

Federal Court Ruling Forces Parental OK For Honor Roll

by Doris Cherry

A ruling by the 10th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals will soon affect how Capitan students are praised for good grades.

Capitan Board of Education at its meetings on January 11, held the first reading of a proposed new policy regarding student records. The proposed policy will define educational re-

ords and give requirements for classification and maintenance of these records. Under the policy the district will disclose information from a student's education records only with written consent of the parent or eligible students, except under some circumstances that are outlined in the proposed policy.

The proposed policy will include a "Notification of

Rights Under FERPA" and a waiver and consent to disclose student information form for parents.

School superintendent Diana Billingsley presented background information on the ruling, which she received from the school district's law firm. At issue was the disclosure of student information under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) that

generally requires schools to maintain confidentiality of students information, subject to parent permission for disclosure.

In the case "Falvo v. Owasso Ind. School District, 2000", a parent learned some of her child's teachers followed a practice of asking their students to grade one another's school work and tests during class. After grading, each student

would call out his or her grade to the teacher. The parent complained the practice embarrassed her children and filed suit. The parent prevailed, but no monetary damages were given to the parent by the court.

The ruling makes any student identifiable materials that are disclosed to anyone other than authorized school officials an "ed-

ucational record", it also raises the possibility that the FERPA will be violated if student art work, crafts, or graphics projects are posted on the walls of a classroom if the student's name and grade are shown. Similarly, a school board that publishes lists of honor students and discloses

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Capitan Schools To Hire A New Superintendent

by Doris Cherry

Capitan School District is looking for a new school superintendent.

After the end of this school year, current superintendent Diana Billingsley will retire, leaving a vacancy in the superintendent's office. Aware of her leaving, Capitan Board of Education has been prepar-

ing an application packet for the superintendent's position.

At their meeting January 11, school board members heard an update on the application process from Billingsley. She said advertisements for the opening will be published locally, regionally and statewide. In addition, notices of the vacancy were to be posted on the statewide educational website and newsletter and sent to every school district in the state, Billingsley said.

At the time of the meeting, 10 people had called requesting applications packets. Since the January 11 meeting, two others have called, Billingsley told *THE NEWS*.

Capitan School District will take applications for the position beginning January 22 until March 30. Applicants must have at the minimum a Master's degree in education administration and hold or be able to obtain a New Mexico Administrator's license. Applicants must have at least five years of educational administrative experience, and three years of teaching experience. Preference will be given to those with central office experience.

Applicants must have knowledge of New Mexico education systems in curriculum, personnel law, finance and budgeting, personnel management, spe-

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STATE REP. DUB WILLIAMS met with Lincoln County Libertarians at an informal round table discussion on January 12 before he left for the opening of this legislative session in the state capitol building in Santa Fe on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Libertarians appealed to Williams to support Gov. Gary Johnson's drug law reforms, to look into removing mandatory sentencing for drug offenses, to seek legislation to remove gross receipt taxes (sales tax) on health care services, and support any move to lower the overall gross receipt taxes. Williams said he does support total legalization of illegal drugs, but he is willing to look into decriminalization and rehabilitation programs for users. Williams said his major interests in the legislature are for educational reforms, water issues and tax reduction. For information on the legislative session that is underway now, see the New Mexico Legislature website at <http://legis.state.nm.us>

Federal Court Hearing Set On Zepeda Case

A date has been set in Federal District Court for a civil rights case filed by former Lincoln County

Sheriff's Deputy Trini Zepeda.

On Monday, January 15, Lincoln County Commissioners held a special closed session in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to discuss the pending litigation with county attorney Alan Morel and county manager Tom Stewart. Stewart told *THE NEWS* the county was ordered to hold the closed session by the presiding federal district court judge so the county could prepare before coming to his court on Tuesday, January 16.

On Tuesday, January 16 in federal court in Albuquerque, an eight member jury was impaneled for the civil trial now set for January 25 and 26. Both Stewart and Morel were present.

The civil case filed by Zepeda alleges the county refused to allow Zepeda to return to his job as deputy after he recovered from injuries received on the job.

Stewart told *THE NEWS* that Zepeda was injured on March 15, 1998 while on

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Carrizozo School Board Rehires Superintendent

by Doris Cherry

Carrizozo School Superintendent David Cooper will remain as the school district's top employee for another year.

Carrizozo Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday, January 16, unanimously approved re-hiring Cooper for the 2001-02 school year. The action followed a closed to public session in which board members evaluated Cooper. The board will offer a contract and salary at a later meeting, Cooper told *THE NEWS*.

One of Cooper's goals when he was hired by Carrizozo Schools last year was to continue to improve student reading scores. Carrizozo students in year 1999-2000 did just that and for having better reading scores on their Terra Nova standardized tests, the district received a financial incentive from the state of New Mexico of \$16,479.

A committee of staff, one business person and a parent looked at the needs of the school district made recommendations to spend the \$16,479 in various areas, Cooper said. A provision of accepting the money was it could not be used for salaries.

The school board accepted the committee's recommendations to spend \$7,647 on Accelerated Reader Program text books and software; \$1,525 for middle school textbooks and literature; \$6,501 for computers for the high school and \$806 for an electronic library. Cooper said the large amount is a one-time incentive because he expects the standardized test scores from this school year will not show such dramatic improvement as they did from the 1998-99 to 1999-2000 school years.

The school board will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 24, in the district conference room, to review the bids to install real wood flooring in the new gym. The school district received five bids for the floor project, but all bids submitted exceeded the \$75,000 budget for the project. Cooper said the school board unanimously voted to negotiate the price with the lowest bidder Robert Choen Co. LLC. Cooper said the school board at the special meeting will review the bid and determine what can be deleted or changed so the floor project will come within the budget.

The school board also rejected the bids to remove and store the old "sports floor" from the new gym. Cooper said school personnel will take up and store the floor until it can be sold at a later date.

In early May, the school will begin a project of renovation and remodeling of Manire Hall (middle school) and the elementary building. The school board accepted the preliminary schematic design of the renovation project presented by architect Chris VanDyck. The tentative plans call for expanding the elementary building to give each elementary classroom an additional 350 square feet. Also the preliminary plans for the middle school call for relocating the computer and science labs to provide more accessibility, and remodeling of restrooms to meet ADA codes. Cooper said he expects the school board will be reviewing plans for the next two months. The tentative time schedule for the project is to have the construction bid advertised in April, approved by the board by May 1 with construction to begin May 8.

The school board also approved hiring Linda Greer as a 10-hour a week special education clerk. Greer had been serving in the capacity on a volunteer basis.

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Lincoln County Democrats To Meet Jan.27

Lincoln County Democrats will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 27, at the Deck House Restaurant at 202 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

The Saturday morning meeting date is a change for the group that had traditionally met on Thursday nights. Chair Charles Rennick said in other counties Democrats have changed to the Saturday morning meetings with great success.

