

# Ruidoso Okays Sale Of Grindstone Property

by Doris Cherry

Ruidoso Village Council approved the sale of 12 acres of village owned Grindstone property to CDS Investments, a Utah corporation, for \$325,000 and a promise to construct the necessary sewer line extension to the property and develop and construct an affordable housing apartment complex. But residents were concerned that runoff from the development will contaminate the

lake, and additional traffic will change the quiet neighborhood.

During their meeting November 28, councilors unanimously adopted an ordinance that sells 12.37 village owned acres in the Grindstone Resort Properties Subdivision to CDS Investments, Inc. for \$325,000. The appraised value of the property was \$225,000. Also under the ordinance, the buyer agrees to install a sewer line to the property, up Carrizo

Road.

If the cost of the installation of the sewer line exceeds the \$325,000 purchase price, then the buyer will receive additional property, at the rate of \$28,273 an acre to make up the difference.

Councilors also approved a real estate purchase agreement with CDS Investments. The agreement outlines conditions of the purchase, including the requirement for the developer to construct up to 150 living units in two

phases. Half of the completed units must be offered as income restricted housing. The agreement also states the project shall include a clubhouse facility, playground, picnic area with tables and BBQ. An amendment was added to the agreement to require CDS Investments and the village to confer and agree on what properties will be received as credit for the cost of the sewer installation which is estimated at \$400,000.

During the input portion of the public hearing on the ordinance, resident Louin Robinson asked who had decided on the 150 units for the development. Mayor Robert Donaldson said the 150 units was based on the size of the property. But Robinson asked if a civil engineer had made that estimate. Donaldson said he assumed the developer would do that. "It seems like an extraordinary assumption

that needs to be examined," Robinson said.

Residents Laura Doth, Jim Mosely and Ben Mason spoke at the hearing. Doth was concerned about the added traffic on the very steep and sometimes icy Grindstone area roads. She also was concerned the traffic and high density housing will drive away recreationists who use the area now.

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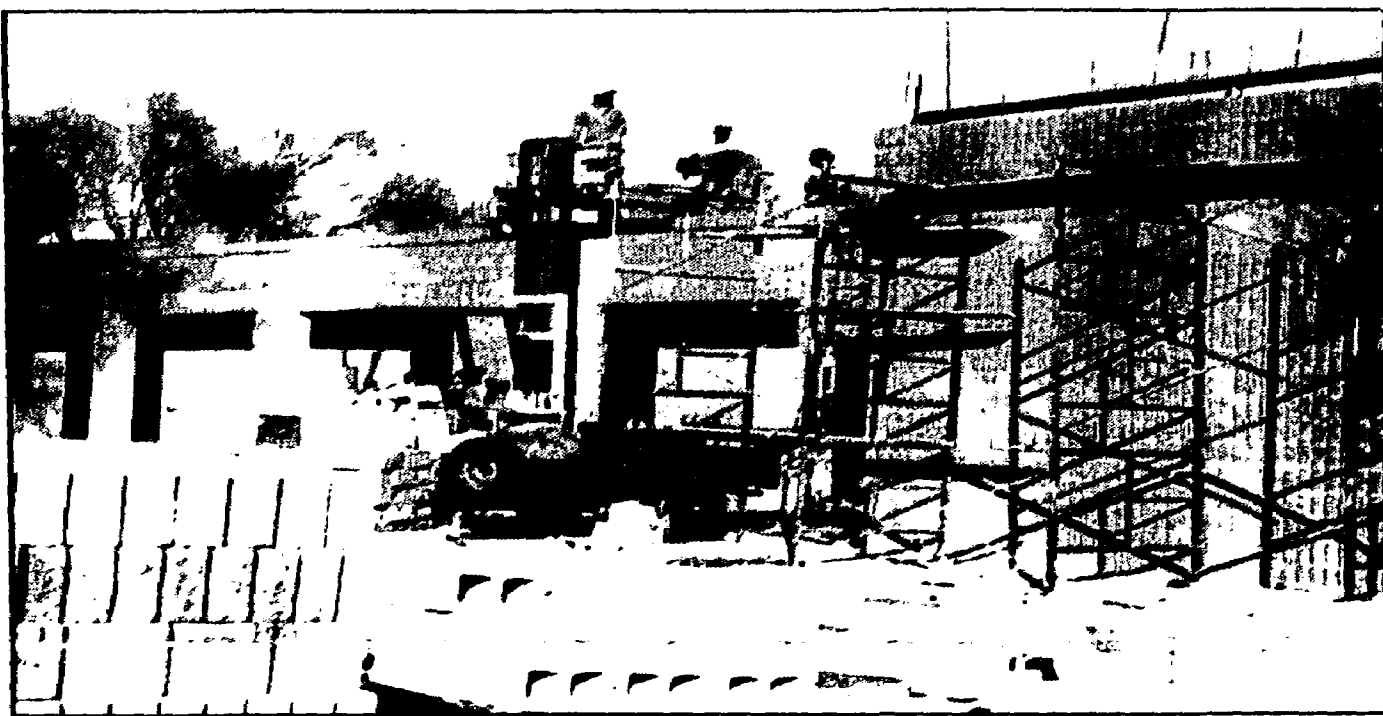
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**WALLS GOING UP.** Warm temperatures allowed mason crews with the Sena Construction Company to continue work on the Capitan Elementary classroom addition. The construction is financed with a bond issue approved by voters in 1999. The addition will feature six new classrooms, an elementary music room and a new elementary library.

## Carrizozo VoAg Teacher To Leave December 22

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo VoAg teacher Herb Borden will be leaving Carrizozo Schools on December 22.

The Carrizozo Board of Education accepted his resignation, "with regrets" during its meeting on November 21. "We are very sad to accept this resignation," said school board member Lisa Shivers.

In his letter of resignation, Borden wrote: "There is never an easy way of letting

people who you appreciate and respect know that you no longer will be able to serve their interests as an important part of the community. I have been extremely proud of the energy and support that has been given to myself and my family by this community. Most importantly by the board of education for allowing me as an educator to mold and continue a great tradition that is held with great respect in the minds of so many. Thank you, Herb Borden." Effective December 22, 2000.

The board took the action to regretfully accept Borden's resignation at the end of a short meeting. During the meeting the board took action to approve a proposed bid of \$35,886.26 to remodel the girls locker room. School superintendent David Cooper recommended approval of the locker room bid, but recommended the board not approve a bid of \$27,344 to remodel the high school entry vestibule to recess the outside doors. Cooper said the reason to recess the doors was to prevent damage from the wind, but with that bid, the school district can buy a lot of new doors. On his recommendation, the board tabled the bid for the vestibule.

Carrizozo School District has applied for additional state public school capital outlay money to continue the remodeling project now underway. However, because the remodeling will be done in another building, the Pub-

lic School Capitan Outlay Committee staff notified Cooper that a continuation of the current project will not be allowed. This will not disqualify the school district from being considered for the Public School Capital Outlay funds, however, Cooper said. Instead, the application will be considered as a new different remodeling project for Manire Hall. As a requirement of the capital outlay application, the district had to conduct an energy audit. Done by Wayne McGee of Otem County Electric Cooperative, Inc. the

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## Volunteers Needed To Help Fill Bags For Luminarias

Volunteers are needed to help prepare some 5,000 paper bags for the Carrizozo luminarias display on Christmas Eve.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, December 9, volunteers will gather at the Carrizozo Fire Station. Organizer Eileen Lovelace said all volunteers will be fed.

Volunteers need to bring gloves and coats because it will be cold in the morning, Lovelace added.

Sponsors decided to reduce the number of luminarias this year because of the work involved with cleanup on Christmas day.

For more information call Lovelace at 648-2975.

## Glencoe Center Is Not Leased

By Doris Cherry

A company looking at leasing the large exhibit hall at the Glencoe Rural Events Center is no longer interested.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting November 10 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart presented several responses to several request for proposals (rfp) and bids. Among them was a letter from Transtech bicycle company stating they had decided not to submit a proposal because they were re-directing their search to a site in northern New Mexico. There were no responses to the rfp to lease the Glencoe center. The center is under the management of Hondo Valley Public Schools, which Stewart said may pursue state legislative money to build a cover over the Joe Skeen Arena.

Other bids and proposals presented by Stewart, and accepted by the county commissioners, were a trade in of the county road department 1980 lowboy trailer. The county sold one of its old lowboy trailers to the Village of Ruidoso Downs for \$8,000 and have permission from the state to trade in the other old trailer for a new one. With such he recommended and commissioners approved, the bid of \$27,493 to Bee Equipment Sales of Lubbock for \$27,493 with trade in of old lowboy trailer. Four other bids were received ranging from \$30,885 to \$44,027. Rust Tractor of Albuquerque did win the bid for the lease of a new Caterpillar 950G wheel loader for \$1,425 a month. Delivery time on the loader is less than 30 days. The other bidder was Tom Growney Equipment of El Paso that proposed \$1,100 a month for a John Deer Model 644H, however the company would not pay "hauling expenses, travel time, mileage, overtime or second shift premiums for repairs" to the machine. Rust proposal included all the extra expenses.

County commissioners approved a bid of \$122,085 to Q West of Albuquerque for equipment to integrate the county's 911 rural addressing initiative into the sheriff's dispatch. The company currently has equipment operating in Dona Ana County, while the other bidder, Nine One One Inc. of Denver has no current operating system within the state.

