

Municipal Elections On Tuesday, March 7

by Doris Cherry

Municipal elections will be held on Tuesday, March 7. Polls in each municipality will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CAPTAN:

Candidates for the two, four-year trustee positions are incumbents Alfred Leroy Montes and John D. Whitaker, Marcelyn V. "Van" Shamblin and George W. Tippin. The polls will be at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds office.

CARRIZOZO:

Positions are open for municipal judge and two, four year trustees. Candidates for municipal judge are C.O. "Chuck" Rominger (who was appointed to the position), Johnie L. Johnson and LeeRoy Zamora. For the two trustee positions, candidates are incumbent Wesley Lindsay and Tommy R. Guevara. (Ysabel Hernandez who filed as candidate withdrew her candidacy). Voting will be held at City

Hall.

CORONA:

Two, four-year trustee positions are open. For position two trustee the only candidate is incumbent Gilbert Stewart Jr. For position one trustee, candidates are Sandra Purrington and Mitzi Smid. Voting will be held at village hall.

RUIDOSO:

Four council positions are open. Incumbents Bob Sterchi, Frank Cummins and

Ron Anderson filed for the three, four-year council positions. Appointee Linda Flack filed for the two-year position. Ronald D. Hardeman filed as a write-in candidate for a four-year council position.

In addition to the candidates, voters will be asked to consider a \$8 million bond issue to construct a recreation/swimming pool complex.

Voting will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

RUIDOSO DOWNS:

Positions are open for mayor, municipal judge and two trustees. Candidates for the mayor position are incumbent Joe M. Hayhurst, Jackie M. Branum and Bob A. Miller.

For municipal judge candidates are incumbent Howard R. Mansell and write-in Fred A. Bernard.

For the two trustee positions are candidates Don L. Smith, Rene G. Olivo, James L. Bassett and incumbent Judy R. Miller.

Voting polls will be at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center.

The names of write-in candidates do not appear on the voting machine ballot, but a write-in is indicated. Poll workers can assist voters on voters how to do a write-in vote.

For more information on the municipal elections call the appropriate municipal clerk.

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DIRECTORS MEET. Ed Roberson (right) regional director of the Roswell BLM office, and Les Swindle, director of the state's property control division in the General Services Department, shake hands after the special Town Hall meeting on Fort Stanton held February 24, in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Fort Stanton One Of 11 Most Endangered Historic Sites In The Nation For Year 2K

by Doris Cherry

Fort Stanton has been listed as one of the 11 most endangered historical sites in the nation for the year 2000.

This was revealed during the February 24 Town Hall meeting on Fort Stanton called by State Rep. Dub Williams. The Town Hall meeting was held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. A standing-room only crowd attended.

Moderated by county manager Tom Stewart who kept most presenters to a tight five minutes of comment, the meeting was very much like preaching to the choir. Everyone who packed the Lincoln County Commission chambers agreed Fort Stanton should not be sold. While most at the meeting wanted to preserve the pre-civil war fort for its historic significance, a group of veterans suggested utilizing some of the state owned property as a veteran's long term care facility.

By the end of the meeting all that was determined is the need to develop a plan for the facility, before the next state legislative session in 2001.

An estimated \$20 million is needed to restore the historic buildings and renovate the newer buildings to be used for tourist and/or conference facilities. But no one at the meeting could say where that money could come from, even Les Swindle, director of the state's property control division within the General Services Department (GSD). Swindle did say GSD had committed enough funding to pay the salaries of the two maintenance personnel at Fort Stanton until the end of June.

There were commendations to former state rep. Ben Hall for obtaining state funds to put new roofs on some of the historic buildings.

One of the highlights of the meeting was when Capitan resident Lionel Lippmann "ate crow" and apologized to Williams for criticizing his

recent actions to sponsor the bill to sell Fort Stanton. Lippmann suggested the county commission should appoint a committee of "knowledgeable and articulate citizens" then provide them with a planning grant and enough time to come up with a viable plan for Fort Stanton. Lippmann said the grant should be large enough to hire professional planning consultants if necessary. Lippmann suggested the committee include Stewart, county commissioner Ray Nunley, Hall, Dick Weber chair of Fort Stanton Inc., Gary Miller former director of Lincoln Heritage Trust, Museum of the Horse and the 8th Air Force Museum, Sid Goodloe rancher and founder of the Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust, Lippmann self proscribed archaeologist and historian, Patsy Sanchez Lincoln County planning officer, Francis Gallegos of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, Drew Gomer historian with Hubbard Museum of the American West, Martha Proctor Lincoln County Clerk, and Ed Roberson district manager of BLM.

Williams had requested the town hall meeting to discuss ways to preserve Fort Stanton. Williams told of how in the last legislative session he was approached to sponsor the joint resolution to allow the state to sell Fort Stanton. Any time the state sells property worth more than \$100,000 it must be done with legislative approval. Also



LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS co-publisher Ruth Hammond tells the group assembled at the special Fort Stanton Town Hall meeting on February 24 that *THE NEWS* will continue to give publicity to the Fort Stanton issue. It was standing room only at the town hall meeting called by State Rep. Dub Williams and held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County Okays Rfp For Jail Operations

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners authorized an rfp be issued for transition and operation of the new county detention center.

Meeting February 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners accepted the request for proposals (rfp) presented by county manager Tom Stewart. He said several private jail firms have been interested in operating and potentially expanding the detention

center at reduced costs to the county. Stewart said he tried to include comments from the private jail firms in the rfp. He recommended approval of the rfp and issuance with a deadline date of April 5.

Currently Lincoln County contracts with Corrections Systems Inc. (CSI) for operation of the detention center at a cost of \$7,131 per month. The current contract expires June 30.

Citizen Tony Seno said he was shocked last month when commissioners discussed the cost for CSI to provide the jail administrator. Seno said he thought commissioners called for an rfp for an individual administrator, not a private company. He said recent problems with private correction companies show how these do not work. "I don't want a private firm to run our jail," Seno said. "There is too much incentive (for a private firm) to keep more people in jail for more of our tax dollars."

"People want an individual, one jail administrator, preferably from county ranks," Seno added.

County commissioner Leo Martinez, who cast the lone vote against the motion to issue the rfp, said he voted no because he believed the county should not privatize the jail. "I agree that spending \$7,000 a month is not being responsible for tax

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Capitan School Board Meeting March 9 At 6 p.m.

Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. Thursday March 9 in the board conference room of the school administration building.

Capitan Fire Chief David Cox is scheduled to address the board on safety issues.

Items scheduled for action include:

- 2000-01 school calendar.
- Revision to the bomb threat section of the district safety plan.
- Drug testing policy.
- Gifted Program Proposal by George Holman.
- Personnel.
- Approval of out of state football game.

The board will also take input for the 2000-01 budget and comments from the public.

Carrizozo Police Crack Down On Stray Animals

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega wants to prohibit vicious animals from residing within the town.

Vega told *THE NEWS* he is planning to go before the Carrizozo Town Council to request changes to the town animal ordinance to prohibit vicious animals in the town.

Vega said he is extremely concerned for the welfare of the town's citizens, particularly the children and elderly.

His decision to seek stricter animal control rules came after a Pit Bull dog attack on a leashed dog being walked by an elderly man on the morning of February 28.

Vega responded to the incident and confirmed the welfare of the gentleman and the dog who was attacked by the Pit Bull dog. "The gentleman was extremely upset and advised he was now afraid to walk his dog on a public road for fear of being attacked by a full

blooded Pit Bull dog," Vega said.

Vega investigated the incident and surveyed people who own Pit Bull dogs in the vicinity of the incident in order to match

the description of the dog in question. A suspect was located and Vega interviewed several witnesses to the dog attack.

