

# Cree Fire Is 5,700 Acres Big And Still Burning

by Doris Cherry

What started as a party in the woods on Sunday afternoon has turned into a nightmare for county residents living north and east of Ruidoso, as a forest fire has consumed more than 5,700 acres.

Officials are tentatively saying the Cree Fire started with a "party" on Lincoln Na-

tional Forest lands behind the Pines of Gavilan Subdivision which is in the county east of Ruidoso. By Wednesday afternoon, the Cree Fire was still burning on mostly Lincoln National Forest and state lands along the lower Eagle Creek road and in Saw Mill Canyon. Because of some flare ups Wednesday afternoon, the evacuation of

Lower Eagle Creek and Shangri-La subdivision continued through Wednesday night.

Officials now expect to contain the fire by May 15 and have it controlled by May 18, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) public information officer Marylee Peterson told *THE NEWS*. However, these tentative dates can change at

any time depending on conditions, she added.

The cost to fight the fire as of Tuesday night was estimated to be \$638,000. The price tag on the cost of the fire, including the firefighting efforts and the loss of property is estimated to be at least \$2 million, Patterson added.

On Monday, Lincoln Coun-

ty Commissioners and Ruidoso Councilors approved declarations of Emergency for the county and village. Governor Gary Johnson issued an Executive Order declaring all of New Mexico to be in a state of emergency due to wildfires in Lincoln and Los Alamos Counties. The governor's

executive order allocates funding for the Disaster Assistance Program which reimburses local governments for disaster costs and costs of losses on public property. It also authorizes the funding the national guard to mobilize to the disaster and to

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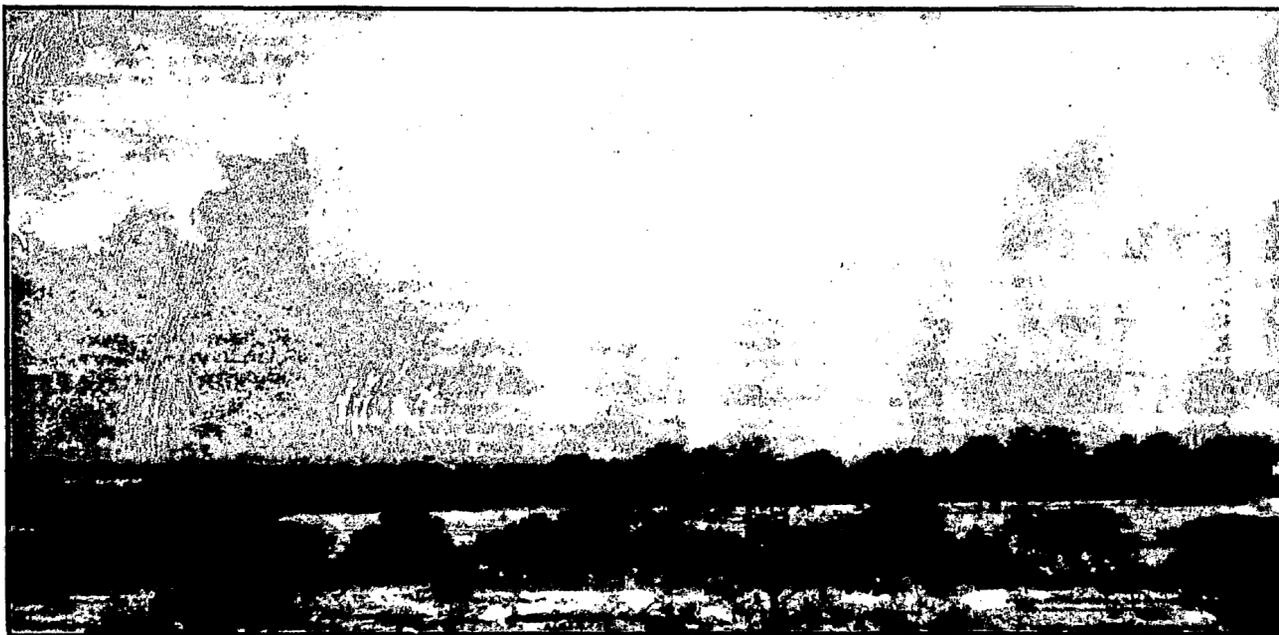
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**BLAZING WOODS.** Trees turn to dry torches as the Cree Fire spread quickly from the Eagle Creek ridge on late Sunday afternoon. The blaze which had consumed 5,700 acres by Wednesday, was started early Sunday afternoon by "negligent use of fire" in the national forest behind the Pines of Gavilan subdivision east of Ruidoso. This view is from Airport Drive west of Sierra Blanca Airport.



**GOVERNOR VISITS.** Gov. Gary Johnson speaks to the television cameras shortly after landing at Ruidoso Convention Center on Monday. Johnson was flown into Ruidoso to survey the fire scene on a Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter. On Tuesday, he requested the president declare the state a national emergency to free up federal funds.



**HERE IS WHERE THE FIRE IS.** On Monday, Gov. Gary Johnson got a look at the Cree Fire command center then at the Ruidoso Convention Center. He was able to see maps that showed where fire was burning, its predicted spread and where crews were battling flames.

## LCSWA Fires Manager

by Doris Cherry

At a special meeting Tuesday, May 9, Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board members voted to relieve manager Jerry Wright of his duties. Wright left the meeting immediately after the vote.

After an hour long closed session to discuss limited personnel, Capitan LCSWA member Debra Ingle made the motion of no confidence in Wright and to relieve him of his duties. Her motion was seconded by Carrizozo LCSWA member Ben Bradley. In a roll call vote, Ingle, Bradley, Corona LCSWA member Ernest Lueras by proxy and Ruidoso Downs LCSWA member Jake Harris voted for the motion to dismiss. LCSWA chair Rick Simpson voted no.

Harris told *THE NEWS* on Wednesday that he wanted to have his vote recorded as against the motion to dismiss. Ruidoso LCSWA ex-officio member Frank Cummins abstained from voting, because as a Ruidoso member he can only vote on issues pertaining to the regional landfill.

Members also voted on another motion made by Ingle and seconded by Bradley to hire Carol Schlarb as interim manager who will be assisted by Simpson during the transition.

In order to have enough operating revenue to make it through the next fiscal year, members voted unanimously to take the suggested rate increases presented by Wright at the May 2 meeting.

## Avoid Outdoor Activities In Smokey Areas

New Mexico Department of Health is recommending that children and adults with respiratory problems in areas affected by the smoke of forest fires to avoid exposure to the smoke by decreasing outdoor activity and staying outdoors as much as possible.

In healthy people smoke from forest fires usually causes irritation of eyes, nose and throat. It may also cause breathing, discomfort or difficulty for active children and adults and people with respiratory diseases.

For more information call the NM Department of Health at 505-827-0008.

Happy Mother's Day!!

## Small Fires Flare As Big One Rages

by Doris Cherry

As though they did not have enough to do with the raging 5,700 acre Cree Fire, fire fighters found themselves responding to two small fires reported Tuesday.

According to state forestry official Eddie Tudor, about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday a fire was reported at the Serendip Orchard west of Lincoln. Volunteers from Lincoln and Capitan Fire Departments, and fire fighters from state forestry responded to the location and found it was a manure pile that had ignited from spontaneous combustion and the property owners had it under control. About the time crews arrived at the orchard, they got another call about a grass fire west of Capitan.

The state forestry and Capitan fire department volunteers responded to the fire on Dead Horse Lane west of Capitan that consumed 1.5 acres of grass. Tudor said that fire started from embers from a person who was welding.

Tudor highly cautions residents to be very careful with equipment now, especially welding equipment, and have a source of water on hand in case a fire starts. He also cautioned about parking vehicles in tall grass, be-

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

The forecast for Carrizozo, Hondo Valley and Lincoln County high plains for today, Thursday, May 11 through Sunday, May 14:

Today, May 11:  
Mostly sunny and windy, with west winds 20 to 30 miles per hour and gusting much higher. High temperatures near 90 and low in the upper 50s in Carrizozo and Lincoln and Hondo Valleys.

Friday, May 12:  
Fair skies, with winds less than 10 miles per hour. Highs in the 80s for Carrizozo and Hondo valley, the 70s in the highlands. Lows in the 40s and 50s.

Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14:  
Fair skies and breezy Sunday. Little warmer both days with highs in the 80s by Sunday. Lows in the 40s to lower 50s.

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

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Mostly sunny and windy with west winds 20 to 30 miles per hour and gusting much higher. High in Capitan lower 80s, in Ruidoso near 80. Lows of lower 40s in Capitan and Ruidoso.

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Fair skies, with highs in Capitan and Ruidoso near 80. Lows of in the 40s in Capitan and Ruidoso.

Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13:  
Fair skies, breezy Sunday. Little warmer both days with highs by Sunday mostly in the 80s in Capitan and Ruidoso. Lows in the 40s to lower 50s.



**BOILING SMOKE CLOUDS** filled the air east of Ruidoso on Sunday as the Cree Fire was whipped by high winds into a major forest fire. By Monday, the forest service had brought in nearly 400 fire fighters from the forest service, BIA, and local fire departments. The forest service contracted slurry bomber, pictured in inset, was also brought in to help battle the blaze that torched federal forest land, state land and private lands in the Eagle Creek and Sawmill Canyon areas.



**PLANNING STRATEGY.** Emergency personnel and law enforcement officials review a fire plan outside the Ruidoso Convention Center on Monday. Pictured are Red Cross volunteer Lisa Bartlett, Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, State Police Dist. Captain and Chet Sothard from the Ruidoso Fire Dept.

# Ruidoso Judge May Increase Fines For Tossing Cigarettes

by Doris Cherry

After hearing a dismal report of how the Cree Fire started with a possible toss of a burning cigarette, Ruidoso Village Council agreed to send municipal judge Mike Line a letter requesting he impose the stiffest fines on anyone caught and cited for negligently throwing out burning cigarette butts, or having a fire.

Meeting Tuesday, May 9, councilors not only agreed to send the message to the judge, they also approved an emergency resolution which ratified the state of emergency declaration they made on Monday. Councilors Bill Chance, Leon Eggleston and Linda Flack and mayor pro-tem Bob Sterchi approved the emergency declaration in an emergency meeting held at the convention center on Monday.

Councilor Linda Flack, who requested the enforcement of the fire ordinance, said someone suggested publishing the names of people who are cited for violating the fire ordinance, especially those who throw out cigarettes. "It is now so important to get the people's attention by enforcing the ordinance," Flack said. "If people continue to throw out cigarettes and ignore the ordinance, we will do citations and publication of names."