County commissioners went along with Stewart's recommendation to order a new IBM system 77.2 Gigabyte AS400 computer with software subscription and surge protected battery back up for a total of \$51,802 through state contract. Stewart

recommended commissioners order the new computer, "as our luck will not hold out much longer." Currently the courthouse operates on an 8 Gigabyte system. (Most new home personal computers have at least 15 Gigabytes.)

## Valor Communications Trying To Remedy Phone Problems

by Doris Cherry

Valor telephone communications company is trying to remedy some of the problems and perceptions of the company in its service area in Lincoln County. While service related problems seem to be improving, in some areas the system's aging infrastructure will require more lines in order to add more phones.

Valor Communications company bought out GTE telephone in Ruidoso and Lincoln County and began local telephone service this summer.

During the Ruidoso Council meeting on November 28, councilors heard from Duffy Swan, vice president of Valor Communications in New Mexico for government relations, media and economic development. "Ruidoso was a surprise," Swan said of the company when it took over the former GTE telephone operations that had served Ruidoso and a large part of southern Lincoln County. He said GTE sold Valor a system with an inadequate and outdated physical plant that is very affected by rain and snow. The old equipment also required special software to interface with the company's other more modern systems. It was in this software that glitches occurred, Swan said.

Other complaints included long wait times when calling the customer service numbers, and orders placed but never filled. Swan said when GTE turned over its operations it had 1,300 unfilled orders waiting. And recently, the software developer found where orders were taken at Valor call centers but the orders were never released to the technician in the field.

Now Valor is committed to filling installation orders within two days of the customer placing the order and repairs within 24 hours. "Except when it rains or snows," Swan said. "The quality of the plant is affected by rain and snow because it is older

and not protected."

As for long wait times, Swan said that has improved greatly in the last three weeks. It has hired more than 200 new people to staff call centers in Carlsbad and Espanola in New Mexico, but those people are undergoing training. So now Valor is using a temporary call center in Lakeland, Florida, because that center has workers experienced in telecommunications business, Swan said. Another call center in Texarkana is being developed.

Valor's priority for its service area in Lincoln County is a major infrastructure upgrade in 2001, with DSL or equivalent available by 2002. "The company has made the decision that Ruidoso be provided substantial infrastructure change in the next 12 months," Swan added.

During a question and answer period Ruidoso Mayor

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## Capitan Animal Control Officer Was Not Called Into Closed Session

Village of Capitan Animal Control Officer John Fish was not called into a closed session of the village trustees during their November 14 meeting to discuss limited personnel issues.

During the open session of the meeting, resident Alex Trujillo said he was being harassed by Fish as animal control officer. Fish also spoke about the situation saying many people are afraid of Trujillo's dog and had made many complaints of the dog being off his chain and out of his yard.

THE NEWS had reported that Fish had been called into the closed session to discuss the situation. Fish was not called into the session, and trustees took no action based on their discussions after they came out of closed session.

# Carrizozo VoAg Teacher

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audit showed the school district needs to convert to lower wattage fluorescent lighting, such as now in the remodeled high school. Cooper said this report will be added to the application and in the future all remodeling will include lighting retrofits.

Carrizozo School District still has \$147,000 remaining from its last bond issue and it must be spent before the next fiscal year begins in July 2001. Cooper said he and Shivers met with members of the planning committee about needed capital projects. Priorities for using the bond money are re-roofing the gym, a new 400 meter

track, an "Interactive-TV" Classroom and school wide phone system. Cooper said there are some problems with the I-TV classroom concept mainly poor satellite reception due to weather conditions. He said there was also support for a new weight room to be funded with the bond money. Cooper asked board members to discuss the options and take action soon to use the remaining bond money.

Carrizozo Head Start may soon get some new play equipment. Cooper said Head Start teacher Sherri Goad has applied for funding for the special large motor skills structure and a tri-

cycle service trail, sand box and cover, metal storage shed and fence for playground. Cooper said he informed Goad of a possible future addition to the science lab. As it turned out, she was planning to place the playground in that same area, Cooper said.

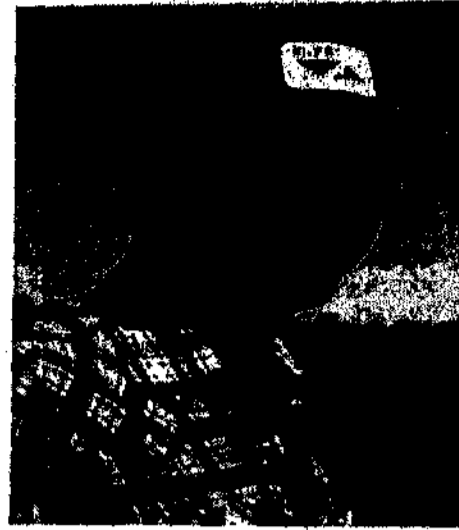
In an effort to get help for students who have a hard time reading the school district has initiated a tutorial reading program. Cooper said he and teachers from K-4 grades met with about 15 students and 12 parents who were specifically invited to meet with them about getting their children help with reading. The parents were given lists with names and phone numbers of about 12 tutors. Cooper said he plans to follow up with telephone calls to the parents to push them to make sure their kids are being served. He also said the reason to have parents initiate the tutor program is for confidentiality.

Tutors will meet with students on Saturdays or after school. Cooper also said librarian Rosemary Shafer is considering a summer reading program to help students maintain their reading skills through the vacation.

Another way to help students with reading is the Accelerated Reader program. During the student instruction report, instructional leader Rick Cogdill said the reading program is going very well with much participation by the students. Each month teachers give Cooper a list of students who are reading at certain levels. "It is very impressive," Cogdill added. "The program is already beneficial." Cogdill thanked teacher Becca Ferguson and librarian Shafer for doing the program.

Cogdill also reported that the 8th grade Knowledge Bowl team got second place at a competition in Cloudcroft. Teacher Becky Borowski took the 8th, 7th and 8th grade teams to the event.

Carrizozo fans and players were commended for their positive behavior and attitudes at the August 26 varsity football game. Cogdill said the school district received a letter from Rick Massey, assistant director of the New Mexico Activities Association on behalf of an official who was working at the game. The official said the game between Carrizozo and Jesus Chapel was a pleasure to work because of the positive attitudes of the team and coaching staff.



Melvin Johnson

MELVIN JOHNSON of Corona has been appointed to the advisory board of the Bank of Belen, Mountainair Branch. Melvin and his wife Esther have lived in the Corona area for 18 years, they have four children. Along with ranching Melvin is also a successful businessman. They own the Corona Mini-Mart, Cocina de Corona and C-L Tire Company. The Bank of Belen is proud to have Melvin on their staff.

### RC&D Meets December 5 In Carrizozo

The South Central Mountain RC&D Council meets on Tuesday, December 5 in Carrizozo.

The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative office, 513 12th Ave. in Carrizozo. Christmas goodies will be served. The public is invited to attend.



Clear days in the last week have brought temperatures to the normal average. No new precipitation was reported anywhere. Several partly cloudy nights kept low temperatures at or above freezing in many areas.

In the coming days, high thin clouds are expected to continue through Saturday.

The following weather forecast is based on information from the National Weather Service web site.

Forecast for today through Tuesday for Carrizozo, Hondo Valley and Lincoln County high plains:

Today, Thursday, November 30:  
Partly cloudy and warmer. High temperature 66. Chance for precipitation 0 percent. Thursday night, partly cloudy with low of 33.

Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2:  
Some high thin clouds otherwise mostly sunny days. Mostly clear overnight. Highs low 60s. Lows to 31.

Sunday and Monday, December 3 and 4:  
Mostly sunny and slightly warmer days. Mostly clear overnight. Highs to 63. Lows to 35, upper 20s.

Tuesday, December 5:  
Increasing cloudiness and becoming breezy. Highs to 58.

The forecast through Tuesday for Ruidoso, Capitan and the northern Sacramento Mountains:

Today, Thursday, November 30:  
Partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in Ruidoso and Capitan to 58. Chance for precipitation 0 percent. Thursday night partly cloudy with low temperatures in low 20s.

Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2:  
Some high thin clouds, otherwise mostly sunny days and mostly clear overnight. Highs to 54, lows 22.

Sunday and Monday, December 3 and 4:  
Mostly sunny and slightly warmer days. Mostly clear overnight. Highs to 58 and lows to 24.

Tuesday, December 5:  
Increasing cloudiness and becoming breezy. Highs to the mid 40s.

## CARRIZOSO SCHOOLS Superintendent's Report

### Reading Committee Activity

On November 14 Mr. Cogdill and I met with parents of students who are reading below grade level in grades 1-4. We had identified 15 students and requested the parents attendance at the meeting to facilitate the assignment of reading tutors. I was pleased with the parent turnout of nearly a dozen. In addition we had several people interested in tutoring attend the meeting. I will provide you with an incomplete list below:

John Tate, Lee Meinig, Gay Speirbain, Ruth Birdsong, Jim McCarthy, Mary Crenshaw, Rene Archuleta.

Also attending the meeting were Kellie Gallacher, Cathy Barela, Cogdill, Rima Davis, and Becca Ferguson. Teachers have been asked to select reading materials based on reading levels for each student being tutored. Mrs. Shafer is attending a meeting today, Wednesday, Nov. 15, which will connect our library with a two-week summer reading program available through the New Mexico Public Library system. Parents that are interested in arranging for a reading tutor may call any of the individuals above. Telephone numbers are available by contacting your child's teacher.