Based on the statements of the witnesses, and approval from the Assistant District Attorney David Ceballes, Vega filed a complaint in

Magistrate Court. The responsible individual was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean on Tuesday, February 29. Dean

set a \$1,000 appearance bond and ordered the dog to be surrendered to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for transport to a shelter until disposition of the case.

The case will go to trial in Magistrate Court.

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Capitan School Safety Meeting Tonight

\$300 Reward For Bomb Threat

by Doris Cherry
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 Lincoln County
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increased their reward to \$300 for any information about the bomb threat called into the Capitan High School on February 17.

Capitan High School principal Darrel Stierwalt said the incident has been turned over to the FBI regional office in Albuquerque, which is following up on two tips made through Crime Stoppers.

Concerned parents and school patrons are invited to attend a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight, (Thursday, March 2), in Traylor Gym, to begin review of the bomb threat section of the school safety plan. Copies of the bomb threat section of the safety plan will be available at the

meeting, Stierwalt said. The bomb threat on February 17 evacuated the schools and caused concern among several parents. School administrators held an early morning meeting on February 22 where they heard from parents whose children were dropped off early, and who were concerned the district did not follow its safety plan for bomb threat.

Parents were concerned that staff used phones within the building after the threat was made, and that high school students were allowed

to leave in their vehicles, and that students were kept outside on the football field during a wind storm.

According to a copy of the current safety plan, in a bomb threat/emergency, the recipient of the threatening phone call should—keep the caller on the phone, if a student answers get an adult, write down all information and notify the building principal, identify all noises in the background. The principal then calls 911 for police, calls the superintendent, makes the evacuation decision, ceases

all radio, phones and/or electronic bells including cell phones and CB radios on campus because a bomb could be activated by electronic devices.

In the safety plan section for evacuation, on unscheduled dismissal, the district is to, if the situation warrants, notify and get transportation to the school, then notify parents of the evacuation and give them a central site to pick up their children.

Stierwalt said if parents and other concerned individuals are unable to attend the meeting tonight, or want to make comment outside the meeting, they can call Stierwalt or high school secretary Stephanie Aldaz at 354-2567.

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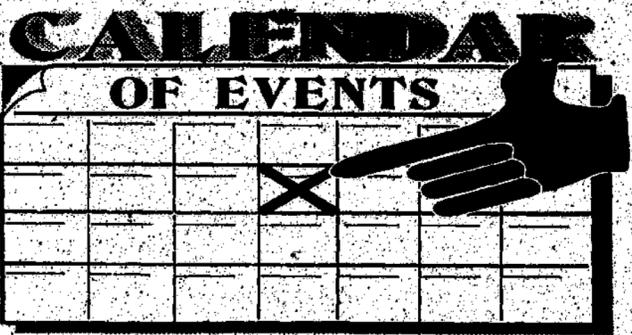
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Ruidoso Residents Concerned

by Doris Cherry

Upper Canyon resident Myrtle Arrington addressed the Ruidoso Village council during its meeting February 29 about concerns for the water situation.

A gardener by hobby, Mrs. Arrington was concerned about the outdoor watering restrictions, the impact on the water from the new hotels, motels and proposed new swimming pool/recreation center and what the village is doing to ease the water situation.

"Do the motels conserve water, or do we sacrifice our water for visitors?" she asked. "We should take care of (full-time residents) first. Aren't we a little more entitled than the visitors."

Arrington suggested the village "put off" approving permits for the new hotels and other development until the water is taken care of. She also said Grindstone was another "sore spot" mostly because of the reported leakage.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said Arrington was confusing two issues—growth and drought. He said the village has to deal with these separately. "One way to address drought is conservation," he added.

As for water use by commercial enterprises, Donaldson said these use only about one-fifth of the water consumed, the rest goes to residential use. "If we don't build another thing (commercial) it will not change the water availability if we are in a drought situation."

Donaldson agreed it was sad to punish those who practice conservation, but the reality is some residents use up to 150,000 gallons a month. Two years ago the council placed a burden on high water users by imposing a higher charge per 1,000 gallons when more than 75,000 a month were used. Donaldson said the trigger amount (for the higher rate) may need to be lowered to 25,000 or 35,000 gallons.

"Lawns are not important," Donaldson continued. "We want to make sure there is enough water for household use and for fire protection."

"We are in an extended drought, if you look at the snow supply for the last seven years," he added. The average snow on Sierra Blanca was 114 inches a year, excluding one year with lots of snow.

When Arrington asked about the new golf courses (being built in the county) Donaldson said the village had nothing to do with those. "You need to go to the county commission about that. A lot of people are looking to Ruidoso because we actually do things, not like the commission."

Donaldson said the two

golf courses in Ruidoso have their own water rights, which are private property that can be sold.

As for the growth in the county north of Ruidoso,

Donaldson said there is no way to manage growth in the county aside from the state subdivision laws. Donaldson said he foresees "well wars" in the Ranches of Sonterra,

where all of the 499 lots have their own wells. Developers were not required to provide water rights for the (SEE PAGE 4)

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
-Jalayne 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 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS
-Moms In Touch prayer group, 9 a.m. Ancho, Car pool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.
-Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

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. Chamber building on Second Street.
-Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

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

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 2
-Lincoln County Ag and Rural Affairs Committee 1 p.m. county commissioners chambers of the courthouse in Carrizozo.
-Special Capitan School meeting, 6 p.m., Traylor Gym, to begin review of the bomb threat section of the school district safety plan.
-Lincoln County Democratic Party County Convention and meeting, 8:30 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso.

MONDAY, MARCH 6
-Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m.
-Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on Second Street.
-Capitan Schools ACT parent group 1-3 p.m.
-Republican Party of Lincoln County social hour 5:30 p.m. dinner 6 p.m. at K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. Speaker State Rep. Dub Williams on the recent legislative session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
-Municipal Elections, polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
-Lincoln County E-911 Rural Addressing Committee 8:30 p.m. county commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
-Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, noon, Wells Fargo Bank community room.
-Free AARP tax help, 1-4 p.m. Capitan Senior Center.
-Capitan High School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) 6 p.m. high school library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
-Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) meets. Call 258-5875 or 258-3622 for information on location.
-Capitan elementary PAC meeting 5 p.m. elementary building.
-Special Lincoln County Commission meeting, 6 p.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall.
-Capitan School Board 6 p.m. administration building.
-Lincoln County Libertarian Party 6:30 p.m. Casa Blanca Restaurant in Ruidoso.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Water Situation

By Ruth Hammond

The water situation in different areas in Lincoln County is a topic of discussion and sometimes there is some cussing. Ruidoso has resolved their former problems with brown water, a solution that Carrizozo should incorporate. Ruidoso has spent more than \$6.8 million on their water system improvements, but it must have been worth it for the residents to have clear water. Seven years ago the Ruidoso village received 20 calls a day about brown water. Now Ruidoso doesn't get any calls about brown water.

Having good water is important. Maybe it doesn't bother you to drink brown water, but we prefer the water from the kitchen faucet be clear instead of dingy brown. It is almost impossible to drink from a glass that is filled with murky colored water. When a water main broke in Carrizozo a couple of weeks ago, it was understandable that the water would be muddy after the repairs were made the next day because dirt got in the line while it was being repaired. There was also air in the lines. Most people didn't use their washing machines until after the mud was out of the water.

Even though we have been told there is nothing wrong with the water in Carrizozo, we would prefer the water not be brown. Carrizozo's new water treatment plant is used to treat the Bonito water, not the well water and we were told that the well water has iron in it and the iron causes the water to be brown. Apparently one way to eliminate the iron from the water and make it clear is to add some type of salts. That would cause a problem for people on salt free diets. Maybe Carrizozo should consider applying for another grant to update the water treatment plant to be able to treat the well water without having to add any salts.