Flack also suggested personal interaction with visitors and seasonal neighbors to let them know about the fire and water conservation ordinances.

Village manager Alan Briley, during his report, said while he was out picking up litter during a recent community cleanup he found at least five cigarette butts to every other piece of trash, which caused him great concern in such a fire hazard time.

Briley also gave a report on the Cree Fire which began on forest lands east of the village. High winds on Monday caused the fire to come close enough to the village for flames to be visible from Mechem Drive. Briley told of how village fire, police and emergency management worked together with the forest service, state police and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in setting up the command center.

On the first day, the village offered the use of the Convention Center for the command force on the Cree Fire. However, the command fire base outgrew the convention center location and was moved to the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack on Tuesday.

The fire had caused some changes in activities within the village. Because of the additional traffic from vehicles and people, Parks and Recreation director Rafael Salas decided to delay the little league soccer leagues start up for one week, Briley said. The softball tournament scheduled for the weekend in Eagle Creek Sports Complex however, was still on. So is the RV convention, scheduled to be held in the convention center this weekend, which was one of the reasons to move the fire camp.

Briley also assured everyone that the village has two fire department crews standing by within the village. "We do have the town protected," Briley added.

Along with the winds, warmer weather, drought and forest fire, the village continues under the phase 3 of the water conservation plan. With this no outdoor sprinkling of grass or extended hand watering of grass is allowed. Flowerbeds,

tree wells, shrubs and other landscaping may be watered with a hand held hose during the hours of 3 p.m. and 10 a.m. any day of the week, Briley said.

Alto and Grindstone reservoirs continue to drop. Production in the Hollywood Well is about 610 gallons per minute (gpm) and wells in North Fork and Alto produce about 600 gpm together.

Later in the meeting, councilors authorized the first of two public hearings to be held May 30 to consider changes to the village water ordinance to increase water rates for large volume users. Last month, councilors had asked for a way to charge large volume users to get them to conserve. The proposed rate increases would have rates remain the same \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons used for 4,000 to 25,000 gallons. For water use of 25,000 to 35,000 gallons, the rate will go to \$4 per thousand gallons. For use of 35,000 to 55,000 gallons the rate would be \$8 per 1,000 gallons, for 55,000 to 75,000 gallons the rate would be \$16, for 75,000 to 100,000 the rate would be \$32 and over 100,000 gallons the rate would be \$64 per thousand gallons.

In other water business, councilors voted to have the Wilson and Company engineering firm that did the 20 year water plan, to prepare a 40 year water study to comply with a request from the state engineer's office at a cost of less than \$20,000. The 40 year plan must show the village's projected growth to prove it needs additional water rights. Also councilors voted unanimously to attach an amendment to attorney John Underwood's contract to have him retain a water

rights attorney located in Santa Fe to represent the village on future and current pending water rights applications in the state engineer's office.

In a memo from mayor Robert Donaldson who was absent, he stated that hiring a water rights attorney in Santa Fe would help move the village water rights applications through the bureaucratic process. Briley said that the state engineer's office advised applications move along faster if someone calls on their status daily.

"A good water rights attorney is worth his weight in water," Underwood said.

Briley said after talking with officials in the state engineer's office he learned the village's current applications for additional return credits on the North Fork and Eagle Creek wells will not require the 40 year plan.

Phase 4 of the water line replacement project will begin in about three weeks as councilors awarded the project to low bidder General Hydronics, Inc. of Alamogordo. Streets affected are Davis, Yellow Pine, North Loop, McDaniel Heights, First through Fourth, and A, B, C, and D Streets.

Briley said with this \$373,000 project, the village will have spent more than \$24 million on water system improvements in this fiscal year.



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## OBITUARY

**GEORGE G. (BIM) PORTILLO**

George G. Portillo, 45, a resident of Vaughn, NM died May 8, in Vaughn.

He was born December 6, 1954 in Vaughn, the son of Joe B. Portillo and Sophie Zamora.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Portillo of the family home; his mother Sophie Portillo of Carrizozo; one brother and his family, and 13 sisters and their families. He was preceded in death by his father, and a brother Richard.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 13, at the new high school gym in Carrizozo, with Paul Wetzel officiating. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Friends may call at the Church of Christ at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 13.

Pallbearers are Craig Collins, Justin Portillo, Mark Vega, Kevin Zamora, Nathan Portillo, and Christopher Schlarb. Honorary pallbearers are J.R. Portillo, Cory Collins, Jacob Portillo, Danny Maldonado, Robert Miglionico, Dominic Miglionico, Kenneth Miglionico, and Joseph Miglionico.

## Carrizozo Students Will Attend Party After The Prom

Carrizozo prom attendees will have more than the prom to look forward to on Saturday, May 13.

Immediately following the prom, which is being held in the old gym, all students attending prom (grades 9-12) will be bussed to Alamogordo Recreation Center for a night of swimming, basketball, volleyball, movies, food and games.

This Character Counts activity is sponsored by the Carrizozo Schools faculty and parents who wanted to provide a drug-free, responsible alternative on prom night. Students are expected back in Carrizozo by 7 a.m. Sunday. Parents are encouraged to meet their students at school upon arrival, to insure the continued safety of their children.

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## Happy Mother's Day 2000

On this first Mother's Day of the Millenium, I would like to take this opportunity to send greetings to all the mothers of New Mexico, but, especially to those in Carrizozo. And to encourage those of us who take our mothers for granted, to take this time to recognize our mothers for all the things they do for us that go unrewarded.

Of course, for some of us that time has come and gone and will never come again. You don't buy Mother's Day cards, you don't buy flowers and your children don't have a grandma. Only the memories and pictures are left. And we never had the chance to even tell them goodbye. So this Mother's Day, take the time to tell them what you might not ever get the chance again to say.

OK, I'll go first: Cecilia, thank you for being my mother, for giving me all I needed and keeping me away from those things I didn't. Thank you for showing what love is without saying it, and for giving respect without asking for it. Thank you for praying for me because I needed it, and spanking me so you wouldn't have to pray so much. Thank you for caring for me when I was sick and all the remedies you made me take to get better. And thank you for dedicating yourself to our family and making life better for us.

But most of all, thank you for being my hero, my role model, being my teacher, being my mom, someone I look up to and someone I want to be like, someone who has given as much as you have and not asked for much in return.

I love you with all my heart. We who know you will always love you. You will always be in our hearts and in God's eyes.



Happy Mother's Day!  
Bobby Ortiz



# Clean-up Month Set For C'zozo

by Barbara Culler

The regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 9. The trustees present were: James Silva, Tommy Guevara, Wesley Lindsay, and Cynthia Morales. Present also were mayor Manuel Hernandez and clerk/treasurer Leann Weizbrecht.

Hernandez, in his letters to the mayor, read three letters that were in reference to moving the United States Postal Service distribution center from Carrizozo to Alamogordo.

The first letter was from Mr. John H. Roark, manager, Post Office Operations in Albuquerque, and was an answer to a letter sent by Hernandez regarding the relocation.

Roark said that no word has been received yet from the Postal Service Headquarters concerning the move, but he does expect a decision soon. He said that any decision must take into consideration a number of factors (these were not listed), and the Postal Service is undertaking major changes in order to remain effective and efficient in today's market. Roark said that they appreciate Hernandez's concern on behalf of the postal employees and the community. Roark's address is: John H. Roark, 500 Marquette Ave NW Suite 933, Albuquerque, NM 87102-9992.

The second letter was from Senator Domenici's Roswell office regarding the distribution center moving. It said that Sen. Domenici has been in contact with the appropriate authorities at Hernandez's request and that his office will notify Hernandez upon receipt of their report. If Hernandez has any further questions or comments, the letter said to contact Gloria Buchanan, Constituent Liaison, Southeastern New Mexico Regional Office, Room 140, Federal Building, Roswell, NM 88201.

The third letter was a copy of a letter sent by the Lincoln County Commissioners which protested the manner in which the rumored transfer of postal distribution operations from Carrizozo to Alamogordo were being handled. The letter was sent to Mr. Lee Salazar, Postal Regional Manager. His address is: Postal Regional manager, Mr. Lee Salazar, 500 Marquette Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Albuquerque, NM 87102-9999. It stated that the elected representatives of the affected communities deserve the courtesy of a public airing of such dramatic changes in operations. Stated also was that government jobs provide the bulk of employment for Carrizozo (estimated population 1,351) and the move that the commissioners understand being proposed will reduce by half the eight postal positions at the Carrizozo Post Office. These positions would be transferred to the Alamogordo Post Office, which is a community of 29,845 and about 58 miles south of Carrizozo. The commissions hoped that Salazar could understand their concern for the employees and the vitality of the small municipality of Carrizozo. The letter invited Salazar to attend one of the county commission meetings held on the third Thursday of every month and that the next one would be on May 18 in Carrizozo. The letter told Salazar that at the next meeting the commissioners intend to adopt a resolution formally protesting the manner in which this proposed move is being contemplated and perhaps executed. Copies of the letter was sent to Governor Johnson, Representatives Williams, Congressman Skeen, Senators Domenici and Bingaman,

and mayor Hernandez.

Hernandez said that he heard about the distribution center move about a year ago and now it is becoming a reality. He said there still is time to intervene and see what the town can do to help keep the center here.

Hernandez said that in talking to some of the postal employees, he understands that this proposal has not gone to Denver yet and has to go there before it goes to Washington. Hernandez said that he was told there are 14 employees at the post office and they would be cut in half.

Hernandez said that he talked to Roark on the phone and told him that the Postal Service had money to build new post offices around Carrizozo, in Tularosa, Capitan, Nogal, Ruidoso, Alto, Ruidoso Downs, and Hondo but didn't have any money, time, or consideration for the Town of Carrizozo to come and talk to the trustees or mayor to add a room to the post office for their automated machines to keep the employees in Carrizozo. He told him that the community needed the jobs as there are not that many in Carrizozo.

Hernandez said that he and the trustees are working hard on keeping the distribution center in Carrizozo. He said that it might help if the citizens and employees would write. They should write, Hernandez said, and ask why Carrizozo was not considered for a new post office like all the other surrounding communities.