### Operation Lifesaver Railroad Safety

On behalf of the Carrizozo Municipal Schools I would like to thank Mel Slade for presenting the Operation Lifesaver Railroad Safety program to our students. All students K-12 were offered a program specific to their age level. Mr. Slade, in my opinion, is an excellent ambassador for the railroad and currently is an engineer moving trains through Carrizozo on a regular basis. We appreciated the program and the professionalism, which Mr. Slade exhibited while doing the program.

### Strategic Planning Committee Action

The Carrizozo Municipal Schools Strategic Planning Committee met on November 17 to discuss utilization of bond funds for the near future. Projects discussed included: Roof repair on new gymnasium, upgrade of the running track, establishing an Interactive TV Classroom, a new weight training facility, a school wide phone system, and 5th instructional island in tech lab, expanding staff parking, construction of a courtyard and purchasing new mini-blinds. The first priority of the committee was to repair the high school gym roof; the second priority was to establish an ITV classroom, and the third priority was to upgrade the running track.

In addition to the bond fund expenditures discussed above the district may need to match an E-rate grant application for installing a new school-wide phone system. The maximum amount of local dollars or match funds would be approximately \$10,000 whereas; approximately \$40,000 would come from E-rate funds if the grant won approval.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS**  
 -Jaylene Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**TUESDAYS**  
 -Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1146 for information.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 -Moms In Touch prayer group, 2 p.m. 707 F. Ave. in Carrizozo.  
 -Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

**THURSDAYS**  
 -Story Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Carrizozo School Library.  
 -Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2835 or 258-3201 for information and location.

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

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
 -Lincoln County Commissioners special meeting to hold public hearing on proposed changes to the Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations, 6 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

**DECEMBER 1-3**  
 -Deming Gembores rock show: Southwestern New Mexico Fairgrounds in Deming.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
 -Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown. Arts and crafts, gifts, begins at 9 a.m. Carrizozo Woman's Club building.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 12:30 p.m. Chamber building on Second Street.  
 -Santa's Workshop program 1-3 p.m. Zia Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo. Sponsored by the Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Service and Carrizozo Family and Community Education club (FCE).

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
 -American Legion Post 57, Capitan, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
 -Capitan High School Band and Choir Holiday Concert 6:30 p.m. Traylor Gym.  
 -Trinity United Methodist Church of Carrizozo presents "Season of Praise" Christmas cantata program featuring The Community Choir, Kala's Kids, Jamie Gieb, Cindy Foglesong and Norm Partch. Program starts at 7 p.m., cantata at 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
 -Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) 9 a.m. Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

## Christmas Angel Tree Has Names Of Needy Children

Be an angel to a child in need this Christmas. An Angel Tree is now up at First Federal Savings and Loan in Ruidoso, decorated with angels bearing the names of children who could use a little help. For the third year, volunteers with the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force have gathered names of children whose families have genuine needs. This year the names of 72 children are on the Angel Tree. These children, who live throughout Lincoln County, are members of families who are served by and whose needs are well known by the agencies that make up the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. Those agencies are Big Brothers/Big Sisters; New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department; The Counseling Center; Head Start; Parents as Teachers and Raindancer Youth Services. Here's how one can earn some angel wings; go to First Federal at 398 Sudderth

Drive in Ruidoso choose an angel from the tree. The angel will have the name of a child, the child's gender and age on the front and a suggested or requested gift written on the back. On the sign up form at First Federal, sign your name with your phone number and the name of the "angel" you've chosen from the tree. Buy a present for the child, using the suggestion on the angel, wrap the gift and tape the angel to the gift as a tag. Return the gift with its angel tag to First Federal by Thursday, December 14. The gifts will be delivered to the families before Christmas. Cash donations are also welcome by making a contribution at First Federal into the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force account, or mail donations to Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, % Raindancer Youth Services, 1204 Mecham Drive, Suite 13, Ruidoso, NM 88345. For the last two years, every child whose name has been placed on the tree has received at least two gifts through the generosity of the community. For more information about the Angel Tree or the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, please call 258-3132.



## Mollie Hightower Receives Presbyterian Leadership Scholarship

Mollie F. Hightower, a member of the Ancho Community Presbyterian Church, is among 12 students to attend the University of Tulsa (TU) as the first recipients of the Presbyterian Leadership Scholarship. The program is aimed at fostering young leaders who are spiritually dedicated and academically talented. Students must meet TU admission requirements, be graduating seniors in the top 10 percent of their class and be a leader in their local church. Each scholar receives \$4,000 a year for up to four years, and have an opportunity to be part of a trip to Scotland to study the roots of the Presbyterian Church. For more information about the program call 918-631-2546. Deadline for scholarship applications is Feb. 15, 2001.

**STATE 4-H RECORD BOOK WINNER:** Bryan Hightower of Carrizozo has won an all expenses-paid trip to Atlanta, GA, on November 23-28 for his accomplishments in the 4-H sheep project. The 4-H program is part of New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service.

## Faith Smith Receives

Faith Smith, a graduate of Capitan High School, is the recipient of the Central Christian College of Kansas Honor Scholarship for the 2000-2001 school year. Smith received this scholarship based on GPA and ACT scores. She is a sophomore ministry major, and the daughter of Mrs. Neva Smith of Angus. Central Christian College is located in McPherson, KS and provides liberal arts and career entry programs leading to Bachelor and Associate degrees.

## Carrizozo 4-H Member Bryan Hightower Wins Trip To Nat'l 4-H Congress

Bryan Hightower of Carrizozo has won an all expenses paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA on Nov. 23-28. Hightower was selected for accomplishments and record keeping in the 4-H sheep project. During his 10 years in the Malpais Colts 4-H Club, Hightower participated in several 4-H projects including braiding, steers and swine. He graduated from Carrizozo High School as salutatorian in May 2000. Hightower currently attends West Texas A&M University where he is pursuing an animal science degree.

**Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown**  
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

*Cheers for Chad*

By Ruth Hammond

Even though it is November 30 there is still no official word as to which candidate won the presidential race. Some say it was Bush by Gore or is it Gore by Bush? Either way, the majority of the people are tired of all the hassle about chad and the threats of filing suits and the threats of filing countersuits and the hoopla along with it. Do you suppose people in other countries are wondering why the people in the United States are so evenly split in their choice for president? Maybe it is because neither candidate made that much of an impression on voters. Maybe it is because neither candidate had a really strong platform. Maybe it is because neither candidate was successful in convincing voters he would do the best job.

Usually by now the president-elect is touting the names of many of his cabinet members and smiling winningly. Not so this year. It appears one candidate has the popular vote while the other candidate has the electoral votes needed. Aren't you glad that the presidential race is the only really, really close race? It would be confusing if there were candidates for all positions waiting for the chad to be swept up off the floor and counted before knowing who actually won and will hold which office.

Chad is those little squares that were supposed to be punched out of the voter's cards. We heard that people in some places sweep up the chad and sell it to be used for confetti for the winner's ball. Wouldn't it be something if the winner was bombarded with confetti that was supposed to be votes cast for the other candidate? It is difficult to imagine a state that is supposed to be so "up on things" as Florida using an outdated method of voting. Out here in the west we use voting machines. Haven't they heard of voting machines back east and in Florida?

And why did the recount take such a long time? All they needed to do was get more people in to do the work. One thing that would have helped would be for them to use better lighting than for each of several people to hold the same card up toward the light and look to see if the chad was dimpled or out or whatever. Apparently the people who are in charge in Florida have never heard of light tables or lamps or some sort of similar lighting devices.