Water in Carrizozo was clear for years and years and we took it for granted that the water would always be clear and good to drink. A couple of years ago the town started using the well water almost exclusively instead of using any of the Bonito water. After the town started using the well water the water from the tap was nearly always brown.

All water problems are not because of brown water. There is a shortage of water in some areas and the water is rationed. The lack of snow and rain is causing water tables to fall, and people are encouraged to landscape with native plants that can survive in the natural environment.

There are other problems about water. Several people have filed protests with the state engineer because they object to proposed transfers of water rights from one area to another. Water is a precious commodity in New Mexico.

Everyone has a responsibility to help protect the water in New Mexico. Some states have an abundance of water with no restrictions or regulations on the number of wells that can be drilled. New Mexico's water tables are falling each and every day and water should be used very wisely.

Ruidoso continues to work on their water system. It cost a lot of money, and more money will be spent through the years as they follow their Water Master Plan. A few years ago Ruidoso received complaints about brown water but those complaints have stopped. Brown water should be used for watering plants and gardens, not for drinking.

Water is precious commodity

Ruidoso Residents

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subdivision.

"We need sustainable growth, but the mechanism for this does not exist in the county," he said. Donaldson added that he appreciated the county's stance on zoning for the ranching areas north of Carrizozo. "But south of Rio Bonito something needs to be done."

Arrington said most people don't understand what is happening with the water situation and she suggested the village hold meeting to listen to concerns.

Donaldson said the village is looking to the future by requiring low water landscaping in new subdivisions. "We need to make sure our future growth is water conservative," he said. "This isn't Georgia and we can't continue to use water improperly."

Arrington then asked if the 650,000 gallons needed for the proposed Olympic size swimming pool in the proposed recreation center will impact the village water system. Donaldson said the pool will be indoors and will use less water to evaporation than an outdoor pool. Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, March 7 to vote on a \$8 million bond issue election for the new recreation/swimming pool complex.

Donaldson said if the bond issue fails, the village will not come back to the voters for a property tax (bond issue) to pay for water improvements. "We will have all the money we need (for water improvements) out of the gross receipt tax and in the future from the water rates."

"I do not believe property tax money should be used to build what we need," Donaldson said. "Property tax debt service should be used for quality of life projects. If we do have to use property taxes for improvements we are extorting the property owners."

"We are in a unique situation for government, where we do not have to ask for more money to take care of the water system," Donaldson said. He added that in the future the village can put gross receipt tax revenues toward improving streets that have no other revenue source.

Councilor Linda Flack said the village cannot stop growth. "A community dies without growth," she said. "I very much favor healthy controlled growth. This community has to stay healthy which can't be done by standing still or going backwards."

J.R. Doodles



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - Could the Legislature's special session be called for early March? Rumors of such are whizzing around the nearly-empty Capitol.

Special sessions weren't held until early May the past two years, when Gov. Gary Johnson and legislative leaders reached impasses similar to the current budget stand-off. But this year many are finding reason to at least hope that the session will be called earlier.

All 112 legislators would like to see the session held as early as possible since everyone has to run for office this year. Everyone but the governor, that is. He reportedly has a family vacation planned, sometimes around spring break. House Speaker Raymond Sanchez, who got married not long before the session started, has a honeymoon planned, reportedly in late March in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

And then there is the missing appropriation for state parks. Angered at the administration's management of the parks system, lawmakers last year funded the parks division only through March 31 and said they would take another look in the recently-completed 2000 regular session. The money is in the budget passed by the Legislature, but Johnson says it isn't enough. Democrats would like to keep the parks open.

Special sessions demand a certain amount of compromise before they are called. Nearly all lawmakers want them to be as short as possible. They don't want to see any time wasted that could be spent at home with business and family. In the past, even when Johnson and Democrat legislative leaders have been at each other's throats going into a special session, the maximum length has been about a week, despite predictions by some that they could go the full 30 days that are allowable.

Those compromises might be getting easier to reach after five years of feeling each other out. Everyone now knows what the others want as far as the big budget bill is concerned. House Appropriations and Finance Committee Chairman Max Coll of Santa Fe says Johnson's supplemental requests to allow cash-strapped agencies to finish out this fiscal year need to come down some. If that happens, he says, Democrat legislative leaders will pull back enough on their increases for public schools and state employee salaries to get the budget in balance.

Can all of this be done within the next few days or weeks? It isn't likely. The governor has until March 8 to sign or veto bills. Positions will become much clearer at that point. But it is

unlikely that agreements can be worked out quickly on all remaining issues since the budget isn't the only item likely to be on the agenda.

Democrat legislative leaders have talked about calling themselves into an extraordinary special session, so they can schedule the session earlier and so they can set their own agenda. Such boasts have been heard the past two years, but they haven't materialized. Signatures from 80 percent of the lawmakers in each house are necessary to call themselves into session.

That threshold requires all Democrats to sign plus one Republican in the Senate and two in the House. Senate leader, Manny Aragon, says he already has enough signatures. But there is no indication that the Republican leadership of either

House has been involved in the planning, which may mean the road ahead will be as rocky as ever.

History buffs and the media would love to see the Legislature call a session because it hasn't happened before. Without past practices to guide them, conditions could get a little chaotic, which isn't good, considering the lack of cooperation and communication that already exists.

The most likely scenario, if lawmakers do get their act together to call a special session, is that Gov. Johnson will preempt them by calling the session himself. If they don't get their act together, look for the session to be in late April, or early May, just as it has been before.

Welfare Recipients Can Work For Census And Not Lose Their Benefits

Money earned from a temporary census job will not count as income for participants in certain welfare programs.

According to information from the Census Bureau, the New Mexico Human Services Department is participating in a demonstration project to exclude the wages from temporary census employment for recipients of the Food Stamp Program, NM Works Cash Assistance Program, and Medicaid programs for families and children.

Because of this, Census 2000 officials hope more people will apply for census jobs. "Some welfare recipients, who feared losing their benefits, may now come forward to apply for census jobs," said Gene

Roberts, assistant manager of recruitment at the Las Cruces office of the Census Bureau.

Although welfare recipients will not receive hiring preference, the Census Bureau's goal is to hire them for all census operations through 2000. Census taking jobs pay between \$10.50 and \$12 an hour, and will last from six to 12 weeks.

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Anyone interested in Census 2000 jobs are encouraged to call 1-888-325-7723, or (505)541-6800 to apply.

County Commission Holds Special Meeting March 9

Lincoln County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9 in the Ruidoso Administration Center (village hall) on Cree Meadows Drive.

Commissioners will consider potential fire restrictions after a report from Matt Reidy, fire management officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

Commissioners also will take input from citizens who are interested in some type of assessment to upgrade county subdivision roads. Copies of the state law that provides for road assessments and other information about assessments will be given to

participants. Another item on the agenda is the drafting of the hospital mill levy ballot. The 4.25 mill levy is up for re-election in November.

At the last county commission meeting on February 17, Hondo Schools requested the county provide the Hondo Clinic with funding, because the Hondo Clinic was listed with the Carrizozo and Corona Clinics on the last mill levy ballot. Commissioners will work on the wording of a resolution that will call for the hospital mill levy election.

For more information about the meeting contact county manager Tom Stewart at 648-2385.

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District Court Clerk Offices To Be Closed

The Twelfth Judicial District Court Clerks' offices in Alamogordo and Carrizozo will be closed Monday, March 6 through Thursday, March 9.

District court clerk's offices will be open for emergency filings from 8 to 9 a.m. each day.

Domestic Violence staff will be available to assist the public and will continue their normal hours of operation. All other court proceedings will continue as scheduled also.

The 12th District Court is in the process of upgrading its statewide computer system and staff will be training on the new equipment during the closure.