The Veterans Appreciation Week proclamation and the proclamation for clean-up month were approved by the trustees. The Veterans Appreciation Week Proclamation stated the year 2000 marks the 55th year since the end of World War II, which was the largest and most costly war in the history of mankind, resulting in the loss of 50 million human lives and was fought by our women and men on land, sea and in the air all around the world. It said that Congress, in 1933, designated the anniversary of the first trans-Atlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS Savannah, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day. Congress established May 30th each year as Memorial Day to remember and pay our respects to our Veterans through whose valiant efforts we enjoy the freedoms we do today. It says that a combined Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Service will be held on Saturday morning at 10:30 A.M., May 27, 2000, at the Memorial Cemetery near Fort Stanton. Mayor Hernandez proclaims through the proclamation that the week of May 21 through May 27, 2000, as

Veterans Appreciation Week and urges our children to pay homage to our women and men, who served their country with great honor and deserve to be recognized for their special contributions to the security of our nation.

Mayor Hernandez, through the proclamation for clean-up month proclaimed May 15 through June 15, as Clean-Up Month. It states that the Town of Carrizozo is working to better their community, by providing assistance from town employees for property clean-up and by working with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) by providing containers for the Clean-Up Month. Hernandez, through the proclamation, urges citizens to contribute to the improvement of the community by taking part in cleaning up the community.

Ben Bradley, Carrizozo's representative on the Lin-

coln County Solid Waste Authority Board (LCSWA), made a report to the trustees. Bradley had just returned from a meeting of the LCSWA board and he told the trustees that a vote of no confidence on LCSWA manager Jerry Wright had been taken and passed. The votes were: Ben Bradley, representing Carrizozo, Deborah Ingle, representing Capitan, Jake Harris, representing Ruidoso Downs, and Ernest Luera, representing Corona, voted yes; Rick Simpson, representing Lincoln County, voted no; and Frank Cummins, ex-officio from Ruidoso, abstained. After the no confidence vote had passed Jerry Wright was released of his duties. Bradley said that personally he felt that Wright tried to do the best job possible but wasn't good enough for what LCSWA needs.

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## 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 648-2480 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 8:30 p.m. Call 354-2835 or 258-3201 for information and location.  
-Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 8:30-10 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, MAY 11

-Capitan School Board special budget hearing, 6 p.m. school administration building.  
-Sierra Blanca Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution (DAR). For more information call 258-5875 or 258-3922.  
-Capitan elementary Parent Advisory Committee meets 5 p.m. in the elementary building.  
-Capitan School Board special budget hearing and board meeting, 6 p.m. school administration building.  
-Capitan High School student art show, halls of high school starting at 6 p.m.  
-Libertarian Party of Lincoln County, Casa Blanca Restaurant in Ruidoso at 7 p.m.  
-Corona Village Trustees 6:30 p.m. Corona Village Hall.

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

-Carrizozo High School prom.  
-Smokey Bear Days parade, 10:30 Fun Trackers to School House Park on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Events at the park after the parade.

## SUNDAY, MAY 14

-Piano recital, 2 p.m. Carrizozo Trinity United Methodist Church.

## MONDAY, MAY 15

-Carrizozo School Library closes for inventory.

## TUESDAY, MAY 16

-Capitan Elementary Talent Show, 8 p.m. Traylor Gym.  
-Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. administration building.  
-Capitan Village Trustees meeting, rescheduled from May 23.  
-Carrizozo Action Team 9 a.m. Soil Conservation Office.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

-Early In Person voting begins for the June 6 primary election. Early voting can be done at the clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
-Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, noon, Carrizozo Rec Center.  
-Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Board meets at 6:30 p.m. at the CCNG office in Capitan.  
-Lincoln County Fair Association board meets at 7 p.m. at the fair office in Capitan.  
-Commodity Supplemental Food Program food commodities will be distributed from 2:30-5 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Bring proof of income, address, date of birth and children's ages if applicable.  
-Carrizozo Little League sign-ups, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Carrizozo School multipurpose room. For boys and girls ages 8 to 12.  
-Capitan High School Band performance, Spencer Theater, 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

-Lincoln County Planning Commission scheduled meeting is canceled.  
-Capitan Middle School and Elementary band and choir performance 8:30 p.m. Traylor Gym.

## FRIDAY, MAY 19

-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority special meeting 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.  
-Carrizozo Kindergarten Graduation 7 p.m. old gym.  
-Lincoln County Fair Queen contest clinic, 7 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan. All potential contestants are encouraged to attend.

## SATURDAY, MAY 20

-Carrizozo School Sports Banquet.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Controlled Burn?**

By Ruth Hammond

The forest fires in New Mexico are making big news. The most ridiculous thing about the Los Alamos fire is that it is reported to have been a controlled burn. Apparently someone with less than an ounce of intelligence made the decision to "control" burn in the Los Alamos area during this dry weather. We agree that natural forest fires are nature's way of eliminating undergrowth in forests, but to intentionally set a fire when the entire state is in drought conditions is not only ridiculous, it is stupid. A pile of manure spontaneously combusted here in Lincoln County, and that is an indication of how dangerous conditions are.

Extra caution should have been taken before there was any attempt to "control" burn in the tinder dry forests. We wonder if the hundreds of people who lost their homes and personal belongings will agree that controlled burns are necessary. We wonder if the people who lost their photos, sentimentally priceless articles and mementos will agree that controlled burns are the best way to try to supercede nature. We wonder if the people who lost their clothing, furniture and childhood keepsakes will agree that this controlled burn was ever actually "controlled."

Reasoning was not a factor when the officials decided to "control" burn at this time of year. A few years ago a controlled burn near Corona got out of control and there was much damage to private property as well as to the forest. This controlled burn near Los Alamos has gotten out of control and is causing even more damage than the controlled burn near Corona a few years ago. Homes, businesses, and possibly a governmental facility are all in the path of this now uncontrolled fire near Los Alamos.

Recognizing the dangers involved should have taken precedence over wanting to eliminate undergrowth in the forest. That didn't happen. Sometimes people in high places make wrong decisions. This was a wrong decision and hundreds of people are paying with some of their most treasured possessions that are now gone forever. The majority of these people will be thankful they are alive but wouldn't it have been nicer if they could sleep in their own beds in their own homes tonight? Wouldn't it have been nicer if they had not been deprived of their way of life? Wouldn't it have been nicer if this controlled burn had never been started and gotten totally out of control?

Our thoughts are with everyone affected by the fires in Los Alamos and the Ruidoso area. Here in Lincoln County firefighters are battling the Cree Fire. The latest report at press time was that it is 20 percent contained, but that can change if the wind gusts are as great as predicted. This issue of *The NEWS* has photos of the Cree Fire taken earlier this week. It is sad to see the previously beautiful forested areas blackened by a fire that may have been caused by a campfire in a fire restricted area of the forest.

Regrettably the Cree Fire in the Ruidoso area and the Los Alamos fires happened exactly 50 years after the Capitan Gap fire here in Lincoln County where a bear cub was found clinging to a tree. That bear cub became the living symbol Smokey Bear. Smokey Bear's message is as important today as it was 50 years ago. Prevent fires.

Please help prevent fires

**Fort Stanton Cemetery Memorial Service May 27**

The New Mexico Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery, located near Fort Stanton, will celebrate the 11th annual Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27.

This year's memorial service will be dedicated to Merchant Marine Cap. Vic Schaerer, who with his wife Jean, revived the cemetery and organized the first memorial service at the Fort Stanton Cemetery 11 years ago.

This year is also the 101th anniversary of the cemetery and the 55th year since the end of World War II. The cemetery was established in 1899 to serve the Merchant Marine veterans at the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Hospital. Through the years it has become the final resting place for more than 1,500 veterans of Merchant Marines, US Military, New Mexico Department of Health staff and patients, foreign veterans and those interned from the German ship liner "Columbus." Veterans came from 20 states and eight foreign countries.

The memorial service begins at 10:30 a.m. with a call to order by Veteran and American Legion member Larry Holt, Capitan High School cheerleaders, Ameri-

can Legion and VFW members will present colors. Fr. Dave Bergs, US Army veteran, will present the invocation. Katie Armstrong will perform the National Anthem on flute.

Jean Schaerer will offer the welcome, followed by State Rep. W.C. "Dub" Williams, former navy, who will provide a state welcome.

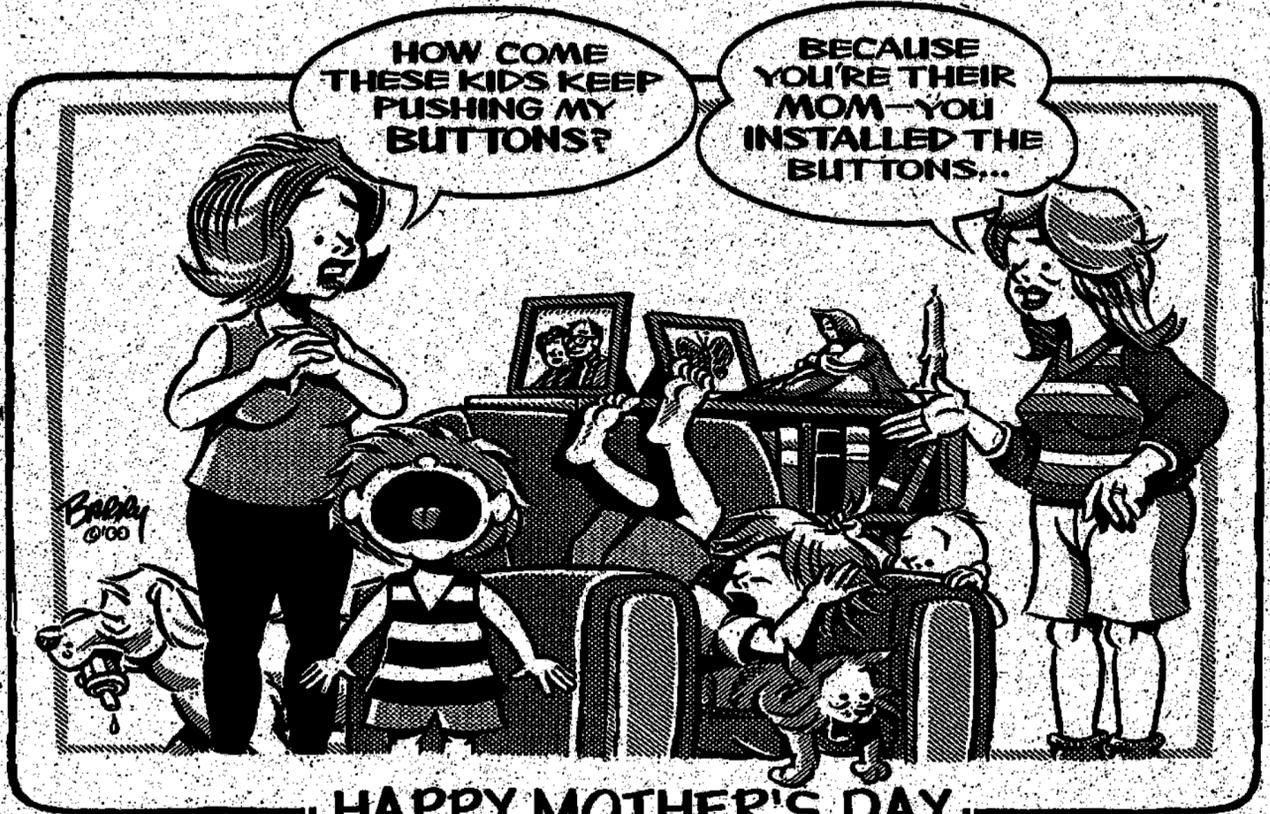
Cleston Fritchett, USAF, will speak about remembering Skipper Vic, followed by a prayer for the Skipper by the Rev. Jeamsie Price.