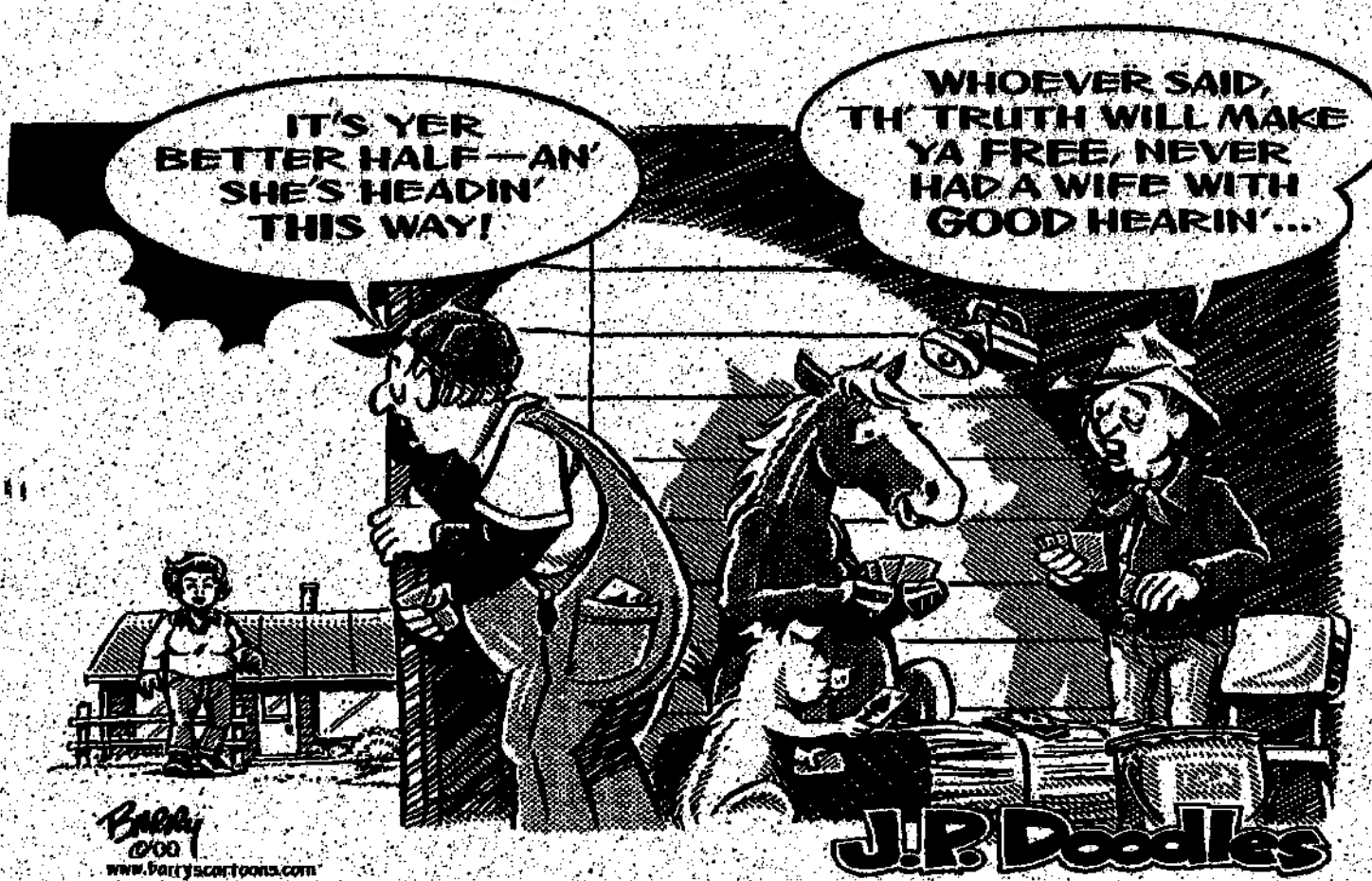
The possibility that this might happen again in future elections is disturbing. It could mean that re-counting of votes and saving chad could become a never-ending process in states back east that insist on using out-dated voting equipment. And wouldn't it be distressing to think that you did your duty of voting and the puncher, or whatever it is called that is supposed to push the chad out of the voting card, was not working properly? Voting is a right. Not having your vote counted is wrong, very wrong.

Instead of rioting, the general public that was bussed in from out of state to protest the re-count should have been given brooms and told to get to work and sweep up.

Only in the United States could something like this happen. Only in the United States could voters wonder for weeks about the final outcome of the presidential race.

Now maybe the Florida election officials will study and try to learn the correct way to conduct their elections.

*Bush, it Gore is a mess!*



**SANTA FE**  
**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

**SANTA FE** - With so many silver bullets flying around, each claimed to be the solution to education's problems, it would be wise to take a deep breath, step back and calmly look at the situation.

First, we are blessed to have so many proposed solutions out there. It means the public is finally going to be part of the discussion. For too long, education was one of those subjects left to the professionals, but this subject is far too big for the professionals to make the huge changes that are necessary.

Educators work within a box drawn by elected decision makers. And, as the trendy like to say, it is time to start thinking outside the box. That box involves the state Board of Education, 88 school districts, the Legislature and a governor who keeps trying to find how he can get inside the box, too.

The box also involves laws, such as the state equalization formula that distributes money to schools and the many regulations promulgated by the state education board and local boards.

The Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and Think New Mexico a Santa Fe-based think tank - are attempting to completely disassemble the box and build a new one. The effort involves constitutional amendments that must be passed by a majority of New Mexicans and ripping up the domains of about 450 elected officials to replace it with a structure that New Mexicans dumped 50 years ago.

It might work better next time around, but the titanic struggle involved in doing it may exhaust all resources. Perhaps it would be wiser to see what we can do outside the box, rather than obliterating it. That might be done through a massive charter school program as Arizona is trying. Charter schools allow parents and teachers to form schools free of many of the regulations imposed by state and local education agencies.

Charter schools aren't a silver bullet either. They have problems. Some have failed badly in Arizona and even in New Mexico's extremely limited charter school system, there have been big start-up pains. Parental involvement is the primary feature of the new plans submitted thus far. The Albuquerque chamber, Think New Mexico and charter school proponents all have parents, at the building level, helping make the important decisions about their children's education. Gov. Gary Johnson has even claimed his voucher proposal will increase parental involvement because parents

will help choose their children's schools and, presumably, will remain interested in evaluating their choice.

Parental involvement is at the core of these proposals because no other factor has been found to correlate more strongly with student achievement. Unfortunately all the proposals assume that increased parental involvement will be a natural outgrowth of their restructuring of education.

If it were that easy, the present system would have found the answers long ago. The truth is that there aren't many parents out there, longing to get involved in their child's education, who already aren't. It will be the same parents who are officers of the PTA that will serve on the school councils. The others will all be too busy with their own lives take an interest in their

children's schooling.

And just as changing the shape of the box isn't going to attract more parents to schools to become involved in their children's education, it may not have much to do with what goes on inside the classroom - and that's the only place that counts.

Better teacher training, better pay, more resources and smaller classes are the primary needs. And those all cost money - big, huge money - because there are so many children in this world. We keep trying to find ways to improve education without spending much money, but no one has found that answer yet.

If education were five percent of our state budget, we would be willing to try some costly solutions. But it is 50 percent and that makes much more difficult.

**County Commissioners Appoint Board Members**

Lincoln County Commissioners at their regular meeting November 10 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo appointed several members to several county boards and committees.

Connie Hopper was reappointed as the county Emergency Program Manager. Clavin Skaggs, Teri A. Sodd and J.A. Junge all of Ruidoso were appointed to the Extra-territorial Zoning Commission.

Lonnie Lippmann was appointed to the Lincoln County Planning Commission, replacing Mark Frelow of Ruidoso who has missed more than three consecutive meetings. Elwood Gradine and Doyle C. Howell both of Ruidoso were reappointed to the Property Tax Protest Board.

Sally Canning of Lincoln will join other Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) members Matt Ferguson of Carrizozo, Tony Seno of Ruidoso, Duane L. Frost of Yeso, Ronnie Merritt of Yeso, and Pete Gnatkowski of Carrizozo.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann will continue as the county's member on the Regional Waste Water Joint Use Board.

The vacancy on the Senior Citizens Olympic Committee remains open as commissioners again tabled an appointment.

For information on the functions of these boards contact Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart at 648-2385.

**Who's Who Among High School Students**

The following Lincoln County students are featured in the 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000.

**Carrizozo:** Bianca Baca, Adrian Goad, Mollie Hightower, Brooke L. Holland, Branden Langley, Elizabeth Sambrano, Andrea L. Wyatt, Stella Brewer, Bryan Hightower, Patrick Hightower, Craig Koroscil, R.R. Rael, Robert Shafer

**Alto:** Jennifer Carinella, Melissa Crites, Alexis Hoff, Megan E. Lamb, Aimee Powers, Arion Thokasakis, Michael D. Crawford, Megan L. Damico, Charity M. Hull, Sarah I. Monks, Joshua Romero, Sarah Williamson

**Capitan:** Chandra Cogdill, Melanie N. Hail, Shawna Shreeengost, Bryanne D. Wilkerson, Amber L. Goodloe, Amanda J. Koreny, Tiffany Skinner

**Corona:** Courtney Perez  
**Glencoe:** Trieva N. Rue, Jessica Tully-Mitchell, James R. Stout

**Hondo:** Chase T. Montes, Lucera M. Montes, Tyler B. Sinerros, Julieanne Codi Montes, Jessica Reynolds  
**Lincoln:** Amanda Arrow-smith

**Nogal:** Alexa Beler, Oakley M. Farran, Patrick B. Ventura, Rocky H. Burrows, Ashley S. Hendrix

**Ruidoso:** Olivia J. Baca, Jason Britt, Kelsey Cobb, Sidney Davis, Lindsay Eggleston, Kristi Ensor, Charles Flanary, Le Anne Gibson, Cade T. Hall, Jessica Kampsky, Kelcey J. Land, Margie E. Masurek, Erin Raterman, Dany G. Schard, Metista Secatero, Selina Steed, Abby Stringfellow, Samantha A. Ward, Ryan Blackman, Glen G. Cheng, Bryant Davis, Kristi Doyle,

Colton English, Nicholas R. Fajardo, Stacey Genta, Scott Gossett, Leeanne Henson, Ryan Kluthe, Collin Leslie, Jessica Painter, Francisco J. Robles, Todd Schrader, Nicholas Spence, Emily Stewart, Evan Stubbs, Rachel Warren

**Ruidoso Downs:** Solomon Barnett, Jaclynn Castanon, Adam C. Delanda, Timea Eckerdt, Rachel M. Gheer, Nathanael E. Hedin, Kathy Hightower, Christina Knight, Ben Lundquist, Adrianna M. Madrid, Christina Ontiveros, Jerrod T. Stiervalt, Brisa Villalba, Jessica Bednorz, Rebecca Conley, Courtney Dillard, Court Franklin, CW Gomez, Fletcher Herring, Patrick W. Hodges, Jennifer Lewicki, William Lundquist, Leah Miller, Anthony R. Randolph, Jerrod T. Stiervalt

**San Patricio:** Kizzy Haun, Jessica A. Sanchez, Tashina Herrera

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, IL, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of B or better and 97 percent are college bound.

**JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER**  
**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**



Week of Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2K

**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22- Dec 21) Wish upon a star, but THIS time make it come true because you'll BELIEVE IT to be true! Make your dreams come true...because of You.

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Reflecting on the past is good, but living in the past isn't! Make the most of what is important in your life and go after it.

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Don't hide yourself away from others - come out of your shell and let the sun shine through you... YOU DO have a GIFT!

**Pisces:** (Feb.19- March 20) Open the door to a new life. You have to go through it to see it! Dreaming about it won't make it come true. Wake Up and LIVE it!

**Aries:** (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Money will show up in the strangest places. Don't spend it on unnecessary items. Use it for what it was intended for. Go with Faith!

**Taurus:** (Apr 20 - May 20) Something strange is happening. You're starting to go into another phase of your new life. Look very closely at what you want.

**Gemini:** (May 21 - June 20) Dust off your heart...of love... It's time to let love flow freely into your life. Flugs are a great way to start. Forgive and forget.

**Cancer:** (June 21 - July 22) You have better things to do than to worry about things you can't change. Go with what you CAN change for the better now.

**Leo:** (July 23 - Aug 22) Look up old friends and make new ones too! Be happy by just smiling and saying something nice - even to a stranger. Let the love begin.

**Virgo:** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Freedom doesn't come cheap! Especially when you're in a prison in your own mind. It isn't as bad as you think. Start enjoying the good.

**Libra:** (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Tying up loose ends will make you feel more complete. Start enjoying the holidays with people you're around. It's time to get out and about! Have Fun!

**Scorpio:** (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Take time for yourself because no one else will do it for you. Watch your money. Don't spend what you don't have in hand.

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# A GLIMPSE OF THE MINING HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWEST

The following information is taken from the 'International Industrial Record', a mining publication (Devoted to the General MINING and Industrial Interests of the Great Southwest), which is printed on the front page of the 80 page booklet, and was published in El Paso, TX on July of 1901. The Lincoln County News will publish the entire booklet in the following weeks depending on space available. The publication is filled with in-depth history of the mining industry in and around Lincoln County and New Mexico. We hope you enjoy it.

## The Great Southwest.

The Mining Resources of the Vast Mining Region Surrounding El Paso.

Northern Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

### PART 42

#### MORE EL PASO SMELTING WORKS.

One day for weighing and sampling; one day for assaying; one day for making settlement, remittance going forward on the fourth day from arrival of the car at the works. Sometimes, however, the shipper requests that assay results be mailed to him, and his acceptance of same received before settlement is made, in which case the final settlement depends entirely upon the promptness with which assay results are accepted.

Upon authorization of the shipper to dispose of the ore, it is then put into the proper smelting mixes, from where it is conveyed to the furnaces in push cars, which are run upon an elevator and hoisted to the feed floor of the furnace rooms. Here the ore, with fuel and flux, is fed into the top of the furnaces and smelted.

From the lower side of the furnaces, the slag, the worthless part of the ore, and the matte are tapped from the upper portion of the fused mass, while the heavier metals collect in the bottom of the furnaces and are tapped from another opening into moulds in the form of lead bullion. This lead bullion, after being remelted in large kettles, is again moulded into bars of 100 pounds each, and is then ready for shipment. The slag, after having been separated from the matte and cleaned of all precious metals, is hauled away in large pots mounted on trucks, pulled by a locomotive, and thrown over the dump.

At present time, copper matte is the most nearly finished product made from copper ore. However, the company will erect at once a modern plant, fully equipped with the latest improved machinery for making copper bullion, or blister copper.

A few figures will serve to give the reader some idea of what such a

large institution as this means to El Paso and the surrounding country.

During the year 1900, the pay roll amounted to about \$375,000, this amount having been paid to employes at the works.

During the same year there was paid out to the various railroads centering at El Paso, for freight, about \$1,200,000.

The approximate amount of money paid for the 300,000 tons of ore purchased during the year was \$6,500,000. The item of duties alone paid at the border, including those of both countries, amounted to over a quarter of a million dollars.

During the year, in round numbers, 45,000 ounces of gold, 7,600,000 ounces of silver, 20,000 tons of lead and 5,500 tons of copper were purchased.

The company is mindful of the health and comfort of its employes. At the works is located the company's hospital, under the management of an experienced physician and surgeon, with two able assistants and a nurse. This hospital is maintained by the assessment of a small monthly fee from each employe, the payment of which entitles not only himself, but his entire family to all the necessary medical assistance.

Every consideration is given for the comfort and healthful recreation of the office employes. All the magazines and leading periodicals are found upon the tables of the well-furnished reading room, while two pool and billiard tables, bowling alley and tennis court afford means of recreation for the large office force. The many beautiful green lawns and shade trees surrounding the works, make this even a more desirable dwelling place than the city itself.

#### EL PASO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

No institution in the city is more thoroughly identified with the people at large, more nearly universally popular and more generally patronized than

the public schools. From the day they were organized until the present time they have even been the immediate care and pride of El Paso's best citizenship. No complaint is ever heard from the people on the question of taxation when the interests of the public schools are involved. El Paso believes in public education and exemplifies this belief by the liberal financial appropriations made for the support of the free school system.

Total, sixty-five rooms, seating capacity 2,875.

All the above buildings will be owned by the city. They are built of brick and in good repair.

The schools are divided into the following departments - all are absolutely free to bona fide citizens: The kindergarten, from 6 to 7; primary department from the first to the fourth grade; the intermediate department, from the fifth to the seventh grade; the high school department,



Congregational Training School

Two years ago, over \$30,000 was expended for school houses alone. The present year nearly \$90,000 will be spent for the same purpose.

The Mexican preparatory school and the colored school will each be enlarged and their seating capacity doubled, a handsome new building will be erected in the Fourth ward, a new high school building costing nearly \$50,000 is now being constructed, while all the buildings in the city will be repaired and completely fitted out with up-to-date heating appliances. By the first of

January, 1902, El Paso's public school property will have a valuation of not less than \$225,000, consisting of the following buildings and grounds:

High school building, thirteen rooms, seating capacity, 400; one block of ground.

Central school building, twelve rooms, seating capacity 500, five lots of ground.

Alamo school building, eight rooms, seating capacity 400; seven lots of ground.

Mesa school building, seven rooms, seating capacity 325; one block of ground.

Franklin school building, four rooms, seating capacity 200; five lots of ground.

Aoy school building (Mexican preparatory), twelve rooms, seating capacity 600; one block of ground.



Franklin School.

Sunset school building (Fourth ward), four rooms, seating capacity 200; ten lots of ground.

Douglas school building (colored), five rooms, seating capacity 250; four lots of ground.

from the eighth to the eleventh grades inclusive.

The total cost of maintaining the public schools the coming year will aggregate about \$45,000. The teaching force will consist of eight principals and forth-two teachers. The free school age for the city is from 6 to 19.

#### Some School Statistics.

Total enrollment in public schools, 1890, 859.

Total enrollment in public school, 1895, 1,169.

Total enrollment in public schools, 1900, 1,918.

Total enrollment in public schools, 1901, 2,121.

Total value of taxable property for the year 1900, \$6,828,826.

Rate of school tax (on the \$100) for the year 1900, 47 1/2.

Number of school children of state age (8-17) enumerated, 1900, 2,312.

Number of school children of state age (8-17) enumerated, 1901, 2,832.

Number of days attended by all children of the public schools during year ending May 17, 1901, 274,352.

Number of children enrolled in high school, 172.

Number of days schools were in session, 175.

Value of all public school property (approximate), \$225,000.

Number of volumes in public school libraries,

#### The Public Free Kindergarten.

El Paso is the only city in the state which maintains as a part of its school system a public kindergarten. After nine years of experience with this department, it has become no longer an experiment. The kindergarten has come to stay. Children are admitted at 6 years of age and regularly promoted to the first grade at 7. There is no question that the wholesome influence of this department upon minds and habits of the little ones is felt in their entire school lives. For the success of the kindergarten in this city we are indebted to the wise, patient and careful direction of the principal of the department.

#### Special Departments. Music and Drawing.

Special teachers are employed for these departments. They give as much of their time as possible to the actual teaching of the children as well as to the supervision of that part of this work which must be done by the regular teachers in charge of rooms. There is no department of the school course more carefully directed and from which pupils derive more benefit than from these two departments.

