed In Carrizozo Feb. 17

The Community Action Agency Food Bank will distribute food commodities from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, February 17 at the Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center.

In order to receive the commodities a person must register and qualify under the established "Income Guide Rate". Recipients must present proof of address in two forms, and gross income for the previous one month every time they pick up commodities.

Recipients need to bring paper sacks or boxes to carry foods.

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police cover the county from 11 p.m. to 7 p.m. because of the shortage of deputies. "State police does not perform the same functions as we do, like burglaries, domestic violence." Virden said. "State police can investigate if we request

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"If we don't keep up now we will never keep up," Virden said.

Virden also said he was not aware of any tort claims against the sheriff's office

Citizen Jerry Carroll said if

deputies the state police will do the job. "I prefer sheriff's deputies because they are under an elected official."

Martinez said he did not want the county to be without police protection. "My motion is not antisheriff just as I don't think the county manager is antilaw enforcement," Martinez said. "But his (Stewart's) suggestion is to wait. This commission giving to one entity over another is not fair."

There was little discussion about the other transfers and adjustments made in the various county department funds. Some of the largest transfers included \$31,094 from the general fund to cover juvenile detention costs for the last six months of the fiscal year that ends June 31. Stewart said the iuvenile detention costs are ahead of what was predicted in the 1990-2000 budget. But he reminded commissioners the budget was half of what was spent for juvenile detention the previous fiscal

Another big cost to the county for the last six months of the fiscal year is contractual incarceration. The Corrections Fees fund will get \$60,995 for county prisoners to be housed out of county. Stewart said some of these inmates were ordered by the courts out of the detention center county because they were too difficult for the county's facility.

Stewart said some adjustments were made within the corrections fund, including the subtraction of \$8,461 from salary overtime. \$9,000 in professional services, \$3,500 from mileage and per diem, \$4,900 from settlement agreements,

there are not enough \$1,000 from transportation and extradition, and \$1,000 from inmate care.

> Transfers made in other county funds departments included \$1,200 returned to the general fund from the commissioners budget, transfers into the general county government fund of \$10,000 for a total of \$12,000 in attorney fees. Of that, \$2,000 will come from \$3,000 taken out of equipment maintenance. The remaining \$1,000 will go to pre-employment physical. Manager's department will return \$1,000 from mileage and per diem back to the general fund.

> Because of modernization of personal computers in the courthouse, the data processing fund will return \$5,000 to the general fund. The county sub-office in Ruidoso will get another \$700 from the general fund for water. Maintenance fund will get another \$1,620 from the general fund for the contractual agreement for the substation janitorial service.

> The county clerk will return \$2,000 to the general fund from her professional services fund. The county treasurer will return \$1,500 from professional services.

> Law enforcement fund was balanced with its needed money taken from items with excess.

For the Road Department, \$16,555 will be taken from the road fund reserve for temporary salaries. maintenance of roads and equipment, lease/purchase payments for equipment, and \$35,000 for a new/used dump truck. Funds were taken from various other line items within the road budget to help balance the needed funding.

A match of \$18,348 for the New Mexico State Highway Department cooperative road program to resurface Gavilan Canyon Road, was transferred into a new fund just for the project.

The Volunteer Department insurance fund will return \$3,624 back to the general fund.

Lincoln Fire Department fund was adjusted with a \$37,355 transfer from the Lincoln Fire Reserves of \$106,579 for purchase of a new vehicle, computer and addition to the fire station. uniforms, vehicle insurance and vehicle fuel.

White Oaks Fire Department fund was adjusted among its line items with no transfers in.

The Lincoln County Fairgrounds sewer project will get an additional \$5,200 to cover all the costs of the project. · The \$20,000 appropriated from the state legislature for Lincoln Sidewalks/water project was also added to the Legislative Appropriation fund.

Drug Enforcement Fund had no transfers in, rather adjusted its costs within its own fund. Addition of \$15,000 for a crime reporting system was added to the balanced subtraction of \$14,000 from confidential funds, part time salary, instate travel, out of state travel, supplies and materials. The maintenance and repair item had \$751 added.

Also transferred from the general fund was \$25,987 to the Emergency Medical Fund for a new ambulance chassis to replace the aging diesel Capitan ambulance. The ambulances funds for Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo were balanced internally.

A transfer of \$26,650 from the Carrizozo Health Center Mil Levy reserve of \$486.048 will go to the Carrizozo Health Clinic for capital outlay, as requested by Lincoln County Medical

Center (LCMC) administrator Jim Gibson, A transfer of \$9,217 was made from the LCMC mil levy reserve of \$474,724 to the LCMC fund to pay the state Medicaid Fund contribution for the county.

The \$10,000 put into a special fund to serve as match to the county's failed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application was transferred back to the General Fund.

The budget transfers included a new fund for the Indigent Health Care department. The fund, with revenue from the countywide one-eighth gross receipt tax for indigent care that began January 1, is estimated to receive \$93,500 for three months. By state law the start up costs for the administration of the Indigent Health Care fund cannot exceed 10 percent of the revenue. The fund

includes \$3,117 for one month full time salary plus benefits, office supplies and printing, telephone, mileage and per diem and \$84,350 for claims. Stewart plans to have a fund administrator begin work in mid-May.

A grant of \$16,000 will be added to the New Mexico Intensity High Drug Trafficking Agen. y (HIDTA) fund for partnership equipment.

The new Detention Center Project fund got an addition of \$93,500 which will come from the one-eighth percent gross receipt tax that began January 1 for construction of the new detention center. That will be used for ... architect fees.

The new Uniform Crime Reporting Grant fund will use the \$40,000 from the grant for overtime salary, supplies, operating services. contractual services and equipment. A transfer of \$10,000 from the general will serve as the county's match to the grant.

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Seno said it was not in best interest to hav private company run the because it has an incer to keep inmates.

Wilson said CSI does control the number of pe in the jail,

After Seno suggested commission consider hi its own jail administrato the end of June. Stewart. the next step is another

for the transition possibly operation of new jail. Stewart said the will be issued in March

## **Hondo Voters** Turn Down

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eligible for additional capi outlay money from sti lottery proceeds.

Casey said the district w send out a survey to parer and withe recommunity i- nodetermine what they was and need for the school, . ...

Lincoln County Cle. . Martha Proctor and election . bureau director Sam Chave reviewed the voting machin. tallies and recounted the tw absentee ballots for the Hondo School election t make sure there were -n'discrepancies in the There were none.

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

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THURSDAYS

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

-Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call. 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location. Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30-10 p.m.

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

SATURDAYS —Capitan Public Library open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 -Free Tax Help from 1-4 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Center

through April 14. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

-Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on 2nd Street,

-Capitan schools ACT parent group 1-3 p.m. Capitan

-Republican Party of Lincoln County meets, board meeting 5 p.m., social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso. Speaker Honorable James W. Counts, District Judge Division II.

Zia Detachment #850, Marine Corps League, meets at 1800 hours at Alamogordo Federal Savings and Loan, 500 10th Street, in Alamogordo. All active duty and honorably discharged Marines invited to attend. For information call Bob Stephens at 354-2329 in Capitan or June Cady at 434-4772 in Alamogordo.

