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# Voters Approve Hospital Mill Levy

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County voters overwhelmingly approved the hospital mill levy question, and returned Republican incumbents to the courthouse.

Despite a heavy snowstorm that blanketed most of Lincoln County, more than 54 percent of the registered voters came out to cast their ballots on election day, November 7. Of the 13,029 reg-

istered voters, 7,039 went to the polls on election day, or cast early votes or absentee ballots. County commissioners will have the task of opening and tallying 14 "fail safe" ballots and two ballots in lieu of absentee ballot to the other results tallied on election night.

Lincoln County voters approved the special hospital mill levy, for the "operation and maintenance" of Lincoln County Medical Center in

Ruidoso and the health clinics in Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo with 4,099 votes for the levy and 1,878 votes against it. The levy will impose up to three mills on properties in Lincoln County. A mill is equal to one dollar per one thousand dollars worth of taxable property.

Lincoln County voters went along with voters statewide in defeating Constitutional Amendment #2 that would have removed term

limits for elected county officials. In Lincoln County the vote was 1,731 for the amendment and 3,861 against. Statewide the amendment failed with 127,524 for the amendment and 318,733 against the amendment.

Incumbent elected officials did well in Lincoln County with incumbent Republican Tom Sullivan winning the three way race for Lincoln County Sheriff. The race gained a lot of attention dur-

ing the campaign with candidates attending forums and debates. But when all the votes were counted, Sullivan won with 3,996 votes to defeat opponents Libertarian James (Tony) Seno with 582 votes and independent Ray Merritt 1,893.

Incumbent Republican Stirling T. Spencer held onto his position as Lincoln County Probate Judge by receiving 4,298 votes to challenger

Democrat Michele Rebstock with 2,083 votes.

Appointed Lincoln County Commissioner District 3, Republican Leo Martinez held onto his position by defeating Democrat challenger Romeo F. Klein 1,180 to 579.

In the race for the Lincoln County Assessor's office, Republican Rick Silva was the winner with 4,816 votes to

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**SNOW BREAK.** Heavy wet snows fell on Capitan Monday and early Tuesday morning, breaking branches on trees that had not lost their leaves. The heavy wet snow caused the cancellation of school in all county schools on Tuesday, but did not keep voters from going to the polls. More than 54 percent of the registered voters cast their ballots in the election. Heavy snows breaking branches also caused power outages in many areas of the county on Tuesday.

## Snow Storm Closes Highways In County

By Doris Cherry

Blizzard conditions on Tuesday shut down U.S. Highways 380 west of Carrizozo and 54 north of Carrizozo on Tuesday night, stranding truckers and travelers in Carrizozo. Highway 380 was also closed between Lincoln and Hondo for a few hours.

Some 12 to 24 inches of snow were reported around the county that also closed school in Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Hondo on Tuesday. Capitan schools continued to be closed on Wednesday as county road crews worked to plow school bus routes. Carrizozo schools were delayed two hours on Wednesday.

Ski Apache reported getting 30 inches of snow on its parking lot, delighting skiers and snow play fans.

Rain and sleet fell on Carrizozo on Monday night, turning to snow that piled up on the ice to make dangerous slippery conditions Monday night and Tuesday. Throughout the county motorists got stuck in the deep wet snow with numerous "soft wrecks".

According to Carrizozo police chief Angelo Vega, he was called out about 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to assist New Mexico State Police in closing down the highways north and west out of Carrizozo. Vega said he responded and with the help of the New Mexico Mounted Patrol and New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department manned the barricades throughout the day. He said state police opened the high-

ways, then closed them again as conditions changed. High winds blowing snow put visibility down to zero at times.

Vega said he contacted Carrizozo Municipal Judge Chuck Rominger who also helped with the stranded travelers. Vega said Rominger contacted Father Dave Berg of Santa Rita Catholic Church who opened the parish hall to house about 50 stranded travelers. Blankets, purchased by the Carrizozo Methodist Church for storm emergencies, were taken to the parish hall for the travelers. Vega said he and Sgt. James Steck shuttled and escorted stranded travelers to the parish hall where they received a place to stay and something to eat. Vega said they concentrated on getting families with children and elderly people to the shelter at the parish hall. Three private individuals opened their homes to some of the stranded travelers.

About 63 semi trucks were backed up on Highway 54 half way through Carrizozo from the state highway yard north of town, Vega added. Someone described the scene as looking like luminarias with all the semi truck lights in the town. Vega credited Captain Senna with State Police out of Alamogordo for his department's efforts with the storm.

During the storm, temperatures hovered in the low 20s and dropped into the teens. Vega said natural gas pressures from Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas were sufficient to provide enough gas to heat all homes and businesses in Carrizozo during the storm. Vega said his office did not receive any reports of accidents or problems with residents because of the storm.

County wide, the snow storm made for hazardous driving. State Road 48 from Capitan was closed on Angus hill early Tuesday because of stranded vehicles, the same was true with Nogal Hill on State Road 37. While many accidents were reported county wide, most were what Lincoln County Sheriff's Office chief dispatcher Johnnie Johnson describes as "soft wrecks" (with no injuries and little damage).

Lincoln County Sheriff's officers were out during the storm. One deputy was called to get a poll worker from her home in Capitan, be-

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## Election Turn Out Very Good Despite Blizzard

by Doris Cherry

Heavy snows did not keep Lincoln county voters away from the polls on Tuesday.

More than 54 percent of the registered voters in Lincoln County got out to their polls on Tuesday, exceeding the 51 percent of voters who cast ballots in 1998. At the last presidential election 64 percent of the registered vot-

ers in Lincoln County came to the polls, with no weather to obstruct them.

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said even with the bad weather the election went very well. She said the San Patricio and Hondo polls were without power until about 4:30 p.m. but had no problems with the electronic voting machines which work on back up batteries when

the power is out. The only problems at the two polls was the lack of heat. County employees attempted to deliver kerosene heaters to the two locations but were turned back by police because of the snow storm. Proctor said. Finally, heaters were delivered to the two polls by Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies.

"It's amazing how well ev-

erything worked." Proctor told THE NEWS. "So many people pitched in to get poll workers to the polls and to bring people to vote."

Proctor said she was proud of the precincts for calling in their results so quickly which enabled her office to have the vote numbers out to the public by 9 p.m. on election night.

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## C'zozo Post Office Remodeling Begins Tomorrow, November 10

Remodeling of the Carrizozo Post Office will begin tomorrow, Friday, November 10. The remodeling will include a new area for post office boxes, additional post office boxes, a new location for the service desk, and possibly a retail center.

Effective Monday, November 13, all postal customers will need to go around to the back of the post office to a semi trailer where the new post office boxes will be until they are installed. Keys for the new post office boxes will be placed in envelopes

in the customers' present post office boxes this week.

The new post office boxes will be in the semi trailer at the back of the post office near the dock until approximately Nov. 20. A handicap ramp is in that location at the south end of the dock.

Postal needs, stamps, supplies, etc. will be in the post office building with access through the back door on the dock. The doors now being used, the doors on 12th Street and the doors from the parking lot, will be closed during the remodeling.



**NEW POST MASTER.** Judy Fletcher is sworn in as the new Carrizozo Post Master by manager of Post Office Operations John H. Roark during a ceremony and open house on November 4.

# Voters Approve

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challenger Democrat Robert Vallejos with 1,547.

Unofficial results of votes cast in Lincoln County, provided by the Lincoln County Clerk's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo are as follows:

U.S. President and Vice-president  
 -Green Party, Ralph Nader and W. LaDuke 168;  
 -Democratic Party, Al Gore and Joe Lieberman 2022;  
 -Republican Party, George W. Bush and D. Cheney 4449;  
 -Libertarian Party, Harry Browne and Art Oliver 82;

-Constitution Party, Howard Phillips and J. Curtis Frazier 7;  
 -Natural Law Party, John Hagelin and Nat. Goldharber 8

-Reform Party, Pat Buchanan and Ezola Foster 22

Unofficial statewide results posted on the New Mexico Secretary of State internet web site at 3 a.m. Wednesday: Nader received 19,375 votes, Gore received 257,169 votes, Bush received 247,083 votes, Browne 1,978, Phillips 304, Hagelin 328, Buchanan 1,280.

U.S. Senator:  
 -Democratic Party, Jeff Bingaman 3,252.

-Republican Party, Bill Redmond 3,329  
 -Write in Republican Orlin G. Cole 3

Statewide results: Bingaman 328,372, Redmond 192,428 and Cole 313.

U.S. Representative Dist. 2:  
 -Democratic Party, Michael A. Montoya 1,790  
 -Republican Party, Joe R. Skeen 4,808

Statewide results: Montoya 72,822, Skeen 100,585.

New Mexico Senator, District 8:  
 -Democratic Party, Pete Campos 3,775. District wide Campos received 10,797 votes.

New Mexico State Representative, District 56:  
 -Democratic Party, Jeni (Bebe) Flores Alexander 2,709.

-Republican Party, Dub Williams 4,889.

District wide results: Alexander 2,709, Williams 6,776.

District Judge, 12th Judicial District:  
 -Democratic Party, Mariano Torrez 1,803.

-Republican Party, James Waylon Counts 4,412.

District wide tallies: Torrez with 7,218 and Counts with 14,471. The district includes Lincoln and Otero Counties.

Lincoln County Commissioner District 1:  
 -Republican Rex A. Wilson 935, unopposed.