#### The High School.

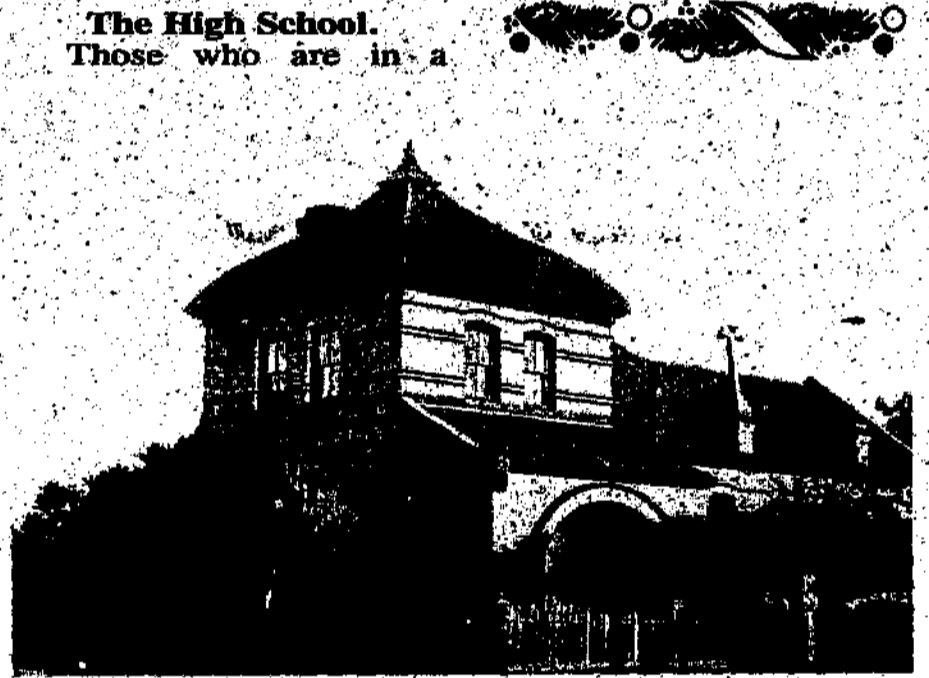
Those who are in a

position to know say that El Paso has one of the most efficient high schools in the state. It is regularly affiliated with the State Universities, and its graduates have excellent standing in that institution. The work of the high school comprises a course of four years, with the following distinct departments: Mathematics, History, English, Science, Latin and Spanish.

It has been the purpose of the management of the public school system of El Paso to maintain a first class system of schools in every department, not only that our own children might have the best possible school advantages, but

also for the purpose of attracting to the city the most desirable citizens, who, having children to educate, will usually seek the localities with the best school facilities. No pains or expense will be spared in making the high school particularly as good as can be found anywhere. Each teacher in this department will have scholarship and be especially prepared for the work he is expected to do, while the opportunities for study will be very excellent indeed.

#### MORE EL PASO NEXT WEEK.



Negro Public School.

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# Phooey Zia Natural Gas Blows A Big Cahooey

Natural Gas Customers Get Extra Dose of Slink

by Doris Cherry

A new, poorly adjusted "odorizer" just about ran all the natural gas customers throughout Lincoln County out of their homes and businesses on Friday.

According to Mercedes Fernandez-Wells, manager of regulatory affairs for Zia Natural Gas Company, the strong stink coming from the gas lines on Friday was the result of a misadjusted piece of equipment that injected too much of the non-toxic odor into the Zia Gas Company transmission lines just after they take off from the El Paso Natural Gas Company lines near Corona. "The lines are odorized throughout the system," Wells said.

Wells also said Zia Natural Gas has another injector at its Ruidoso gate located south of Capitan.

"We've been having problems keeping the level of the odorant in the gas lines," Wells continued. "So we put in the new odorant facility and we got an extra dosage."

The odorant is not toxic, and is required by the Department of Transportation (DOT) to be injected into the otherwise odorless natural gas. The odorant provides a way to smell the gas if there is a gas leak.

Wells said the Zia Natural Gas office in Ruidoso Downs began to get calls at about 10 a.m. Friday and continued to get many more service calls throughout the day. Crews were out until 11 p.m. Friday responding to all the calls.

Wells said. While there were no major problems with the gas supply lines, service crews did find some small leaks that become more no-

ticeable with the highly concentrated odor, she added.

The only way to get rid of the big stink was to use up the over odorized gas. Wells said all the over odorized gas was burned up on Friday night and Saturday morning because of the cold temperatures.

She said Zia Natural Gas has to document all service calls received, but does not have to report the over dose of odorant to the DOT because there was no toxic release of gas.

Key Strickland, office manager of Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) said CCNG received many service calls about the odor which affected all CCNG gas customers in Capitan and Carrizozo. She said CCNG maintenance supervisor Neo Vallejos was out for two days checking out all service calls to make sure there were no leaks because in such a situation leaks will be easier to detect.

By Saturday most of the over odorized gas had been burned because of the very cold temperatures.

A nurse at Lincoln County Medical Center told THE NEWS several pregnant women had called the hospital asking for oxygen, fearful the odor was toxic. The women were told by hospital staff the odor is not toxic.

There were also reports of people leaving their homes during the odor, fearful of gas leaks. No explosions, major leaks or other major problems resulted from the over-odorized system, Wells said.

Lincoln County sheriff's

Office dispatch also received several calls about the stink and advised callers that the smell was nontoxic.



**LIGHTING THE WAY.** Lincoln County maintenance supervisor LesRoy Zamora and maintenance-worker Gabe Zamora put up holiday lights at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo on Wednesday. Later in the day they put up Santa's Sleigh and lined the courthouse roof with luminarias. Otero County Electric Cooperative put up the large holiday lights in Carrizozo and Capitan through Monday as part of its annual contribution to the communities. Ruidoso will have its annual Christmas tree lighting at 8:00 p.m. tonight, Thursday, December 1, at School House Park.

## Student Art Wanted For Duck Stamp Contest

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest is now open to all public, private and home schooled students in grades K-12.

Deadline for entries is March 15, 2001. Judging will be done in four groups: K-3 grade; 4-6 grades; 7-8 grades; 10-12 grades. "The Best of Show" entry from New Mexico will be sent to Washington, D.C. where it will be judged with winners from other states. The New Mexico top winner receives a college scholarship and the top 100 winners receive a variety of awards including savings bonds. All participating students receive a certificate.

The Junior Duck Stamp program stresses the study of wetlands, their inhabitants and the need for their conservation. Students will complete an artistic rendering of a waterfowl in its wetland habitat. Presenters from Bosque del Apache are available to explain the program to school and other groups, such as scouts. To schedule a presentation or to get more information about the program call Bosque del Apache Refuge at 505-835-1828 and ask for the Junior Duck Stamp coordinator, e-mail at FW2\_RW\_BosqueJrDuck@fws.gov, or write to Bosque del Apache NWR, POB 1246, Socorro, NM 87801.

Top three finishers in the national competition win a three day trip to Washington D.C. with their art teacher and one of their parents to attend the Federal Duck Stamp Contest at the Depart-

ment of Interior. Federal Junior Duck Stamps are sold at national wildlife refuges as collectors items. All proceeds of the sales are used to further conservation education programs.

## American FFA Degrees Presented To Bagley And Gnatkowski

Rocky J. Bagley and John Gnatkowski of Corona received the American FFA Degree at the 73rd National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY in late October.

To earn his degree Bagley did market and breeding swine projects, ranch work and woodcutting for more than four years. While he was in FFA, he was vice president and president of his FFA Chapter. Bagley is the son of Jim Bagley of Corona.

Gnatkowski worked with breeding sheep, market lamb and market steer projects over four years. While in FFA Gnatkowski was vice president and president of his FFA Chapter. His parents are Sarah and Pete Gnatkowski.

The American FFA Degree recognizes demonstrated leadership ability and outstanding achievements in

agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. Recipients must have graduated from high school 12 months before, have records to substantiate their outstanding agricultural programs and have earned at least \$7,500 through a supervised agricultural experience program in which they started their own business or worked 2,250 hours for an existing agricultural enterprise and productively invested those earnings.

Of the 450,000 FFA members nationwide, only 2,282 received the degree in the year 2000.



### New Location

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## OBITUARIES

**DOMINIC HRONICH**  
Dominic Hronich, 82, died at Lincoln County Medical Center on November 22, after a short illness.

He has lived in Carrizozo since 1987. He was born in 1918 in Grey Creek, CO to Lawrence Hronich and the former Ellen Poglainich. His parents preceded him in death.

He leaves behind two siblings and a nephew, Eli Hronich and his wife Jane of Raton, NM.

Graveside services were held at Evergreen Cemetery November 28 with Rev. Hayden Smith presiding.

**JEFF DAVIS OWEN**

Jeff Davis Owen, 75 year old Mountain Park, NM resident, died November 27, in Mountain Park.

He was born March 24, 1925 in Corona, the son of Roy E. Owen and Mary Ella Melton. He served in the US Navy during WWII as a SeaBees.

He is survived by his wife Peggy J. Owen of the family home; a son Jeff Dene Owen and his wife Karen of Elizabeth, CO; two daughters, Rosemary A. Ely and her husband Dennis of Purcellville, VA; Gayle Simpson and her husband Tom of Tularosa; a brother Lee Roy Owen and his wife Juanita of T or C; two sisters, Lula Mae Clark of Grandview, TX, and Irene Collins and her husband Jimmie of Roswell;

seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and

cousins. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 1 at Sears Alamogordo Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Mizell officiating. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Sears Alamogordo Funeral Home.

**GRACE L. AYCOCK**

Grace L. Aycock, 93, died November 23 at a Haskell, TX care home. A graveside service was held November 27 at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Aycock was born on December 19, 1906 in Stephenville, TX. She married Fred Aycock on February 21, 1925 in Knox City, TX. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1982. She managed the arrow Head Motel in Ruidoso for about 40 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Weinert.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Jean & C.E. Gary of Haskell; and five nieces.