-Corona School Board meeting 7 p.m. (rescheduled

due to basketball game). TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

—Prescribed Fire Workshop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ramada Limited at 1420 E. Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. The workshop is sponsored by the Capitan office revenues of \$136,986 from of New Mexico Forestry Division with support of the the Environmental Gross Upper Hondo and Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation

Districts and South Central Mountain RC&D Council. Landowners interested in prescribed fire are invited to attend. For information call 354-2231.

-Carrizozo Schools PFK parent group meeting 3:30 p.m. school library.

-Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m.

-Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m. -Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m. **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9** 

-Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) 9 a.m. commissioners rooms in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

-Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce noon, Wells Fargo Bank community room.

-Lincoln County Ag & Rural Affairs Committee 1 p.m. commissioners room in the courthouse in Carrizozo. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

–Daughters of American Revolution meets. For infor-

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## LCSWA Audit Has Only One Finding

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority got a relatively clean audit, with the only finding on the receivable accounts accounting ... system. recurring problem.

During the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board meeting of January 25. members reviewed the audit report. without auditor Dan Austin, who had vehicle trouble on the road. In Austin's audit report, he noted that the LCSWA accounts receivable system lacks accountability and documentation. The system does not develop transaction journals and audit trail. The affect is this lack of internal controls and documentation' of. transactions within the reduces system the. reliability of the data generated.

Since the audit report. LCSWA has purchased a new system and is converting the

LCSWA manager Jerry Wright said this year Austin did not find any problems with procurement procedures. "Dan (Austin) was happy with the internal controls and compliance," Wright said Last year LCSWA had a finding about procurement procedures.

In discussion about the accounts receivable system, Wright said the old system was basically a word processor, not equipped to handle the accounting. Although LCSWA purchased a new computer, the new software for the accounting system used up most of the memory, straining the ability to accept any new names and addresses in the bill posting

The audit for the 1998-99 fiscal year, showed that LCSWA had operating revenues of \$1,058,715, total operating expenses (including salaries, reptals, fuel, insurance, etc.) of \$1,361,092, leaving an operating loss of \$302.377. This loss is offset by the \$281,977 non-operating Receipt Taxes: \$14,559 of interest income, \$119,352 of grant revenue and \$47,590 gain from disposal of equipment. Another nonoperating expense was \$36,510 for interest:

LCSWA began the 1998-99 fiscal year with retained earnings of \$711.282, by the end of the year the retained earnings were at \$690,882.

LCSWA's long term debt totals \$377,194 with \$4,209 and \$14,251 to the County of Lincoln which has been deferred by the county; \$76,540 to the County of secured Lincoln machinery and dumpsters, maturing in 2006; \$74,099 to the Village of Ruidose Downs in installments of \$10,178 a year, secured by machinery and dumpsters and payments have been deferred 1995-1998; \$14,890 to the Village of Capitan for 16 acres of land maturing 2006: \$6,365 to Ruidoso State Bank for vehicle loan; \$58,230 to Slerra Bank for real estate: \$128,610 to Sierra Bank for equipment.

Austin also notes the closure costs for the Capitan construction landfill, closed on June 30, 1996. While LCSWA has filed closure proposals with the New Environment Mexico Department (NMED), the NMED has not acted on the proposal at the date of the report. LCSWA received a grant from NMED to assist with final closure costs estimated to be \$30,000, plus additional costs to monitor the landfill after final closure.

In a final note, Austin stated the village of Ruidoso Downs and the County of Lincoln forgave a total of \$169,099 in debts, which was subsequently recorded as contributed capital.

Austin held an exit conference at the LCSWA offices on November 30, 1999. In attendance was Jerry Wright, manager, Beverly Foote, office manager, Rick Simpson vice chairman and Dan Austin,

Board members voted unanimously to accept the audit, including Carrizozo member, mayor Manny Hernandez who sent a proxy vote. Along with his proxy vote, Hemandez sent a letter advising he had removed trustee Cyrithia Morales from representing Carrizozo on the LCSWA board.

Wright also reported on the progress of a ramp for the transport trailer. Last month: the board approved as contract with Sierra Contractors for a ramp and space to transfer trash into the LCSWA owned trailer that will haul to the regional landfill. However, the project is being delayed because Sierra Contractors were looking for a different location that would be more accessible than their current

The steady increase in the cost of fuel, the highest prices since the Gulf War. has strained the current LCSWA budget to 67 percent expended at half way through the budget year. Wright said an adjustment will have to be made on the budget for transport. Rental of roll-offs continues to be good because of the mild weather, Wright added. "In November We scrambling to have enough roll-offs for the demand."

Wright also reported he turned in a grant application for tire recycling, but was unsure LCSWA wanted to take on the project. He told of how Otero County has 30 acres of old tires stacked 30

high. He proposed to use the old Capitan landfill for tires. We did the grant because of the confirmed case of hantavirus, and old tires are considered breeding grounds for deer mice (that carry the virus)." Wright said.

LCSWA member county commissioner Rick Simpson also thanked LCSWA for its assistance during the Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium heid December: "It made the week go a lot smoother." Simpson said. LCSWA-

dumpsters were placed at the nightly campsites of the cattle drive between its beginning point west of Roswell to Lincoln.

Simpson said the cattle drive was good positive national publicity for Lincoln County, thanks especially to ABC news anchor Sam Donaldson who rode along on the drive.

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### Capitan School Board To Discuss Drug Policy

Capitan Board of Education will conduct the first reading of the proposed Student Drug Testing Policy at its meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 10 in the administration school

building. Other business items on agenda include presentation on Elementary Student Mediator program, comments from the high school student senate, a presentation from Neva Smith from the Capitan Music Boosters, canvass of the results from the Capital Improvements Tax election of February 1, action to approve route and substitute/activity bus drivers, action on rehiring special principals and director, services resignations and new hires.

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### Six more weeks of winter

By Ruth Hammond

According to the ground hog, we will have another six weeks of winter. Yesterday the ground hog emerged from his winter hipernation and legend is that if he saw his shadow there will be another six weeks of winter. If that means more moisture we won't complain. The entire area needs an abundance of moisture to avoid another hot, dry

summer with the threat of fires in grasslands and forests.

New technology may dispute the ground hog theory but many people continue to believe that if the sun is shining on February 2, traditional ground hog day, and shadows can be seen, there will be six more weeks of winter. The thought of another six weeks of winter is not disturbing, but it also means people will delay planting their crops until all threat of winter has passed. Even though trees are budding and flowers are trying to break through the ground for a glimpse of sunlight, there will be six more weeks of winter.

Some people discount the ground hog theory and have no faith in the little animal that is famous for his one day a year weather forecasting. Others will abide by the ground hog forecast and wait another six weeks before packing away their winter clothing. We know of several people who plan to wear their "try to keep warm" winter clothing, often referred to as "long handles" for a few more months. The only difference is that now "long trandles" are more stylish.