Lincoln County Commissioner District 3:  
 -Democratic Party Romeo F. Klein 579

-Republican Party Leo Martinez 1,180

Lincoln County Assessor:  
 -Democratic Party, Robert D. Vallejos, 1,547

-Republican Party, Rick Silva 4,816

Lincoln County Probate Judge:  
 -Democratic Party, Michele Cervantes-Rebstock 2,063

-Republican Party, Stirling Spencer 4,298

Judge of Court of Appeals, Position 1:  
 -Democratic Party, Manuel Tijerina 1,822

-Republican Party, Jonathan B. Sutin 4,299

Judge of Court of Appeals, Position 2:  
 -Democratic Party, Cynthia A. Fry 2,316

-Republican Party, Roderick T. Kennedy 3,834

Judge of Court of Appeals, Position 3:  
 -Green Party, Marvin H. Gladstone 562

-Democratic Party, Ira Robinson 1,817

-Republican Party, R. Glenn Ellington, 3,654

Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 4:  
 -Democratic Party, Celia Foy Castillo 1,958

-Republican Party, Rita Nunez Neumann 4,015

District Attorney, 12th Judicial District:  
 -Republican Party, Scot D. Key 5,058 (unopposed incumbent)

State Board of Education, District 8:  
 -Republican Party, John R. Lankford 4,840. He received 36,775 votes district wide.

Retain Patricio M. Serna, Supreme Court:  
 -Yes 3,546  
 -No 1,252

Retain Joseph Alarid, Court of Appeals:  
 -Yes 3,493  
 -No 1,200

Constitutional Amendment #1 to allow Bernalillo County and Albuquerque to consolidate into a city-county government:  
 -For 2,581  
 -Against 2,755

Constitutional Amendment # 2 to remove term limits for county elected officials:  
 -For 1,731  
 -Against 3,861

Bond Question A, for senior citizens capital outlay:  
 -For 3,234  
 -Against 2,513

Bond Question B, education capital outlay:  
 -For 2,908  
 -Against 2,513

Bond Question C, for New Mexico capital outlay:  
 -For 2,842  
 -Against 2,850

Statewide, Constitutional Amendment 1 was approved with 216,644 for and 185,342 against. Statewide bond question A passed with 268,864 for and 176,323 against. Bond question B also passed with 269,528 for and 165,512 against. Bond question C failed statewide with 195,527 for and 237,278 against.

## CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS Counselor's Corner

The ACT and PSAT are behind us now at Carrizozo High School. I am happy to say we had a great turnout with many juniors and some sophomores taking the exam for the first time. Many college recruiters are coming to visit our campus this month. All parents are welcome to visit with the representatives. They can provide you with specific financial information that is not available in our college catalogues. For example, Western NM University just told me that they are offering a \$1,000 scholarship in addition to the Bridge Scholarship to assist students during their first semester before the Lottery Scholarship is available. Western will also provide transportation and lodging to those parents and students who wish to visit their campus. The following are dates recruiters will be here:

Nov. 1: ENMU-Portales 11:00 a.m.  
 Nov. 10: UNM 12:30 p.m.  
 Nov. 15: NMSU 10:30 a.m.  
 Nov. 28: WNU 1:00 p.m.

Capitan Schools is offering the Botvin Life Skills program to middle school students. The purpose of this program is to educate students about alcohol, cigarettes, and marijuana the "gateway" substances that many students in this age group may experiment with. The Life Skills program also educates students about how to identify intended messages in advertising, how to use coping skills, and how to address anxiety. The intent is to teach students skills that many adults do not have such as how to say no, to an employer without disrupting the work environment or how to reject a friend's idea without losing a friendship. Statistics indicate that a student just saying no is not enough to stop substance abuse. Students need rehearsal skills and knowledge in order to make decisions.

I have the great privilege to participate in lunch duty for the elementary. Those lively little people make my day. For the most part they are happy and polite. I have noticed that many people speed through the school zone between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Though most of the time students are inside the playground, there are occasions when a student may retrieve a ball beyond the playground fence. Please slow down.

Next week is the beginning of basketball practice. GOOOOOO Grizzlies!!!  
 Parents please feel free to contact me about any issues which concern your students' progress at school.

KAREN HAUGHNESS

with plows continued to struggle to clear as many roads as possible. Stewart said he called a halt to road operations on Forest Roads and outlying county roads at about 4 p.m. Wednesday because the heavy equipment was getting stuck on the rapidly melting snow, causing more problems. Stewart said snow removal operations were to resume early today, Thursday, November 9.

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## Snow Storm

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cause she could not get her vehicle out and the power and telephone were out.

The heavy wet snow broke branches on trees still fully in leaf in Capitan, and on trees county wide, causing power outages. Some residents in Capitan had no electricity throughout Monday and until about 9 a.m. Tuesday. Residents in Nogal Canyon were without power until about 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart told THE NEWS on Wednesday, that county crews were still struggling to remove the heavy snows. County road department crews had worked late Monday night and were out again at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday and did not quit until 11 p.m. On Wednesday, the six county motor graders, two dump trucks with snow plows and two three-quarter ton trucks



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

**TUESDAYS**  
 -Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

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

**THURSDAYS**  
 -Story Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Carrizozo School Library.  
 -Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.

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

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
 -Capitan Elementary Parent Advisory Committee meeting 5 a.m. elementary building.  
 -Capitan School Board, 6 p.m. administration building.  
 -Corona Village Trustees 6:30 p.m.  
 -Beginning of Class AA state volleyball tournament, Albuquerque. Final match on Saturday, in Albuquerque.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**  
 -Lincoln County Commission meets at 9 a.m. in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Business includes canvass of the General Election votes and other items. Public comment period at 1 p.m.  
 -Christmas Jubilee free holiday shopping event, through Sunday, Ruidoso Convention Center. Call 1-800-253-2255 for information.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
 -Veteran's Day.  
 -3rd Annual Friends of Smokey Bear Arts and Crafts Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.  
 -Class AA State football semi-final game, Tiger Stadium, 2 p.m.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
 -Lincoln County Courthouse closed for Veteran's Day.  
 -Capitan elementary only has no school for teachers in-service day.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
 -Carrizozo PFK meeting, 3:30 p.m. school library.  
 -Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m.  
 -Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.  
 -Capitan Trustees 7 p.m.  
 -Corona Board of Education 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
 -Capitan High School guitar/choir concert, 6:30 p.m. Traylor Gym.



**Tamela Dawn Payne & Marc Elwin Kincaid Engagement Announced**

Curtis Payne and Beverly Payne Calaway of Capitan announce the engagement and forth coming marriage of their daughter, Tamela Dawn Payne, to Marc Kincaid, of Pinon, New Mexico. Tamela is a 1993 graduate of Capitan High School and graduated with a Doctorate of Veterinarian Medicine from Colorado State University in May 2000. Marc is a graduate of Carlsbad High School and graduated with a masters degree in Agriculture Economics from NMSU. Marc is the son of David and Joan Kincaid of Pinon, NM. Tamela and Marc will exchange marriage vows on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs, at 7:00 p.m.

**Ruidoso May Extend Quality Fishing Waters**

Ruidoso Village Council has joined in with several others to request the New Mexico State Game and Fish Commission extend the special trout fishing waters designation on the Ruidoso River and for the village to look into supplementing stocked fish. During their regular meeting on Halloween, October 31, councilors heard Jim Shoop request the endorsement of the letter to the state fish and game commission and he asked the village to consider stocking fish to supplement the number of fish being put into the Ruidoso River by the state game and fish department. The letter to the game and fish commission asks that the Quality Trout Fishing Waters be extended from its current location in Ruidoso Downs to the confluence of Rio Ruidoso with Carrizo Creek at Two Rivers Park in the middle of the village. Special Trout Waters designation carries with it stricter rules for anglers. While anglers can catch several fish, they can only kill and keep two each day. They must use a fly fishing setup or a lure with a single hook and hooks must be barbless, no natural bait can be used. As for stocking the river, Shoop said the whirling disease in the state's fisheries destroyed over a million small trout, setting the state back more than two years in its trout programs. As a result, fewer fish are put into the state's fishing waters. Currently the state game and fish department stocks about 2,500 rainbow trout in Rio Ruidoso monthly, Shoop said. But last fishing season (which runs April 1 to March 31 of the following year), Shoop said more than 14,000 fishing licenses were sold in Ruidoso half of which were sold to people from out of state. It took only 10 days for the last stocking of 2,500 rainbow trout to be fished out, Shoop added. With fewer stocked rainbow trout, the natural brown trout are being caught and are being placed in danger of over-fishing. "It would be an absolute travesty to say 'they're all gone' (native brown trout)," Shoop added. He asked the village to consider supplemental stocking year round, and gave an estimated cost of about \$8,000 yearly to purchase privately

grown rainbow trout for the stocking program. "If anglers are unsuccessful here, why would they want to come back?" Shoop commented. "We need to offer them a quality fishing area with enough fish." In response to a question from mayor Robert Donaldson, Shoop said he had talked with officials at the New Mexico Game and Fish Department about a supplemental stocking program. He said game and fish agree they will not cut back the number of their stock fish in lieu of the village stocked fish, rather they would maintain the same number and the village fish will be in addition to theirs. The state also stocks Grindstone Canyon reservoir, which will not be a part of the quality fishing waters program. Shoop said currently there are an estimated 400,000 fish in Grindstone reservoir.

**Community Playground To Be Built In Ruidoso**

Upon approval of the Ruidoso Village Council during its meeting October 31, the village is seeking proposals for a firm to design and build a community playground. Under the "design/build" concept the village will solicit proposals and award the bid based on the qualifications of the firm making the proposal for the playground. Ruidoso village finance officer Lorri McKnight said she got confirmation from the state General Services Purchasing Division that the design/build concept was acceptable in the case of the playground project, because state laws allow design/build "systems".