## C'zozo FFA Mechanics Team Competes

The Carrizozo FFA mechanics team represented the state of New Mexico at the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Events during the 73rd National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY on October 25 and 26.

Members of the Carrizozo mechanics team were Ryan Roper, Craig Karosell and Branden Langley. They were accompanied by their advi-

sor/coach Herb A. Borden.

The National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event was sponsored by Firestone Agricultural Tire Division in conjunction with the Bridgestone/Firestone Trust Fund, a charitable trust established as a special project of the National FFA Founda-

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# Ruidoso Community Playground In The Works

by Doris Cherry

Sometime in the spring, Ruidoso will get a new community designed and constructed playground. During their brief regular meeting on November 14, Ruidoso councilors heard a report from village project coordinator Cleatus Richards

about several projects. Among those is the community playground, a pet project of councilor Bill Chance. Richards said staff are in the process of deciding how to issue the request for qualifications (rfq) for the project. Currently a survey of the proposed area is being done

by D.T. Collins. Richards said the rfq must designate a specific location and provide topographical information and location of other facilities so the project developer has an idea of what the project entails. "I want to fast track this," Chance said. "Let me know if the project reaches a

bottleneck." Richards gave his reports in lieu of the village manager report, because the manager, mayor Robert Donaldson and councilor Linda Flack and village emergency coordinator Thomas Chavez were in Washington D.C. attending a mandatory FEMA conference. Ruidoso was chosen to participate in a special FEMA emergency preparedness program.

Projects included those that are village funded and those that are federal or state funding with local contribution. Richards said there are 18 village projects in various stages of completion. Among the projects are the SCADA electronic monitoring system for the water system which is about 43 percent completed, the water line replacement phase 2 is about 38 percent done, sanitary sewer rehab phase 4 was complete, the sewer extension for Grindstone development is being designed and will require a line realignment on the Townsend property because the line runs under a residence.

Center Street and Sudderth traffic signal is almost done, needing only to be synchronized with the light at Eagle and Sudderth. Mayor pro tem Bob Sterchi said he had observed the new traffic light has slowed traffic in the midtown area.

The overflow parking lot at the recreation fields is done, the bid for the tennis courts at White Mountain complex was awarded but outdoor temperatures must be in the 70s to do the finish work on the courts.

Hull Road was completed by the village, with state highway coop funds.

The Billy the Kid Scenic Byways White Mountain Vista overlook, located on Highway 48 south of Capitan, was being constructed by Johnson Danley contractors and will feature a larger interpretive area and kiosk.

Bids for renovating the old police department came in over budget and staff was reviewing ways to find how to lower the cost. The new police department communication system is about 50 percent complete, being done by Key Communication. Councilors approved the bid to re-roof and other improvements to the senior citizens building. Independent Signs was the low bidder for new signs to village hall and the library.

The design for the new parking lot at the library was being done by ICA engineers. The parking lot will be constructed when the village completes an agreement with Lincoln County to establish the easements. The parking lot will be located on county property at the Lincoln County sub office which is located next to the library.

Construction on the convention hotel was not going as fast as anticipated, Richards added. As a result work is being held up. Richards said the village is keeping watch on the parking lot where construction traffic is causing damage. He said the parking lot will need to be upgraded, striped, and landscaping at the entry sign be improved. When Sterchi asked if there is a finish date for the hotel, Richards said he cannot get a commitment, but the developers are saying in the spring.

Of upcoming projects, the rfq for engineering service for water and sewer improvements is due November 30. The village's contract with its current engineering firm, Wilson and Company, has reached its

maximum of \$25,000 and the village must now go to rfq for an engineering firm.

Grant projects include phase 2 of the solid waste transfer station with \$200,000 from the state and \$100,000 from the village. Main Street Phase 2 is in the process of final certification of rights of way. Plans for the project are completed and a bid will be drafted as soon as the rights of way are certified, Richards said. The project will not start until spring. The phase involves reconstruction of sidewalks and parking areas from Chase Street west to the intersection with Mechem Drive. The project has \$750,000 in grant funds and \$250,000 contribution locally.

Several airport projects are underway with a new glide slope direct approach and a game fence for the airport perimeter.

The village will also have to go to rfq to find a new engineering firm for its airport projects. Current firm Leeds Hill Herkenhoff has also reached its maximum for projects without a new rfq. Richards said the firm will continue to work on the current projects already assigned within the terms of the current contract with the village.

Annexation is proceeding on seven county pockets. All map work and legal descriptions for the annexations is done and staff is in the process of preparing a petition that will go to the state boundary commission by December. Richards said the annexation project had been delayed because of other more urgent projects. One pocket area is Carrizo Canyon which already has village water and sewer service, police, EMS and fire response. Richards said the village will also be able to provide those services to the other six proposed areas to be annexed. Another pocket is the village owned properties in Eagle Creek, including the ball fields. Richards said Collins is working with the state highway department on the rights of way on the ski run road.

By annexing the ball fields, the village will have policing powers over the area, Richards said. "Ruidoso police have no authority to go out to the ball fields now," he added.

Richards at the request of Chance, explained the annexation process. The village files petitions with the county and state for the annexations of the village owned land. That is followed by a 30 day objection period. The seven pockets of county land to be annexed requires the village to petition the state boundary commission which will hold a hearing. Richards said he expects it will take two or three months to get a hearing, but it will be on all seven pockets of land. As part of the hearing process, the village must prove it can provide services to these pockets proposed for annexation.

Chance asked how the affected people could respond. Richards said all affected property owners will be notified and will have full opportunity to object. Or they can file an appeal of the boundary commission decision.

Councilors also: -Approved public hearing on December 12, on proposed changes to the village sign ordinance to

require non-profit event banners to have a maximum size of 32 square feet.

-Okayed public hearing on December 12 on proposed changes to the ordinance pertaining to permitted uses in a R-4 district to allow single family dwellings, multi family dwellings and public parks in the high density residential R-4 zone.

-Approved public hearing on December 12 on a proposed zone map amendment for Lots 6-10, Block 3 in the Wingfield Addition from a C-2 Community Commercial to a C-1 Neighborhood commercial zoning for applicant Charles Craig. He proposes to expand his lodge, but must make one lot of two lots. However the two lots have different zoning and the village codes do not allow one lot to have two different zones. Village planning staff said there were some objections to the proposed action.

-Approved public hearing on December 12 for a zone map amendment for Lots 59, 60 and part of 61 of Block 1A, Palmer Gateway Subdivision from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Two-family residential, Richard and Gayla Pearson applicants who propose the change to give a buffer zone between their property and the C-1 type uses next to them.

-Awarded the bid for the senior citizens center re-roof and improvements to Holloway Construction of Roswell for \$61,311.

## Register Now For Spring Semester At ENMU Semester

Registration for the spring 2001 semester at Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso is taking place now for all students. Students may register for class through January 16, the first week of class, but are encouraged to enroll early in order to get the classes they want.

Tuition and fees are due at the time of registration, and books may not be picked up in early January without payment. Web registration is now available on any campus computer, or on a home computer through the Internet Home page for students who have enrolled previously. Students should click on Web Registration which will take them to the Class Registration icon in order to register.

Walk in and phone in registration is also available daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and the phone number to call locally is 257-2120 or toll free at 1-800-934-3668.

Students who are seeking a degree or who are concurrent enrollment, and have not been enrolled at ENMU before, should make an appointment for an academic advisement prior to registration.

Financial aid and scholarships are available for the spring semester.


## IN THE SERVICE

Army Pvt. Carlo R. De Santis has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

He is the son of Rhonda L. Gonzales of Lincoln.

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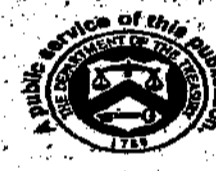
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- Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery**
- Nogal Presbyterian Church:**  
BILL SEBRING, pastor  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
- Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024  
Worship..... 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.
- Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle**  
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor  
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 354-2025  
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm
- First Baptist Church**  
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2855 (church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
- Carrizozo Community Church (A/O)**  
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2185  
Children's Church..... 10:30 am  
Worship Service..... 10:30 am  
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 pm
- Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
**SATURDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 8:00 pm  
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm  
**SUNDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'ozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.
- Church of Christ**  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM,  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 1:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
- St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, rector  
Corner of E. Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-805-257-2355  
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

- The Word of Life Church**  
REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2339  
711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church  
Sunday..... 7:00 p.m.
- Tinnie Baptist Church.**  
BILL JONES, pastor  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Church Services..... 11:00 am
- United Methodist Churches**  
TOM WOODARD, pastor  
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2546  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 8:30 pm  
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm  
**CAPITAN**  
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.
- Christ Community Fellowship**  
ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)  
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan  
Preparation Prays..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
- Capitan Church of Christ**  
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
6th & Lincoln / 358-4827  
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**  
Phone 354-2044  
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)  
Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 pm
- First Baptist Church of Corona**  
CAL WEST, pastor / 648-7975  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

**Curry and Lanita Rakak**

**Bill Winkler**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Public Land use Advisory Council will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2000. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Copies of the agenda for the meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager 24 hours prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2383 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, November 30, 2000.



# Crown News

Saturday morning November 18 was cold, and just enough snow fell to cover the ground. Monday morning, November 20 it was 30 degrees, sun shining and no wind - a beautiful day.

Thursday of week before last there were exceptionally good turkey dinners at both the school lunch room and the senior center.