Sye Feldman, RAF, will perform *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes, followed by the main speaker the Rev. Teland Stevens, U.S. Army chaplain who will speak on "What Memorial Day Means To Me."

Danry Sisson will speak on the burial process.

Bob Ashman and Pat Brinkley, USMM, will give the Mariner's Farewell, followed by a 21 gun salute to departed veterans by the American Legion and VFW posts. Feldman will perform *When the Battle is Over* followed by an appreciation and recognitions by Holt.

Price will give the benediction and Dick Mounds US Army will end the service with *Taps*.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

**SANTA FE** - Should municipal elections and school board elections be consolidated with partisan elections? The question began arising after recent columns on presidential primaries and absentee ballots.

The argument from readers is that if New Mexico can't afford to hold a separate presidential primary, maybe it should discontinue all the other separate elections it holds. The readers have a point.

Currently municipalities and school boards hold their own elections, plus bond elections at various times every two years. It seems there's always some group that wants us to go to the polls to vote on something. And it's always at a different polling place.

Once you've lived in a community for awhile, you get the hang of where the polling place might be for the particular election being held. The city usually uses city facilities. The school board usually uses school buildings. But they fool us sometimes and we chase around town trying to find where to vote.

Municipalities and schools must arrange for polling places, hire hard-to-find poll workers, and tend to most of the administrative duties of running an election. County clerks are able and willing to help, but essentially three different local subdivisions of government duplicate the running of elections. And since municipalities and schools aren't election specialists, they sometimes have trouble.

In the recent city election, I called for an absentee ballot and was told my name wasn't on the rolls. I said I had lived at the same address for 35 years and had voted in every election. She said "they" don't have you down at the county clerk's office. So I called the county clerk and "they" found me right away.

In addition to saving money, increasing efficiency and reducing voter inconvenience, consolidating all elections would increase voter turnout. The 50 percent showings for general elections is had enough, but local elections sometimes don't get out of the single digits.

Efforts to change the system, however, have met with scant success. Rep. Max Coll of Santa Fe, one of the Legislature's more influen-

tial members, has made the effort. As chairman of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee, Coll is concerned about the duplicated costs. And he doesn't like the low turnouts. But his efforts for change are met with cries that the nonpartisan local elections would be tainted.

That isn't necessarily the case, say supporters. Other states manage handle it. Municipal and school races can be put at the bottom of the ballot with nonpartisan issues such as bonds and constitutional amendments. Nonpartisan retention elections for state Supreme Court justices and Court of Appeals judges are down there already. If it's good enough for the highest judges in the state, it ought to be good enough for city councilors.

Would it be so bad if local elections were partisan? Maybe so, if they get as rancorous as our state Legislature or national Congress. But local boards and councils have their splits also. And those divisions can involve more animosity than

between Republicans and Democrats.

In small towns most people know who is a Republican and who is a Democrat. And in some bigger towns Republicans and Greens are starting to get active in local nonpartisan races. Greens boast two seats on the Santa Fe City Council and one on the Santa Fe School Board and a council seat in Silver City. They hope to extend this success to other communities.

Last October the state GOP was involved in the Albuquerque City Council races with some success. At that time, state Chairman John Dendahl said the Republican Party would look for March city elections where it might make a difference.

Because March also was the time for pre-primary conventions and legislative candidate filings, the GOP had other things on its mind, but it is still interested. And it would be foolish to think Democrats aren't interested too.

So maybe we're headed that direction anyway.

**County Squeezes Budget "No Raises This Year"**

by Doris Cherry

Painfully, Lincoln County Commission, county manager Tom Stewart, Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park, and county finance staff pared away more than \$2 million in requested funding for the proposed 2000-01 fiscal year budget in a desperate attempt to meet the required reserves.

Meeting in a budget work session on May 4 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners got the bad news first hand—the county has no extra money despite an increase in property taxes due to new construction. The 2000-01 proposed budget begins with a slim estimated beginning cash balance of \$787,749 for the county's general fund. The estimated general fund revenue is \$4,540,230 with \$2,861,378 of that from property taxes.

The state requires the county to keep a reserve fund equal to three-twelfths percent of the total general fund budget and a one-twelf-

th percent of the county road fund. The proposed budget showed the general fund reserve at \$896,372 and the road reserve at \$112,323.

Requests for funding for all county departments, including a cost of living pay increase for employees and a salary increase for eligible elected officials and requests for purchases of major equipment or vehicles, along with all the requests for county money from outside sources totaled \$1,483,204 more than what the county must keep in its reserves.

Stewart said county commissioners would have to make cuts in the proposed departmental budget and in requests. He also said commissioners have a remaining 1.25 discretionary mills they could impose. The 1.25 mills generates about \$589,100 a year. Some of the cuts Stewart proposed were no salary increases for employees, only a percentage of allowable wage increase for elected officials coming into office in January 2001 and no capital outlay for equipment or vehicles.

At the first of the work meeting, treasurer Park gave commissioners charts showing the trend in the county's general fund spending. The county budget has not broken even since the 1998-97 fiscal year. Until 1995-96 fiscal year, when the county's expenditures far exceeded its revenues, Lincoln County had a healthy reserve, spending far less than it received. Since 1998-97, the county continued in a deficit trend until all reserves above those required by the state have been spent.

So with no money to spare, commissioners began the day long session where representatives of several organizations requested money for their various programs and projects, and elected officials made appeals for their departments. But by the end of the day, most of the special requests had been cut out or reduced, requested salary increases for employees and major item purchases were dropped. By mid-afternoon more than \$1 million of requests had been cut out or reduced, and yet the budget was still more than \$400,000 in the hole.

Special requests for funding included \$16,046 for New Mexico Association of Counties (NMACo) annual dues, \$2,500 for the Town of Carrizozo swimming pool, \$1,050 for the New Mexico Rural Bookmobile, \$1,000 to South Central Mountain RC&D, \$3,500 in annual dues to Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD), \$2,500 for Village of Corona solid waste program, \$4,500 for Capitan Library, \$47,537 as the county's match for the federal and state funded extension service, \$8,000 to Little Rascals after school club, \$5,000 for Ruidoso Library, \$23,500 for rental space in Ruidoso police department for the juvenile probation office, \$10,555 for White Mountain Search and Rescue, \$2,500 for Big Sisters/Big Brothers, \$2,000 to Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District, \$1,500 for Zia Therapy respite program, \$1,000 for Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for meeting room rental, \$10,000 to Tribute to Hispanic Culture, \$40,293 as the county's match to repay the ENMU-Ruidoso parking lot, \$23,718 for kennel services with Humans Society of Lincoln County.

Hearing from the special requests in the morning, commissioners came back after lunch and began the task of cutting out funding. Commissioners went through each of the special requests, cutting some, rejecting others. NMACo dues remained the same, Carrizo-

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# Lincoln County Fair Queen Contest Soon

Midnight, Friday, May 26 is the deadline of entries into the Lincoln County Fair Queen contest.

The contest is open to girls 17 to 23 who live in Lincoln County. Contestants will be judged 50 percent on horsemanship and 50 percent on personality.

An orientation clinic will be held at 7 p.m. May 19, at Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan. Candidates are encouraged to attend the clinic where contest coordinator Bey Jones will discuss contest rules. Applications and horsemanship patterns will be handed out during the clinic.

The queen contest will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

Reigning queen Crystal Wingfield will crown the 2000 Fair Queen on July 1 during the Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo. The new queen will preside over the remaining rodeo performances during the July 4 weekend, the Lincoln County Fair in August and any other related activities. The queen will also represent the county at the state fair queen contest.

"We are looking for the young woman who wants to be a leader in her community and further promote our western way of life, portraying excellence in sportsmanship, high morals and ethical character," said Jones in a release. "She will be the role model to exemplify to the youth of our county what can be accomplished in the western environment."

More information about the contest is available by calling Jones at 354-8029.

## New Officers Assume Duties At Capitan Chamber

New Capitan Chamber of Commerce officers took over their duties at the May 2 regular meeting.

Officers are president Phyllis Macaw, vice-president and secretary Mollie Mason, and treasurer Kay Strickland.

Bingo personnel were appointed by president Macaw. They are bingo manager Maxine Wright, assistant manager Carol Reamy, cashier Kay Strickland and caller Wayne Mason.

The group voted to join Friends of Smokey again this year. They also voted to apply for matching funds for promotional advertising.

It was approved to give a \$300 scholarship to the highest scorer of the three applications received.

-Phyllis Macaw



**SPRUCING UP THE CEMETERY.** Cub Scouts from Pack 57, their leaders, and helpers, paint crosses at the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Memorial Cemetery getting ready for the 11th annual Memorial Service on May 27. Painters are Cub Scouts Martin Grier, Arron Grier, Den leader Jimmy Williams, Cubmaster Brenda Williams, helpers Stephanie Williams, Katherine Kirby, Ashley Williams and Carly Grier.

## Cree Fire Still Burning

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apply for federal aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

By Wednesday, federal funds were made available by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help with the fire, according to a release from FEMA. New Mexico's request for federal fire suppression aid was approved late Tuesday immediately after it was reported that the fire was endangering up to 100 homes and forced the evacuation of 200 residents in the Ruidoso area.