According to state rules, local governments are not allowed to do major facility construction projects under the design/build process, unless the total cost of the project is \$10 million. However, the wording in the state law reads that governments are allowed to do the design/build method for "systems" also, even though the cost is less than \$10 million. McKnight said the playground will be a system, that is put together by volunteers. McKnight also said with the design/build concept the village will go to bid only once and award the proposal (SEE PAGE 4)

**Carrizozo Animal Clinic Schedule for November**

★ NOV. 14 and NOV. 28 ★  
 Open 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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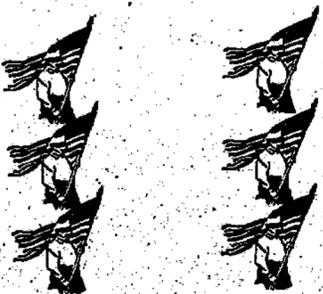
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**Election Turn**  
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Lincoln County Commissioners will make the election tally official on Friday, November 10 when they canvass the votes. Proctor said 14 emergency paper ballots and two ballots in lieu of absentee ballots will be counted and added to the final totals at the county commission meeting.

Proctor was also pleased with the Absentee Precinct board which "worked like clockwork."

"All our precinct workers are so dedicated and all worked so hard," Proctor praised. "They are all troopers."

**Legislative Scholarship Awarded To T Sisneros**

Tyler B. Sisneros, a high school junior at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, has been awarded the Gen. Richard T. Knowles Legislative Scholarship.

Sisneros was nominated for the scholarship by State Rep. Dub Williams. The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and fees for up to four years at NMML.

Sisneros, the son of Frank and Donna Sisneros, has a 3.8 grade point average and is ranked as a Cadet Sergeant at NMML.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Questions galore. Bush or Gore?**

By Ruth Hammond

Even if your favorite candidates won at the local level, the chances are that you might not be very happy about the snafu that is happening in the election returns from other places, especially Florida. Can you imagine a state with the population of Florida having all these problems with this election? Those people back east are supposed to be the "elite" and have everything together, not keep the entire nation and the entire world in limbo while waiting to find out which candidate won the election.

Luckily, the nation will not have the problem of being without a president if there is no winner declared before inauguration day in January 2001. President Clinton can remain in office until the new president is legally elected. It would be interesting to have the president living in the White House in Washington, D.C. while his wife lives in New York now that she has been elected to the U.S. Senate from New York. Unusual but perhaps necessary.

Election officials back east and in other counties here in New Mexico should take lessons from Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor if they want to know the correct way to conduct an election. All it takes is proper training of precinct workers and dedication to do the job right. It seems that Bernalillo County once again had far too many problems and state results will be delayed because of these problems. And the public has to wait and wait.

Congress might consider enacting some sort of national election laws if the individual states are unable to do what they should do. The people's right to vote should not be sullied by some of the accusations that are being bandied about by presidential analysts. And the people should not have to wait days, weeks and maybe months for results.

The fact that there can be glitches is always present, but to have thousands of votes not being counted, or having ballots printed in such a way that the votes are credited to a different candidate is unprofessional. And as for the precinct workers being too tired to count absentee and/or early votes on election night, such as happened in Bernalillo County is uncalled for because the clerk knows, or should know, how many votes have been returned and should have an adequate number of precinct workers.

In this column last week we urged everyone to vote. As the national returns are being reported, it is even more true that each and every vote does count. We do hope that the votes cast in Bernalillo County and in Florida and in each and every precinct in the United States of America will actually BE counted and will be counted correctly.

Outcome of the presidential election may not be known for quite some time and if you think it is difficult, can you imagine what it is doing to the candidates? Being kept in the dark and being fed manure is fine for mushrooms but it definitely is not the way to treat the president-elect.

No one know for certain which candidate is the actual president-elect, and both candidates continue to hope to win the election for the highest office in the United States.

Sincere dedication to conducting elections properly should be the first priority of election officials. Thank goodness we have Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor.

Which Candidate Won?



**Ed. Note:** The article below is the continuation of an earlier discussion i.e. Does Lincoln County Have Enough Water? August 21, 2000, LCN.

"We must learn to deal with the problems resulting from our limited water supply." Frank Titus, Hydrologist, NMBJ.

**EDITOR:** The last time we spoke, I estimated that the annual consumption (residential only) could approximate 2,358,720,000 gallons annually here in Lincoln County. Let me be more precise.

Based on information gleaned from available State databases we currently use 19,476.4 acre-feet and if my arithmetic is correct -- 6,347,405,416.4 gallons annually for residential and commercial purposes. Yet our Electeds will not declare a moratorium on growth and continue to be quoted stating " . . . we have an abundance of rights . . ." The database also cites that less than half (50%) is being replenished. And, Farmers Almanac suggests another mild and dry winter is probable.

Frank Titus wrote, "In the West we've always decided what we want, and then gotten the water to support it. To many development advocates that still is the only procedure considered." Unfortunately, here in Southeastern New Mexico, the thinking of the public, most bureaucrats and the Electeds is not focused on managing our limited water.

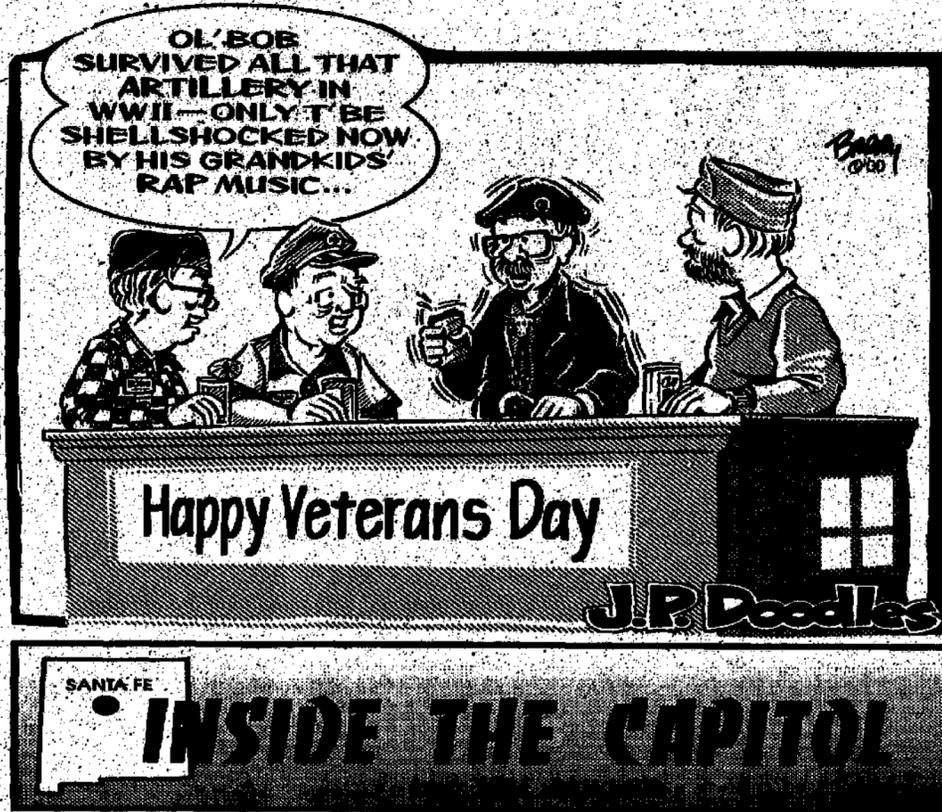
Municipal planners and developers seem to see smart growth in terms of efficient land-use design, mixed-use environments etc. From this perspective, water is just another resource needing management.

Again, Titus "Smart growth from a water perspective, however, raises different considerations. First, you must accept that the available volume of water is fixed and that ultimately it will not meet perpetually and unchecked increasing demands." Based on the statistics mentioned above, we are already at the point where satisfying any new demands for water require forsaking an old one.

Where is hydrologic data? Who is our Hydrologist?

Is there any way to grow without increasing water consumption? Yes. We could freeze single home building. We could impose strict limitations on golf courses and commercial water consumption. We could demand forest thinning.

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**SANTA FE -** On Veterans Day it is proper that we pause to remember those who have served our country. Many of the thoughts and words that follow come from Dave Clary of Roswell, not only a loyal reader, but also an abundant source of information, inspiration and ideas.

All those who heeded their call to duty deserve to be honored to be sure, but Saturday, Nov. 11 let us pay tribute to some of those who were our heroes.

On October 18, 1918, Alvin York, an American draftee corporal from the hills of East Tennessee (and a religious pacifist who had been denied conscientious-objector status) almost single-handedly took out three German machine gun nests, killed at least 25 enemy soldiers, and captured 138 troops. Then, with a half-dozen men surviving from his own squad, he led them back through American lines.

This remarkable feat made him the outstanding American hero of World War I, winning him the Distinguished Service Cross for the captures and his country's highest honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor for the assault on the machine gun nests.

Audie Murphy was America's most decorated soldier of World War II. Like York, he was a simple farm boy, who performed valorous deeds that not even his fellow soldiers could comprehend. Among his many awards was the Medal of Honor. He returned home a hero and was recognized as such. With his good looks, he became a movie star and eventually a movie was made of his life.

But heroes do not commonly fare well in peacetime. Whatever it is that makes a man disregard his own life for the sake of his fellows can affect him in ways he is unable to over-

come. They are different from the rest of us. For whatever reason, they did not their duty, but something far beyond. In our country the rates of drunkenness, depression and suicide are higher among surviving Medal of Honor winners than almost any other group in our population.

Audie Murphy's life speaks for many of his fellow heroes. It may have been better had his country not tried so hard to treat him as the hero he was. His acting ability was limited and he was tormented by the thought that he got there only because of his fame and looks. His persistent depression ended when he took his life two decades after receiving his Medal of Honor.

Alvin York was an exception. He went home to a farm provided him by a grateful state and lived out his life peacefully until Gary Cooper won an Oscar playing him in a 1941 movie. Under renewed attention, York served as head of his local draft board after volunteering for service in World War II and being rejected.

So how should we

honor our heroes on this patriotic holiday? Perhaps it is enough that we just remember them, while also remembering all those who did their duty.