November 19 Julie Lair and her fiancé Mark Forsyth of Scottsdale, AZ stopped to see her McKay cousins, the Perkins. They were due in Santa Fe that night and would go on to Wichita to spend Thanksgiving with her brother and his sister and families. Julie and Mark are planning a wedding tentatively set for July in Castle Culean on the southwest coast of Scotland.

Sara Kimball of Waco, TX arrived November 17 to spend the weekend with her grandmother, Robin Pfeiffer. Sara was accompanied by a friend, Lisa Ford of Texas A&M. Monday Sara, Lisa and Robin went to Albuquerque to have dinner with Sara's parents, Sally and Stan Kimball. Sara and Lisa would return to their Texas homes November 21, and Mrs. Pfeiffer would take a plane to Phoenix to have Thanksgiving with her grandson, Scott Kimball in Chandler. His parents would drive out November 22.

Courtney Perez was expected November 22 from Georgetown University to be with her family here for the long weekend and returning to school November 27. November 27 will be the first day she has missed classes this semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rasak have sold their store in Albuquerque's south valley and he is at home here devoting time to their firewood business. He plans also to take part in community and church affairs.

David Craig of Elida had a hip replacement in Roswell last week. He will put no weight on it for at least six weeks. Sons Ryan and Randall came home with their Alford grandparents to spend the weekend here. Russell could not come because of basketball practice.

John Tracey returned home Wednesday, Nov. 26 after major colon surgery on Nov. 20. John Ernest will take it easy for at least six weeks and then return to St. Joseph's Hospital for further surgery to correct problems caused by the first operation.

Crown CowBelles met Thursday, Nov. 16 at La Cocina de Corona with president Trish Cox in charge. The report of the nominating committee was accepted and the following

officers elected by acclamation: president, Lee Sultemeier; 1st vice president, Trish Cox; secretary-treasurer, Janell Kane.

The December meeting will be for family and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Sultemeier - covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Cox plans to attend the state convention in Albuquerque that weekend but will be back for the Crown meeting.

As Carolyn Wilson departed after the meeting closed she wished everyone

"Happy Thanksgiving." She left the next day with husband William to spend the holiday in Mississippi. They plan to return December 1.

There will be a Christmas Tea Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Corona Senior Citizens Center, sponsored by Corona del Rey, Aglow Community Lighthouse.

With the recent drought, some of our wells have become sluggish, slow and some have even gone dry. Our land has suffered from the lack of moisture so it is with our spiritual lives without the rain of God's spirit, we become thirsty. This will be a time of refreshing, restoration and healing.

The speaker will be Charlotte Howard from Albuquerque. Charlotte helped found Aglow in New Mexico in the early 70s. She has met the man, Jesus, at her own personal well of salvation. Now she is well able to tell others "Come see a man who knows all about me, who satisfies my every need, fulfills the longing of my heart, and replenishes all my waste places."



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2tc-Nov. 22 & 30

**FOR SALE,** now through Christmas: Cosmetic jewelry, coffee, eagles, watches, knives, pocket watches, 1108 D Ave., Carrizozo. 648-2305  
5tc-Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**FOR SALE:** 1998 American Star (Oak Creek model) 28"x68" double wide, tape and textured, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large open floor plan. Call 648-6433 after 6:00 p.m. Location of home in Carrizozo.  
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Capitan, New Mexico 88316,

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# Snow To Be Scraped To Sides Of Mechem

By Doris Cherrv

From now on Ruidoso street crews will scrape snow to the sides of Mechem Drive and into the middle of Sudderth Drive to await removal. Ruidoso Village Council during its meeting Tuesday, November 28 spent considerable time talking about snow removal on Mechem and Sudderth Drives. Traditionally, streets crews scrape snow into the middle of Sudderth Drive to clear roadways, then remove the snow to another location. Crews had always scraped snow off of Mechem Drive, but now are unsure how to do snow removal now that the new highway and sidewalks are completed. Mayor Robert Donaldson was concerned about plowing snow onto the new sidewalks because of the potential for liability. Street department director J.R. Baumann said he had contacted other communities with similar snow removal problems but found no others that pile the snow into the middle of the street. Baumann said Mechem Drive slopes to both sides and melt off from the middle could freeze into icy slick roads at night. Baumann said street crews concentrate on removing the snow from White Mountain Drive to Sudderth Drive. Ruidoso has an agreement with the state highway department to remove snow on Sudderth and Mechem Drives which are State Highway 48. In exchange for the state providing the village road salt, the village removes

snow on Mechem to the ski run road. Village manager Alan Briley said the village needs to reconsider its agreement for salt since snow removal on Mechem is now more difficult. Baumann suggested the village let the state remove the snow. But Donaldson said he wanted to the village to continue to remove the snow, because he has no faith the state highway crews will remove the snow. State highway does not have a maintenance yard near Ruidoso and must take care of the remainder of Highway 48 to Capitan, the Ski Run Road, Highways 70, 380 and 54. "If we don't remove the snow, no one will," Donaldson said. After a bit more discussion, councilors approved a motion to continue to pile snow in the middle of Sudderth and to the sides of Mechem. Councilors also: -Approved a lobbyist contract with H. John Underwood to provide lobbyist services during the upcoming New Mexico State Legislative session. No dollar amount was specified in the contract. -Were introduced to new village arts coordinator Mary Lea Lane who works 12-15 hours a week on a contract basis. She currently is organizing a juried art show entitled Lincoln County-The New Millennium to be hung in the Governor's Gallery March 16-May 11, 2001 and working on the goals for art programs in the community. Some 120 people attended a

recent reception for Lane. She said people were thrilled the village appointed an arts coordinator. -Awarded the bid to renovate the new police department building to Gentry Construction for \$70,330 with the second alternate that deleted the brass finish on handicapped ramp railing. The bid came in over the amount of budgeted funds left from the New Mexico finance Authority loan for purchase of the former Monitor bank building for the police department. The remaining funds needed to do the project will be taken from various line items in the police department budget now and will be repaid at the mid-year budget adjustment. -Authorized village staff to pursue an agreement with Sierra Contractors, as sole source provider, to dispose of organic and yard waste. -Approved the renewal of

the contract with International Consultants and Associates for basic on-call engineering services, with revisions recommended by the village auditor. -Postponed action on an appeal to a planning commission denial of a conditional use request by Gerald Griep to use a recreation vehicle as a temporary residence during on-site construction. -Approved the request for vacation of right of way on Lot 16, Block 2, Pinecrest Addition requested by Joseph Garcia. -Canceled the December 26 regular council meeting because of its proximity to Christmas holiday. -Recessed to closed session to discuss pending litigation and purchase, acquisition, disposal of real property and/or water rights by the village. No action when councilors returned to open session.

## Water Conference in Albuquerque Dec 5-6

How to meet the increasing demand for water throughout New Mexico is the focus of the 45th annual New Mexico Conference December 5-6 at the Albuquerque Hyatt Regency Hotel. The conference theme is "Water, Growth and Sustainability: Planning for the 21st Century." U.S. Bureau of Reclamation commissioner Eluid Martinez

orders because of the high cost to install the service. Donaldson said GTE should have improved its infrastructure a long time ago. This upgrade would have never happened with GTE," Donaldson concluded. and New Mexico State Engineer Tom Turney will discuss urgent water issues. The second day of the conference will feature a Water Banking Workshop. There is a registration fee, with special rates for students. Call New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute at 505-646-4337 for more information.

## Ruidoso Okays Sale

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Mosely and Mason were both concerned about the potential for contamination from run off from the construction site and the housing complex once completed and occupied. Mosely asked if there was any reason to sell the property on the lake side of the slope. Mayor Robert Donaldson said the issue of the sale had been through many hearings for about eight months. Mason, director of the Ruidoso River Association, said he had been told that the village had bought the Grindstone properties in order to protect the watershed to Grindstone reservoir, a municipal raw water storage. Donaldson said this was not true, rather the property was purchased to give a public access to Grindstone lake. Mason asked that an environmental impact statement be done for the project. But Donaldson said the village requires drainage retention and erosion control. Village manager Alan Bril-

ey and village planning director Joseph Patoskie both discussed the requirements for drainage. Patoskie also told about the site development process that will be required of the developer. Toward the end of discussion on the ordinance and agreement Donaldson said one of the great challenges of growth is traffic. He proposed putting the additional gross receipt tax revenue received into improving the village streets and "quaint intersections." In response to some concerns about the high density development, Donaldson said the affordable units will not be subsidized apartments like Camelot or Inspiration Heights. Rather the units will be affordable for working people like school teachers and technicians. CDS Investments owns A-1 Storage and is constructing a new subdivision off of Airport Road near the Spencer Theater.

## Valor Communications

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Robert Donaldson asked if Valor will have a local payment/service center. Swan would not commit to such a center in Ruidoso, saying the company will have to study this to determine its feasibility. Donaldson was also concerned about the lack of lines in Ruidoso and other growing areas. Swan said it will require engineering to bring in additional lines to upgrade the system to allow for new phone hookups. "Now new lines will only be

available as customers disconnect," he added. Councilor Bill Chance asked if the company has a local technician to do service calls: Swan said the local operations manager is Joe Champion, available by calling 630-2000. "His focus is on the physical installations, he does not deal with billing issues," Swan said. Valor was given three years by the Public Regulatory Commission (PRC) to "ramp up" with higher level of ser-

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