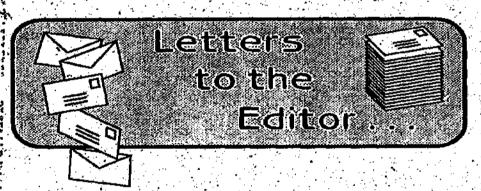
Wearing stylish "long handles" might make more sense if these stylish "long handles" were worn on the outside of their clothes where they could be seen, but usually these stylish "long handles" are wom under other layers of clothing. Some of these stylish "long handles" are white with colored flowers, others are different shades of colors. and others are color coordinated with matching tops. If you want to start a new clothing fad you could wear your stylish "long handles" as the outer layer of your clothing. Even if

you didn't keep warm, you possibly could attract attention.
Every new fad has to start somewhere and if you don't want to start the fad of wearing stylish "long handles" on the outside of your other clothes, there are other fads you might consider trying to start. The hoola hoop and yoyo fads happened long ago. The pet rock and the mood ring fads also happened long ago. What you need is a new fad, one that could attract national attention. Our suggestion is for each of you to start a fad of writing letters to elected officials about the need to save historic Fort Stanton before it is gone forever. Your help is desperately needed.

Realizing the importance of preserving Fort Stanton was evident when Fort Stanton was listed as one of the country's most endangered buildings. Now we need federal and state officials to help save this national treasure. It will take many letters to convince state and federal officials that the history surrounding Fort Stanton must be saved.

Saving Fort Stanton is much more important that the ground hog seeing his shadow on February 2nd. He went back into hibernation for another six weeks. If you want to start that new fad, don't wait for the end of winter. Please take a few minutes to write a letter to legislators and state and federal officials about your concern for Fort Stanton.

Did you see your shadow?



EDITOR: Several weekends ago on a lovely Saturday morning, the pastoral setting of a rural cemetery in the village of Tinnie in southern New Mexico was suddenly shattered by a horrific crash as a tractor-trailer rearended a mini-van. The church van, filled with 13 elders from an Alamogordo congregation, had slowed to turn into the cemetery to bury one of their beloved members. The truck failed to see the turning van and plowed into it at full speed.

Within minutes of the crash the New Mexico State Police in Roswell received the initial call for help and the public safety system was activated. Minutes later the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office paged Hondo Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and then Ruidoso and Capitan EMS for mutual aid. Next. fire/rescue units were called and responded from Hondo, Glencoe, Ruidoso Downs and Roswell Fire Departments and Roswell's AMR Ambulance Company also responded. In total, 20 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), 18 firefighters and 20 law enforcement personnel participated in this rural response.

When the scene settled, the shocking reality of the tragedy became clear: there were three people in the rear seat of the van who were apparently killed on impact. The other nine passengers and the driver were extricated, assessed and transported — six to Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso and four to Eastern NM Medical Center in Roswell — with injuries ranging from minor to major, multi-system, critical trauma. The truck driver who was walking around at the scene was also transported. Several patients were stabilized at the local hospitals and were then airlifted to the Level I Trauma Center at University Hospital in Albuquerque. The scene was entirely cleared of patients within 46 minutes from the initial notification of EMS.

All the victims who survived the initial crash moved on to treatment and recovery due to the prompt response of the public safety system and the professionalism and expertise of the local EMS and hospital personnel. There was even a person on-scene who provided emotional support to the witnesses of the crash at the cemetery. In a similar vein, a full Critical Incident Stress Management Debriefing session was held several evenings later for the various responding agencies. About 20 personnel involved in the response attended it. Such sessions help to ensure that this emotionally difficult work does not have a lasting negative effect on our emergency response personnel.



## INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - Was the Senate snubbing Go. Gary Johnson when it debated veto overrides for an hour before going to the House chamber: to hear the governor's opening day address?

Despite inept media analysis to the contrary, the governor was not being snubbed. The action to bring five vetoed bills to the floor was merely procedural and normally would have taken less than a minute. The fights usually take place when the override of each bill is discussed. But Republican senators chose to make a stand immediately. Most of those Republicans had no intention of snubbing their governor.

The hour-long Senate debate delayed Johnson no more than 15 minutes. Because the House chamber is bigger, that body invites the Senate to join it for the governor's state of the state speech. After the Senate arrives, the governor is invited to come on down. That usually occurs around 1:30 p.m. This year's speech began at 1:45 p.m. For those experienced in legislative matters. a 15 minute wait is insignificant.

The problem was with the TV coverage. Admirably, the Albuquerque network stations all carried the governor's address. Inexplicably. they all forget from year to year that the governor is not the first order of business. Both chambers have opening ceremonies and then legislators line up to personally sign the House and Senate rosters. And then dignitaries are introduced.

That doesn't take long in the Senate, but in the House introductions seem interminable because - everyone wants to be there to hear the governor. While scores of people are introduced in the House, the Senate proceeds with other business and usually is ready as soon as it gets the word. Occasionally the Senate business takes a. little longer than expected and it becomes the House's turn to wait.

I've observed the opening of every legislative session since 1965. The beginning of the governor's remarks has never varied more than 15 minutes from 1:30 p.m. But every year it is a completely new experience for the TV folks. They all proclaim that a 1:30 p.m. start is an hour late and has never happened before. This year it made news to blame it on the Senate. It would be big news if the governor ever started speaking as soon as the high-paid TV anchors think he will.

The newsmaker the past five years has been Gov. Gary Johnson, His opening day speeches are as unpredictable as his administration. His first address, in 1995, sounded much like Newt Gingrich's "Contract

with America" that had swept Republicans into control of Congress two months earlier. And everyone figured Gary Johnson was a good Republican.

But after 200 "equal opportunity" vetoes at the end of the session, that hit Republicans as hard as Democrats, we knew this was a different kinda guy. The following year his speech was brief and rushed, with no pauses for applause, because he figured there would be

In his third year, Johnson hit his stride. He proposed seven initiatives that he labeled his "Seven Summits" and challenged lawmakers to tackle them. His fourth speech was a campaign speech, because he was running again. He framed it around bonuses New Mexicans had received from electing him governor and future bonuses that were in store if he was re-elected.

Last year's speech was short, crisp and upbeat. He was riding high after becoming the first governor ever elected to two consecutive, four-year terms. The most memorable part of that speech was the pep talk First Lady Dee Johnson gave him as he stepped to the podium.

This year Mrs. Johnson repeated her act but without the same effect. This speech was over twice as long and wasn't an inspired performance, Instead of breaking new ground, it seemed defensive. The response was brief and polite; but muted. It sounded more like a civies lecture to the TV audience. But unlike the lawmakers, they could wander away. And probably did.

commit state funds to support it. This project could have worldwide significance."

Through a combination of severance, gaming protection and other funds, the Warm Water Hatchery at Santa Rosa will meet a statewide need for game fish like bass and attract competitive tournaments that receive national attention, Campos said.

"The Recreational Plaza in Ruidoso will maximize state and local funds to develop a recreational magnet for those who live in and visit the area," he said. "This development will also attract more private sector support for business enhancement and quality of life activities.

"By working closely with each other, we can better prepare for competition at the local level and within the global market," Cam-pos said. "Rural New Mexico can be a strong participant in the future of education, commerce, technology, historic preservation and government efficiency. But we must network, participate in open dialogue and develop ideas such as leveraging to keep competitive in the open market."