Veterans Day has fallen on hard times of late. Communities don't parades any longer to honor their veterans. Those who attend ceremonies now are veterans honoring veterans. Congress tried but couldn't commit the ultimate insult.

In 1971, amid the fever to make all holidays long weekends, Congress declared that Veterans Day, henceforth, would be celebrated the fourth weekend in October. How could a national holiday, designated to celebrate the signing of the World War I armistice on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month be rescheduled to any other or time?

It took seven years, but in 1978, veterans and others convinced Congress to restore Veterans Day to its proper place on the calendar. So now stands proudly, along with the Fourth of July as the only patriotic holidays that aren't on a movable Monday.

**Community Playground**

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based on qualifications on the two phase project. The idea behind the qualification based request is to retain a qualified firm with at least 10 years experience in such projects to provide design and construction architectural services for a 38,000 to community is "Kids Kingdom" in Alamogordo.

Councilor Bob Sterchi said he wanted to credit State Senator Pete Campos for obtaining a state appropriation for recreation for the village. The funding will be used for the playground and Recreation Plaza area.

Councilors also approved a joint powers agreement with

the Ruidoso Municipal Schools to allow for the use of about 38,000 square feet of school property for the community playground and restroom improvements at the White Mountain Recreational Complex, near White Mountain schools. The agreement was forwarded to Ruidoso Schools Board of Education for consideration at their December meeting. 41,000 square foot community-built, interpretive style playground. The playground design will be based on community input and will utilize community support and labor. The firm selected will prepare a drawing of the playground plan based on input from community meetings, children and parks and recreation committee members. The final design shall include numerous innovative play stations interconnected with bridges, tunnels, ramps, decking, etc. that meet all federal and state guidelines for safety and accessibility. The final design will be a structure that may be erected with a "batn raising" by community volunteers.

The selected firm will also be responsible for establishing committee for fund raising, materials, public relations, tools, childcare, volunteers, etc. The firm will also be responsible for providing the village a detailed list of materials and equipment

necessary to complete the play area. McKnight said the design/build process is not quick, but she was excited about using the design/build process.

Also to be constructed at the playground are public restrooms.

Mayor Robert Donaldson said the playground will be constructed in the new Recreation Plaza that is being developed with the focus on the local residents and their families. "It is critical we find ways to include our children," Donaldson said about the project.

Councilor Bill Chance who has spearheaded the project, said the playground will create more family time. A similar playground built by the

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**Two More Local Liquor Establishments Stung**

Two Lincoln County liquor establishments were caught selling alcohol to an 18 year old during a sting by the New Mexico State Police, Special Investigations Division on November 3 and 4.

According to a press release from the Special Investigations Division of state police, Allsup's Convenience Store #132 in Carrizozo and Captain Shell received administrative citations. The clerks/servers who were caught selling or serving to the minor were issued criminal citations, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and/or up to 30 hours of community service and possible suspension or revocation of their alcohol server permits.

Administrative citations will be forwarded to the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division which may assess administrative penalties, including fines of \$1,000 to \$10,000 and/or suspension of an establishment's liquor sales.

In the sting, the undercover minor, carried valid identification that clearly displayed his date of birth, January 1982. The minor was instructed to show identification when asked, and to tell the truth if asked questions concerning his age. The minor entered and attempted to purchase alcohol in a total of 20 licensed liquor establishments in Lincoln and Socorro Counties.

Clerks/servers at 14 establishments checked the minor's ID and properly refused to sell alcohol.

Clerks/servers at six establishments sold alcohol to the minor. Of those who sold, one server failed to ask for ID and the others sold alcohol to the minor even after looking at the minor's ID.

**NMMI Is Accepting Legislative Scholarship**

New Mexico Military Institute and the New Mexico State Legislature are offering the Richard T. Knowles Legislative Scholarship to qualified New Mexico students. All applications are due into NMMI Admissions Office no later than December 15.

Each of New Mexico's legislators may nominate students in their district for scholarship consideration. Both high school and college students are eligible for consideration.

Qualifications for high school cadets include having a 2.5 grade point average for 9th and 10th graders. All candidates for the scholarship must submit three letters of recommendation, an autobiography of 250 words, application for admittance to NMMI and be a New Mexico resident.

For more information on the scholarship call the NMMI admissions office at 1-800-421-5376 or writing to the NMMI Admissions Office at 101 West College, Roswell, NM 88201-5173.

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Ruth Hammond and Peter Rosales

## Capitan Tigers Win 35-12 Advance To Semi-Finals

The Fighting Capitan Tiger football team defeated the Navajo Prep Eagles Saturday, Nov. 4 by the score of 35 to 12. This post-season game was played in Capitan with light rain falling at times. Navajo Prep is located in Farmington.

The Tigers went on defense to begin the game with the following players on the field: Stephen Silva, Michael Brown, Mitch Kelley, Joel Armendariz, Michael Walker, Andrew Mortenson, Jared Jay, Justin Sultemeyer, Ruff Nowell, Justin Hunter, and Jarrod Siderwall.

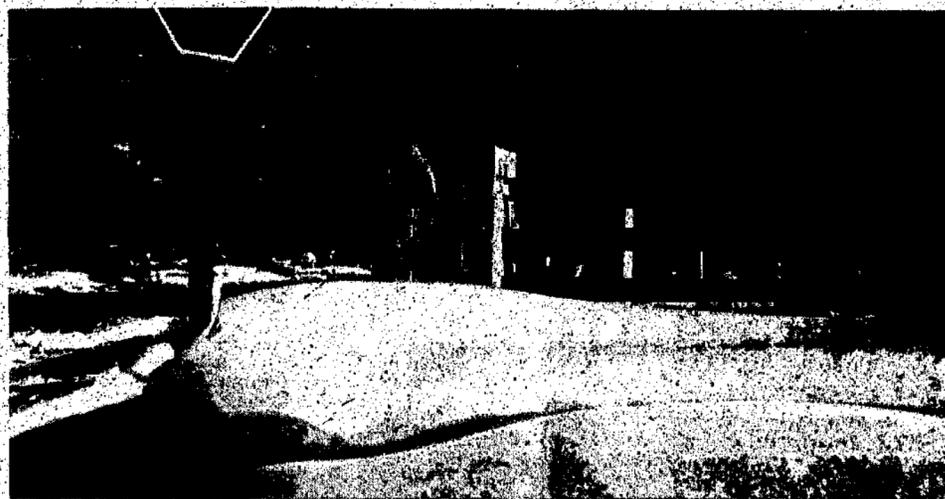
Capitan led after one period 7 to 0. Score at intermission was Navajo Prep 12 and Capitan 7. At end of third period Tigers regained lead 14 to 12. Capitan scores 21 points in final period to put game away. Final score Capitan 35, Navajo Prep 12.

Capitan TD's were as follows: 27 yard run by Michael Walker; one-yard QB sneak by Joey Sainz — this score was set up by a 24-yard run by Justin Hunter; 6-yard pass to Jared Jay; 5-yard run by Justin Hunter — this TD set up by the Eagles failure to field a kick-off cleanly; Tigers' final tally came when Michael Walker ran back an interception from 33 yards out.

The Tigers had three touchdowns nullified because of penalties. The Eagles scored on a 9-yard pass play and a 4-yard run.

Capitan advances to semi-final action this Saturday, Nov. 11, when the Tigers will host the Ft. Sumner Falcons. Game time is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. The winner of this game will play the following week for the Class A championship.

by Bartley McElrath



**TOWN DRIFTS.** Heavy snows, and high winds on Tuesday, worked together to sculpt many fantastic drifts around the Town of Carrizozo. Some people reported having to dig out vehicles and front doors from the snows that were driven by high winds. At one time on Tuesday, visibility along Hwy. 380 west and Hwy. 54 north of Carrizozo was zero because of the windblown snow. Highway 380 west and Hwy. 54 north of Carrizozo were closed Tuesday night because of the dangerous snowy conditions. About 50 people were housed at an emergency shelter set up at Santa Rita Catholic Church parish hall.

## County Commission Meets Friday, Nov. 10

At 9 a.m. Friday, November 10, Lincoln County Commissioners will meet in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

The main item of business, and the reason for the meeting to be held the Friday after election day, is to approve the canvass of the No-

vember 7 General Election votes. The canvass is scheduled to be done after the county manager's project reports.

After lunch, commissioners are scheduled to hear from Fred Rossbach on the Forest Legacy Program that proposes to purchase development rights from people

who own forested properties. They will also get a report on the use of small timber from county commissioner Rick Simpson, Howard Shanks and a representative from New Mexico State University.

An item of discussion scheduled early in the meeting is the continuing contract negotiations with Correctional Systems, Inc. (CSI) for the management of the detention center.

Following the CSI item, commissioners will discuss the situation on using propane for the new Lincoln County Detention Center. At noon, commissioners will make a tour of the new Lincoln County Detention Center under construction at the Carrizozo Industrial Park.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Options for renaming Sam Tobias Road back to Cedar Creek Road as requested by resident Maury St. John.

- Reports on Environmental Health, water applications.

- Discussions of state legislative appropriations for Handicap Access at Glencoe Rural Events Center as requested by the Lincoln County Fair Association Board.

- Report from Lincoln County Medical Center administrator Jim Gibson.
- Awarding of bids for the lease of the Glencoe Rural Events Center; a new and unused 50-ton low boy trailer and trade-in; lease of one new wheel loader; 911 equipment installation under state contract for \$121,000; state contract purchase of new AS/400 computer system equipment.

- Review changes to the Lincoln County Subdivision Regulations Ordinance No. 1999-01 as requested by county attorney Alan Morel.

- Appointments of Emergency Program Manager; members to the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, Planning Commission, Property Tax Protest Board, Regional Waste Water Joint Use Board, Senior Olympics Committee.