Johnson and Mrs. Dee Johnson, and Jennifer Salisbury, secretary of Energy Mineral and Natural Resources Department (which oversees the state forestry division) and staff flew into Ruidoso in a Blackhawk helicopter from the 717th Medical Company of the Army National Guard stationed out of Santa Fe on Monday to survey the fire and meet with local officials and citizens.

About 425 fire fighters with 14 different crews were on the fire on Wednesday, but the 200 additional fire fighters and five air tankers, two air attack aircraft and three helicopters ordered on Tuesday had been diverted to the

Los Alamos fire. The additional manpower and air power was ordered because of a prediction of high winds on Wednesday, Patterson said. The high winds did not happen in Lincoln County, rather in Los Alamos County where the city was being evacuated as of late Wednesday because of the fire to the west of that community and the national labs.

In Lincoln County no additional structures, other than the mobile home and two homes under construction which burned the first day, have been destroyed by the fire by press time, Peterson said. There have been five minor injuries to firefighters, all treated at Lincoln

County Medical Center and released. A forest service engine was lost in the blaze on Sunday, when the crew members found themselves surrounded by fire. Unable to drive out they had to abandon the vehicle and get out of the fire area on foot.

Smoke from the initial fire was first spotted about 3:15 p.m. Sunday by a Bonito Volunteer Fire Department fire fighter who lives in Pines of Gavilan. Despite Bonito Fire Department's initial efforts to contain the fire, high winds of up to 35 miles per hour or higher quickly spread it out of control into forest service lands along the Eagle Creek Ridge. Crews were immediately called in from the Lincoln National Forest, state forestry, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and firefighters from all fire departments in the county responded. Lincoln County Road crew and crews from the Ruidoso street department also responded. Native American hot shot crews from Mescalero, Zuni, Ramah, and Ute Nation were brought in to help with the Lincoln National Forest Hot Shots.

US Forest Service (USFS) staff, state police, Ruidoso police, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Ruidoso Emergency Management Office set up the fire command station and camp at Ruidoso Convention Center by Sunday night. In the center's communication command post the fire and crews were tracked constantly. Elsewhere in the convention center fire fighters coming in from the field were fed and given a place to rest.

Burning in the crowns of the drought-dry trees and moving with every burst of flame on Sunday, the Cree Fire sent smoke clouds billowing thousands of feet into the sky that could be seen as far away as Roswell. Because of the winds, the fire spread close enough to threatened houses and properties in Lower Eagle Creek, Shangri-La, Fawn Ridge, Homestead Acres and Pines of Gavilan (all in the county). Gavilan Canyon Road was closed to traffic and residents from those subdivisions were asked to evacuate. State police, Lincoln County sheriff's officers and Ruidoso police assisted in notifying citizens of the evacuation.

Some residents were evacuated to the Red Cross shelter located the Gateway Church of Christ on Sudderth Drive and a shelter at the White Mountain Elementary school. According to reports, some residents were reluctant to leave their homes in the evacuation area and officials were reluctant to force them to leave.

Winds continued through Monday, whipping the fire toward Rancho Ruidoso and the eastern portions of High Mesa in Alto. Residents in the High Mesa and Rancho Ruidoso area were evacuated

late Monday as a precaution because of hot spots created by blowing burning embers. Residents were allowed back into their homes on Tuesday. At one time officials considered evacuating Ruidoso Downs because of the wind driven fire, Patterson said. A slurry bomber and attack aircraft had been called in to drop fire retardant.

Tuesday, calm winds and moderately cool temperatures aided fire fighting efforts. Fire crews were able to do back burns and cut fire lines to hold the fire at 5,700 acres. The fire camp was moved out of the convention center, because of a scheduled RV convention coming to set up on Wednesday, and the limited space at the location. The fire camp was moved to the old Sports Theater at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Peterson said the move was hectic but the fire camp had outgrown the convention center location which has a single street access from a highway construction zone.

Also on Tuesday, the Army National Guard was sent into the area to help keep roads closed into Lower Eagle Creek, Homestead Acres, Shangri-La, Pines of Gavilan, Fawn Ridge, and Buddy's Ranch subdivisions.

Calm winds and higher humidity on Tuesday enabled fire crews to continue to cut fire lines and do back burning. However, unexpected gusts later in the afternoon caused the fire to flare and begin burning back toward the village. Ruidoso chief of police Larry Maddox credited the efforts of private excavation contractor Jack Johnson who used his own heavy equipment and manpower at his own cost to cut fire lines along the Eagle Creek ridge and in Maddox's opinion stopped the fire from moving closer to Ruidoso.

By Wednesday morning travel on Gavilan Canyon Road was still discouraged, but the road was open. Residents from the evacuated areas were being escorted to their homes by the Lincoln County Sheriff's office to allow them to get needed items. By late Wednesday afternoon, residents in all but the Lower Eagle Creek and Shangri-La subdivisions were allowed to go back to their homes.

Peterson said by Wednesday afternoon not much had changed with the fire, because of the lighter than expected winds. However there were two flare-ups on Eagle Creek road, south of Sawmill Canyon, causing that area to remain closed to residents another night.

Immediate information about the fire conditions can be heard at 1370 KBUY AM radio in Ruidoso.

Ironically, 50 years ago on Sunday was the day the Capitan Gap Fire started. On Tuesday, May 9, the scheduled Smokey Bear parade in

Capitan to honor the 50th anniversary of the finding of the little bear cub who became to be known as Smokey Bear was canceled, because there were no fire crews, fire engines or forest service staff available to put on a parade.

The Capitan Gap Fire in 1950 consumed more than 12,000 acres and began from a cooking stove of a logging camp. That fire was fought by area able bodied men who were asked to volunteer, and by soldiers brought from Fort Bliss in El Paso.

## Small Fires

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cause the hot catalytic converter could start a fire.

Also be warned about tossing burning cigarette butts from a vehicle or on to the ground while outside.

With windy, warm and continued dry weather predicted to last through May, fire restrictions remain in effect

for all municipal, county, state and federal lands. As of this week, the Lincoln National Forest is now under a total fire ban, with no campfires, or smoking outside a vehicle or building allowed. UL approved propane or gas grills are allowed to be used, but the use of charcoal is prohibited in all areas.

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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.

## San Bartolo Mines

The San Bartolo mines are southeast of the city of Tepic, 15 miles distant and 60 kilometers from the San Blas seaport on the Pacific coast. The average of the ore is 30 ounces silver to the ton of 2,000 pounds, and 1 ounce of gold.

On the south of San Bartolo are the mines of Guadalupe and San Juan. The former has a streak averaging 300 ounces silver to the ton and 3 ounces gold. The San Juan has ore of low grade, gold and silver. The present owners have ten men at work.

## PASS CITY COPPER COMPANY

The Pass City Copper Company is an El Paso corporation chartered under the laws of Arizona, October 11, 1900, and with a capital stock of \$100,000, the shares having a par value of \$1 each, and being full paid and non-assessable, for the purpose of developing some promising copper properties in the state of Chihuahua, Republic of Mexico, and elsewhere.

The officers of the company are: A. Emig, president; G.A. Hammel, vice president; H.E. Runkle, secretary, and E.F. Hammel, treasurer, all residents of El Paso. This company owns the General Guerrero and La Chiquito mines in the Bravos Mining district, state of Chihuahua, about 18 miles west of Ojo Caliente, a station on the Mexican Central railroad about 95 miles south of El Paso.

The showing for a large and permanent copper mine is excellent, and the company is prosecuting development work most vigorously. A contract for a hundred-foot shaft was let and the work has just been completed.



"La Union," S.A., and "La Laguna, S.A., Torreon.

A carload shipment was made from the surface croppings which returned 10 percent copper net at the El Paso smelter, and seven ounces of silver per ton. Besides the good showing in copper and silver values, free gold of a very heavy character is encountered at the grass roots on the southern extremity of the ledge, and it is likely that the gold values from this particular part of the vein will exceed the copper values.

This company owns its own property free of all debt, and having titles from the Mexican government, has no debts of any kind, has a good cash balance on hand, and a large treasury reserve. It pays no salaries to officers, the work being done by contract, and it pays no commissions on the sale of its stock, consequently every dollar received from the sales of treasury stock goes into the development of the property.

This property is considered one of the best undeveloped properties in this section, and promises to become a paying proposition at an early date.

ing cotton during the year. Complete machine shops, where all necessary repairs are done on machinery, and it is considered the most perfect establishment in the rich district of La Laguna.

## LA UNION The Torreon Soap Manufactory, Another Fine Enterprise

This company was organized during the first of last year, and began operations in the last few months, being now finished and working steadily. The plant is divided into three departments separately. One for the manufacture of oil from cotton seed, another for soap manufacture, and a third for seeding and packing cotton.

The plant for the manufacture of oils has a capacity of from 80 to 100 tons daily. The machinery is from the Buckeye Iron and Brass works, of Dayton, Ohio; and the power plant is from the Brownell Boiler company and Murry Corliss Engine company. It has a 250 H.P. boiler.

All the machinery used is modern and up-to-date, operating on the seed automatically, as well as all the other machinery, as the railroad, which unloads in the warehouse and carries it to all the different departments to clean, to cook, to press, etc.

The soap factory is of the latest style machinery, from Jos. B. Blettner Co., of Cincinnati. It has a capacity of 60,000 pounds per day, of soap manufactured from first to last, and is the most perfect made known today.

The department of cleaning and packing is also a model establishment from Munger, of Dallas, Texas. Capacity, 50 bales of clean cotton per day. All the above departments are lighted by 300 incandescent lights and six arc lights of 1200 candle power in each court yard.

Close or annexed to the main building there is a splendid rooming house for the employees and about 150 small houses for laborers. There are two switches, one each to the Central and International railway. The capital of this company is \$1,000,000, represented by the following gentlemen: Leon Lignoret, president; Carlos Michaud, treasurer; Lawyer Luis Garcia de Zetona, secretary; Joaquin Serrano, director, and Sr. Jose Farjas, vice president and general director.

## La Laguna, S.A.

The object of this enterprise, which was established in February, 1901, has been to start the first machinery with steam power in the republic for the manufacture of little m-cotton and weaved forms. Its capital is at present \$200,000, but it will be increased as business justifies. The machinery is

the only plant of its kind in Mexico, from Ernest Lehman of Manchester, England, which has previously been worked by hand only.

The motor is a 200 H.P. Corliss engine from Ames Iron works and Hamilton Corliss. It will work and clean all fibre from lechugilla, sotol, maguey and plants contain fibre. For this reason this industry has a bright future, on account of the great quantity of plants that can be obtained in Mexico.