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## **Leveraging To Play Crucial** Role In Budget Process REPORT FROM SENATOR PETE CAMPOS

SANTA FE-As the state legislature continues its work on the state budget for the next fiscal year.

Senator Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, said today it is vital that legislators think about how state dollars can be maximized through program and project leveraging.

"Leveraging is a business concept that can also

be applied to state program and project planning," Campos explained. "It involves using state funds as a seed investment to gain a matching or larger

investment of federal or private funds."

According to Campos. leveraging is going to play a crucial role in this year's budget process. "This key concept can be our contribution to making state government more efficient and responsive to basic human needs. The more we develop this concept, the more effective we become at meeting the overall financial needs of state government and our communities. Leveraging can also

decrease the dependence on state government, which allows elected officials the opportunity to consider cutting taxes," he said.

Campos said it is going to take long-term planning and many joint ventures for this approach to succeed, but it is already being tried throughout Senate District 8. Community leaders also need to help each other become more aware of available resources, he added.

Campos cited a few programs and projects within the district that point to the success of leveraging.

"The Center for Educa-

tion and Study of Diverse Populations (CESDP) at New Mexico Highlands University takes its state appropriation as the base to plan, research and deve-

lop proposals that have been successfully funded through other resources." Campos said. "Also, the Bosque Redondo project at Fort Sumner may receive matching federal dollars for construction once we

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### Gribling - Sultemeier Engaged To Wed April 22nd

The engagement and forthcoming marriage of Heather Gribling and Emmet Sultemeier has been announced. The bride to be is the daughter of Mike and Sherry Gribling of Los Lunas, NM. She is a 1994 graduate of Los Lunas High School and a 1998 graduate of New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, with a degree in Agriculture Economics and Business. She is currently employed as the office manager for Remax of Roswell Real Estate office in Roswell.

Emmet is the son of Clint Leary and Lee Sultemeier of Corona, and the grandson of the late Clint Sultemeier and Juanita Sultemeier of Roswell, He graduated from Core na High School in 1990 and received his Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Agriculture from Tarleton State University at Stephenville, TX in 1994. He is currently employed by the Spike Box Ranch at Dunlap, NM.

The 22nd of April 2000 wedding on the canyon, is planned for three o'clock in the afternoon at the Sultemeier Gallo Canyon Ranch in Corona. The reception and a light meal will follow the ceremony.

## Letters to\_

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This information is shared not only to express appreciation to all those dedicated career and volunteer personnel who responded so well that fateful morning, but also to inform the citizens of New Mexico about the quality of emergency response that is there for them, "24x7"; wherever they may need it. Life-threatening emergencies occur everyday around our state; and from Shiprock to Lordsburg to Jal to Clayton to Tinnie, we should all be conscious of the excellent job that emergency responders do and thank them for it. It is a service that most don't think about until they need it. We are truly blessed to have so many fine and selfless public servants, neighbors and friends willing to do this difficult work.

Interim Director, Public Health Division NM Department of Health

Following is a letter received by JAMES GIBSON, Administrator Lincoln County Medical Center from the First Baptist Church of Alamogordo that they have agreed to allow us to share with the readers in Lincoln County.

Dear Sir:

The First Baptist Church of Alamogordo wishes to express our appreciation for all that the hospital did for our people on Saturday, January 8, 2000. Please express our thanks to the emergency room personnel, especially the director. He was a great help and support for the families under his care. All of the people who were on duty were very helpful and dealt with our families with great love and compassion.

The Red Cross was very helpful and ministered to us in an outstanding way.

It is so good to see a hospital filled with people who are willing to go out of their way to help hurting people. Not only the injured but the families that are standing by feeling so helpless.

Again, thank you and please pass on our thanks to those who were on duty Saturday, as well as, the Red

Sincerely, Richard Smith, Interim Pastor First Baptist Church Alamogordo, NM

## **Morel Continues As County Attorney**

Attorney Alan Morel will continue to provide legal services to the County of Lincoln, at a flat rate of \$9,000 a month.

Lincoln County Commissioners considered Morel's proposal and then ordered the county manager to negotiate a final rate at their January 20 meeting.

Morel submitted the only proposal in response to the county's request for proposals for legal services beginning February 2000. In his proposal Morel would charge the county \$80 an hour for legal services and \$20 to \$60 per hour for staff and legal assistant services. Also he would charge for any expenses for photocopies, long distance telephone, postage, mileage, travel and other expenses. The proposal is for one year, with renewal up to three additional one year terms.

But county attorney Tom Stewart in a memo to county commissioners wrote that attorney fees under the current hourly rate of \$75, were unpredictable and he recommended paying Morel a fixed monthly rate.

'I have tried to contain use of the attorney by reminding elected officials employees that even phone conversations are billed at the rate of \$75 an hour," Stewart wrote. He also provided a history of actual monthly billings by the attorney, with fiscal year 1998-99 averaging \$9,769 a month. So far in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, attorney fees have averaged \$8,770 a month. Morel's hourly rate increase could raise the average monthly cost to \$9,355. "This would mean we would have to add another \$6,172 to-our current midyear adjusted budget of \$102,000," Stewart added.

"I think the fixed fee will be better for the county," Morel said.

Morel said his fees last year were high because of the six months the county went without a manager and there were less people to do the needed work. Morel said he was willing to try the fixed rate for one year.

With that county commissioner Leo Martinez made the motion to negotiate with Morel for the fixed rate. The vote was Martinez, Rick Simpson and Bill Schwettmann for and county... commission chairman . Rex Wilson against.

Morel said the flat rate would be "all inclusive", including mileage and travel. copies, etc. "The county is half my business." Morel

After negotiation, Morel accepted the agreement with the flat rate of \$9,000 a month plus gross receipt taxes at the rate of 7.125 percent (charged at Ruidoso rates). He suggested county employees get approval from their elected official to call him for legal advice.

Schwettmann asked for a billing to determine if county employees officials are abusing the legal services. Morel said he submits an average 25 page bill for county services, but he could provide an estimate of the number of hours he spends on county services. Stewart recommended leaving out the employee issue in the agreement for legal services. "If it becomes a problem we will deal with it later," Stewart said. "But

Martinez said if the county listened more to Morel or ask for his expertise on some issues it could save time and

for now it is not a problem.

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## Capitan Hires New Officer

Dennis Vega is the new Capitan Police Officer.

-Village trustees approved hiring Vega during their regular meeting January 25. Village administrator Steve Barela said he and police chief Carroll Durbin interviewed the two applicants for the position and both recommended hiring Vega.

Trustees also hired Pamela Ray as Smokey Bear Museum/gift shop employees. Barela said he and staff interviewed the

Ray is from Texas where

in the Ruidoso area, Barela eight applicants, who were all great, Scored by their said in response to a request for her background from applications, Barela said Ray trustee Leroy Montes. "She interviewed real well." Barela rated the highest. added. she studied history and art.

Ray was to start January 26, to fill a position opened when a former employee retired due to medical easons.

owned a small business

before coming to Capitan.