- Resolution for Open Meetings Act.
- Resolution for Setting Commission Meeting Dates for 2001.
- Resolution for Official Holiday Calendar for 2001.

## Letters to

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We must also be prepared to contend with drought, already acknowledged by a NASA Meteorologist. Anyone familiar with the history of Lincoln County water knows it will happen.

If there is a good chance (drought or no) that in the future we could have difficulty acquiring the water needed to supply the already approved developments i.e. Alto Mesa plus the many houses or doublewides/built/positioned on vacant plots within existing neighborhoods. Aren't we long overdue in developing priorities for providing water to new developments?

I'd suggest a purely hydrological basis for such prioritization. However, to rely on our Electeds to do so (i.e. prioritizing) is folly — it will go nowhere without taxpayer involvement and oversight.

If we don't try to live within our water means, no one else will make us.

How long do we have to develop a workable plan to manage our water resources? How long before the next prolonged drought? When does someone or entity say no to a few special interests i.e. racetrack, golf courses or hotels?

Lastly, until we (especially Electeds) address this here and now problem in an honest and non-posturing way, Lincoln County will resemble a very small Dixie cup with thousands of straws competing for an ever dwindling supply of water.

LOUIN P. ROBINSON  
Alto, New Mexico

**EDITOR:** This is to the hunters (not sportsmen) that saw fit to trespass on our property and shoot a buck 40 feet from our home and 25 feet from a swing that was directly in line of fire — where we sit daily, sometimes with our nine year old granddaughter to watch the birds and wildlife — but this time we did not.

You have thousands of acres of wonderful forest land to hunt. Yet you crossed a fence with a locked gate and several Posted - No Trespassing - Private Land signs on to private property and crossed another fence (wolf fencing with three barb wires on top) onwards to our home (just a few acres) with the sound of wind chimes, our ducks and fowl, flood lights in a Pinon pine tree on, our vehicle and house in plain sight and we in our home. You continued on your great vision of killing a deer or two and with your gun barrel vision you shot and shot. And you were coming armed with your rifles toward us to get your kill.

Is the killing of a deer worth a human life?

DOROTHY M. FOYT  
A retired sportswoman  
White Oaks, NM



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

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

Today, Thursday, November 9:

Mostly sunny and warmer with afternoon breezes. High temperature 57. Chance for precipitation 0 percent. Low 20.

Friday through Sunday, November 10-12:

Breezy in the afternoon. Partly cloudy and turning cooler over the weekend. Highs 50-55. Lows teens and 20s.

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

Today, Thursday, November 9:

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The County Treasurer mailed out property tax bills on October 26, 2000. A large number of tax bills have been returned as undeliverable by the Post Office. If you have not received a tax bill

**PLEASE** contact the Treasurer's Office.

505-648-2397  
505-648-2525

Thank you,  
**JOAN E. PARK**  
Lincoln County Treasurer

**My Sincere Thanks!**

To Lincoln County voters for your generous support in electing me to a fourth term as your Sheriff.

I will do my very best to live up to your expectations and provide you with a professional, responsible, law enforcement agency.

**Tom Sullivan**  
Lincoln County Sheriff

# A GLIMPSE OF THE MINING HISTORY OF THE SOUTHWEST

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

## The Great Southwest.

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

Northern Mexico, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

### PART 39

**COPPER MINING.**  
Is As Safe and Profitable As Any Other Business.

Boston - The Calumet & Hecla directors have declared a dividend of \$20 a share.

Boston - The Clumet & Hecla dividend is payable September 28 to stock of record September 5.

Boston - With the \$20 declared today, which is

the 116th dividend declared by the Calumet and Hecla Co., total dividend disbursements will aggregate \$71,850,000.

Today's dividend is the second of the fiscal year, beginning May 1. The company paid \$80 during the year ended April 30, 1900, \$70 in 1899, and \$40 in 1898.

Three months ago the directors declared only \$10 in view of the fire which had broken out in the No. 2 shaft a few days

prior to the dividend meeting. Stockholders have, therefore, received only \$30 thus far this fiscal year as compared with \$40 for the same period in 1899.

The Calumet & Hecla on a capital of \$2,500,000, 100,000 shared par value \$25 each, has paid in less than thirty years \$71,850,000 in dividends to over 2000 shareholders. The Quincy on same capital paid in a few years in dividends \$11,970,000. The Tamarack, capital \$1,500,000, has paid in dividends \$6,570,000. The Wolverine, capital \$1,500,000 (a young mine), has paid \$390,000 dividends. Calumet & Hecla rock averages about 3 per cent copper per ton; Quincy 1 1/2 per cent; Tamarack, 1 3/4 per cent; Wolverine, 1.33 per cent. The Isle Royale expect to pay dividends on 1 per cent rock (20 pounds to the ton). Baltic rock averages 1 1/2 per cent. When we compare Michigan rock with New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexico copper ores shipped daily to our smelter in El Paso, averaging from 5 to 20 per cent copper with gold, silver and lead values sufficient to cover freight and treatment it is not drawing very heavy upon the imagination to predict that in the near future some of our local home companies like the Orion, the Superior, the Olympia, the Horn Silver and others may astonish the mining world, by proving up valuable mines, paying regular dividends. If the dividends above quoted are earned from ores carrying from 1

1/2 to 3 per cent copper our surrounding copper mines must eventually prove veritable bonanzas when they gain depth, and get their ore bodies blocked out.

The United States leads the world as a producer of copper. From January 1 to September 1, 1900, we have exported 67 per cent of our entire copper output to Europe.

El Paso is in the heart of the greatest copper belt in the world.

## TEXAS

### THE SHAFTER MINE.

It is not generally known outside of Western Texas that this section can boast of having within its confines one of the best producing silver mines in the country. Notwithstanding its ore is exclusively silver, and the past years of extreme depression in the price of this metal, the Shafter mine has been worked continuously for over fifteen years and has paid dividends regularly and without interruption to its stockholders for more than \$700,000. The total production has been over \$3,000,000, and the mine may yet be considered in the "grass roots" of mining, as the workings are but 400 feet deep.

The mine is situated about one mile from the town of Shafter, Presidio county, Texas, and about 40 miles southwest from Marfa, a station on the Southern Pacific railroad. It is located on a section of land owned by the Presidio Mining company, a California corporation. The ore is treated in the Cibolo mill in the town of Shafter, and which is owned by the Cibolo Mining and Milling company, also a California corporation, and of which the stockholders are almost identical with those of the Presidio company.

The mill is a 15-stamp Pan-Amalgamation mill, and treats about 70 tons of the Shafter ore daily, on which a handsome profit is made for both, the mining and milling companies.

The Cibolo company has also disbursed a large amount in dividends in addition to those mentioned above by the Presidio company.

The ore occurs in a series of deposits in the limestone, sometimes being of immense size, and there is said to be a large amount of reserves in sight, sufficient to keep the present mill busy a long time to come.

This mine is not over forty miles from the great quicksilver deposits in the Terlingua district, and is in a section of country well worthy of prospecting for other minerals, as the indications are very favorable.

The greatest drawbacks in the past has been the distance from transportation, the scarcity of water, and perhaps the fact that it is in Texas.

## EL PASO, TEXAS.

THE GATE CITY BETWEEN TWO GREAT REPUBLICS.

The Phenomenal Growth and Development of the Queen City of the Southwest / Her resources, Railroads, Smelters, Modern Improvements, Schools, Churches, Societies, Climate, Business Institutions, and other Influences That go to Make A Progressive and Prosperous City.

At the beginning of the Twentieth century, which is destined to revolutionize the world's affairs of every nature, and during the first decade of which, to judge from present indications, El Paso will grow to be the largest as well as the most influential city in the largest state of the greatest nation on earth. It is but proper that the Pass City, connecting the two greatest republics of the globe, should be seen through a camera and told about by pen picture.

To accomplish this the International Industrial Record has spared neither time nor money to make this issue thoroughly representative of the city of El Paso and the great industrial and commercial country surrounding her. In both illustrations and descriptive matter herein given the Record has earnestly endeavored to present facts. In fact, no exaggeration or embellishment is necessary to recite the wondrous story of the steady advancement of El Paso as the industrial and commercial center of the southwest. The statistics presented are susceptible of proof; the pictures speak for themselves.

The manufacturing and industrial interests of the city are in an excellent and healthy condition, and bid fair to rapidly increase in the near future. There are various important enterprises of this nature now contemplated for El Paso, many of which will shortly materialize and place themselves in active business connection with the public.

El Paso had doffed her swaddling clothes and abandoned her adobe business structures and ancient business methods. She is now active and alert, and quick to grasp every opportunity that tends to advance the interests of the city and the business fraternity. She is the home of the solid business man, the thrifty mechanic, the enterprising manufacturer, the astute professional man, the erudite school teacher, and the devout pastor. She is a city of learning, culture, refinement and religion. No greater monument to the intelligence and morality of her people could be offered than by her many elegant schools and churches, a number which are herein presented.

El Paso offers every inducement to the capitalist and homeseeker, & many superior advantages not possessed by other localities, not the least of which is our admirable climate, a description of which is found in another department of this paper.

Mining is the basic industry of El Paso's prosperity - we might say, of her very existence - and the paramount one of the entire southwest. The railroads, of which we have seven, and three

more in sight, have accomplished much for El Paso, but few of them would have come this way had it not been for mining - with the absolute certainty of large ore tonnage, not to mention other traffic in connection with this great industry, in the way of hauling many millions of pounds of mining machinery, smelting and milling machinery, etc. Thus it is plainly seen that the desire for the precious metal of Mother Earth, and the actual existence of them in the country surrounding El Paso, is the forerunner of all that builds up a great city here and populates the country with an enterprising and wealth-seeking people. Therefore, to this powerful agency, most ably assisted by the railroads, El Paso owes all of its development up to the present time, and in this lie her hopes for a prosperous and glorious future. Time will disclose the result.