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payers money," Martinez said.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said an individual could submit a proposal to the rfp. Stewart said he was concerned of finding a local individual with enough expertise. Martinez said he was concerned mostly of operation in the existing jail while the new one is being built. "I think an individual can run the jail until they're ready for the new one," Martinez added.

Capitan area resident E.J. Fouratt said the specifics of the rfp does mention an individual can respond.

Wilson said once the proposals are in, the county will look at the proposals versus hiring its own jail administrator.

In his manager's report, Stewart reported on several detention center items. He said he helped Charlie Turnbo (president of CSI) interview two candidates to replace current jail administrator Mike Borrego who is retiring. CSI will make the final decision based on additional negotiations with the candidate, Stewart said.

As for the new detention center progress, Stewart reported the soil testing of the site for the new detention center was done on February 16, and the detention center architects are finalizing the plans for the new facility. Construction is scheduled to begin in April with completion by April 2001. Stewart said Nims, Cavani should report at the March meeting.

In the detention report, Stewart said on February 17 the county had 66 prisoners

with 43 in the detention center, 13 in the detention center annex, five on electronic monitoring, two at Otero County Detention Center and three at Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) near Estancia. Stewart said the annex use continues to be good. The fenced annex, a dormitory minimum security facility, cost the county \$54,829 to construct. From its opening on September 23 to January 31, the annex has deferred about \$80,710 in payments for detaining county inmates in other facilities. "We are now operating at a savings of about \$20,650 a month," Stewart said. "This will mean a (total) potential savings of about \$313,631 prior to the opening of the new detention center in April 2001."

County commissioner Ray Nunley asked if the annex will be used when the new detention center opens. Stewart said the county may need the housing for juvenile holding. Stewart said he will work a potential juvenile care aspect into future rfps for detention center operations. He also said he will pursue a 48 hour holding option, on a part time basis, using the existing detention center annex.

Stewart said on February 7, Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD) representative Roberta Marquez visited the existing detention center and advised what would be needed to convert it to a juvenile facility.

Staffing alone would cost an estimated \$250,000 a year for one administrator and one direct supervisor per 10 juveniles, 24 hours a day.

For a juvenile facility the county would be required to have educational classes, psychiatric care, no contact with adult prisoners, detoxification care, and visibility of all detainees within the facility. If the county tries to run a juvenile center for profit, the county would compete with a proposed 20 bed facility in Alamogordo, 36 bed facility in Deming, 50 bed facility in Las Cruces and a new campus like 100 bed facility in the four corners area, Stewart said.

"My analysis indicates that, under these circumstances, our current expenditures of \$64,094 a year for juvenile care are cost effective," Stewart concluded. "The salaries alone do not justify pursuing this option further on our own."

Stewart also said the Town of Carrizozo has been utilizing county inmates for maintenance labor. Stewart said other municipalities could also utilize inmates, but many do not have enough employees to provide supervision.

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Capitan Employees and Citizens Air Grievances

by Doris Cherry

Capitan village trustees got an earful at their meeting Tuesday, February 23, as employees and citizens aired their gripes.

At the end of a short business agenda, trustees opened the floor for comments from employees to mayor and council, then later for comments from citizens.

Village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox said he got a copy of a letter from Smithco Construction, the company that did the fire hydrant project two years ago. In it are vague allegations that the village water department and staff were dissatisfied with the hydrant project. "Some things he said were questionable," Cox said about the letter.

Cox said village attorney Don Dutton sent back a response to Smithco, which Cox said village employees appreciated. "This might make Mr. Smith realize his accusations are vague," Cox added.

"What we are most concerned with is the trustee who said the village water department employees sabotaged the fire hydrant project," Cox said. "It is disheartening to the employees."

"We go out every day and try to serve with a quality product," Cox said. "Then a member of the board makes accusations." Cox said he also spoke for water department employees Steve Osborn and David Cox, who also worked on the fire hydrant project. "This is a slap in the face," Terry Cox said.

David Cox said the vague letter from Smithco is not where the problem is.

Village administrator Steve Barela said the letter came to his attention about a month and a half ago. He said he did an internal investigation and spoke with water department employees and determined there was no evidence of wrong doing on the village's part.

Smithco never made a formal complaint about the situation to the trustees. "I thought it was a dead issue till this flared up," Barela said. Part of the problem with the fire hydrant project was the village had an engineer who agreed with the contractor about some damage to the fire hydrants not being the contractor's fault, Barela said. "This is a two year old project, and already closed by the local government division (of the state department of finance and administration DFA)," Barela added.

Mayor Norman Renfro said the board of trustees were a policy making board. Terry Cox asked if the board could do anything about the accusations a trustee made outside the policy making board.

Dutton tried to diffuse the situation by saying he had asked Smithco for a response within 10 days. "I'd rather not comment any further about this until Smith replies," Dutton said. "I feel he will disavow the letter." Dutton said once he heard from Smithco he would contact Cox and Barela.

As for dealing with a trustee, Dutton said all trustees are elected and the citizens can take their issue to the polls, or consider a recall. Then Dutton provided no more information, because he said he represented the board of trustees. "Your complaint now as a citizen can be addressed in the political arena," Dutton added. Osborn said the allegations

of sabotage were false accusations. He said the problem arose with a disagreement between the engineer and the village employees who were concerned about the compaction around the fire hydrants. "They're saying we tore the hydrants apart," Osborn said. Osborn said the fire hydrants settled because the contractor did not compact the dirt around them properly.

Dutton again said the letter was real vague.

Trustee Leroy Montes asked if the letter had come to the village. Barela said no. Dutton said it was faxed, but it was not addressed or signed. "Trustee Coker brought the letter over," Dutton added.

Montes asked why the letter was faxed to Coker who knew about the letter, and why it was not discussed with the trustees before the employees learned about it.

Renfro then said he did not want to discuss it further until Smithco made reply to Dutton's letter. Trustee John Whitaker said the letter was never formally brought up to the trustees.

Barela said Coker brought him the letter, which he found to be vague. That was when Barela did the investigation and found no wrong doing by village employees.

Terry Cox said he contacted Haywood Martin, a member of the Community Development Council (CDC, that decides on Community Development Block Grants, CDBG) about the letter. Cox said Martin told him, if "one-tenth percent of any of the allegations took place, Capitan will never get anymore CDBG funds."

Renfro said the issue was not one of the six reasons why the village's last CDBG application was turned down.

After comments from employees, citizens got their chance. Fred Chaney asked what happened to the tape recordings of the February 8 meeting. Clerk Kathryn Griffin said when trustees went into executive session that night, they came back out and found someone had erased the tapes of the meeting. Chaney then gave two bright yellow plastic shovels to the trustees. "This is if you want to cover something up," Chaney said. "But I know you will do what's best for Capitan." Renfro pounded his gavel for order.

Later Chaney said THE NEWS reporter Doris Cherry had come to listen to the tapes only to find them erased. "We learned a lot at that meeting," Chaney said. "Maybe someone did not want that meeting to be reported."

Renfro said that once the minutes are approved, the tapes are destroyed.

Dick Dickerson asked why Coker was not at the meeting. Renfro said Coker was out of town working for the Rural Water Association.

"Ole" George Tippin commended village staff for calling residents when the water main broke. Renfro too commended the water department staff for working on the break all night long, in a 12 foot deep hole.

Public comment continued with discussion about the village owned Smokey Bear Museum and Gift Shop. Museum manager Kateri Hicks said she has worked hard to make the museum an asset. She also heard that a museum clerk was told that Friends of Smokey were to take over the museum. "Is this a rumor?" Hicks asked.

"Out of fairness," Dutton said. "We need to keep comments to a minimum."

Trustee Debra Ingle, an officer of Friends of Smokey, said she knew nothing about this.