Now she lives in the village

subdivision and is working

Trustees put the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for funding to put in a drainage system in the village core on hold. The project was the village's CDBG application this year, but the application was denied. Barela said he spoke with the Local Government Division of the Department. of Finance and Administration (DFA) why

the application failed. He was told the application did not have a final design, there were no easement rights of ways in hand, the yillage had only put five percent toward an in-kind match, and environmental several . reviews from the state Environment Department were incomplete.

During discussion of what to do with the project, Barela said Engineers Inc. advised they would continue with the project designs to the final working document at an additional \$12,000. The village has already paid the company \$3,700, which goes toward the match.

Mayor Norm Renfro said he wanted to wait because he wanted to hold public village hearings for the Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) to determine if the drainage is still the first priority. Then if, it is proceed with the plans.

Village attorney Don Dutton advised them to have Barela contact Engineer's Inc. to find out if the company will be willing to place the project on hold, then start up again for the 2001 round of CDBG without applications ... increasing its fees.

Last year's CDBG project, the public safety has yet to be closed out because of a dispute over the quality of the cement bay floors. Dutton advised trustees that Taylor Construction, which did the. work on the new public safety building, had retained attorney Tom Lily of Roswell who sent a letter for the contractor offering to come to a solution.

The village is currently withholding payment to Taylor because of the dispute over the cement flooring. Dutton said Lilv indicates Taylor is willing to remedy the problem, but does not accept the recommendation from the cement consultant because it . would be too costly. Instead Lily questions whether this is needed only for aesthetic reasons. Dutton said the Ron Nims.

engineer for the project, is concerned about the integrity of the bonding on the the floor once the fire trucks start using the bays. Dutton said Nims wants to advise Taylor that until the problem is brought up to specs he will be in the penalty clause of the construction contract.

Also, the bonding company for the project has been advised of the problems as well as the Local Government Division of DFA that oversees CDBC not think this would go to lawsuit because of the bonding.

Barels said the village is advising the contractor there are time constraints and the village's wants a remedy, or the village will look for another contractor.



OFFICER INSTALLATION: Corriente CowBelles"installed new officers at their January meeting held in Lincoln ... Pat Schear, president; Dorothy Lacy, 1 st vice president; BB Berry, 2nd vice president; Beverly Jones, secretary; Willie Mae Hobbs, treasurer; and Jeanette Smoot, historian, installing officer was inez Marrs (left).

During the "citizens comment" period, Capitan Judge Municipal Jack Johnson asked why Capitan does not have a roll-off container for large waste, since Carrizozo has one available every weekend. He said this came to his attention when a person came before him with a citation to clean up his yard, and the person said he was taking his trash to Carrizozo to dump for free. Trustee village Debra Ingle, representative on the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), said the roll-off will be brought to Capitan in March. She said the roll-off was taken out of Capitan for the winter because no one used it in October or November.

Citizen Lonnie Lippmann congratulated the village trustees, mayor and administration for the level of professionalism in village hall. "I am amazed at the difference since last year with Barela, the clerk and assistant clerk. I appreciate it," Lippmann said.

Capitan Library **Begins Campaign** To Expand

Capitan Public Library began its "Book to the Future" campaign on January 31, with a goal to move into a larger facility to meet the demands of a growing community.

The library's goal is to raise

\$165,000 for a professionally furnished, permanent facility said board member Todd Shelby in a press release. The current 1,000 square feet of rented space is crowded with books and has insufficient computer space. Yet use has steadily increased. Since its first year in 1996, registered users have increased from the 158 to 850 at the end of 1999, the annual number of library visitors increased from 586 to 4,816 in 1999. Total number of titles are now at 7,250, three computers were added, and hours of operation changed from 16 hours a week to the 29 hours per week, open from Tuesday through Saturday.

The library achieved "not-for-profit" status in 1998 and has received financial support from the Village of Capitan and the county since 1997.

Free services include reading materials, audio books, videos, internet access and computer classes. large print collection with magnifying devices, literacy classes, English as Second projects. Dutton said he did . Language classes, outreach book sharing, inter-library loan through the New Mexico State Library, Head Start weekly story reading, and a summer reading program. The library is staffed by 20 trained volunteers.

For more information about the "Book to the Future" campaign, contact the Capitan Public Library staff at 354-3035.



TOWNSEND HONORED: Patti Townsend (right) of Corriente CowBelles was recently honored as the "New Mexico CowBelle of the Year" at the NM CowBelles State meeting in Albuquerque and held in conjunction with the annual NM Joint Stockman's meeting, where Tiffany Menix of Capitan Schools was named as the "Ag Educator of the Year". Pictured with Townsend is Sue Mannes of Yeso.





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Renfro said even if the village decided to accept the floor, DFA has to close out the project.

## Ruidoso Gives OK To Land Sale

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by Doris Cherry

Buidoso village council at its January 25 meeting unanimously authorized the village to proceed with a proposal presented by the mayor to sell about 12 acres of village owned land in the Grindstone lake area to a entity construction of apartments for service workers (maids, food servers, retail sales clerks, checkout person, secretaries, etc.).

The service industry in Ruidoso has a severe shortage of employees with salaries ranging from \$6 to \$12 an hour, said Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson. He attributes this shortage to high rental and property costs in Ruidoso.

For several months Donaldson has spoken on the problem of the employee

### **Psychic**

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Elbra: (Sept 23-Oct 22) BEWARE! This is a Time. That dyning & Everything Will 130 Topsy-Turvy - Just Go With the Flow & It Will Straighten Out hist Finel DON'T MESS WITH IT (the flow)!

Scorpio: (Oct 23-Nov 21) Don't Take It So Serious - Life Will Leigh at You Anyway -Go See a Funny Movie - Start Laughing Morel

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Cannicorn: (Dec 22-Jan 19) Your Lucky Thing! Go After What You Want - Remember, Just Watch What You Ask For! Because You Might Get the Wrong Thing!

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shortage and what the village can do to help provide affordable housing to attract more service employees. "Ruidoso could form a housing authority. and actually get into the business of providing housing," Donaldson said during the January 25 meeting, "I believe this would be a mistake. Any housing we provide would have such severe income restrictions that it would not be beneficial to improving and increasing our work force,"

Donaldson's proposal is to survey and appraise about 10 or 12 acres of village owned land in the old Grindstone Resort subdivision and offer it for sale for the construction of apartments. "The land would have very specific deed restrictions and conditions of sale," Donaldson added, "Failure to live up to these conditions would cause a revision back to the village."

The proposed land purchase restrictions require the developer to construct an apartment complex with all units to be rentals for at least 30 years; at least one household member must be employed in Lincoln County; the total project should include no less than 150 units with the first phase having no less than 90.

Construction of the first phase must begin within 18 months of purchase with construction to be complete within 30 months; the second phase must start within 12 months of phase one reaching 90 percent occupancy; the project should include a clubhouse facility, one playground, picnic area with tables and BBQ facilities; if affordable housing tax credits are used or other programs with income restrictions, no more than 50 percent of the units can be income restricted.

Any rental lease should be for a period of not less than 30 days and must be for a person's primary residence; a reversionary clause will be placed on the deed for failure to meet any and all conditions, with a process to allow for correction of these failures after proper notification.