El Paso has never experienced a boom; nor, on the other hand, has she ever felt any depression in a business sense, other than that which swept the country in '93, and even then traveling men declared that times in El Paso were lively compared with other and larger cities of the east and south.

In the '80s from the time El Paso first awoke to the whistle of the locomotive, that forerunner of civilization, after shaking off the lethargy of ages, assuming an American air, and coming in touch with advancement and enterprise, she has never for a single moment lagged in the steady growth and in assuming national importance as the Pass City between the two great republics. There has never been a time when building progression was not strong in evidence. It is true that some classes of business has been overdone at times, but at the same time there was no standstill to our growth, nor any diminution of confidence of citizens as to the ultimate outcome. All were strong in their faith that the natural location and vast mining industry surrounding her for many miles, supplemented by many railroads, would eventually make of El Paso a grand city, and the year 1901 will prove the redletter year that will mark the fond realization of their most sanguine expectations and desires. That this city is on the onward march to great achievements, industrially and commercially, no one familiar with conditions will for a moment deny. El Paso is on the broad highway to greatness as a city, and the chief factor, is pressing her forward is the mining industry of the

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## Church Directory



### Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca, Presbytery

Negel Presbyterian Church: BILL BEBRING, pastor. Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: SCOTT KING, pastor / 646-2024

Worship..... 9:00 a.m. Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Corona Presbyterian Church: Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

### Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor 209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 254-2024 Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm Sunday School..... 10:00 am Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

### First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor 814 19th Ave., Carizozo, NM 648-2868 (church) or 648-2107 (home) 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

### Carizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186 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 218 Birch, Carizozo, NM; 648-2853 SATURDAY: Captain Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm C'ozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm SUNDAY: Captain Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am C'ozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

### Church of Christ

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

### St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor Corner of E. Ave. & Sixth, Carizozo, NM 1-805-257-2858 Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday.

### The Word of Life Church

REV. GILKUP FULTON, pastor / 648-2339 711 'E' Ave., Carizozo, NM Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church Sunday..... 7:00 p.m.

### Trinity Baptist Church

BILL JONES, pastor Sunday School..... 10:00 am Church Service..... 11:00 am

### United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODARD, pastor 1000 C. Ave. 648-2853 / 648-2848 Carizozo, NM 88301 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am Worship Service..... 11:10 am Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 8:30 pm United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm

### Adult Sunday School

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 Smoky Bear Blvd./Capitan Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

### Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, minister 5th & Lincoln / 338-4027 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 954-2044 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48) Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Worship Service..... 11:00 am AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.

### First Baptist Church of Corona

OAL WEST, pastor / 648-7975 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

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# Corona News

## In Memorial

Neither rain nor chilly winds, nor muddy roads could keep residents of the Corona area from honoring life-long resident and their former Postmaster, Mary Frances Fuller, in memorial services held at the Corona Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 28, 2000. Mrs. Fuller died October 25 after a year long battle with cancer. After interment at the Corona cemetery, over a hundred neighbors, friends and relatives from as far as Alaska gathered together in the Corona School recreation room to share a pot luck dinner and stories about Mary Frances.

Mary Frances, or "Frannie", as she was known to generations of school children in Corona was the daughter of Syd Jones and Bettie (Wise) Jones. She was born on February 10, 1919, a few months after her parents had arrived in Corona from Coryell County, TX to homestead a few miles south of town. She was born in a rock house no longer standing, located about 300 yards from the home in which she lived for the last 35 years of her life.

She and her younger brother and sister grew up helping her dad and mother on the homestead. Frances became the family cook at age 5 or 6, while she was still so young that she had to stand on a chair to reach the stove. In the drought-stricken year of 1934, in the midst of the depression, she married her high school sweetheart Kennan Fuller. She was underage, both families were dirt poor and no one thought it would last. Last June, they celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

For the next 25 years, Mary Frances was busy raising her family and helping her husband Ken develop their homestead.

During those years the family business transitioned from subsistence farming to sheep, to dairy cows and eventually to beef cattle. By dint of hard work, making do and doing without, they survived the Depression, WWII, and the drought years of the '50s.

Recalling those years, Jeanene Gibbs, the Fuller's daughter and oldest child, said, "Those were hard times". All of us, including Mom, worked from well before "can see" to well after "can't see". It wasn't unusual for Mom to work in the field all day, then come in and help with the milking, and then do housework or help us kids do homework. We didn't get electricity until about 1950, and while that meant we got electric milking machines, it also meant that we could put flood lights in the cowpen and work even later! Mom didn't particularly enjoy that part of her life, but she did what she did with grit and determination. Despite a heavy workload, she still found time to be involved with the community. She was active as a 4-H Club leader and with the church. Her son, Harrell Fuller, remembers that despite the hard times she found time to be a loving, attentive mother. He said, "I remember her teaching us how to blow bubble gum. It was during the 2nd World War, and one of our cousins home on leave had brought us some bubble gum - from a PX, I guess. I think it was the first chewing gum I ever saw. I remember Mom kneeling down in front of us, showing us how to make bubbles. It was absolutely amazing."

Fuller also recalls that his mother wasn't very good at handing out discipline. "She read all the right books, and always tried to follow the best advice of the day, but her heart just wasn't in it.

Finally we sort of worked out an unspoken agreement. She would pretend to punish us, and we would pretend to be sorry for whatever it was that we were being punished for. She always gave us what the psychologists these days call unconditional love. Win or lose, succeed or fail, it made no difference to her."

Life began to change for Mary Frances around 1957 when she started working in the Corona Post Office as a substitute clerk. She was the third member of her family in the post office in Corona. Her brother, Fenner Jones was a clerk for about a year during the early forties before joining the U.S. Navy. Her mother, Bessie Jones was postmaster from 1943 until 1955. Mary Frances became postmaster in 1961 and continued in that position for 17 years until her retirement in 1979. Recalling that period of her life

Gibbs said, "It wasn't just the money, although that certainly helped. It was the opportunity to be with people and to interact with them. Mom had a bubbly, outgoing personality and when she started working in the post office, she just blossomed."

"I think closing out the dairy operation in 1963 helped as well", added her son. "Mom never was very fond of animals, especially those that were bigger than she, and that included horses and cows, as well as some sheep. At her tallest, she was barely over five feet. At docking time, she was quite a sight, with one of the bigger lamb's head held between her legs and its business end wagging in her face. She was very kind and gentle with animals, even if she didn't like them. I never knew of her to mistreat a fellow creature, human or animal, and she fed every stray that showed up on the place."

"But her preference for people over animals was obvious", he continued, "and it was all inclusive. Mom accepted everyone for who they were: saint or sinner, black, brown or white, straight or gay, rich or poor, anglo or hispanic, it made absolutely no difference to her. I learned a lot about human rights from her. She didn't talk a lot about the inherent dignity and worth of every human being; she practiced it - every day. About the only kinds of people she couldn't tolerate were braggarts, those who wouldn't pull their own weight, and those who tried to put on airs. But she never tried to reform even those types. She just ignored them."

In the early 1980s, largely because she missed the opportunities for socializing provided by her post office work, Mary Frances began working part time for a national association of State Departments of Agriculture as an agriculture statistics enumerator. This work took her out among the farmers and ranches throughout the state, collecting statistical information about their operations.

Gibbs: "Mom took very seriously the confidential nature of this work. I think she probably knew more about the business operations of the farmers and ranchers that she interviewed than most of their own family members. But she was very tight-lipped. I think she would have rather have been horse whipped than to divulge privileged information. People trusted Mom, and almost everyone cooperated with the surveys even though

they were not obligated to do so. And she felt so honored to have their trust."

Mary Frances enjoyed learning about new things and seeing new places. After leaving the dairy business, she and husband Kennan traveled by camper throughout the United States and Canada. She also traveled extensively in Europe and in Africa, ostensibly to visit her son and his family while they were living overseas. Her very first plane ride was to Lagos, Nigeria. A few months before her death she realized another life long ambition, to ride in a hot air balloon - a trip arranged by her niece, Kathy Caffery.

"Mom was a very enthusiastic traveler, just as she was enthusiastic about almost everything", said her son, "nearly everything excited her. When she was in Nigeria, Pat (her daughter-in-law) arranged for her to meet one of the traditional local kings - the Oba - who granted her an audience from his throne, decked out in traditional flowing robes. She took it all in, but with a couple of grains of salt, I think. She was equally excited by her travels in Wales where every other shop sign was Jones this or Jones that. So many relatives."

"When Mom would come to visit us, we would lay out various itineraries for her consideration; we could do this, or we could do that. Her invariable response was 'I want to do it all'. And she darn near did."

Saturday's memorial service appropriately was a celebration of Mary Frances's life. Presided over by Rev. Scott King, it included music by the Corona community choir, accompanied by pianists Sherrill Bradford and Patsy Mulkey. The music consisted for some of her favorite show tunes as well as hymns. A granddaughter, Amanda Richards presented a reading entitled, "We Will Remember Them", the eulogy, delivered by Rev. Ray Wells, formerly of Claunch, praised the pioneer settlers of the Corona area, among whom he included the Fuller and the Jones families. "It was hard times", he said, "they worked hard, and they struggled. But they created community and they survived. They were survivors."

It was a fitting tribute to Mary Frances Jones Fuller: sweetheart, wife, and help-mate; farmer, rancher and civil servant; mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and above all, a good neigh-

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## Thank You Card!

The family of Mary Frances Fuller would like to thank the community of Corona for their warmth and generosity during the last weeks of her life. In particular, those of us who are not members of the community were touched by the way the people of Corona joined together with all of us to share in the celebration of Mary Frances' life.