All Democrats, and anyone interested, are invited to attend and order breakfast from the menu. Business includes election of officers for 2001 and setting of 2001 calendar.

For more information call Rennick at 258-9090 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.



NEW SOIL AND WATER OFFICE. Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District is getting a new office in Capitan. Located just west of the current office, the new facility is 1,848 square feet with enough space for offices, rest rooms and a larger meeting room for the monthly conservation district meetings, said Upper Hondo secretary Sue Stearns. Upper Hondo purchased the new double wide house with a low interest loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority. The loan will be paid from Upper Hondo Soil and Water District mill levy proceeds and the sell of the current district office building. The new office is located on Forest Service property through an agreement between Upper Hondo and the US Forest Service. Stearns said the district will hold an open house when the new office is completely set up.

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Federal Court Forces

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grade point averages needed to make the honor list may violate FERPA if parental consent for the disclosure is not obtained.

Because the Falvo decision controls law for New Mexico schools, Billingsley said the state school board association requested its members adopt new FERPA policy with parental consent forms. With that Billingsley said she contacted the district's law firm, "Cuddy, Kennedy,

Hetherington, Albetta & Ives, LLP" in Santa Fe.

Billingsley said there have been no complaints from parents about the district providing lists of honor rolls to the local newspaper, or for having student work posted in the classroom.

The second reading of the proposed policy will be held at the February 8 regular board meeting. Billingsley said she expects the board to adopt the new policy at the February meeting, after which the district will mail consent forms to parents of middle and high school students and send forms home with elementary students.

Copies of the proposed policy are available at the office of the school superintendent or by calling 354-

2239.

The board also adopted the Capitan Municipal School Technology Plan presented by high school principal Darrel Stierwalt. The plan was developed by Stierwalt, computer teacher Franci Bergener and a technology committee of teachers and parents. The group took the previous technology plan of about 10 pages and condensed it to two pages. The new plan calls for action over three years that will follow the guidelines of staff development, development of instructional programs and teaching strategies, acquisition of hardware and software, community partnerships.

Under the action plan, staff development includes in-service technology-related areas, encouraging faculty and staff to attend technology workshops and conference; plan in house seminars on computer literacy.

Instruction programs and teaching strategies include requiring all students to demonstrate computer literacy as a graduation requirement with computer literacy a required course in the high school and keyboarding taught at the middle school. Use of technology is

to be integrated into all curriculum, access to on-line learning resources must be provided, establish a multimedia lab for teaching advanced technology in video editing and production, increase the number of computers in each library for student use.

Acquisition of hardware and software includes access and evaluation of existing hardware, development of rotation plan to replace hardware, streamline inventory process for hardware, provide an avenue for teachers to purchase classroom software, review and update existing software.

Community partnerships will continue to update and expand the Capitan Schools web site to include information pertinent to the community and continue partnerships with businesses and the community to acquire equipment and software and take advantage of human and technological resources.

Billingsley said the technology plan had to be adopted in order to seek state educational technology funds.

The Board of Education election is Tuesday, February 6. Two positions are open.

Capitan Superintendent

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cial education, evaluations of personnel, administration, physical plant, capital outlay and technology.

The successful applicant will be one whose record demonstrates leadership capabilities in organization, delegating responsibility and supervising attainment of district goals. The person must have effective internal/external communication systems and problem solving approaches, resource development skills and sound evaluation skills. The person must have experience in hiring, managing and developing quality personnel. And the person must be able to help develop district policy consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

Salary is negotiable with a strong benefits package.

Interviews of applicants are scheduled to be held April 16-30 with employment to start July 1.

Interested applicants should submit a completed application, a letter of interest which includes their educational philosophy, resume and credentials.

To obtain an application call 354-2239 or write Tom Trost, School Board President, Capitan Municipal Schools, Box 278, Capitan, NM 88316.

According to a pamphlet from Capitan Municipal School District, it employs 81 people: one superintendent, three principals, 44 teachers, 10 instructional assistants, one special ser-

vices coordinator, one SLP, one counselor, one nurse, one librarian, three administrative support staff, three building secretaries, six food service persons, one director of maintenance, one grounds person and four custodians.

Capitan Municipal School District was founded in 1912 and has a K-12 grades system on one campus. Elementary K-5 averages 270 students, middle school (grades 6, 7, 8) averages 145 students and the high school (grades 9-12) averages 195 students.

Sen. Domenici Staff In Carrizozo Jan. 23

Staff members of U.S. Senator Pete Domenici will be available to meet with the public at 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, January 23, in the Lincoln County Commission meeting room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Anyone who is experiencing difficulty with a federal agency who would like Senator Domenici's assistance is welcome to visit with the staff. Additionally, anyone who would like to convey an opinion to the Senator is welcome to do so.

Carrizozo Schools COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Karen Haughness

Happy New Year! Everyone. Now the rush begins for Seniors to submit all of their applications for college, scholarships, and signing up for the military. Regardless of whether or not your student is planning on attending a vocational or college, please make sure they get letters of reference from school administrators and staff. These letters can be beneficial for students looking for employment. Three recommendations should be enough to meet most requirements. Please note that the university deadlines for scholarship applications are usually March 1st. Junior colleges such as South Plains, require receipt of applications no later than February 1.

On January 22 a representative from UNM will be speaking to the Senior class. New Mexico Highlands University will also be here at 10:30. Anyone who wishes to visit with the representatives is welcome to attend the session. I am working on college campus visits. It is my hope that we will be able to attend four campuses this spring: New Mexico State University, New Mexico Tech, UNM/TVI, and Texas Tech. Trips will depend on the school's current funds. I encourage parents to take advantage of Western New Mexico's campus visit package, which includes board and room.

Federal Financial Aid forms (FAFSA) are in my office. I encourage all parents to file their income taxes as soon as possible. FAFSA's cannot be submitted without that information. There will be a financial aid workshop on February 14. Hosted by representatives from Eastern New Mexico University -- Roswell. I will confirm that date in February. A valuable web site is www.fastaid.com, which offers 650,000 private awards for college. The last semester for seniors can sometimes be the most difficult. It is a time when they are ready to finish their high school academics and leave our campus. There is a tendency for these students to not follow through on important steps to ensure they get funding for college, meet criteria for vocational schools, or sometimes to graduate. I encourage all parents to continue in overseeing their son or daughter's academics, application process, and goals. It may seem as though these young adults no longer need or want your guidance, rather the opposite is true. Your support may be the difference between your child stumbling in the home stretch or crossing the finish line.