There were concerns that subsidized or rent control in the apartments could attract people with too low of incomes. "That's not the kind of people we want to attract." said councilor Linda Flack.

Audiencé member Ernie Powell who came from the east coast, was concerned apartments could become slums like public housing. Donaldson said the village will not own or construct the apartments that are aimed at people who

The Camelot and Inspiration Heights apartment complexes offer affordable housing with rental control in the Ruidoso area. However, the Federal Affordable Housing Tax Credit rent control program limits household income to \$19,620 a year, and Donaldson said that a man

## Calendar of

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mation call 258-5875 or 258-3622.

-Free seniors heart health seminar with Dr. Michael Harding cardiologist, 12 noon to 12:45 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. Call 378-4659 for

-Capitan elementary Parent Advisory Council meets

-Capitan School Board 6 p.m. administration building, agenda includes first reading of proposed drug testing policy.

-Corona Village Trustees, 6:30 p.m.

-Lincoln County Libertarian Party 7 p.m. Call 257-7073 for location of meeting. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

-No school for all Capitan students so staff can attend a seminar on "School Violence." Carrizozo schools student progress reports sent out.

and wife making \$7 an hour would make more than that. Instead, employees with that much income are limited to renting inferior housing for more than \$500 a month, which keeps many people from moving to Ruidoso to work.

Citizen Tony Seno said he thought the idea "stinks and will not work." He was concerned the village was taking the apartment idea "out of the hands of the free market" and Donaldson's proposal was a "set up forsome of his construction buddies."

You are inviting big city problems here," Seno said. "Let the free market take care of the housing."

Donaldson said the apartments do not have to deteriorate into slums. We're not talking about criminals and people who work for a dollar an hour (renting the apartments)," Donaldson said. "This is not the projects."

Under the proposed bidding process, the village will solicit a request for proposals for appraisal of the property. Once appraised, the village begin a 60-day "open bid" process that makes all bids public information during the 60 days. This will allow bidders to see how much other. bidders have offered for the land. All qualified bidders can re-bid as many times as they choose up to the close

\$25,000.

Grindstone. Proceeds of the sale of the Grindstone lots must go into the village utility fund for utility capital improvements. Donaldson proposed to use the money to extend the village sewer line up Grindstone Resort Drive from Carrizo Drive and to extend sewer lines to the Wingfield Homestéad subdivision where there are substantial septic tanks

Also, the village wants to move the parking lot at Grindstone lake up above the spillway elevation to allow the village to store up to 1,500 acre feet in the

application form, and other

needed information should

be mailed to U.S. Senator

Pete Domenici, Attention:

Intern Coordinator, 328 Hart

Washington D.C. 20510-3101.

Applications are due in Sen-

Domenici's office by March

Senate

Building,

Sands RV Park & Motel

THIS SPACE FOR RENT

Jerry and Lanita Rasak

### Sen. Domenici Seeks Applicants For Summer Intern Program

New Mexico college students interested in a summer internship in the Washington D.C. office of Sen. Pete Domenici are invited to apply for a position by March 1. Each year several New

Mexico students are selected for the program that has two sessions, May 22-June 30 and July 3-Aug. Compensation is provided for the summer interns who are residents of New Mexico or attending school in the state.

completed completed at least one year of undergraduate study to

To apply for a Domenici internship, candidates must complete an application form that must include a cover letter, resume and two letters of recommendation. For an application, students can consult Domenici's web page www.senate.gov/-domenici/, or call Lynden Armstrong at . 202-224-6621. The

### Free Cardiology Seminar Feb. 10

February is "Heart Month". To increase awareness about preventing heart disease Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Senior Heart Center are presenting a free education seminar at 12 noon to 12:45 p.m. February 10, at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.

The seminar features Dr. Michael Harding, Presbyterian Heart Group cardiologist, who will discuss Questions and Answers about your Heart Health." Participants will be given free copies of Presbyterian Senior Heart Center's book "Two Billion Beats: A Comprehensive Guide to the Senior Heart". The guide provides information about preventing, recognizing and treating heart disease.

Anyone wanting to attend the event should call 378-4659 for reservations. Lunch is served at the senior center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

of the bid date. At the end of the 60 days,

the village will finalize the "cash up front" sale to the highest bidder. All bidders will have to pre-qualify as to their abilities to meet the conditions of the sale. Also, under state law the village is not required to sell the property for the appraised value. If it does sell for less than appraised value, the sale may be subject to a negative referendum if the appraised value is more than

Denaldson also recommended the village do an rfp for realtor services to sell all of the 20 R-1 lots in

problems.

Spierdalie ko ares Lincoln County News call 505-648-2333

### "EXCLUSIVE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS"

### Your Support Is Needed

Last Sunday, the landmark Mapes Hotel and Casino in Reno. NV crumbled to the ground in a giant cloud of dust. Many of us have watched buildings being dynamited before and stood in awe watching the unmatched precision of each exploslon. The difference this time is that the Mapes was number eleven on the list of the nation's most endangered buildings, Although it was historic and endangered, it is no more,

Fort Stanton has also made the list of the country's most endangered buildings and although that helps somewhat in guaranteeing a degree of focus on its preservation, it offers no specific guarantees of its survival. Our citizens, community leaders, key media representatives, organizations and other governmental entities have to be extremely diligent and focused on a viable plan for the old fort in order to keep efforts on a smooth path to stabilization, rehabilitation and restoration for the future. We need to keep the Mapes in mind at every turn in the road. Behind the scenes and perhaps even illegal meetings by city government officials in Reno pushed thru a vote for destruction in the face of mounting opposition to such a move. It could happen here.

Fort Stanton, Inc., the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Municipality of Ruidoso, the County of Lincoln and the Bureau of Land Management along with other organizations are working hard in an attempt to focus efforts toward saving the fort from sale or further destruction thru lack of appropriate uses.

Your tactful support is needed at this point in our negotiations with state and federal officials to secure the history that surrounds our national ireasure. Write your comments in a positive fashion. taking care not to point fingers at anyone, to all your legislators, your media representatives, and officials in municipal and county government outlining your concerns for Fort Stanton.

Together we can hopefully accomplish what the concerned citizens of Reno could not.

Bill Winkler

Stearns insurance Agency

Rainbow Inn

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Fort Stanton, Inc.