The entire town did everything they could to show their sympathy and make this time as easy as possible for the family. It was a beautiful tribute to her. We can understand why she spent her entire life in Corona. We hope that each one of you is as blessed by caring people when you lose a loved one.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
No. CV-00-071**

**COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**ARLON HOFFHEINS, a single man,**  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 21, 2000, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the east door of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 100 Carole, Capitan, New Mexico, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Tract 105 of MESA VERDE ACRES, UNIT THREE, Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, April 20, 1966, in Tract No. 245;  
LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following two described tracts heretofore sold:  
A tract of land, being the Southeastern portion of Tract 105, MESA VERDE ACRES, UNIT THREE, Lincoln County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Tract 105; thence North 44 degrees 37' West, 401.7 feet; thence North 61 degrees 34' West, 48.7 feet; thence South 29 degrees 34' 30" West, 372.1 feet; thence North 88 degrees 38' East, 509.8 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.91 acres more or less; and  
A tract of land being the southwesterly portion of Tract 105, MESA VERDE ACRES, UNIT THREE, Lincoln County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said Tract 105; thence South 74 degrees 12' East, 230.3 feet; thence North 29 degrees 34' 30" West, 17.2 feet; thence North 61 degrees 34' 30" West, 162.5 feet; thence South 77 degrees 50' West, 226.5 feet; thence South 01 degrees 46' West, 206.1 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.98 acres, more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on October 13, 2000, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$65,051.16 and the same bears interest at seven point six two five percent (7.625%) per annum from October 1, 2000. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$706.68. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens, not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, desecration of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

By: Nick Vega, Special Master  
P.O. Box 383  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301  
(505) 648-2217

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
DR2000-140  
DIV. III**

**KATERI MARIE HICKS**  
Petitioner  
vs.  
**MARK ALBERT HICKS**  
Respondent

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF  
DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS**

To: MARK ALBERT HICKS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petitioner has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in the above-captioned cause wherein you are named as the Respondent.

YOUR ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is the dissolution of marriage, as more particularly set forth in the Petition For Dissolution of Marriage on file in the above-captioned cause.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you intend to contest this divorce, you must respond to the petition within 30 days from the last date of publication of this Notice.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 5th day of October, 2000.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court

By: Elizabeth Yasal  
Deputy

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for two (2) members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be involved in primary agriculture production or in secondary agricultural services; must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 18, 2000.

MARTHA GUEVARA  
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
No. CV-00-022**

**FLEET MORTGAGE CORP. FKA  
FLEET REAL ESTATE FUNDING CORP.,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

**JACK F. VALLIANT AKA JACK FRANCIS VALLIANT; SIMONE KATERINE KEITH AKA SIMONE C. KEITH; JOHN DOW TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JAN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; MELINDA FIELDEN MOORE (VALLIANT); FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY,**  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master or his/her designee, will, on December 11, 2000, at 1:30 p.m., front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendant(s) in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 2, BLOCK 2, SUNNY SLOPE SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, JANUARY 26, 1984, IN CABINET D, SLIDE NO. 212.

The address of the real property is 211 WHITE MOUNTAIN MEADOWS DRIVE, RUIDOSO, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on August 25, 2000, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$71,430.87, plus interest from September 1, 2000 to the date of sale, at the rate of 8.75000% per annum, or \$15.27 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.  
Dated: 11-02, 2000.

RAY BAILEY  
Special Master  
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.  
105 E. Moreno, Suite 1003  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
No. CV-99-238**

**YVONNE AUSTIN, a single woman, and  
STEPHANIE KOBALY,**  
A married woman dealing in her sole and separate property,  
As Joint tenants in certain real property and improvements,  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
**DONNIE OSBORNE,  
dba OSBORNE CONSTRUCTION,**  
Defendants.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that YVONNE AUSTIN and STEPHANIE KOBALY, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-99-238 wherein you are named as a Defendant and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive services upon you.

The general objects of said action are to obtain damages for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of duty and good faith, breach of expressed and implied warranties, negligent construction and fraud.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before December 29, 2000 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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this 20th day of October, 2000.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court  
By: Stephanie J. Browning

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for three members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 18, 2000.

MARTHA GUEVARA  
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
NOTICE OF INVITATION  
TO SUBMIT BIDS**

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave. (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2000 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

**SEALED BID NO. 00-01-022  
MOTOROLA HAND-HELD RADIOS  
AND MICROPHONES**

The County is requesting bids on two types of Motorola hand-held radios and remote speaker microphones for the Ft. Stanton Volunteer Fire Department. For purposes of compatibility with other equipment in the County, Motorola will be the only manufacturer considered.

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

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

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2000 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

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

JANE WILLIAMS  
Purchasing Agent  
11/01/00

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**Obituaries**

**JOYCE WINCHESTER**

Joyce Winchester, 69, a lifelong resident of Corona died November 1 in Albuquerque. Joyce was born on May 25, 1931 in Corona. Joyce was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Corona. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharry Carter and one grandson, Jerry Don Winchester.

She is survived by three sons, BJ and Shirley Winchester of Los Lunas, Dickie and Debbie Winchester of Corona, Pat Winchester of Roswell; one daughter, Karen and James Ray McDaniel of Roswell; one brother, Henry Kilpatrick of Carrizozo; one sister, Evelyn Batts of California; 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 6 at First Baptist Church in Corona, burial following at the Corona Cemetery.

Officiating the service was Cal West. Pallbearers were Allen Campbell, Mark Winchester, Lee Mulkey, Thomas A. Huey, Melvin Sultemeier, Rand Perkins.

Services were under the direction of Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Mountainair.

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**BETTY SHRECCENGOST**

Betty Shreccengost, 74, passed away at her home in Lincoln November 6, following a brief illness.

Memorial services will be at the San Juan Church in Lincoln on Friday, Nov. 10 - 1:00 p.m.

Betty was born at the Vorwick house east of Lincoln January 8, 1926 to Ora Manning and Albert T. "Bert" Phingsten, who preceded her in death. She was a lifelong resident of Lincoln.

She received her education at the Hondo School, Roswell High School, Stephens Finishing School for Women, Columbia, Missouri, and the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

She married William G. Shreccengost Sr. in April of 1947.

Betty was a lifetime farmer and rancher but was also very active in organizations and community affairs. She was an insurance salesperson for the NM Farm and Livestock Bureau-Lincoln County for many years, a member of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau, a long time active member of the Republican party. She was an active partner when her husband, Bill Shreccengost, Sr. was in the State Legislature, New Mexico Apple Growers, Lincoln County Apple Festivals, superintendent at

the Lincoln County Fair, member of the "Stitchers", chairman of the annual Fiddler's Contest held during Old Lincoln Days, member of the NM State Acequias, participant of the "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" Pageant from its beginnings in 1940 and a member of the Episcopal Church of Lincoln County.

Church services were held for years at her home. One of her great pastimes was playing bridge.

One of her proudest achievements was her work with the Pageant. Both of her sons, Bill Jr. and Bert and two grandsons, Thomas and John, have portrayed Billy the Kid.

Betty was always ready to help those who were in trouble, and was a good friend and neighbor. She was one of those people who would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it. Her home was always open for a cup of coffee, conversation and to those in need or needed a place to call "home".

She is survived by her daughter Ora Louise "Susie" and husband Dick Kuns of Scottsdale, AZ; two sons, William G. Jr. and wife of Hobbs, and Albert D. "Bert" and wife Louise of Albuquerque. She also leaves six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, her beloved daughter-in-law Diane Shreccengost, her uncle Fred "Pino" Pfingsten and wife Leota and several cousins, and a host of friends who will sadly miss her quick wit and humor.

Services are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Home of Ruidoso.

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**County Sr. Centers  
Will Participate In  
Winter Warmth Day**

All of the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Centers are participating in the Winter Warmth Day in New Mexico.

The centers are serving as drop off points for donations of jackets, coats and blankets that will go to needy children in the area schools and Head Start programs. All sizes will be needed, including larger sizes of older students.

For more information about the program call Charlette Seitz at 254-4565.



# Committee Established For Grindstone Event Park

by Doris Cherry

The Village of Ruidoso owns 20 acres below Grindstone lake. Rejected as a possible site for a new county detention center, Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson has a new idea for the tract—an outdoor event park.

Donaldson got unanimous endorsement of his idea from the Ruidoso village council during its regular meeting October 31. Before a sparse audience of two ghouls (village attorney Frank N. Stein and Lincoln County News Reporter The Mysterious Veiled Lady) and a handful of normal souls, councilors approved the mayor's request to form an ad hoc committee of willing workers who will go out to the Grindstone tract with chain saws and thin out small trees and underbrush. "We can have a chain saw party to clear out the small trees to determine what we have there," Donaldson said.

The 20 acres run from the horse stables to the dam. There are three different access streets to the tract which has space for plenty of parking. The site is about a half mile from downtown and has limited neighborhood exposure. "While the downtown merchants are looking for a site in the downtown area for some events and additional parking, this site stands on its own in providing the room needed for larger, noisier functions requiring substantial parking," Donaldson said.

Councilor Leon Eggleston endorsed the project which he said is big enough to have all events, such as the arts and crafts show and chili cook off, in one location. Before he made the motion to endorse the committee, Eggleston volunteered to be on it.

During discussion about the idea, Donaldson said he spoke to Paul Crown organizer of the Chili Cook off about the proposed park and Crown has agreed to help. Others asked and agreeing to help were Jim Bassett of Texas New Mexico Power Company and Mike Fischer of Cattle Baron restaurant who wants a large site to hold company picnics.

Councilor Bill Chance asked if a pavilion, such as the one at the Cedar Creek area, could be constructed at the Grindstone park. Donaldson agreed it would be nice to have a large pavilion. He also said with special permit, the park could be open to private groups or functions that serve alcohol. "This doesn't mean the general public can come to the park and have a beer," Donaldson added.