Then resident Cindy Livingston who has run a small business featuring Smokey Bear products, asked about the museum, and if items were packed away properly and inventoried. Hicks said the items were inventoried, packed and placed in a very secure place. According to a person at the February 8 meeting, some of the discussion was about an expenditure to rent a storage unit from Ingle to store the museum items and purchase of a new display case.

Livingston said the gift shop is a conflict of interest because it competes with the small businesses in the village. Renfro said the village is putting money

back into the museum to promote Capitan. Griffin said the village auditor did not see the gift shop as a conflict of interest with private businesses. She also said other municipalities have enterprise projects.

Then Livingston wanted to know what was done with the income from the shop. Griffin said all museum and gift shop revenues go toward salaries, utilities and insurance. Currently the village is working to install an alarm and fire system in the museum. Barela said when he came he was instructed to look into improving the museum and he did so. New lights, carpet, showcase and storage have been added. But the collector's items stored at the museum have now been removed and stored in a

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Capitan HS To State Contest Mar. 3

The Capitan High School LifeSmarts team will compete against four other teams in a state competition on March 3, in the Bataan Building in Santa Fe. Capitan students Esperanza Martinez, Brandi Dickerson, Cole Brooks and

Brit Ventura with their sponsor Sandy Gilmore will participate in the competition.

"This year the competition was different," Attorney General (AG) Patricia Madrid said in a release. "Teams competed in the first

Internet interactive team-qualifying event held nationwide. Questions included health, technology, consumer law and other topics young adults need to be aware of to make good choices and decisions.

The Capitan team will compete with students from Bernalillo 4-H Club, Bernalillo County Home Schoolers, Belen High School, Corrales Heights Home School Organization.

The winner of the state competition will attend the national competition in Minneapolis April 8-11.

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secure place. "Because of the value of the items we decided to pull them out until we have the museum secure with an alarm and fire system," Barela said.

Livingston said the museum was built by the Capitan Woman's Club and the gift shop added to raise funds to pay for the electric bills, not to make money for the village. Griffin said the gift shop does pay the bills, and is the village's only enterprise fund. Whitaker said there has always been competition in the village.

Resident George Schultz commented on the Smithco issue. He said he worked with the village water department. "We owe the water department a great debt," Schultz said. "They watch over projects with great care, they don't pick, they just make sure the job is done right."

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PART 3

MINAS NUEVAS DISTRICT

This may be considered as four district sub-districts. The first consists of "Veta Colorado," which embraces about all of the old mines of fame, such as "La Morana", "Presena", "Viscaina", and "Alferana", owned by the Hidalgo mining company; the "Veta Grande and El Verde", owned by Jose Maria Botella; the "Quebradillas" mine, owned by J.F. Townsend; the "Terreritos", or better known as "Los Muertos", owned by J. M. Botella; Angel Garcia and Juan Alamanzan; the "Terrenatas", owned by Juan Alamanzan, J.J. Long and others; San Antonio and Constanca owned by Schack and Dietmar; "Los Remedios", belonging to Alvaro Garcia, and other properties not yet deve-

loped. These properties are all on the famous "Veta Colorado", which has been considered one of the largest and most distinct mineral veins in the whole of Mexico, which can be traced for ten miles over the mountains from north to south, and averages about 300 feet in width. This vein was discovered and worked about 1660, about twenty years after the discovery of the Parral district—hence, its name of Minas Nuevas. The Moreno is working now at a depth of 600 feet in a large body of low grade ore, yet paying ore. This is the most southerly on this vein. Next to it is located the "Nobal", belonging to Col. Fant of Texas, and leased by B. Gilpin, Jr., who has recently opened up a body of paying ore.

In line of continuation comes the "Fontanena", "El

Salto", and "Presena", forming the famous Presena group, which have been among the heaviest producers of the camp, working at a dept of over 1500 feet on the incline. The success of this property and its surroundings is due to the energetic and detailed methods of Manager J.I.

turned over the two mines to Mr. Botello, who extracted during one year about 10,000 tons of ore above the water level, leaving a handsome profit of about \$150,000, besides the dump of the Verde, which values about \$50,000. Lately only some "gambacino" work is going on there. The

pal mines are San Cristobal, owned by J.I. Long; the "Caiman", owned by G. P. Mackey. The former produces a very silicious and free milling ore of not very high grade, yet in large quantities. The latter has laid idle for a number of years, but has shown favorable results with proper development. There the main vein seems to divide, one principal stringer inclining toward the east, one of the principal mines on this stringer being the "Resolana", owned and worked by J.M. Botello. There are numerous other mines on the branch vein, all of which are producing more or less ore.

The third district of Minas Nuevas can best be understood and its value better estimated by a short description of the surrounding veins. The Veta Colorado and San Patricio run nearly parallel from north to south, splitting up and inclining towards one another in form of numerous smaller veins. In other words the veins could well be compared to a capital letter Y, this district being located at the bottom of the letter, where both veins apparently join. In this district is located the famous "Palmillo" mine, owned and worked by Pedro Alvarado. At the present time this property is producing \$150,000 monthly, the machinery employed being a two mule power common sense whim. This property was worked by the present owner's father, and a party of Americans, about thirty years ago, with indifferent success.

In this same district are several very fine properties, one of the principal being the "Esperanza", owned by Alvarado, but leased by J. Harvie and associates, who have sunk a vertical shaft, tapping the main vein, and now have over \$50,000 of ore in sight, the property displaying great possibilities with development. Other properties are "Santa Ines", located south of the "Palmillo", which has a tunnel of over 200 meters, but up to the present time the main vein has not been encountered, though several stringers have been cut. To the west of the Palmillo is the "San Vicente" and "Capusala", which have been worked to a depth of about 250 feet, and which

are now producing small quantities of paying ore. North of these is the San Antonio, "de La Pena", "Los Guijas", and many other small properties — as "El Hormiguero" and "Orion". Further to the west are other properties, as "Hilos", formerly called the "Cabena". In this latter mine solid native silver is encountered. South of all these properties are several other properties as the "Palma", "La Locomotora", "San Salvador", and "Santo Thomas", and east of these the "Two Republics", owned by H.C. Gerber and A. Urquhart and eastern capitalists, who have lately interested an American company in this property, who have begun most extensive development work. Joining this property on the east is a new location, "The Fourth of July", which is showing immense results for a prospect. On this property 400

ounce ore was encountered on the surface, and a small quantity of ore shipped, having netted \$145 per ton. This is one of the most recent discoveries of the camp, and goes to prove that prospecting can be enthusiastically encouraged, even among the old and well established mines. This is the property of J.H. Thomas, J.Y. Baskin, C. Dietmar and Wm. J. Morrill. Development on this property is being pushed with all possible speed.

The fourth district of Minas Nuevas may be considered the Refugio vein, taking its name from the famous mine of this name, which was the first mine opened up on this vein.

This mine was discovered only four years ago, being owned and worked by Angel Garcia, to whom it has produced more than a half million net since opening up. North of this mine is the "Germania" property, recently sold to American and Mexican capitalists, who are continuing the three compartment vertical shaft, begun by the former owners, and expect to tap the main vein by a crosscut at a dept of 250 feet. Further north are the "Catalas" properties and many others. To the east and south of the Refugio mine, and joining this property, is the Sierra Madre, owned by a Mexican company, but leased and bonded by Harvie & Escher. This property is now working in large bodies of high grade ore, having been tapped by a series of crosscuts. This is a case where tenacity proved a profitable game, since Mr. Harvie is complimented on his management of what seemed a hopeless hunt only a few months ago.

Adjoining on the east and south are the "Santana" and "Trinidad", being worked by the same company. In both cases development work is being rapidly pushed with the result of good ore being encountered in the "Santana". East of those mines is the Esperanza, worked by the Hidalgo Mining company; joining on the east with the "Morena" on the Veta Colorado. In the case of all these mines they join on the east the mines located on the Veta Colorado.