GOOD NEWS! Carrizozo High School is participating in Virtual Classroom sponsored by the New Mexico Board of Education. These classrooms will offer students the opportunity to take core curriculum such as math and science on the Internet. Scheduling students who may not have made adequate progress in their academics can be difficult when attempting to keep them on track for their graduation date. Students who take advantage of these classes can stay on schedule and get the remediation they need. The successful student who chooses this option needs to be motivated and self disciplined. Senator Bingaman has assisted in obtaining funds to sponsor the virtual classroom resulting in tuition free classes for the Carrizozo Schools. It is possible these classes will be offered in the summer.

Peer Leadership training will begin for freshmen and sophomores. The Lincoln County Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative and Presbyterian Medical Services sponsor the program. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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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 8:30 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 354-4082 for information.

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

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
 --Court hearing at 9 a.m. on petition for grand jury to examine actions of Lincoln County Commission and the lease of LCMC to Presbyterian Healthcare Services, in the district courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

--Lincoln County Commission meets at 1 p.m. in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. A reception for former county assessor Patsy Serna will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the manager's complex prior to the meeting.

--Open House for senior adult program, 3-5 p.m. The Heritage Program for Senior Adults office at 101 Raines Road, one block west of Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 7 p.m. Rec Center. (Changed from previous noon meetings on second Wednesday.)

--Lincoln County Libertarians, 7 p.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant, Ruidoso.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
 --Carrizozo varsity basketball against Vaughn, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
 --Forest Service Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tays Special Events Center, Scenic Drive in Alamogordo.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
 --Forest Service Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Best Western Sally Port Inn, Roswell.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
 --Corona Schools Homecoming Pep Rally 6-8 p.m. in the gym. Community invited.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
 --Corona Schools Homecoming with games against Community Christian starting at 5 p.m. Homecoming dance to follow the games. A mini-parade will be held in the gym from 2:45 to 3:45.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
 --Early 12 noon dismissal at Carrizozo Schools for inservice day.

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SECOND: Personal Interest. My family has lived in Carrizozo for several generations and will for generations to come. Therefore, the quality of our schools will determine the *quality of life for my children and as well as yours.*

THIRD: Civic Interest. For Carrizozo to thrive, our businesses must thrive. That requires a competent work force. That means *the school must prepare our children academically, physically, morally, and spiritually.*

FOURTH: Continued Improvement. We are blessed in having an excellent structured school, and a great staff. They understand that, while they may try to teach, it is our children who must learn. And to learn, they must work -- and work hard! If elected to the school board, *I will support our teachers' efforts to raise standards by demanding more from students - our children deserve it!*

School Ski Program Starts January 23

Ski Apache Ski Resort will again offer the School Ski Program beginning January 23.

The program will be offered on the afternoons of four Tuesdays—January 23 and 30, February 6 and 13.

Carrizozo Schools will participate only on January 23 and 30. Capitan Schools will participate all four days.

Under the program, Ski Apache offers students with signed school permission slips to purchase lift tickets for \$4 for each of the participating afternoons.

Parents and accompanying adults will be charged the normal rate for lift tickets and ski rentals.

To be eligible, students must have their parents complete and sign all paperwork available at the school offices.

Students in Carrizozo School must have their completed paperwork returned to the office by Wednesday, January 17.

Students in Capitan Schools must have their completed paperwork to their school office by Friday, January 12 in order to participate in the program.

The Ski Program is not a school sponsored activity and transportation to the ski area will not be provided by the schools.

Students are eligible to participate in the program if they have good school attendance and passing grades.

Students in grades K-12 who wish to participate in the program will be excused from their classes. However, Carrizozo students who have more than 10 days absences may not participate.

On the school ski program

days, parents must check out their children from the office. Students in Carrizozo will be excused at 11 a.m. on ski days.

The lift ticket at Ski Apache will not open before 1 p.m. Tickets must be purchased at the Stairway Ticket Office in the parking lot near the main ticket office.

Carrizozo students will be required to rent ski equipment at the discount price of \$5 from Alto Ski Shop.

All first time beginners will be required to take instruction for their first two days. Instruction is offered only on the first two days of the program. An instruction fee of \$2 per session will be charged.

Half-day lift ticket will be available to adults at the normal rate. All students participating in the program are subject to ski area rules and skiing privileges may be suspended for violations.

Ski Apache reserves the right to cancel the Ski Program due to inclement weather or road conditions. If the Ski Program is canceled by the ski area, students may return their skis and equipment to the rental shop unused and will not be assessed additional fees. The \$5 rental fee will not be returned.

Cancellation of the school ski program on any specified Tuesday means cancellation of the special prices. Students who go skiing on the Tuesday when the program is canceled will be counted absent from school.

All rented equipment must be returned by 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

For more information about the program contact your child's school.

Angelo Vega Announces For C'zozo School Board

In making the announcement of his intention to run for a position in the Carrizozo School Board, Angelo Vega stated -- a resident of Carrizozo, I was born and raised in Lincoln County, along with four brothers and two sisters, who all attended and graduated in Carrizozo as did I in 1988.

My family consists of my wife Ruby, daughters Sarah and Catalena who are presently attending school in Carrizozo, and son Isaac age 4.

My work experience has been in law enforcement from the sheriff's office to Chief of Police of Carrizozo. Today I have a continued vested interest in the Carrizozo school system. I feel it is up to all of us to provide the best education

and career opportunities for the future of our kids and the kids are the future!

As a member of the school board of Carrizozo Schools, I would be committed to attend all school board meetings and/or any other meetings or activities that would benefit the children and/or the community by my attendance.

I will stand objectively and positively in my convictions and assure you that I will promote and support necessary measures for providing our children with the best quality education available.

I feel the necessity to reassert the emphasis on sports activities, and the lack of the arts.

ADELA SEDILLO
 Adela Sedillo, a lifelong resident of Carrizozo, passed away in Albuquerque on December 30, after a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ignacio of 45 years -- also a son Pete; and a daughter Betty.

She is survived by two daughters, Rae Webb of Albuquerque, and Carmen Sedillo of Carrizozo; a son, Olojio Otero of Capitan; 10 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

Rosary of Our Lady of Guadalupe was recited on January 5 and a Mass of Catholic burial was recited on January 6 at Santa Rita Catholic

Church, both were officiated by Fr. David Bergs. Interment followed at Santa Rita Catholic Cemetery.

IN THE SERVICE

Army Pvt. Justin Z. Jones has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Jones is the son of Gwen and Ed Jones of Capitan.

Jones is a 2000 graduate of Capitan High School.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Today Is THE Day

By Ruth Hammond

Getting people involved can sometimes be difficult but it appears that many people plan to be at the hearing today in the 12th Judicial District Courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Apparently many people are concerned about what will happen in the hospital issue. If you don't know, the issue is the petition calling for a grand jury investigation into the lease of Lincoln County Medical Center to Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

Reactions to the petition have ranged from indifference to outrage. The majority of the people who were indifferent are confident no wrong doing will be proven against elected officials. The people who are outraged object to the language in the petition suggesting illegal activity by elected officials. Today District Judge Frank Wilson will preside over the hearing on the merits of the petition.