#### Church Directory Mountain Ministry Parish. Sierra Blanca Presbytery Nogel Presbyterien Church: The Word of Life Church REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2339 711 E. Ave., Cardzozo, NM Affiliated with Evangelistic Assembly Church Sunday 7:00 p.m. BILL SEBRING, pastor Sunday School......10:00 a.m. Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: SCOTT KING, pastor #646-2024 Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Tinnie Baptist Church SILL JONES, pastor Sunday School, 10:00 em Church Services 11:00 am United Methodist Churches Spirit of Life Apostolic Pontocostal Tabernacle ALLAN M. MILLEH, pastor 209 Lincoln Ave. Capitan, NM United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday 100 pm Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm CAPITAN Adult Sunday School 6:30 am Worship Service 9:15 am Children's Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:15 am First Baptist Church HAYDEN SMITH, pasior 314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2668 (church) or 648-2107 Sunday School. 9:45 am Widehip Service 10:55 am Sun, Evening Training at 6:15 pm Evening Worship 5(udy 7:00 pm Carrizozo Community Church (A/G) Christ Community Fellowship JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 848-2186 EO VINSON, pastor (Inter-denominational) 514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan Children's Church ......10:30 am Preparation Prayer 10:00 s.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 am Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm Santa Rita Catholic Community Capitan Church of Christ FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853 Trinity Southern Baptist Church Church of Christ Phone 354-2044 PERRY ZUMWALT, minister Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, Capitan (South on Hwy. 48) Sunday School.......9:30 a.m. AWANA Wednesday...... 6:00 a.m. First Baptist Church of Corone CAL WEST, pastor / 849-7975 St. Matthias Episcopal Church REV. CANON JOHN PENN, rector Corner of E. Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-505-257-2358 Wed. Bible Study......First Sunday of Month

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### NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING TOWN OF CARRIZOZO REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION MARCH 7, 2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Regular Municipal Election will be held on March 7, 2000, for the purpose of electing:

Two Trustees for a four year term One Municipal Judge for a four year term

Early Voting will begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2000. Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clork during the hours and days of business, Monday through Friday. Individuals wishing to vote early must make application in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk at City Hall 100 4th Avenue, Carrizozo, NM. The casting of votes by qualiflod municipal electors who are voting early shall be

recorded on voting machines.
For further information, please call Carol Schlarb, Municipal Clerk at 648-2371.

CAROL SCHLARB Municipal Clerk

Date: January 20, 2000

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#### NOTIFICACION DE VOTACION POR ANTICIPADO MUNICIPIO DE CARRIZOZO ECCION MUNICIPAL REGULAR EL 7 DE MARZO DE 2000

Por medio de la presente se hace saber, que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Municipal Regular el 7 de marzo de 2000, con el fin de elegir:

Dos Fiduciarios por un termino de cuatro anos. Un Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro anos. La votación por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 16 do febrero de 2000 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 3 de marzo de 2000. La votación por anticipado se llovara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad durante las horas y los dias habiles de lunes a viernes. Aquellas personas que descen votar por anticipado tionen que hacer au solicitud en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en el City Hall 100 4th Avenue, Carrizozo, NM, Se hara un record do los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en maquinas para votar.

Para mas informacion, fayor de llamar a Carol Schlarb, Escribana de la Municipalidad, 648-2371.

CAROL SCHLARB Escribana de la Municipalidad

Fecha: Enero 20, 2000

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### NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING VILLAGE OF CORONA REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION MARCH 7, 2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Regular Municipal Election will be held on March 7, 2000, for the purpose of electing:

One councilman for a four year term. 2. One councilman for a four year term.

Early Voting will begin on Wednesday, February 16. 2000 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2000. Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, between Monday and Thursday. Individuals wishing to vote early must make application in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk at Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM. The casting of votes by qualified recorded on paper ballots.

For further information, please call Cathy Muniz, Municipal Clerk at (505) 849-5511.

> **CATHY MUNIZ** Municipal Clerk

Date: 1-25-2000

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### NOTIFICACION DE VOTACION. POR ANTICIPADO ALDEA DE CORONA ELECCION MUNICIPAL REGULAR EL 7 DE MARZO DE 2000

Por medio de la presente se hace saber que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Municipal Regular el 7 de marzo de 2000, con el fin de elegir:

Un Regido por un termino de cuatro

2. Un Regido por un termino de cuatro

La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 16 de febrero de 2000 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el juevos, 2 de marzo de 2000. La votación por anticipado se licyara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad durante las horas y los dias habiles de lunes a jueves. Aquellas personas que descen votar per anticipado tienon que hacer su solicitud en persona en la ofi-cina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad en el Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM. So hara un record de los votos emitidos por los votantes calificades de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en balotas de papel. Para mas informacion, favor do llamar a: Cathy Muniz, (505) 849-5511.

> CATHY MUNIZ Escribana de la Municipalidad

Fecha: 1-25-2000.

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### LEGAL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2000. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo. AGENDA

Call to Order Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

OLD BUSINESS

A. Roylew Land Use Plan. B. Roview Water Plan in the Land Use Plan and water rights in general ADJOURNMENT

Published in the Lincoln County Nows on Thursday, February 3, 2000.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Land Use Advisory Council has reschoduled their regular meeting to Wednesday, February 9. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

AGENDA

Call to Order Roll Call

Approval of Minutes OLD BUSINESS

A. BLM request for comments on information Collected for PILT payments.

B. Water Rights Discussion - Mike Hyman. Upper Hondo Watershed Coalition.

C. BLM - Review Environmental Assessments Local allotments.

D. Correspondence.
ADJOUNNMENT

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-99-271 DIV. III RANDY CLARK

PEGGY CLARK, and KEN CLARK, her husband,

Plaintiffs,

JAMES HAYMAN,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOL-LOWING NAMED RESPONDENT:

JAMES HAYMAN

1035 Skylane Road RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO 88345

GREETINGS: You are heroby notified that RANDY CLARK, PEGGY CLARK, and KEN CLARK, Plain; tiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-271 whorein you are named as the Defendant and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive services. upon you...

The general objects of said action are to obtain per-

sonal injury and monetary damages. You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 27, 2000 udgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will be granted. The address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is as

follows: Ray Sharbutt

SHARBUTC LAW FIRM

419 Mechem Drive Ruidoso; New Mexico (505) 630-9100

WITTNESS my hand and the scal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 25th day of Jan., 2000.

> CHERYL C. CASTRO Clerk of the District Court By: Eugenia Vega Deputy

Published January 27 and February 3, 10 & 17,

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive scaled proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at which time and place the proposals will be opened and publicly read aloud. Proposals not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

PROPOSAL NO. 99-00-031 CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITION TO LINCOLN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will reveiw the proposals and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, or by calling Jano Williams at (505) 848-2385.

All proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Project Title, Proposal Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the proposal is sent by mail, the scaled envelope shall have the notation "Scaled Proposal" along with the Proposal Number.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the proposal, waive miner technicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS, Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

### LINCOLN HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING February 15, 2000 - 7:00 P.M. NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is horoby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly schoduled meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., to be hold at the Community Church in Lincoln, New

Copies of the agenda for the February 15, 2000, mosting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said mooting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; picase contact Martha Guovara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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· LEGAL

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO. WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINGOLN No. PB-2000-5 Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE CHISHOLM EAKER, Deceased.

### NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CATHERINE
CHISHOLM EAKER, DECEASED, AND ALL
UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM
ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CATHERine chisholm eaker, deceased, or in THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

A hearing on the Petition filed by Petitioner, setting forth a request that the Court enter its order formally probating the Last Will and Testament of Catherine Chisholm Esker executed on May 31, 1989; that the Court enter its order determining the heirs of decedent; that the petitioner he formally appointed as personal representative, without bond, in an insuper-vised administration; that letters of administration be issued to Petitioner and that such other relief as may be proper be granted, will be held before the Hon. Karen L. Parsons, District Judge, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, NM., on the 28th, day of Febru-

ary, 2000, at 8:30 O'clock, A.M. Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, one each week, for two consocutive weeks.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court. DATED this 27th day of January, 2000.