The Refugio vein extends further south. Joining the Trinidad to the south is the "Union", followed by other claims of small development. A claim called "Aurora", owned by Julio Sandoval, and leased by J. Harvie and associates. A new vertical shaft has been commenced with work being pushed in the old incline. South of this mine comes the "Las Cruces", "San Juanico", and a little to the west "La Cabadena", all belonging to the Hidalgo Mining company. The last three mines have been recently fitted out with new and modern machinery on a large scale. The Cabadena and San Juanico are in very high grade ore. A continuation of the Cabadena is the "La Prese", belonging to G.P. Mackey, which is producing very high grade ore.

Northeast of Minas Nuevas is a small mining camp called Concepcion, a distance of about twenty miles, which has produced very high grade ore.



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Long, the property before this having been worked with indifferent success. This company also absorbed a few years ago the "Viscaina" and "Alferana", which have been brought into rich producers. Realizing the necessity and importance of cheap handling and treatment of the ore, Mr. Long erected in 1894 a mill with modern machinery. Finding this insufficient for handling their output, another mill of the same capacity was erected in 1898. Thus the company is able to handle 150 tons daily.

To the north follow the Veta Grande and El Verde, considered as the largest producer up to date. This mine was worked until 1895 by F. Stallforth y Hnos. The former has a vertical shaft 1,000 feet deep, from the bottom of which a crosscut of 250 feet cuts the vein at a depth of 1600 feet on the incline. A big Cornish pump of about 850 gallons per minute was put in 1893, but when the vein was reached it was discovered that the shaft was not large enough to extract the ore with profit, and the chief of the house of Stallforth being discouraged, decided to stop the mine, though there was opened up a body of 45 ounce ore, about fifteen feet wide. After some difficulty with their partner, J.M. Botello, the house of Stallforth

continuation to the north of El Verde is known as the Quebradillas mine, owned by J.F. Townsend of Akron, Ohio, and leased by Schack and Dietmar, who are now working the property, having extracted within the last two years 30,000 tons of an average yield of 45 ounces. This property has three shafts — one of them ancient working — the others having been opened up in the past two years. Two of these shafts are over 800 feet on the incline each. On the northern extremity of the mine, close to the eastern border, the Kansas City Smelting and Refining company are sinking a vertical shaft with intention to cut the vein at a depth of about 1,000 feet, and work through this vertical shaft their property called "Pachuquena". In both the Quebradillas and the Pachuquena new and thoroughly modern hoisting machinery is being put in with provisions for new pumping machinery which will soon be put in place.

Continuing to the north of this property on the same vein is the "Terreritos", or "Muertos" mine, which has yielded a net profit of over half a million in the past eighteen months to its owners. This mine is working in high grade ore.

Next to this, on the same vein, comes the "Terrenatas". Then comes San Antonio and Constanca, property of Schack & Dietmar who have given bond and lease to Mr. Husted, who has two shafts of 400 feet each. "Los Remedios" is comparatively a new property, which was worked four years ago by a company formed from local capital, but was abandoned for lack of capital, but recently sold to a company of eastern capitalists who intend developing the property.

Continuing are several fine properties not yet developed to any extent. In the second district of Minas Nuevas may be taken the San Patricio vein, which derives its name from the principal mine of the same name. This property belongs to Francisco Gomez, and is leased by J.M. Botello, who is working at the same time the "Colorado", a continuation to the north of same vein. To the south the princi-

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Fort Stanton

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With a joint resolution, the question of sale must be taken to the voters for approval.

Williams said, with help of others concerned about Fort Stanton, he rewrote and amended the bill with agreement from Swindle. With two more amendments in hand to be added to the bill during its presentation in committee, Williams said he went to the committee staff and requested the bill be tabled, which it was. Williams said some of the amendments addressed the water rights and would "carve out" Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) to preserve the youth program there now. "We need more places for young people to turn their lives around," Williams said of CSB.

"There is no other place like it," Williams said of Fort Stanton. In seeing the veterans present, Williams said he is also working to make the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery into a national veterans cemetery. "Our focus needs to be what is available for Fort Stanton," Williams said.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said it was exciting to see such good public participation. "I believe local government is what government should be," Wilson said. Wilson said Williams is one of the most respected legislators in the state. Wilson said he, Stewart and Swindle "sweated over the bill" and laid out their concerns to Williams. "The county commission wants to preserve the historical significance of Fort Stanton, while providing economic development," Wilson said.

"The county will try to be the facilitator," Wilson added. "But we don't have money to buy the fort."

Wilson said the county has sent a message to the state's Representatives and Senators in Washington.

Then it was Swindle's turn to speak. He said it was an honor to be at the meeting. He also praised Williams, and said he took the joint resolution for Fort Stanton to Williams because of his

passion for the fort and "the ground around you."

As director of properties, Swindle said he is charged with finding the highest and best use for state properties. He said for years the Department of Health operated hospital facilities at Fort Stanton, Fort Bayard, Los Lunas and Las Vegas with federal and state funds for the patients. But changes in the Medicaid programs and lack of federal and state funding, and court cases caused the closure of Fort Stanton and Los Lunas hospitals. "The properties were left to property control to figure what to do with them," Swindle said.

One use for Fort Stanton was inmates, which was tried. "I wished we could have continued that program longer," he said of the women's corrections program. "Now what we have is a big state facility with no tenant and no budget to operate it," Swindle said.

Swindle said GSD had no buyer for Fort Stanton when it proposed the joint resolution for the sale. "We just want to get someone to use the facility," Swindle said. "GSD is willing to do whatever to keep the fort from being a big black hole. We do want to find a good use for it, and I'm here to help find that use."

Dorothy Victor, state historic preservation officer, said Fort Stanton has been on the national historic register since 1980. Recently Fort Stanton was accepted by the National Park Service as a national historic place under "new guidelines. However the register only includes 195 acres of the 2300 acre-facility.

The historic preservation department of the state Office of Cultural Affairs has designated a "period of historical significance" as 1850-1946 for Fort Stanton.

Victor said her office could assist the county to "tell the story of Fort Stanton" and with long term planning.

Kathy Gren, representative of the private NM Heritage Preservation Alliance, said the organization was started in 1995 to promote

awareness and respect for culturally significant properties in New Mexico. She said her group is clearing house for help and suggestions. "I wish you good luck with this project," she said. She also told of Fort Stanton being placed on the 11 most endangered list for year 2000.

Ed Roberson, regional director of the BLM, said the large group at the meeting showed how important Fort Stanton is to the residents of Lincoln County. He spoke of how the BLM properties around Fort Stanton have been designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and how public meetings have been held to involve local citizens. However, BLM has no resources to help with Fort Stanton. The estimated \$20 million needed to restore the Fort would be about half of the BLM's total state budget. He did offer to help find grants. "We all need to work together," he said. "We need government backing for whatever plan we develop."

Tony Elias, director of the Council of Governments, said the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) might have a funding mechanism for a business plan. He said the director of the EDA was to be in the Ruidoso area on March 7, and maybe someone could arrange to bring him to Fort Stanton. If the director thinks Fort Stanton is a viable project, Elias said he would work with Stewart to apply for EDA money to do a study.

Van Shamblin, board member of Fort Stanton, Inc. non profit group with 250 members said the group supports the "living fort" concept, with the facility to be opened year round. "Would Texas ever consider selling the Alamo?" Shamblin asked.

Shamblin also said the group is grateful to the Mesalero Apache Tribe for its interest. She said with their partnership a correct interpretation of history can be presented.

Gary Miller, former Lincoln Heritage Trust director, said he worked with R.O. Anderson (founder of the Trust) and Johnny Meigs (who was also at the meeting but did not speak) to take Lincoln from being a near ghost town to the viable economic restored community it is now. But it took 10 years of convincing the state of Lincoln's significance. Now Lincoln's state museums are some of the most successful of the state's monuments. Miller said Hall was responsible for getting money into Lincoln.