Another concern is whether county commissioners will be charged with wrong doing on leases of other county owned property. Lincoln County owns the old hospital building in Carrizozo that is now leased by New Horizons Developmental Center. New Horizons provides care for older people with developmental disabilities. This service is desperately needed and it would be a shame to have this service jeopardized. The county also owns the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan and the Glencoe Rural Events Center. Maybe the agreements for the operation of those facilities will also be investigated by the grand jury.

News of the hearing has been announced state-wide. It was also announced state-wide that Lincoln County scored well in the open records access audit that was conducted from July to November. The Lincoln County administrative offices provided all information requested. The Lincoln County Sheriff's office also provided records as requested.

Dedicated citizens will probably trudge through the snow to attend the hearing today. Others may decide to stay home and try to keep warm, even if it does mean a drastic increase in their gas bills this month. Apparently gas prices everywhere have gone up and people are concerned.

July and summer heat would be almost welcome now. Aren't you glad we have different seasons? It would be boring if the weather was the same all the time. Different seasons allow time to look forward to spring and budding of trees as well as the first flowers blooming. During the hot days of summer people look forward to autumn and leaves changing color. Autumn can be especially lovely in Lincoln County. And here it is winter, cold, snowy winter and many people worry about how to pay their high heating bills.

Useless as it is, people continue to complain about the cost of gas, just as many people are complaining about the petition for a grand jury investigation. Other people justify the petition by saying it was necessary to get answers.

Remember, this is your county commission and it is your hospital that is being discussed today. These issues are extremely important and deserve your attention and your support, whether you are for or against the matter.

Your involvement is necessary, now more than ever.

Do something about it.



EDITOR: Have you noticed how high our gasoline prices are here in Carrizozo? Up until about two or three years ago, Carrizozo always had the cheapest gasoline prices of any community in Lincoln County. Now they are the highest by a considerable amount, averaging anywhere from 10 cents to 21 cents higher at present.

When other stations started dropping their prices after the recent increases, the Carrizozo stations did not. If you ask the managers of these stations "why", they state that "THEY" have not told us to drop the prices yet. Wonder who "THEY" are and why "THEY" told all the other communities except Carrizozo?

This is a depressed community, unemployment is high and there are many like me who live on a very budgeted and fixed income. It is a shame that some of our businesses here in Carrizozo are so greedy (you know who they are) while some, are very reasonable, offer excellent products and service, and are even competitive with the big boys.

Wonder what would happen if the company that is transporting cars to Mexico was informed, that even with a "discount", they are paying more for gas here than in Alamogordo by a considerable margin? Their purchases, I am sure, amount to thousands of dollars per month.

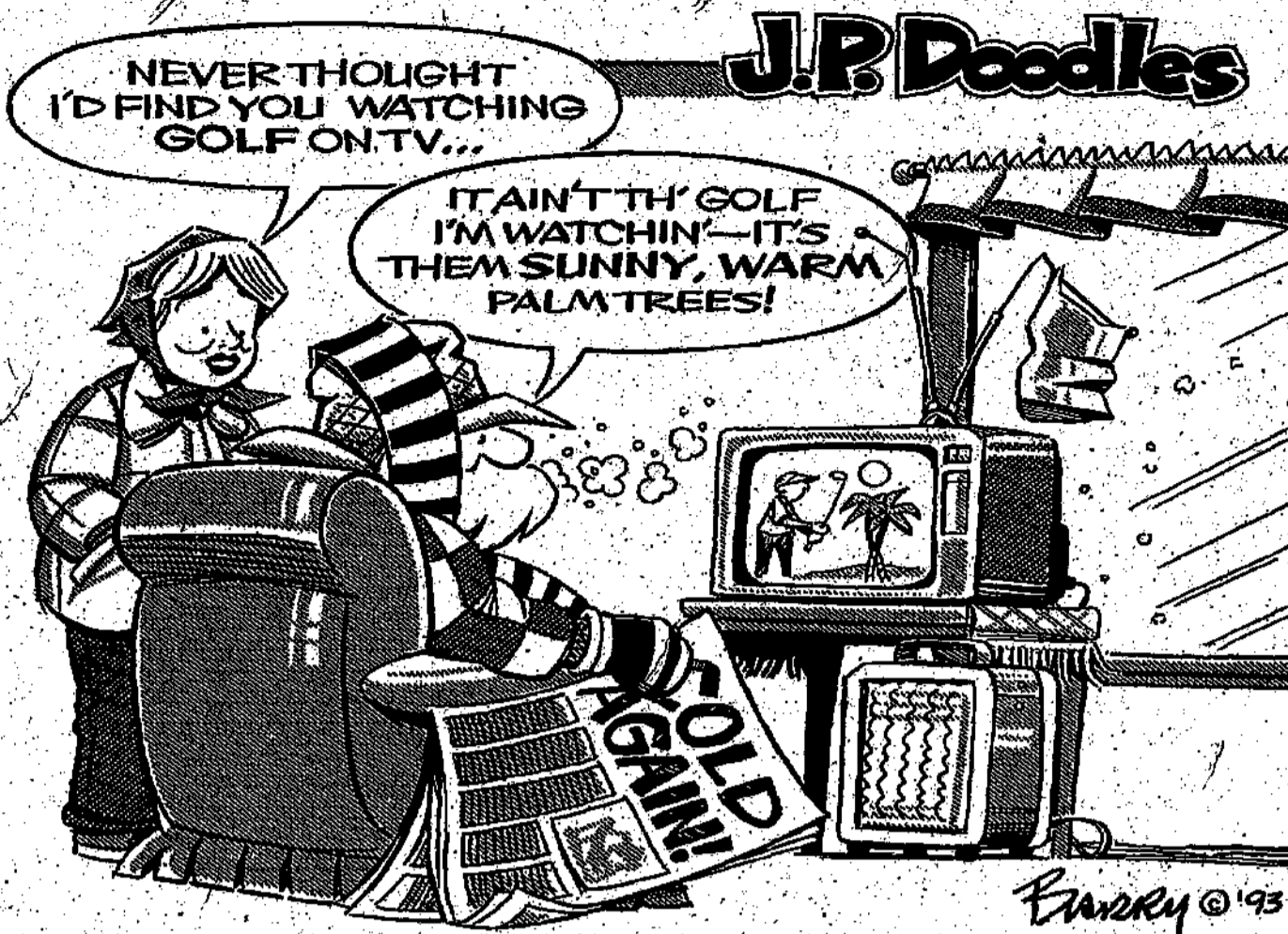
It is said that greed prevented the railroad from going through White Oaks, where I live, which led to the final demise of White Oaks. Well, I can sleep well at night. Wonder if those gasoline franchise owners can?