The promoters are Mr. Pragedis de la Pena, president; Policarpo Suso, secretary; Jose Farjas, treasurer, and Joaquin Serrano, director.

The company has good brick houses for employees. Fine houses for office and superintendent. Railroad connection.

## Electric Light Company

The company, Serrano & Farjas, established with a concession from the Coahuila government, has a plant for private and public use. It started in 1898, Torreon at that time being one of the smallest towns in Mexico having this modern service. Not calculating the rapid growth of the town, it was first started with but 1,500 incandescent lights, which soon had to be increased to four times that number. It now has two Corliss engines of 400 H.P. each, three dynamos, with capacity of 5,000 incandescent and 2,000 arc lights. The only proprietors of this enterprise are Mr. Joaquin Serrano and the well known engineer, Mr. Jose Farjas, in whose hands is the direction and management of the business.

## LA ANISTAD

One of the Leading Manufactories of Mexico La Anistad is a manufactory of cotton goods, and manufactures unbleached cotton goods of all kinds, including drilling and cottonades, and various kinds of bleached white cotton goods of excellent quality and finish. This establishment solicits wholesale orders from merchants throughout the Republic of Mexico. The style of the firm is Prince, Torres & Prince, and the factory is located at Gomez Palacio, state of Durango, Mexico. It is one of the prominent manufactories of Mexico, and enjoys the confidence of merchants and other business men all over the republic.

The owners have built up an immense patronage, which is increasing daily. It is located in the very heart of the cotton growing section of Mexico, therefore, has the raw material right at its doors, thus saving a great expense in transportation charges. Such institutions in Mexico encourage agriculturists in the production of cotton, for which they receive a bounty from the factories. This factory includes in its list of patrons many of the leading wholesale dealers of Mexico.

## The Great Southwest.

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

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## PART 13

### Acutapilco District

This is an old district. The main mines are called Valenciana Mine Paredes, Catarina La Trinidad, Mezquite, Buenavista, all forming a group of the last four mines which in the past days were worked with success by the Spaniards and lately by Mr. Miguel Orendain, who made his fortune by exploiting the group. He built the haciendas where the ores were treated by the old patio process, and even by this painfully slow operation the ores were worked to a goodly profit. The power is sufficient to operate any class of machinery if the water is conveyed by pipe iron and Welton wheels are put in. The Valenciana company has in operation a 3-stamp mill, with the view of developing the mine, which has proved up to the great expectations as is shown by the returns for one year.

The present owners of

the mines, Messrs. Elias Galindo and Juan Preciado, intend to develop the said properties, and are negotiating with a company of San Francisco in order to erect a 10-stamp mill to work the above. This district offers many facilities to ship the ores to San Francisco. The freights are cheap, and for the present the ores have been sold to Barting, Mazatlan and Iztlan to Lonegan and Stanhope.

### Ahuapan District

The mines forming this group are called La Libertad y Anexas. The present owner, Senor Nicolas Perez Gomez is doing development work on a small scale. The veins are promising ones. The ores are being treated by the old patio process. An old hacienda was built some time ago. The ores are shipped to San Francisco and Mazatlan and Sinaloa. These mines have a great future before them when worked on American principles.

# Church Directory



### 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 / 848-2024
- 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, Capitán, NM
- 584-2225
- 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
- 848-2888 (church) or 848-2107
- Sunday School..... 9:45 am
- Worship Service..... 10:55 am
- Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
- Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

### Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

- JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
- Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 848-2188
- 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 9th, Carrizozo, NM, 848-2853
- SATURDAY:
- Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 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

- PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
- Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
- Sunday School..... 10:00 am
- Worship Service..... 11:30 am
- Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

### St. Matthias Episcopal Church

- REV. CANON JOHN FENN, rector
- Corner of E. Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
- 1-805-287-2386
- Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

### The Word of Life Church

- REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 848-2338
- 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. 848-2853 / 848-2846
- Carrizozo, NM 88301
- Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
- Worship Service..... 11:10 am
- Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 6:30 pm
- United Methodist Women Every 2nd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
- Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm

### United Methodist Churches

- 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 Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

### Capitan Church of Christ

- LESLIE EARWOOD, ministry
- 8th & Lincoln / 338-4627
- 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
- Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
- Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
- Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
- AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.

### First Baptist Church of Corona

- CAL WEST, pastor / 849-7975
- Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
- Worship Service..... 11:30 a.m.
- Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
- Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

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# C'zozo P&Z Members Review Draft Ordinance

By Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) held their regularly scheduled meeting May 1. P&Z members present were: Ned Pieters, Pat Voss, Kathy Williams, and new member Lucy Rickman. Margaret LaBelle, deputy town clerk, took the minutes for the meeting.

With the replacing of members on the P&Z, the questions that members had when the draft of the definitions to be used in the new planning and zoning ordinance were originally reviewed got lost in the transition. Voss said that she thought they had missed too much and were in too big of a hurry the last time. The P&Z is going over the definitions again, half were done at this meeting, and the remaining half are to be reviewed at the next meeting. LaBelle wrote down the questions that the P&Z had on several items in the definitions and will forward them to the town attorney, David Stevens, for his opinions.

Voss said that she understood that the town does not have a charter and wondered if Carrizozo's incorporation papers replaces the charter referred to in Section 2 Authority and Jurisdiction in the draft ordinance. Voss also asked if the town has a comprehensive master plan (long range plans). Pieters said that he has a copy of a comprehensive plan, part 2 from April, 1974; however, he said he doesn't believe that it was ever formally enacted. He requested that LaBelle check to see if there is a part 1 and if it was ever formally enacted. Voss said that if there is nothing in place, perhaps this is something that the Carrizozo board of trustees need to consider doing.

Williams asked that Stevens be asked what was meant by Section 4, Interpretation (C) Public Utilities. She wanted to know why it was under Interpretation

and not under Definitions and the members wondered if this was where water, sewer, garbage and/or other utilities were to be listed. Voss and Pieters said that to their knowledge Carrizozo has no Municipal Building Code and that New Mexico State Building Code applies in Carrizozo and state inspectors are used. Pieters asked LaBelle if Carrizozo has ever formally adopted their own or the state building code, and if it hasn't, is it required to use the state building code. LaBelle said that the town uses the state building code.

Under Section 6 Definitions, the trustees put to use the current state building code to define words not defined in the planning and zoning ordinance.

Under the definition of animal unit, Voss is to check for the current definition of what makes up an animal unit.

Under Salvage and Wrecking Yard definitions they will refer back to Automobile Dismantling Yard.

Under the definition of Bathroom they decided to update it by changing the wording from water closet to toilet.

Under definitions of Bed and Breakfast Establishment and Boarding or Lodging House the members wanted the attorney asked how the amount of guest rooms for each was decided and was it necessary to specify the amount of rooms. Rickman said that she would check with the State Lodger's Tax for their definitions.

Under Board, since the Board which refers to the Board of Adjustment, the members wondered if it should refer to the Carrizozo Board of Trustees since they are the Board of Adjustment.

The members decided that the definition for Certificate of Occupancy and Certificate of Compliance are two different things that they should be defined separately. Certificate of Occupancy is that the building is ready to be occupied and Certificate of Compliance means that the building codes have been met. Pieters is to get the state certificate of occupancy definition and Rickman will get a definition for certificate of compliance.

Under Day Care Center, the members want to add a definition for an adult day care center and under Adult Day Care Center reference back to Day Care Center.

Under Facade, the members wanted the attorney to define for them omitted wall lines.

The members wondered if there had to be a definition of the word Family. They had a problem with #3 which says "Any group of not more than five persons living together in a dwelling". The members wondered what happens if there are more than five children with the wife and husband, or perhaps grandparents living there also. The members wondered if it needed

to be in there and if it really was any of the town's business. They decided to ask Stevens.

At the next meeting, the members will develop a definition for convenience store, video stores, and storage units and finish reviewing the rest of the definitions.

The P&Z next reviewed a sample of Ordinance No. 98-07 Mobile Home Ordinance for the Village of Ruidoso Downs. The members did not know if this has been passed by Ruidoso Downs. The members said that they had reviewed the sample.

The members felt that a mobile home ordinance for Carrizozo is necessary and would help to stop people from moving mobile homes without having found out about the water, sewer, gas and zoning. The members said that they needed to get the current definition of a mobile or manufactured home.

Voss felt that the fee for a permit to move a mobile home inside the town limits should be \$50.00.

Pieters explained a "blocking permit" in which there is a place for the people who hook up the water, sewer, and gas to sign off. Pieters said that he would get a copy of the New Mexico State Mobile Home Division rules for mobile homes. He said that would probably have the definition of a mobile or manufactured home with it and information on the "blocking permit".

Some of the items in the sample, Pieters said, would apply just to mobile homes. He said that in reading through the sample ordinance one of the things that struck him was that some of the items in there should apply to the community as a whole, not just to mobile homes. They decided to review the sample ordinance on their own and then have discussion on drawing up one for Carrizozo at the next regularly scheduled P&Z meeting.

The members discussed a Uniform Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Code. Voss said that the town does not have someone to inspect for this so the town could not have a code; however the state does have one (which LaBelle said the town uses) and has the inspectors. Voss said that the definitions from the state uniform code could be put in the new planning and zoning ordinance. Also, she said, it could be stated that the state code inspectors would have to be the ones to inspect the finished work. Pieters said that was already required. Voss said many people are not aware that this has to be done. Williams said that the information could go under Codes in the definitions.

Voss made the motion to recommend to the trustees that they appoint Leann Weibrecht and Margaret LaBelle as co-alternates to the Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission and as co-zoning administrators.

Williams seconded. The motion was approved. This motion was suggested so that if one couldn't make it the other would take over. Pieters said it would be more practical if they were both co-alternates and co-zoning administrators. Voss will present the approved motion to the trustees at the next regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting.

Discussion was held concerning zoning the 40 acres that the town annexed for Alesca. Pieters asked if that 40 acres was zoned at the time it was annexed. Voss said that the P&Z recommends that. She said that needs to go on the next agenda. Voss said she thinks it should fall under M-1 Light Manufacturing and Industrial Zoning.

Pieters brought up something that he ran into when he was clearing a lot for another storage building. He said it is in C1 zoning and in reading 4-4-10 C-1 Neighborhood Commercial and Services he did not see anything that covered storage buildings.