Miller proposed Fort Stanton stay state property, and the county commission and Williams take the lead on forming alliances with the agencies and groups at the meeting.

Miller said there must be a plan in place by November to give to the legislature in January for funding the Fort Stanton project.

Hall said the project cannot be done overnight. "The resolution was a wake-up call for Fort Stanton," Hall said. He said it will take time to come up with a plan. "Some group also needs to step forward. And we need to get the governor interested," Hall said.

John McPhee, a descendant of the founder of Carrizozo and Capitan, said there is money in the youth programs of the National Park Service. He said he worked with the national park service in California and Washington where they took youth and trained them to do restoration, and educated them on the history of the facility so they could meet the public. Impressed with Camp Sierra Blanca program, McPhee said perhaps those youth

could be utilized to work on Fort Stanton.

"Fort Stanton deserves to be a historic site for the public to enjoy and to become an attraction for the county," McPhee said.

Ruth Hammond, co-publisher of the Lincoln County News, said anyone who has read her editorials knows how she feels about Fort Stanton. One her greatest fears is someone will burn down the buildings if nothing is done. She said Lincoln County News will continue to give Fort Stanton all the publicity it can.

Leland Wittkopp representing the veterans told of a new federal act that will provide funds for long term care for veterans. He said Fort Stanton could be used for a nursing care facility.

Also speaking were Philip Adams, assistant director of Camp Sierra Blanca (CSB) who said whether CSB program expands is up to the state, but his company is 100 percent behind that proposal. "We don't want to go anywhere," Adams said. CSB provides 65 local jobs and a \$2 million annual budget. "Mr. Tunstall never got to finish with Billy," Adams said jokingly referring to the CSB program to turn around male juvenile delinquents. "So let me finish with my 53 potential Billys."

Toward the end of the meeting, Stewart said the county received a letter from the Buffalo Soldiers Association 9th and 10th Cavalry who are opposed to selling Fort Stanton, because of the heritage that would be lost. The black cavalry Buffalo Soldiers were stationed at Fort Stanton.

Swindle also told the group that the opportunity to leverage the asset is there, if everyone gets behind it. "Or we all lose," he said.

At the end of the meeting

Stewart said a committee will condense the information from the Town Hall meeting to develop ideas and a time line. He also said he would meet with Elias and the EDA representatives, and ambush the director at Fort Stanton for ideas.

Williams said one of his goals before he "goes from this earth" is to see Fort Stanton become a viable

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- Marcelyn V. Shamblyn
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The Election for Precinct 3 will be held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds at 101 West Fifth from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting for Precinct 3 will begin on February 16, 2000 at Captain Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave. The hours for early voting will be the regular Village Hall hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following individuals will serve as precinct board:

- Presiding Judge..... Bertie Beavafa
- Election Judge/Absentee/Early..... Jane Livingston
- Election Judge/Absentee/Early..... Kathleen Phillips
- Election Clerk/Absentee/Early..... Darlene Stewart
- Election Clerk/Absentee/Early..... Edith Bobbins
- Alternate..... Lori Roberts
- Alternate..... Barbara Sanchez

Election School will be held on February 29, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in Ruidoso, New Mexico at the Ruidoso Civic Center.

KATHRYN R. GRIFFIN
Village Clerk
Captain, Village Hall

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 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.

BID NO. 99-00-036

INSTALLATION OF STREET SIGNS

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, or by calling Jane Williams (505) 648-2385.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelopes with the Project Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

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

JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. PB-99-65
Judge Parsons

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING; AND

THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF GRACE OPPERMAN WEINDORF, DECEASED.

Clemens F. Weindorf, Personal Representative of the Estate of Grace Opperman Weindorf, deceased, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Grace Opperman Weindorf. A hearing on the Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse before the Honorable Judge Karen L. Parsons on March 21, 2000, at 8:30 o'clock, a.m.

Attorney for the Petitioner is M. Lea Brownfield, Post Office Box 57, Mesilla, New Mexico 88046. Pursuant to law, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given by publication, once each week for two consecutive weeks, and all persons opposing the granting of said Petition are hereby notified to file their objections as required by law.

Dated Feb. 11, 2000

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 16, 2000, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following:

1. PROPOSED LINCOLN COUNTY
INDIGENT HOSPITAL/HEALTH
CARE ORDINANCE

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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Ruidoso Continues Working On Water

by Doris Cherry

More than \$6.8 million worth of water system improvements undertaken by the Village of Ruidoso over the last seven years have ended the days of "brown water."

"Seven years ago I got 20 calls a day about brown water," said Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley at the village council meeting February 29. "Now I get no calls about brown water."

Briley used the example to highlight the work done on the village water system. In the years between 1990 to 1994, the village spent a total of \$550,000 on water systems improvements. From 1995 until now the village has spent more than \$6.8 million. Included in that were the Grindstone Water Treatment facility and upgrade of two inch water lines.

In response to criticism about the leaks in Grindstone Dam, Briley said the concrete dam was built to leak, to reduce the hydrostatic pressure. The leakage currently goes down the creek and back to the Rio Ruidoso, but the village has applied for a permit from the state environment department to return the leaked water back into Grindstone.

Grindstone was constructed as a raw water storage reservoir, not for recreation, which is why the lake is now so low.

The next phase of the water line replacement project is slated to begin in Pine Cliff area (above the old Walmart store) soon. The \$400,000 project will replace two inch lines. Briley said when the water line replacement project began the village had 32 miles of two inch lines. So far 8 miles of the lines have been upgraded. Briley said it costs about \$400,000 a mile to replace the lines.

According to the village Water Master Plan two phases of water line replacement will be done each year for the next 20 years. To pay for the projects, the village imposed a one percent supplement gross receipt tax that raises about \$1.8 million a year. With that revenue, the village has a total bonding capacity of \$5 million. About \$1 million a year until 2003 will go toward paying off the bonds for the Grindstone project.

As for other future water projects, the village projects to receive enough funding from the water rates, and directly from the supplemental gross receipts, to pay for the projects.

The village may have to sell more bonds to

upgrade its water treatment plants to meet potential new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements to remove minerals and other substances, Briley said.

Ruidoso is planning to sell \$15 million in bonds to purchase additional water rights, however water rights purchases are a long process, Briley added. "Anything to do with water is protested and must go through a hearing process."

Over the next three years, the village plans to do more than \$11 million in improvements. "It's hard to spend more than that a year," said mayor Robert Donaldson. He said water line projects are disruptive to neighborhoods and construction companies have a hard time getting employees.

"We can do only so many projects a year," Donaldson said.

"The water system is being taken care of," Donaldson said. "The key is to never let down. Every time it rains people forget (about water problems). That's why we get kind of upset when people say we don't get our priorities right."

Donaldson said the village has other departments than water, all costing more each year to operate. "We can't ignore one part of the community over another," he added.

Because of the lack of snow and rainfall this winter, Ruidoso continues to be in Phase 3 of the Water Conservation Plan. Outdoor watering with a hose or sprinklers is limited to once a week, from 5 p.m. through 10 a.m. beginning on Tuesday night.

Councilor Linda Flack said many people she talked with don't mind conservation, but "can't stand to see violators." She asked how a citizen could report a water violation.

Briley said citizens can call village hall and village code enforcement officers will work on the violation, or a citizen can file a criminal complaint. Briley said he will be instructing department heads to have employees report any water violation to the code enforcement officer. The officer will check whether the watering is at a residence or business with its own well that qualifies for anytime watering (all wells drilled after 1996 must adhere to the village water conservation plan).