BOB REYNIERSON
White Oaks, NM

EDITOR: Lincoln County is undergoing a radical change in character from a dominant ranching and agricultural economic base to an affluent residential base supported by the requisite service industries. This is particularly true in the area bounded by Ruidoso, Hondo, Capitan, and Nogal. It is within that general boundary that the major water drainage lies, and within which the greatest population growth is occurring.

The change in economy and population will necessitate a major re-thinking of the way the limited water

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INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - The 2001 Legislature convened Tuesday with a plateful of issues, a little more money than usual to deal with them, but missing some key players from past sessions.

Several major proposals for complete revamps of public schools already had been unveiled before the session started. A district judge has told the Legislature to figure out a way to take care of about \$1.5 billion of school construction needs, otherwise he'll decide how to do it.

Medicaid is in a mess. First it was \$8 million in the hole. Then the Human Services Department staff found \$23 million it hadn't known about. Some legislative leaders want to take Medicaid away from the HSD. Others want Gov. Gary Johnson to fire Robin Otten, who heads the department, and have threatened not to give the huge agency any appropriation until changes are made.

Gov. Johnson has a big package of drug bills he wants lawmakers to consider. Senate leader Manny Aragon says the bills won't get a hearing until Johnson works with legislators on education, health care, economic development and public safety.

The National Conference of State Legislatures is undertaking a nationwide election reform effort. A coalition of public interest groups in New Mexico has signed on to push the reforms, which are expected to generate much debate and little action.

As usual, Gov. Johnson will be pushing a big personal income tax cut, especially in the top brackets, as his version of economic development. And as usual, Democrat lawmakers are likely to refashion and reduce the proposal to fit their priorities.

There will be more money to work with this year, due mainly to increased oil and gas revenues. Since that revenue stream can be expected to dwindle again in future years, the governor and lawmakers want to be cautious about not putting it into anything ongoing, such as new programs or tax cuts.

The technical work on how to craft tax cuts, spending and economic development incentives will be trickier this year because of the loss of some of the state's best financial brains. David Harris retired from his post as secretary of the

Department of Finance and Administration. Harris, who previously headed the Legislature's finance committee staff, has been Johnson's point person on development of the governor's financial package and all the maneuvering and negotiating necessary to get it through the Legislature.

Harris' replacement, Harold Field, was the chief financial officer for Johnson's former contracting business. He says he's comfortable around numbers, but made it clear to the governor that he doesn't plan to deal with the Legislature.

John Chavez, who recently left his job as secretary of the Taxation and Revenue Department, also was a big player in Gov. Johnson's lobbying team. His expertise will be missed.

In addition, the Legislature lost a big chunk of its financial brainpower when longtime Rep. Jerry Sandel of Farmington was defeated last November. Senate Republicans have hired Harris to work for them during the upcoming session, so he will be a

round. His effect on the dynamics of the situation will be interesting to watch.

Also short handed will be the House and Senate judiciary committees. At one time those panels were composed almost entirely of lawyers. But now there are only nine attorneys in the entire Legislature.

On the plus side of the ledger, lawmakers won't have to grapple with a couple of big issues during this 60-day regular session of the Legislature. Population figures won't be available from the U.S. Census Department until early April. That means redistricting of legislative, congressional, state education board and Public Regulation Commission seats won't get started until spring. Lawmakers will meet in September to hassle that out.

Veto overrides also won't be on the table during this session as they were last year. We have a different group of lawmakers now and the constitution doesn't allow them to override vetoes of bills passed by a previous Legislature.

Skeen And Domenici Pay Tribute To Eppers

Congressman Joe Skeen issued a statement in remembrance of Bud Eppers, his long time friend from Roswell.

"I am deeply saddened by the news that Bud Eppers has passed away. Mary and I offer our thoughts and prayers to Bud's wife, Alice, and the entire family."

"Bud's passing is a loss not only for me and my family but for the rest of our state and the nation. His passion for fighting for his principles was remarkable and he certainly made

a difference in shaping sound public land management policies. Bud was not shy about how he felt and at the same time, he was highly respected for his straightforward approach and his knowledge of such complex issues."

"As a friend, Bud was sensitive to the needs of his friends and neighbors. We could always count on Bud to be there in time of need. Bud has always been a valuable advisor and sin-

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



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Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Busy, Busy, Busy! Don't let yourself get rundown by too many late nights or not eating right. Pace yourself!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You know what to do! Don't waste time by worrying about what others might think or say. They have just wondered what has taken you so long.

Pisces: (Feb. 19- March 20) A heavy weight will be lifted off your shoulders once you decide one and for all what's best for YOU! Everything else will fall into place.

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Different people and places will do you good. Don't let yourself get into a rut and don't let others tell you what to do. You KNOW what to do!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) A very spiritual time. Go within and you'll find that love is the only thing that can conquer your fear and worry. Don't give in.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Are you missing someone? Look up at the Moon and remember what moonlight shines on you, shines on them too - so you're not so far apart.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Rock and Roll! Get up and GO! What are you waiting for. Your destiny is outside waiting to take off! Make it Happen!

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) You may feel a "whatever" attitude. Who could blame you after all you've been through. You're stronger and smarter, forgo ahead!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Money and luck are not all that it's cracked up to be. It's time for you to make a stand. Grow roots and bear fruits.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) A good time to search out your heart's desires. Dream big. Live Large. It's time for you to be happy. You should be.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Someone may not be listening to you. Are you sure you said what you really needed to say? If not, clear the air ASAP!

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) The question you need to answer will be easier once you search out a place that's quiet and relaxing. Let the truth come to you.