Pieters said that he is going to file as a conditional use under 4-4-10 C1 Neighborhood Commercial and Services Section C. Conditional Use #2 which states "Other retail or service uses which in the mind of the Board of Adjustment would be compatible with uses allowed in this zone and in the particular environment in question". He said if he had been in a particular hurry to do this could a special meeting be called or would he have to wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Pieters said he wasn't going to ask for a special meeting; however, he was thinking that someday someone is going to come in and want to do that. He asked if LaBelle would check to see what are the requirements for when and what the P&Z can hold special meetings on.

The members asked to have on the agenda at the next regularly scheduled meeting, on June 5, the following: 1) Review and discussion of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance draft; 2) Review and discussion of mobile home ordinance; and 3) Zoning of the annexation (40 acres for Alesca). Pieters said he will also be submitting an application for special exemption under C1 Zoning.

## Local DAR Members Represent State in D.C.

Sierra Blanca Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently attended the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution 109th Continental Congress held April 16 to 21 in Washington D.C.

Sierra Blanca members who attended were Wanda Duke national vice-chair of the SW Division Corresponding Museum Docents, Lanita Rasak state DAR Schools chair both from Corona, and Susanne O'Malley state first vice-regent from Carrizozo. They and seven others represented New Mexico at the congress.

Elizabeth Dole addressed the members opening night at Memorial Constitution Hall, the national headquarters for DAR. Members had minor inconveniences with the IMF/World Bank protest and a subway fire.

Duke and her daughter Rasak drove to Yorktown, VA and toured the battlefield and monument commemorating the Battle of Yorktown. Their revolutionary war ancestor fought in this battle. They also toured Fredericksburg, Williamsburg and Richmond.

DAR has chapters in Australia, Canada, Mexico, Japan, France and Great Britain. Chapters are forming in Italy and Germany.

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**SUPER SINGER.** Carrizozo High School student Andrea Wyatt sings "The Rose" during the Carrizozo Music Department "Around the World... Music that spans the globe" program on May 2.



**FARMER IN THE DELL,** sing the Carrizozo Head Start and Kindergarten students during the Carrizozo Music Department program on May 2. The children also sang and performed London Bridges under the direction of music instructor Jeremy Patton and accompanied by Becca Ferguson.

# Fort Stanton Facts & Fiction

by BETTY LOU JOINER

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
No. CV-00-66

Associates Housing Finance, LLC,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
Gwendolyn F. Philhower, if living,  
if deceased, the unknown heirs of  
Gwendolyn F. Philhower, and  
Scott Philhower,  
Defendants.

### AMENDED

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the Defendants:  
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that Associates Housing Finance, LLC, formerly known as Ford Consumer Finance Company, Inc. (Plaintiff) has filed a civil action to foreclose its Mortgage recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Lincoln County on June 3, 1996, in Book 1996-9, Pages 341-347, of Mortgages. The property subject to the Mortgage is located at 203 Birch, Carrizozo, New Mexico, and more particularly described as:

A tract of land in the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., as shown on the survey prepared by Ruidoso Land Surveying Company, filed of record thereof in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, April 17, 1996, in Cabinet F, Slide No. 417, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of this tract, from which the Southwest corner of said NE/4 SE/4, bears South 00° 33' 36" West, 658.36 feet; thence North 00° 33' 36" East, 658.36 feet, to the Northwest corner, thence North 89° 50' 52" East, 661.12 feet; to the Northeast corner, thence South 00° 30' 38" West, 661.83 feet, to the Southeast corner, thence North 89° 51' 03" West, 661.66 feet, to the place of beginning;

LESS AND EXCEPT the following 60 foot Right of Way for Birch Avenue, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of this Tract, from which the Southwest corner of said NE/4 SE/4 of said Section 2, bears South 00° 33' 36" West, 1205.80 feet; thence North 00° 33' 36" East, 75.44 feet, thence North 53° 14' 54" East, 59.50 feet, thence North 89° 50' 52" East, 100.64 feet, thence South 53° 14' 54" West, 186.02 feet, to the place of beginning;

Including all improvements to the property, including, but not limited to, the Manufactured Home described as follows:

Make: Southern Energy  
Model: 8001  
Year: 1996  
Serial No: DSETK01887AB  
Width & Length: 28x68

If you do not enter your appearance on or before July 13, 2000, Judgment by Default will be entered against you.

Plaintiff's attorney is Donald R. Fenstermacher, P.C. (Donald R. Fenstermacher), P.O. Box 70, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-0070, 505-247-4900.

WITNESS, the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 10th day of May, 2000.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court

(Seal)  
By: Elizabeth Yasal  
Deputy Clerk

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF CARRIZOZO PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrizozo will have Clean-Up Month starting May 15, 2000 through June 15, 2000, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrizozo is working to better the community, by providing assistance from Town employees for property clean-up, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrizozo is working to better their community by working with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority by providing containers for the Clean-Up Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Manuel R. Hernandez, Mayor of the Town of Carrizozo, do hereby proclaim May 15th through June 15th, 2000 as

#### CLEAN-UP MONTH

in the Town and urge our citizens to contribute to the improvement of our Community by taking part in cleaning up our community.

Proclaimed this 9th day of May, 2000 in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

/s/ Manuel R. Hernandez, Mayor

Attest:  
Leann Wehbrecht, CMC

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#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. 1831

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY WARD DILLE, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Henry Ward Dille, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims (i) within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or (ii) within two months after the mailing or delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

MARIE DILLE  
c/o Helen Dille  
210 La Mesa Drive  
Highland Village, TX 75077

Martha M. Proctor, Clerk  
By: Opal Hill, Deputy

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Lincoln County Medical Center  
COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Will Meet on Monday, May 22, 2000  
At 6:00 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room  
The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office on Friday, May 19, 2000.

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The Corriente CowBelles had their annual Ag Day for the kids to see what agriculture does for the people of the USA recently. It was a big day for over 400 Capitan elementary students. Lots to see and do was presented at the fair grounds. BB Berry organizer of the Ag Day introduced herself and gave a little info about what the kids would see.

My dogs, Chia-Doe Doe, Trixie and Dusty ran the barrels, fetched the flag from the third barrel, teeter tottered on a board, and ran thru barrels and around the poles. Butterbean stood on a stump while all the students sang the Star Spangled Banner. A pretty good team work.

As soon as I was done Pat Shear, president of the CowBelles introduced Mr. Pope. He showed all the classed how to shoe a horse and then answered questions. Some asked, could you rope a bull on the small horse, and what was his name? The answer to the first question was no and the second was LITTLE BIT.

After watching this, the teachers took the students to see Becky Washburn Brown and her petting zoo. She had everything for the kids to see. A miniature little mare and stallion The mare had a baby miniature named Barney. A couple of donkeys, ducks, rabbits, and many other animals were so cute. Mrs. Fowler was helping Becky pass out coloring books that told about the care of animals.

The sheep shearing was done in the show barn by Pete Gnatkowski getting to do the honors of this job. We had taken eight head of sheep and he did an excellent job of shearing all of them. He showed me how to hold the skin tight and get close to the hide without cutting them. This was sure easier than with the pair of regular scissors I had worked with a week before. A four year old solid black buck with horns was the last one to be sheared and he had wool about four inches long. On the outside it was an old brown color but inside it was the softest black color you will find anywhere. We took a couple of pieces inside to where they were showing the classes how to weave and the weavers said it was ideal for them to spin and then to make articles.

Wheel of Fortune was inside with many questions being answered about ag day. Inez Marrs had the

hamburger that is made out of material and let each one add an item to the hamburger. The felt pieces of chili, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, etc. was placed by each one on the big buns. A clever idea.

The raspberry woman was present and the Capitan FFA had a puppet show going all day. Willie Hobbs was in charge of showing the groups how to make homemade butter. All in all a great day for everyone. Tiring by very educational.

The cafeteria ladies brought the lunches down and served chocolate milk and juice to all the students.

Think as usual, I had more fun than the young ones. I took the quilt I have put together for the cattle drive and Betsy's class had made a presentation of stamps representing cows, horses, farm land, etc. All in all lots to see, lots to do, and lots of fun and hard work. The members of the CowBelles all brought a covered dish and served an excellent meal for all the ones participating. Thanks to each of you, Pat Ward, Pat Shear, Willie Hobbs, BB Berry, Inez Marrs, Mrs. Pounds, Mrs. Fowler, Jenette Smoot, and many more I didn't know or didn't see.

The Easter egg hunts were a big success at the country club, at Smokey Bear State park and at the schools. Audrey visited the school all day and helped Mrs. Clark with the kindergarten class. She wore out at the end of the day. Kersti and Jace had a good time and were glad Mom was involved. For refreshments one of the moms made jello eggs and they were really fun to hold and eat. Never had seen a jello egg. The second clinic was held for the LCRS rodeo club on April 29. From the looks of the cars, a lot were present to begin this season.

May 9 will be a very busy day in Capitan. Plan to attend the Smokey Bear State Park ceremonies. Several things are planned with a live broadcast from a Ruidoso radio station. Neal Jones is really doing a good job advertising. My two cachets will be available along with a post card I took early one morning. The clouds were really dark and it looked like rain. On the way to work I stopped at the sign coming into town from

Lincoln. Everything was perfect and this is an excellent picture.

Come purchase one and buy a stamp and get a post-mark of Smokey's 50th birthday.

The green house is getting very large down at the post office. Starting some publisher clearing house seeds, the tomatoes have sprouted and are taking over. One plant is over a foot tall. David, Della, Wynema, Monroy, George, Mary Ann, and many more have me learning to plant a garden and grow something besides weeds. I have learned about the soil, the fertilizers, watering too much, staking the plants and so much more. You must come and see these plants. I really think it has to be the fluorescent lights.

Pat and I made a hurried trip to Dalhart to see Ron and Teresa. This was the only open weekend til after the symposium so we ran down after work on Saturday and got back on Sunday night in the morning. They were doing good and had a little rain while we were there. Very cold but every-

## Next Phase Of Census 2000 Begins

Last week thousands of census workers began going door to door to households that did not mail back their census questionnaires.

According to the census bureau, when a census worker comes to a home from which no census form was received, residents should first check for the official Census I.D. of the worker and a Census bag, then invite the worker into the home to fill out the questionnaire.

All answers are kept confidential, and will be used only for statistic purposes.



### FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

Hershel R. Morgan  
P.O. Box 1010  
Arroyo Grande, California 93920  
The Estate of Hershel R. Morgan  
Any Heirs of Hershel R. Morgan

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified, that William

E. Matz and Connie Matz, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV 00-66 wherein you are named as the Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seeks to obtain constructive services upon you.