Councilor Bob Sterchi said having volunteers to clean the area first to visualize the future park would not spend much money.

Donaldson said he can see the park will be used a lot, as it will become an important green space for the village. "Picnic tables are cheap," he added.

Donaldson said the ad hoc committee will get help with any bigger trees on the tract. "I hate to see people leave Ruidoso for Bonito Lake because they have no where to go in the forest here," he added.

Councilors unanimously approved the committee for the Grindstone Park.

For more information about the committee, contact the mayor or village manager Alan Briley at Ruidoso Village Hall.

More green space and parking downtown was also discussed at the council meeting. Donaldson proposed a "Business Improvement District" (BID) that would provide mechanisms to assess properties in the downtown area to provide funds to purchase parking and green space. For exam-

ple he said on property being looked at for green space is \$1.2 million for 4.3 acres. Any proposed assessment will require approval from at least 51 percent of those owning the most assessed value, Donaldson added. With approval a new tax will be imposed on all properties in the BID.

"A lot of issues will need to be hashed out by the downtown property owners," Donaldson added. "But this provides them an alternative if they want to help themselves."

But what was to be a discussion about a concept turned into a debate on what the downtown merchants really want. Councilor Bill Chance said there are two different issues, parking and the chamber of commerce director's idea of green space. "The majority of midtown merchants do not consider the Canning property to be a viable parking solution," Chance said.

Jimmy Millar, a midtown merchant, said he had a petition signed by several other merchants. Of those he polled, 66 were in favor of acquiring the five acres behind Michelinas, 34 favored the nine acres by the old police station and 15 wanted the Canning property at the corner of Country Club and Sudderth for parking. Millar agreed there is need for more parking on both ends of the midtown area however. Millar said with more parking, midtown will get more business and in turn those businesses will pay more gross receipt taxes to the village.

Donaldson said the BID is needed as a way for government to help people help themselves. "Congestion is not a positive to a resort community," Donaldson said about the traffic problems in midtown. "It is critical midtown become a walking district."

Councilor Ron Anderson asked Millar if the midtown merchants he polled were concerned about green space. Millar said the green space was not a high priority. Anderson said he agreed the Canning property is too expensive, because the five acres has been priced at \$800,000.

Chance suggested the village install parking meters in the midtown area. He said the chamber of commerce is looking at the Canning property for a new office. Donaldson said the merchants and the chamber of commerce needs to get together and decide what is needed and wanted and he invited them to attend a merchants meeting the following week.

Creation of a BID requires ten or more business owners comprising at least 51 percent of the total business owners in the proposed district to petition the village council to create a district and establish a planning group to prepare a plan for the BID. Then an ordinance must be drafted, advertised and adopted after public hearing to create the BID. Once a BID is established, a self imposed property tax will be imposed. Funding from that tax will be used for improvements that were specifically listed on the ordinance. The money will be used to pay off a bond issue to purchase land or construct such things as public parking garages.

Donaldson concluded his discussion about the BID by asking the village attorneys to compile the information on the BID.

Councilors, also: —Authorized public hearing on November 28 for a proposed ordinance to allow the sale of 12.37 village-owned acres in the Grindstone area to CDS Investments, Inc. for \$325,000. The property is appraised at \$250,000. The buyer agrees to install a sewer line to the

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property up Carrizo Road, and if it costs more than \$325,000 to install sewer, the village will transfer additional adjacent property at the rate of \$26,273 an acre to make up the difference. If the installation is less than the purchase price, the buyer shall pay the village the difference. Village manager Alan Briley said the estimates for the sewer is about \$400,000.

### Arts in Orchard Event Is Named Festival Of The Year

A Lincoln County festival and a member of the Lincoln County Tourism Council were honored during the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDDT) annual meeting in Socorro last month.

The Art in the Orchard event was chosen as the REDDT's Festival of the Year and Kathleen Hellman Phillips was honored as REDDT's "Sparkplug of the Year."

Art in the Orchard was started three years ago by the Lincoln County Tourism Council, sponsored by REDTT.

Phillips, who lives in Capitan, has worked as an aide to the Lincoln County Tourism Council since 1999.

During the REDDT's banquet on October 16, a special tribute was paid to David Vigil of Lincoln for his birthday.

A total of 11 people from Lincoln County attended the annual meeting.

REDDT, which began in 1992, is a program of New Mexico State University Cooperative Education Service.

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**THIS IS THE WAY YOU SHOVEL snow**, says Jessica Terry of Capitan. Jessica was "shoveling" snow on Wednesday, as school was cancelled in Capitan for the second day in a row because of the snow storm that dumped from 12 to 24 inches on Capitan and other locations in Lincoln County. Jessica is the daughter of Capitan midschool volleyball coach Cindy Terry.




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# Conservation Program Rescheduled To Nov. 10

At the November 10 Lincoln County Commission meeting, the public will get a chance to hear about conservation programs that could preserve large private forested tracts and the large family ranch.

The presentation is rescheduled from the October 19 Lincoln County Commission meeting because presenter Bob Sivinski had a family emergency and was unable to attend. Because there has been some controversy about the intent of the program, county commission chairman Rex Wilson asked the presentation be made at the November 10 meeting.

During the October 19 meeting, New Mexico state regional forester Barbara Luna briefly summarized the

program. She said under the "Forest Legacy Program" the state forestry division gets funding from the U.S. Forest Service to purchase development rights from owners of private forested lands. The program will pay the land owner up to 75 percent of the property value for the development rights.

"You do give up your development rights in perpetuity," Luna said. "But that does NOT mean the private land owner gives up their ability to manage their property, such as selling timber, thinning the forest, water shed improvements or just work under a conservation plan to try to manage their property."

The Forest Legacy Program was introduced at a

meeting held in Capitan on September 21, the same day the county commission met in Carrizozo. Several individuals have criticized the program and the scheduling conflict with the commission meeting.

Luna said at the previous meeting in Capitan, there were several questions about what the state will require the property owner to do if the owner is financially unable to follow a conservation plan, such as thinning the forest for forest health. "The state is not going to make a person do something they can't financially do," Luna stated.

The intent of the Forest

Legacy Program is to keep forested private property intact, Luna added. "It will affect the property value and the county tax base," Luna said. She said some people in Lincoln County have reviewed the program and have requested copies with one woman wanting to sign up right away.

State Forestry has extended the comment period on the Forest Legacy Program until December 31, because there has been a lot of expressed concern, Luna continued. "The concerns mostly come from big government trying to take over private property rights," said. "It's an issue that is in a lot of minds."

As for affecting county tax roles, Luna said there have been studies of similar programs that show overall it will not affect the tax base since there is a give and take situation for providing more county services and improving county infrastructure such as roads when forested properties develop.

Wilson said properties under the program that are listed as agricultural use will be taxed as such for perpetuity.

County commissioner Ray Nunley then introduced Sid Goodloe who is involved with an organization that provides a similar development shelter on a private non-government program.

"The Conservation movement is about as hot as forest health," Goodloe said. "There has been a lot of negative publicity and half truths (about the programs) because people don't understand."

An alternative to government conservation program is the South Rockies Agricultural Land Trust, a private 501 nonprofit corporation that accepts development rights as a donation, Goodloe said. "If you donate your

development rights you can use it as a tax advantage," he added.

There are several purposes for a conservation easement, whether under a private organization or government program, Goodloe continued. Estate values are lower benefiting income taxes on the beneficiaries, preserves the family ranch, artifacts and open space. Goodloe said such conservation programs will preserve family ranching.

Goodloe commended commissioners for rescheduling the presentation on the Forest Legacy Program. "I hope you make time for a good debate," Goodloe said. "I'm sorry (Jay) Wally (with the Paragon Foundation) wasn't here because I wanted to debate him before the commission on the advantages and disadvantages of land trusts." Wally had been at the meeting but left before commissioners got to the forest legacy agenda item late in the day.

Luna said part of the presentation on the state program was a request for a "sort of blessing" from the commission, because the program will affect the county tax base. Wilson corrected that the programs will affect only a potential tax base.

After the discussion, Lincoln resident Sally Canning spoke about the reorganization of the Water Defense Association (WDA). The association was first formed in 1986 by property owners in response to a lawsuit seeking ownership and possession of water rights from the Hondo Basin. WDA was reorganized and reinstated by the state of New Mexico in September, by many property owners feeling there are threats to their current water sources and water rights, Canning added. While WDA had yet to set any formal

goals, Canning said WDA's main goal is to seek funding to gather scientific data on water, and diminishing water quality, erosion non-point pollution and increasing toxicity. She also said the group is concerned about the escalation in the number of private wells with 20 percent of the total number of wells drilled in Lincoln County having been done in the last year.

WDA held a meeting in Lincoln the evening following the October 19 county commission meeting where WDA members were to set goals beyond fund raising.

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bor and loving member of her community.

She leaves behind her husband of 66 years Kennan Fuller, daughter Jeanene Gibbs and her husband A.J. Gibbs of Corona; son Harrell Fuller and his wife Patricia Fuller of Falls Church, VA; a brother, Fenner Jones and wife Betty of Albuquerque, granddaughter Kelly Brewer and her husband Steve and great-grandsons Max and Seth of Albuquerque, grandson Ken Gibbs and his partner Noelle Barker of Glendale, AZ; granddaughter Amanda Richards and her husband Andrew of Palatine, ILL; grandson Jason Gibbs of Abilene, TX, nephew Blake Graham of Albuquerque, and three nieces - Kathy Cafery, and Connie Jones, both of Albuquerque and Christie Everett of North Pole, Alaska and all their family members.

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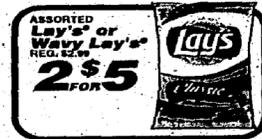
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