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Capitan School Honor Roll

Second Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Elementary School
 Third Grade: Meagan Mirau, Jessi Price, Andrew Chavez, Alisha Autrey, Claire Romero, Jason Watkins, Aimee Babcock, Alexa Borowski, Brooke Ceballos, Jordan Dalton, William Dunlap, Dayna Jasinsky, Rusty Johns, Haley Montes, Karl Nelson, Wade Thomas, Michael Zamora.
 Fourth Grade: Travis Berryhill, Kim Kotila, Leandra West, Carl Williams, Chase Williams, Carly Grier, Hannah Judd, Haley McInnes, Hannah Sullivan, Summer Adams, Sonya Bason, Julia Polley.
 Fifth Grade: Brett McInnes, Dannielle Mills, Eliza Offner, Chad Williams, Michael Wilson, Jamie Keaton, Ryan Jackson, Dylan Jasinsky, Jayna Johns, Courtney Lamay, Jessica Shaver.
Middle School
 Principal's list all A's 4.0; A-honors 3.50 to 3.99 with no Cs. B-honors 3.0 to 3.49 with no Cs.
 Sixth Grade: Principal's List - Brittany LaMay, Katherine Polley, Sarah Williams, A-Honor Roll - Andrew Berthard, Jessie Black, Ben Boese, Daniel Crawford, Paige Jones, Kevin Kelsey, Judd McGraw, Lucera Montes, Nicole Murtaugh, Sandra Sanderson, Jessica Tully-Mitchell.
High School
 Ninth Grade: Tommy Aldaz, Jessica Becker, Melissa Becker, John Garber, Drew Haynes, Mark Brittany, Alyx Sheehy, Bradie Powell, Katrina Phillips, Fallon Sparks, Audrey Thomas, Candle Turner.
 Tenth Grade: Bernike Allert, Micah Applin, Brittany Baker, Lorena Brockman, Ginger Cupit, Kaycee Gilson, Emily Hobbs, Stephanie Kelsey, Judd McGraw, Lucera Montes, Nicole Murtaugh, Sandra Sanderson, Jessica Tully-Mitchell.
 Eleventh Grade: Stephanie Barnett, Michael Becker, Cole Brooks, Jennifer Buff, Rocky Burrows, Ashlee Garner, Lisa Garcia, Thomas Hall-Pruitt, Tyler Haughness, Andrew Murtaugh, Jessica Neal, Shannan Sellers, Brit Ventura.
 Twelfth Grade: Tracy Armenta, Lem Bartley, Lacy Brazel, Darrell Brooks, Lindsey Bush, Cody Glass, Amber Goodloe, Melanie Hail, Casey Helms, Liz Holt, Nick Jaquez, Jared Joy, Amanda Koreny, TJ Maroon, Erin McGrath, Sheilah

Hughes, Jerilyn Lovelace, Jeremy Painter, Kayla Roberts; B-Honors - Brandon Caughron, Carl Christensen, Brendon Osborn, William Wilson.
 Eighth Grade: Principal's list - Katrina Johns, Samantha Yetley; A-honors - Jennifer Bartley, David Griego, Brittany Jensen, Rochelle Kelley, Brandon Kessler, Amber Long, Ashley Osborn, Steve Ramirez, Andrew Tucker, Adam Williams; B-Honors - Erika DeSantis, Maria Lopez, Toma Neal, Jennifer Riggins.
High School
 Ninth Grade: Tommy Aldaz, Jessica Becker, Melissa Becker, John Garber, Drew Haynes, Mark Brittany, Alyx Sheehy, Bradie Powell, Katrina Phillips, Fallon Sparks, Audrey Thomas, Candle Turner.
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Tara Morris, Armand Nicolet, Chelsea Noblett, Dianna Smith, McKee Somerville, Bryanne Wilkerson, Pascal Zesewitz.
 *Denotes All As
Capitan Middle School Honor Roll First Semester
Middle School
 Principal's list all A's; A-honors 3.50 to 3.99. B-honors 3.0 to 3.49.
 Sixth Grade: Principal's list - Katherine Polley, Sarah Williams; A-Honors - Andy Berthard, Jesse Black, Daniel Crawford, Paige Jones, Kevin Kelsey, Britney LaMay, Cassandra Trujillo; B-Honors - Ben Boese, Clinton Burrell, David Darrah, Paedon Herrera, Chelsey Jensen, Morgan Thomas, Meghan Tucker, Donna Wannamaker, Ashleeann Ward, Bradley J. Williams.
Seventh Grade: Principal's list - Brittany Adcock, Anna Hail, Betsy Hobbs, Tabor Midgley, Staci Stanbrough, Kelsey Stierwalt; A-honors - Holly Boese, Chasata Dean, Siera Garner, Sheilah Hughes, Jerilyn Lovelace, Kayla Roberts; B-honors - Brandon Caughron, Carl Christensen, Brendon Osborn.
Eighth Grade: Principal's list - Katrina Johns, Samantha Yetley; A-honors - Jennifer Bartley, Erika DeSantis, Brittany Jensen, Rochelle Kelley, Tonia Neal, Ashley Osborn, Steve Ramirez, Andrew Tucker, Adam Williams; B-honors - Brandon Kessler, Amber Long, Maria Lopez, Jennifer Riggins, Ralynne Stanbrough.
High School
 Ninth Grade: Tommy Aldaz, Jessica Becker, John

Garber, Drew Haynes, Katrina Phillips, Bradie Powell, Alyx Sheehy, Stephen Silva, Fallon Sparks, Audrey Thomas, Candle Turner.
 Tenth Grade: Bernike Allert, Micah Applin, Lorena Brockman, Ginger Cupit, Kaycee Gilson, Emily Hobbs, Stephanie Kelsey, Lucera Montes, Michael Morris, Nicole Murtaugh, Bo Sparks, Jessica Tully-Mitchell.
 Eleventh Grade: Bianca Aviles, Stephanie Barnett, Michael Becker, Cole Brooks, Rocky Burrows, Greg Cox, Lisa Garcia, Thomas Hall-Pruitt, Tyler Haughness, Andrew Murtaugh, Jessica Neal, Brit Ventura.
 Twelfth Grade: Brad Adams, Joel Armendariz, Tracy Armenta, Lem Bartley, Michael Brazel, Darrell Brooks, Cody Glass, Amber Goodloe, Melanie Hail, Casey Helms, Liz Holt, Nick Jaquez, Jared Joy, Erin McGrath, Tara Morris, Armand Nicolet, Chelsea Noblett, Dianna Smith, McKee Somerville, Bryanne Wilkerson, Pascal Zesewitz.



A slow moving snow storm moved into Lincoln County late Tuesday night, leaving from a trace of powdery snow in the Carrizozo area to more than eight inches on the ski run and other eastern slope areas of Sierra Blanca as it continued to snow through Wednesday.
 Wednesday, Highways 70 and 380 were snow packed, causing Hondo, Capitan and Ruidoso schools to cancel class. Highway 54 in the Corona area was also snow packed.
 The following weather forecast is based on information from the National Weather Service web site.
 Forecast for today through Tuesday for Carrizozo, Hondo Valley and Lincoln County high plains:
 Today, Thursday, January 18:
 Variable cloudiness and cold with chance for snow with accumulation possible. Local east winds 10-20 miles per hour. High temperature of 38, chance for precipitation 30-40 percent. Tonight some clearing and cold. Lows 0-15.
 Friday, January 19:
 Partly cloudy and not so cold. Highs to lower 40s.
 Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21:
 Partly cloudy and not so cold during the afternoons. Highs mostly 40s, lows near 15.
 Monday and Tuesday, January 22 and 23:
 Variable clouds with a chance for snow or rain showers. Highs to mid 40s and lows in to the mid-20s.
 The forecast through Tuesday for Ruidoso, Capitan and the northern Sacramento Mountains:
 Today, Thursday, January 18:
 Variable cloudiness and cold with a chance for morning snow. High temperature 33, chance for precipitation 40-60 percent. Tonight, some clearing and cold. Lows 0 to 15.
 Friday, January 19:
 Partly cloudy and not as cold. Highs in upper 30s to 40.
 Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21:
 Partly cloudy and not as cold during the afternoons. Highs mostly 40s, lows to 5.
 Monday and Tuesday, January 22 and 23:
 Variable clouds with chance for snow showers. Highs mid 30s to mid 40s, lows teens to mid-20s.