The general objects of said action are to quiet title to certain real property in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before 6/30/00 judgment will be rendered against you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Petition will be granted.

The address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is as follows:  
Ray Sharbutt  
SHARBUTT LAW FIRM  
419 Mechem Drive  
Ruidoso, New Mexico  
(505) 630-9100 Phone  
(505) 257-4147 FAX

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 31st day of March, 2000.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court

By: Elizabeth Luera,  
Deputy

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thing is green. Went to see Leo the horse and he is very happy with his new master.

Teresa spends many hours with him when she isn't cleaning or teaching. Their school will be ending shortly too, and so she hopes to have more time soon.

This is Ronald's really busy season and so he is always on the go. Pat built a sign for one of his best customers and we took that to them. Small world as he is kin of some of my relatives.

Art classes at ENMU are nearly done and several students from here in the valley have done some excellent sketches and water color. Read where Gary Niblett, the artist on the cattle drive, will have a show at the museum later on. He painted some excellent pictures of Rick and Jimmy Bowen. You should make it a point to visit this.

## PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L.  
CHRISTOPHER

Week of May 11-17, 2K

**Taurus:** (Apr 20-May 20) What you do NOW - will set the stage for the Future! Think Hard about what You Really Want for Yourself and Loved Ones.

**Gemini:** (May 21-June 20) It's Time to Speak Up...But Watch What you say...because it could come back to haunt You!

**Cancer:** (June 21-July 22) No...No...No...Don't Even Go There! Keep a Positive OUTLOOK...Your's going to do Fine - With Lots of Prayer.

**Leo:** (July 23-Aug 22) If You feel your being Misunderstood then Think about What You're Trying to relay to Others - Try a Different Approach.

**Virgo:** (Aug 23-Sept 22) You'll be Smiling more when You choose to be Happy - Remember Everything is a State of Mind - Think Happy!

**Libra:** (Sept 23-Oct 22) "Giddy-Up & Go" - Ride like the Wind - Be Free - Take a chance on Life - You're New Door has Opened!

**Scorpio:** (Oct 23-Nov 21) Watch Your Temper! Your Facial Expressions can say much more than even Your Words Do! Count to 10! :-)

**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22-Dec 21) The Time You have by Yourself is Just as Important as the Time You have with Others - Balance Your Work & Play!

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22-Jan 19) L.O.K. at people very closely - You'll find out You may like Someone You thought you Didn't like at first. Take a Chance!

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20-Feb 18) Don't settle down in a Comfortable Rut - You'll pay for it later - Seek Out New Exciting Ways to Live! NOW!

**Pisces:** (Feb 19-March 20) Your Mirror can be your Best Friend or Foe - It's the Only One that knows the Real Truth - Go Deep Inside.

**Aries:** (Mar 21-Apr 19) What You Think You Want and What You Think You'll Get can be two different Things - Make up your Mind - QUICK!

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Lincoln County Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room in the Lincoln County courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Request for replat of Lot 25, Block 3, Agua Fria Subdivision, Dora Montano.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No. CV-00-66

WILLIAM and CONNIE MATZ,  
Plaintiffs,

vs.  
GROUP I:  
HERSCHEL R. MORGAN, if living;

GROUP II:  
THE ESTATE OF HERSCHEL R. MORGAN;

and his Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns,  
(if deceased);

GROUP III:  
Various John Does and Any Other  
Unknown Claimants of Interest in the  
Premises adverse to Plaintiffs.

#### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE



# Clean-up Month

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Bradley said that Beverly Foote, the office manager, will be reporting to Carol Virden and Rick Simpson until the LCSWA advertises and hires a bonafide manager to run the LCSWA. He said that LCSWA truly needs management. He said that Carol Virden will be coming in on a temporary basis to get the books straightened out. Also LCSWA will be asking for an extension on their budget, Bradley said, and with the deadline coming up they needed somebody with that ability to help get the extension on the budget.

LCSWA is in the process of completely reorganizing, Bradley said. He said that they were going to get some control on LCSWA - that they have to. He said that they were trying to make it equal for all the communities who are a part of the LCSWA. Bradley said that it was the opinion of the board, with the exception of Rick Simpson, that if the LCSWA continued to run as it has been in the past three or four years it will be out of business in one year. Bradley said that in the process rate increases have been discussed and are tentative at this time and they will have them confirmed next week.

One of the things that is being done, Bradley said, is to collect stray polycarts. He said that a lot of polycarts are being replaced and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 is spent per year on polycarts. He suggested that the town might consider recording the serial numbers of the

carts and which customer they go to if the town does not do that now. Bradley said that if an individual knows that serial number belongs to them they may take some responsibility in helping keep track of the polycart. The LCSWA is in the process of changing to a totally different type of polycart that is less expensive, Bradley said.

Hernandez asked about the dumpsters and Bradley said they haven't been discussed yet.

Morales asked if everyone will be clocking in and out. Bradley said yes, that everybody will be clocking in and out. He said the administrative employees will clock in at 8:00 A.M. and out at 5:00 P.M. and overtime will be totally done away with. He said that on the collection side, at this point in time, probably not, but it will be cut back. Bradley said that last month LCSWA had \$3,000 in overtime pay on the administrative side.

Bradley said the LCSWA will not change over night. He said that LCSWA would be different in a year. Will LCSWA be solvent in a year? Bradley said that would be difficult; however they will be going in the right direction. He said that they are working on a minimum five year plan and he said that he thinks it wouldn't be a stretch to do a ten year plan to let the communities know where they are going, what they are going to do, what they would like to do, and what they need to do. He said that they are not going to sweep anything under the

rug and that the communities would know everything that is going on. He said that LCSWA has to let each of the entities know this is what it is.

Joe Thornton, a resident of Carrizozo, asked if there was any discussion about bringing the dump closer to Carrizozo. Bradley said there was. Thornton asked if burning the garbage had been discussed. Bradley said that would depend if the EPA would allow them to do that. He said that like everything else will be a thing of the past. He said that EPA controls are difficult at best and are going to get 10 times worse as every year goes by.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega presented the police department monthly report. Vega said the highlight of the report was that the animal licensing increased quite a bit. He said that it showed that a lot of people are cooperating with licensing their animals, keeping it up-to-date, and getting their pet(s) shots.

Vega said that he was getting a lot of good response from people with the code enforcement.

Trustees received an update on the traffic safety grant (for \$3,000) which at a previous trustees meeting Vega had been given permission to proceed with. Vega said that he had spoken with the town attorney, David Stevens, about the contract which he reviewed and Vega said that Stevens had no problems with any additional compensation that the officers work.

Municipal Judge C.O.

Rominger gave the municipal court monthly report and there was no monthly report from Jim Payne, town maintenance foreman.

Peter Wolfe reported on the Carrizozo Recreation Center. He said that his written report would be a day or two late as he was having troubles with his computer. Wolfe said that the new manager of the recreation center is Mary Ann Bingerman. He was transferring files from the previous manager's (Marsha Brown) computer to his and can't yet access his files. He thought that by the next day he would be able to print the recreation center report out.

Wolfe said that he has received information from both the in-town and out-of-town bowlers that they would like to come back to the center. He said that he has pretty well assured them that the lanes and the machinery will be up and running in top shape for 1987 machines. Wolfe told the trustees that he "has gotten some pretty good commitments from quite a few of the top-notch bowlers that live in this community, Capitan, and Ruidoso."

The cafe is going great, Wolfe said. He said that there is a need for a good dishwasher at the cafe.

The trustees approved the purchase from Key Communications of eight radios at \$573.00 each for a total of \$4,584.00. The money will come from the law enforcement fund, \$1,719.00, and out of water supply/expense line item, \$2,865.00. Weibrecht said that the radios that were presently in use needed to be replaced and three calls were made Key Communications for \$4,584.00, Advance Communications for \$5,220.00, and Radio Communications which does not carry Motorola. Three radios are for the police department and five radios are for the

maintenance department.

Lindsay asked if moving the antenna at the end of city hall was included. Vega said that the base station is in pretty bad shape and really shorts out the frequency. Lindsay said that the antenna needed to be moved from behind the trees or getting the new radios was like spinning your wheels. He said that half the time you can't hear anybody. Weibrecht said that she has a quote coming on doing that. Weibrecht said she had an estimate of \$280 and that it would be under \$500. Trustees approved a motion for fixing the antenna for better reception.

Vega asked if Clean-Up Month included a day or a weekend where the community could get together and work cleaning up the town.

Vega said that a long time ago, just before the swimming pool opened, a Saturday was designated where a bunch of adults and kids got together and picked up trash in bags and the town picked them up. He said that all the kids that participated in that clean-up day got some sort of pass for the pool, which was signed by the mayor, and when presented at the pool allowed them to swim for participating in the clean-up day. Vega said that since there were problems last year with the pool and this year it is in good shape, he would like the town to allow that opportunity again. Hernandez said that was a good idea and he was sure the council would agree. Vega said the length of the pass would be up to the trustees. Vega said it could depend on how many trash bags the kids picked up. Silva said he thought that Hernandez and Vega should figure out what the pass should be worth. Hernandez said that he would sit down with Vega and work on it. Weibrecht will work on getting a place

to put the trash.

At the April 25 meeting of the board of trustees it was discussed buying 18 water meters from Ruben Zamora for \$100. Purchase of meters from Ruben Zamora was placed on the May 9 agenda and the trustees approved a motion by Lindsay and seconded by Morales to buy 25 water meters from Ruben Zamora for \$140. Hernandez said the town saved \$800 on the meters.

Trustees approved the following: 1) one business license; 2) issuance of severance tax bonds for renovation of city hall (trustee approval is required to be in the minutes); 3) moving Rominger discussion of raise for court clerk into the closed session on personnel matters; and monthly expenditures.

During letters to the mayor, Hernandez read a letter from the NM Department of Labor, the Human Rights Division. The letter was thanking Carrizozo for their help and support by opening the conference room for their use. They sent with the letter a certificate of appreciation for the support Carrizozo has given them over the years.

Joe Thornton presented information on CARA (Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999) HR 701 and in the Senate is House Bill S25.

The trustees went into closed session pursuant to personnel matters at 7:00 p.m. They returned at 7:58 p.m. Lindsay attested that all they talked about was personnel matters. The trustees then tabled Rominger's discussion of a raise for court clerk until after the budget was completed and returned approved. Silva motioned for the trustees to approve of Vega taking care of a personnel matter. It was approved by the trustees.

The trustees set another budget workshop for May 25, at 6:00 p.m.

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