> CHERYL CASTRO. District Court Clerk By: Stephanie J. Browning Deputy

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### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

PROPOSAL NO. 99-00-080 CONSTRUCTION OF SONTERRA

FIRE SUBSTATION.

BONITO FIRE DISTRICT

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will revel the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, or by call-

ing Jane Williams at (505) 648-2385.
All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the scaled envelope with the Project Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the scaled envolope shall have the notation "Scaled Bid" along with the Bid Number,

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

Jane Williams, Purchasing Agent

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thurs-

day, February 3, 2000.

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive scaled proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Town of Carrizozo for RFP No.

2000-01. The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional architectural services and engineering services for Town of Carrizozo Municipal Building Renovation, Project No. 99-L-RS-I-3-G-244.

Proposals will be received at Carrizozo Town Hall, 100 4th Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301 until February 28, 2000, 1:00 p.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Town Clerk at 100 4th Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Carol Schlarb, Town. Clerk at (505) 648-2371.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on February 21, 2000, at Carrizozo Town Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Date: February 2, 2000 **PURCHASING AGENT** 

Carol Schlarb/cc

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, February 3, 2000.

LEGAL

### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Probate # 1815

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE A. HUEY Deceased.

DATED: Jan. 25, 2000.

ary 3 and 10, 2000.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this ostate. All persons having claims against this ostate 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 filpd with the Probate Court.

Pat Huey

P.O. Box 187 Capitan, NM 88316 Published in the Lincoln County News on Febru-

LEGAL NOTICE

EARLY VOTING

**Early Voting:** Early vot ing will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk, during the regular hours and days of busi-ness, Monday through Friday. Early voting will begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2000.

Village of Capitan VOTACION POR ANTICIPADO:

Village Clork

Votacion por Anticipado: La votacion por antici pado se llevara a cabo on a oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles de lunes a viernes. La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 16 de Febrero de 2000 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m el viernes, 3 de Marzo de

/s/ Kathryn Griffin Escribana Municipal Village of Capitan

Published in the Lincoln County News on January 27 and Februs ary 3, 2000.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Govern ing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their. Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance. with Resolution 1999-23. Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made

to meeting date and made available to the public. If you are an individu-al 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/AAE Town Clerk Town of Carrizozo

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, Feb 2000.

ORVILLE O. DOW Orville Dow. 79. died December 14,

Masonic graveside services were held December 16 in the Garden of Memo-

1999 in Ballinger,

ries Cemetery. He was born February 19, 1920 in Lincoln, NM. An Army Air Corps Veteran of WWII, he had retired from the military.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Dow of Ballinger; Roy Dow of Carrizozo; two sisters, Elizabeth Branham of El Paso, TX, and Josephine Hoffmann of Glens Falls, NY; and a niece, Betty Irby of Ballinger.

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FOR SALE: Sands RV Park & Motel in Carrizozo. Remodeled, turn-key, manager's living quarters. \$252,000. Call for appointment 505-648-2989. .....4tc/Feb. 3, 10,

. 17 & 24

TOP WAGES for all construction trades. Apply at Holiday Inn Express, Hwy. 70, Ruidoso (Conference Room) Jan. 22 & 29, Noon until 6:00 pm. For info 505-378-8149.

3tc/Jan. 13, 20 & 27

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## Corona News

Corona is finally getting the long awaited moisture in the form of snow. What a welcome sight!

Corona Senior Citizens will be selling cinammon rolls February 17. This is part of their money raising for the year.

The Corona Student Council members and FFA are selling Valentine Roses.

Justin Washburn won the average in saddle bronc at Bullhead City last weekend which qualified him for the Dodge National Circuit Finals in Pocatello, ID in March. Gid Allen had a 3.2 in bull dogging plus

Pi Gamma Chapter of Chi Omega has been on the University campus for 75 years. Geraldine Perkins and Sherrill Bradford drove to Albuquerque for some of the events marking the anniversary. They attended the memorial service and carillon concert at UNM Memorial Chapel and then to the luncheon at the Albuquerque County Club.

Mrs. Perkins was recognized as the only one present who was on the campus in 1925. There were summaries of the history of Chi Omega and UNM. Mrs. Perkins' pin bears the date 1925. There was much reminiscing as the women saw their peers again and caught up on news of children and grandchildren.

CowBelles will meet the second Thursday. February 10 at the La Cocina de Cafe at 11:80 a.m.

Geraldine and Sherrill then stopped to see Wanda DuBois for a few minutes and didn't get home in time for the basketball game.

ate afe afe, the aft afe afe An All Alumni reunion will be held in conjunction with the Corona Summer. Festival, July 29-30. Students and faculty who have been associated with Corona Schools, at anytime, are cordially encouraged to attend. Please contact friends and classmates.

The festival will begin early with breakfast at the Senior Citizens Center, arts and crafts booths, and the parade at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria, located next to the auditorium. There will also be other activities planned. The Open House Reception for

all alumni will be held in the school auditorium from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Byron and Cathy Yancey made a trip to Roswell on Saturday to keep their granddaughter Meghan for the day. While therethey visited with Charlie and Crystal Lucras and grandson Dion of Albuquerque, who was spending the weekend with his grandparents.

The Corona School Board will move its monthly meeting to Monday, February 7, 7:00 p.m., due to a basketball game on Tuesday, February 8.

Ellis Hodge recently underwent surgery in Roswell, and is home now and reported doing fine.

Congratulations to Chad and Trisha Cox and Cutler on their new arrival. Connor Addison, born on January 18, weighing in at 8 lbs. 15 ozs. Baby Connor and mom are at home now, and Cutler is enjoying his brother.

### OBITUARY

### A.B. ZUMWALT

Funeral services for A.B. Zumwalt, 75, of Hondo were January 31, at the Nogal Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Sebring officiating. Burint followed at the Angus Cemetery.

Mr. Zumwalt died January 28 in Albuquerque, and was born June 27, 1924 in Carrizozo. He had lived in Lincoln County all of his life and served in the Army during WWII. He was a member of the Nogal Presbyterian Church.

He married Phyllis Longley on April 16, 1947 in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Hondo; four sons, Buckly Zumwalt of Carrizozo, Dunny Zumwalt of Las Cruces, Rusty Zumwalt of Tinnie and Jack Zumwalt of Lake Arthur; a daughter, Shermana Philpott of Siloam Springs, AK; brother Jack A. Zumwalt of Carrizozó; sister-in-law Leora Zumwalt of Nogal; 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of

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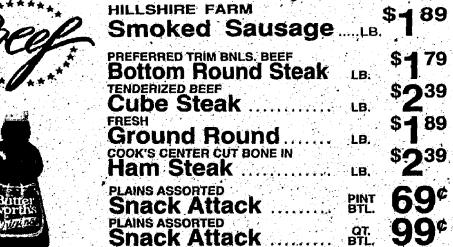




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