Federal Court Hearing

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 duty as a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy. Stewart also said Zepeda had been hired as deputy with a pre-existing 30 percent disability of the knees that came from his service in the Marine Corps. Zepeda was out for more than one year recovering from the injury he received on March 15, 1998 while on duty as a deputy. Stewart said the county contends that Zepeda could not resume his duties as deputy without a letter from his doctor saying Zepeda's injury would not affect his job performance. No such letter was ever produced, Stewart said.
 The civil law suit is set to be heard on January 25 and 26. The county will be represented by attorney Cindy Lovato of the Nervise Law Firm, which was selected by Risk Management insurance which will cover the civil suit.
 Risk Management does not cover legal costs of any county official or case that involves criminal allegations.

Czozo School

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 Approved a post prom activity at Alamogordo Recreation Center on March 17-18. Prom will be held in the new gym on March 17. Cooper said the early prom date is to avoid conflict with state track meet and other activities during April.
 Cooper also told THE NEWS that he had published a notice of vacancy for administrative secretary/clerk. Currently that position is held by Nenna Whittaker who will retire at the end of July. The new person hired will train with Whittaker who has agreed to stay on through the end of the fiscal year in order to train the new person in school financial record keeping.

A.J. Richardson On College Honor Roll

Capitan graduate A.J. Richardson was named to the President's Honor Roll at South Plains College for the fall 2000 semester. Students must have a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the President's Honor Roll.
 Richardson is the son of Dawn and Bill Goodrum of Capitan and a year 2000 graduate of Capitan High School.

ENCHILADA DINNER
 Sponsored by Czozo Jr. Class
 Sat., Jan. 20
 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
 School Cafeteria
 \$5.00 per plate

Letters to

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 resources of the area are allocated to insure economic stability and sensible growth, while preserving the basic character of the county. The development of new golf courses north of Ruidoso, and in particular the building of Mr. R.D. Hubbard's development north of Ranches of Sonterra may be the proximate cause for that restructure. The upcoming hearings on Mr. Hubbard's water rights can be the first step. The basic question is whether it is responsible and equitable for any development to potentially drain and deplete the water resources of the existing and surrounding property owners. Of equal importance is the issue of proper zoning, building regulation, and planning within the county.
 It is perfectly clear that Mr. Hubbard and his organization have every right to the reasonable use and development of their land without undue interference. Mr. Hubbard has every right to exercise the use of his water resources that are attendant to that land. However, as the old saying goes, "Your rights end where the other man's nose begins." It is incumbent on any developer to consider the effect he will have on other properties, and insure that effect is minimal and reasonable. It may be that our laws governing the acquisition of water rights and use must be reshaped to reflect a more contemporary standard for that use. The scarcity of water and its allocation are of paramount concern to the whole community. Thus, regardless the existing water acquisition laws, it may be appropriate for the county and state to instantly require developers to structure their water use plans by considering the overall effect they will have on the existing economic and social structure.
 One of the reasons many of us live here is because of the way we found it when we came. Most of us know that unlimited and unstructured growth will destroy those things we found so appealing when we moved here. If this county is to retain its rural setting and heritage, we must all work together to plan the use of our most precious commodity, water.

EARL B. HOBBS
 Alto, New Mexico

Church Directory



Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
 Nogal Presbyterian Church: BILL SEBRING, pastor / 648-2339
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024
 Worship.....9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Corona Presbyterian Church: Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 *Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship.....Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
 ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor / 209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 354-2025
 Tuesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm
 Sunday School.....10:00 am
 Sunday Evening.....6:00 pm
First Baptist Church
 HAYDEN SMITH, pastor / 314 10th Ave. C, Carrizozo, NM 648-2888 (church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School.....9:45 am
 Worship Service.....10:55 am
 Sun. Evening.....Training at 8:15 pm
 Evening Worship.....7:15 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
 JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor / Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188
 Children's Church.....10:30 am
 Worship Service.....12:30 pm
 Wed. Bible Study.....7:30 pm
Santa Rita Catholic Community
 PFL DAVE BERGS, pastor / 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
 SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart.....5:00 pm
 Czozo Santa Rita.....6:30 pm
 SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart.....9:00 am
 Czozo Santa Rita.....10:30 am
 Corona St. Theresa.....1:00 p.m.
Church of Christ
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM,
 Sunday School.....10:00 am
 Worship Service.....11:30 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. & 56th, Carrizozo, NM 756-2317
 Holy Eucharist.....9:30 am Sunday

The Word of Life Church
 REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2339 / 711 E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM / Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church / Sunday.....7:00 p.m.
Tinnie Baptist Church
 BILL JONES, pastor / Sunday School.....10:00 am / Church Services.....11:00 am
United Methodist Churches
 TOM WOODARD, pastor / 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2848 / Carrizozo, NM 89301
 Sunday School (All Ages).....10:00 am
 Worship Service.....11:10 am
 Choir Practice (Tuesday).....6:30 pm
 United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday.....1:00 pm
 Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
 CAPITAN
 Adult Sunday School.....8:30 am
 Worship Service.....9:15 am
 Children's Sunday School.....9:30 am
 Fellowship Time.....10:15 am
 Adult Sunday School.....11:30 am
 Choir Practice (Tuesday).....7:30 pm
 Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday.....9:30 a.m.
Christ Community Fellowship
 ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational) / 514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan / Preparation Prayer.....10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Capitan Church of Christ
 LESLIE EARWOOD, minister / 5th & Lincoln / 356-4627 / Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 a.m. / Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. / Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Southern Baptist Church
 Phone 654-2044 / Capitan (South on Hwy. 48) / Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. / Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. / AWANA Wednesday.....6:00 pm
First Baptist Church of Corona
 CAL WEST, pastor / 648-7975 / Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. / Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. / Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m. / Fellowship Dinner.....First Sunday of Month

Lois and Harold O'Connell
 Jerry and Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler
 Stearns Insurance Agency

Thank You Darrell

The family of Adela Sedillo wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the many friends and relatives who were present to give their support in their time of sorrow.
 A special thanks to Fr. David Bergs and everyone who helped with the food at the parish hall.
 The family of Adela Sedillo

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-2000-225 Division III

ROBERT BROOKS, Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I FRANCIS R. WHITESELL, a/k/a Francis Rose Whitesell; JOHNNY F. MOBLEY and NANCY S. MOBLEY, husband and wife; WILLIAM J. WHITESELL, deceased; and SHIRLEY A. MOBLEY; their heirs, devisees, and assigns;

GROUP II JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;

GROUP III AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF; Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

FRANCIS R. WHITESELL; JOHNNY F. MOBLEY and NANCY S. MOBLEY, husband and wife; WILLIAM J. WHITESELL, deceased; SHIRLEY A. MOBLEY, and those Defendants set forth in Groups II and III above.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that ROBERT BROOKS, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-2000-225 (III), wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lots 11 and 13; Block 1, TALL PINES 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, September 10, 1968, in Tube No. 328.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 8, 2001, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., Post-Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 14th day of December, 2000.