On weekends, Briley said water violations, or any city problem can be reported by calling the police department non-emergency number 257-7365.

The same goes for leaks, Briley asked if

citizens see water bubbling up from the ground they should report the problem to village hall or by calling the 257-7365 number. To help track leaks and monitor water levels, the village will let the bid for a new electronic monitoring system.

Currently a village employee drives 80 miles a day checking on tanks and pressure stations. Briley said the complex village water system, with numerous pressure zones, requires so much water pressure that some of the older water lines have developed leaks.

The drilling of the three new wells in Eagle Creek, which were rated at 60, 80 and 100 gallons per minute will help the water supply, but not enough to upgrade the water conservation phase.

Donaldson said the village plans to re-evaluate its water conservation plan after the drought is over, and after the village obtains more water rights. "Remember, we are in a drought," Donaldson said. "We have to have moisture before we go into Phase 2 or 1."

"Conservation is something as a community we need to get into," Donaldson added.

Flack said Ruidoso is not the only place in a drought situation. She said her niece who lives in southern Louisiana cannot water outside now. Donaldson said San Angelo, TX may have to restrict indoor water use in about four weeks because of the drought.

Carrizozo Cats And Dogs Must Be Licensed

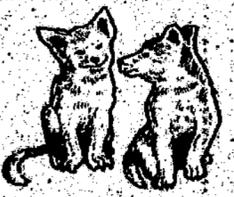
By law, dogs and cats within the town of Carrizozo must be licensed by March 1.

Licenses and tags can be obtained at Carrizozo Police Department for a fee of \$6 per animal with presentation of a current rabies certificate. The license is good for two years.

Carrizozo Police Department will make every effort to enforce the animal ordinances for the welfare of the citizens of Carrizozo, said police chief Angelo Vega.

Town animal control officer Alfred Medina has caught and impounded 12 stray dogs and cats in the last 10 days, Vega added. Police will follow up on complaints of stray animals and will cite careless animal owners into court.

On March 1, a local animal owner was cited into Carrizozo Municipal Court on five separate counts of animal abuse. Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger presided over the case and found the owner guilty of all five counts. The owner was fined \$117 and had to comply with stipulations of the court to relinquish the animals.



MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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Church Directory



Mountain Ministry Parish,
Sierra Presbyterian

- Nogal Presbyterian Church:**
Bill Bebring, 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 6:00 p.m.

Spirit of Life Apostolic
Pentecostal Tabernacle

- ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave, Captain, NM
354-2029
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church

- HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
214 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2966 (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/G)

- JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Third Street, 648-2168
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
WEDNESDAY:
Captain Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Captain Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

- PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

- REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor
Gomez E. Ave. & 8th, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-257-2356
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 Evangelical 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 WOODWARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2846
Worship Service (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
- CAPTAIN**
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:15 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Fellowship Times..... 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./Captain
Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Captain Church of Christ

- LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

- Phone 354-2044
Captain (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 8:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

- CAL WEST, pastor / 849-7975
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

Sands RV Park & Motel

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Bill Winkler

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\$1.29 Shurfine Pure Granulated Sugar 4 LB.	4 for \$1 Shurfine Dinners Mac & Cheese 7.25 OZ.	2.99 Shurfine Dog Food 20 LB.	2.89 Shurfine Select Group Tomatoes 14.5-15 OZ.	2.89 Shurfine Milk 12 OZ. CAN	99¢ Shurfine Popcorn 3 PACK	69¢ Shurfine Macaroni & Cheese Dinner 7.25 OZ.	69¢ Shurfine Macaroni & Cheese Dinner 7.25 OZ.

Seasonings 4 SHURFINE SELECT GROUP GRAVIES	\$3.00 SHURFINE DOUBLE ROLL ULTRA Bath Tissue 2 4 ROLL PKG.	99¢ SHURFINE ASSORTED Waffle Syrup SELECT GROUP SHURFINE	99¢ SHURFINE ASSORTED Juices	99¢ SHURFINE ASSORTED Cranberry Blends 2 64 OZ. BTL.	99¢ SHURFINE ORIGINAL INSTANT Potatoes	99¢ SHURFINE FABRIC SOFTENER Rinse 28 OZ. BTL.	99¢ SHURFINE BROWN OR Powdered Sugar 2 LB. PKG.	1.00 SHURFINE TOMATOES 2 14.5 OZ. CAN	1.00 SHURFINE VEG. OR VEGETARIAN VEG. Soup 2 10.75 OZ. CANS	79¢ SHURFINE WITH MEAT Pastas	79¢ SHURFINE WITH OR WITHOUT BEANS Chili	99¢ SHURFINE LUNCHEON Meat	99¢ SHURFINE SPRAY Glass Cleaner	89¢ SHURFINE Baking Soda 2 16 OZ. BOX	1.29 SHURFINE BLENDED OR VEGETABLE Shurfine Oil 48 OZ. BTL.	1.99 SHURFINE Tea Bags 100 CT. BOX	3.99 SHURFINE HI-PROTEIN Dog Food 20 LB. BAG	1.99 SHURFINE ASSORTED Dog Biscuits 1 BAG	3.00 SHURFINE DRY Cat Food 2 3.5 LB. BAG
\$1.00 SHURFINE DUOS CHOC. SANDWICH Creme Cookies 2 20 OZ. PKG.	79¢ SHURFINE WHITE Facial Tissue 175 CT. BOX	1.29 SHURFINE Paper Towels 3 ROLL PKG.	99¢ SHURFINE VEGETABLE OIL Spread 48 OZ. TUB	1.00 SHURFINE ASSTD. TEXAS STYLE Biscuits 2 12 OZ. PKG.	1.00 SHURFINE ASSORTED Shurfine Yogurt 3 8 OZ. CTN.	5.00 SHURFINE IWS American Singles 4 12 OZ. PKGS.	69¢ SHURFINE COLOR OR Cake Cups 12 CT. PKGS.	79¢ SHURFINE SELECT GROUP Vegetables 16 OZ. BAG	99¢ SHURFINE REG. OR CRINKLE CUT French Fries 32 OZ. BAG	99¢ SHURFINE Whipped Topping 12 OZ. TUB	3.00 SHURFINE MINI Corn on the Cob 2 8 EAR BAG	99¢ SHURFINE ASSORTED Round Waffles 8 CT. 11 OZ.	1.99 SHURFINE Fried Chicken 25 OZ. BOX	3.00 SHURFINE PATTIES, NUGGETS OR Breast Tenders 2 8-10 OZ. BOX	99¢ SHURFINE COMPLETE OR OLD FASHIONED Pancake Mix 32 OZ. BOX				

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Fresh Produce

\$1.69 FRESH Red Ripe Strawberries 1 LB. CTN.	49¢ EXTRA LARGE SWEET Navel Oranges LB.	1.29 CHILEAN SEEDLESS White Grapes LB.	2.49 WASHINGTON EX-FANCY RED Delicious Apples 5 LB. BAG	69¢ GARDEN FRESH Broccoli 1 LB.	1.00 GREEN GIANT Carrots 3 1 LB. FOR	69¢ MINNEOLA Tangelos LB.	1.00 FRESH Green Onions 3 BUNCHES FOR
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Shurfine BOLOGNA	1-Lb. \$0.99
Shurfine P&P Loaf, Bologna, SALAMI	6-Oz. \$0.69
Shurfine Jumbo Meat WIENERS	1-Lb. \$0.69
Shurfine CORN DOGS	1-Lb. 2/3
Shurfine CORN DOGS	27-Oz. \$2.59
Shurfine Chopped HAM	6-Oz. \$1.19
Shurfine Cooked HAM	6-Oz. \$1.49
Shurfine NUGGETS	Lb. \$1.79
Shurfine Red Rind, Market Cut CHEDDAR CHEESE	Lb. \$2.39