JAN PERRY Court Administrator/District Court Clerk

(Seal)

By: Elizabeth Ysasi Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-2000-268 Div. III

JOSEPH D. GALLEGOS, Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I JOSE M. GALLEGOS, a/k/a JOSE GALLEGOS, a/k/a JOE GALLEGOS, Deceased; CECILIA B. KRUM; CRESENIA A. GALLEGOS, Deceased; and BEULAH GOKEY SCHARF and SEABORN P. GRAY, Co-Trustees Under the Last Will and Testament of Sarah C. Gray, Deceased; their heirs, devisees and assigns;

GROUP II JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns;

GROUP III AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF; Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

Jose M. Gallegos, Cecilia B. Krum, Cresenia A. Gallegos, Beulah Gokey Scharf, Seaborn P. Gray, John Does 1 through 100, and any and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiff.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that JOSEPH D. GALLEGOS, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-2000-268(III), wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lots 22 and 23, Block 84, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF 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, New Mexico, March 3, 1900.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 22, 2001, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 27th day of December, 2000.

(SEAL)

JAN PERRY Court Administrator/District Court Clerk

By: Darla Doer Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on January 11, 18 and 25 and February 1, 2001.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV 00-208

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LINDA K. DECONCINI; HOUSEHOLD REALTY CORP.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA K. DECONCINI, IF ANY; JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on February 21, 2001, at 1:00 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 defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 12, BLOCK 4 OF FIRST PLAT OF WINGFIELD HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1958.

The address of the real property is 307 GRINDSTONE CANYON RD, RUIDOSO, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 13, 2000, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit of foreclosure 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 \$64,106.04, plus interest from December 1, 2000 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.37000% per annum, or \$12.05 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: January 10, 2001.

RAY BAILEY Special Master c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P. 105 E. Moreno, Suite 100 Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the January 31, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, January 18, 2001.

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., MST, Wednesday, February 7, 2001 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. 00-01-029

PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW AND UNUSED DODGE GRAND CARAVAN MINIVAN or equal

The County is requesting bids on one (1) new and unused Dodge Grand Caravan Minivan or equal. The Dodge product is specified, but the County will consider Or Equal bids as long as the vehicle offered meets or exceeds the specifications of the bid.

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

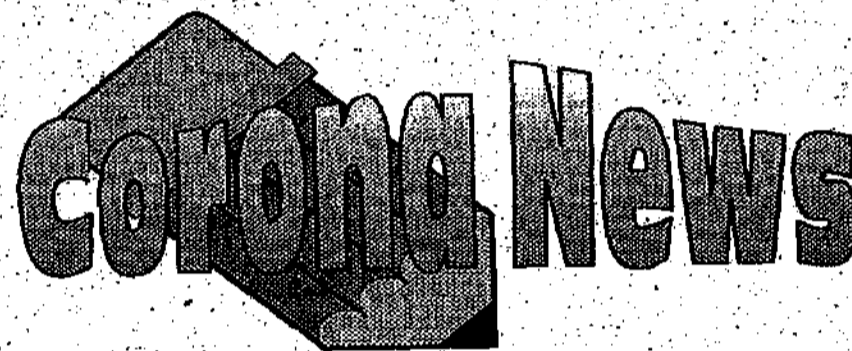
All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

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, February 15, 2001 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

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It has been cold, single digits at time, but Tuesday morning (Jan. 16) it was 28 degrees and fog freezing on the trees. The six inch snow Christmas night fell on frozen ground, and the melt has been slow. The two or three inches of snow that fell Saturday morning the 13th made for a regular ground blizzard most of the morning.

Corona schools re-summed classes Monday the 8th, and that ended the holiday season, except for college students, most of whom left Sunday or Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott King were in Clovis for the New Year weekend and then went to an Albuquerque hospital where Mr. King underwent tests for two days. He came home to Carrizozo to rest for a couple of weeks.

Lewis Toland of NMMI filled the Ancho and Corona pulpits the last two Sundays.

Mrs. R.L. Sharp suffered chest pains Tuesday night and was taken to the heart hospital where she underwent tests including an angiogram which shows no blockage. She returned home late Saturday feeling better but weak. Patsy and Wayne Tubbs are at the ranch to help with Leta and the livestock feeding.

The Bill Bryans went to Denver and Longmont, CO for the Christmas weekend with relatives. Sunday, January 7 Bill was taken to the Ruidoso ER with extremely high blood pressure and some numbness. He came home to his usual work schedule and will see his regular cardiologist in Albuquerque this week.

Anita Harvey of Muleshoe, TX and Peggy Owen of Mountain Park spent two weeks at the Keelin cabin during bow season.

Robin Pfeiffer was in Albuquerque for a week at Christmas with the Stan Kimballs and their daughter, Sharon who came from Houston for the long weekend. Mrs. Pfeiffer saw her doctor before returning home.

The Tim Kanes left early Friday morning, January 5 for Arcadia, CA to attend the wedding of young friends. They had time for a few hours with daughter, Kanell and husband Jim DeGraff and the three grandchildren, before returning to Corona late Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Justen Washburn went to Great Falls, MT for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark went to Phoenix for a week for a team roping. Joanne caught up on her reading and Bob came home with money for 12th place among more than 300 teams.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey baby sat granddaughter Meggan, while her parents, Terressa and Troy joined a group of couples to drive to Las Vegas for New Year's celebration. Byron and Cathy came home Tuesday over the Pine Lodge road.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Roberts are the parents of a second son, 8-lb, 13-oz. Tucker Roberts, born Tuesday morning January 16 in Clovis. Tucker has a brother, Boone. They are grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byrd.

Ruben and Kaylee

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Corona News

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... of Portales were ... of their ... parents, Lee and ... Mulkey, last week ... their parents Steve ... Molly were enjoying ... cruise to Puerto ... arta.

... ick Bagley was ... ng those graduating ... mber. He received ... degree in Journalism ... NMSU and is ... ently employed by ... the 10:00 News in ... aso, TX.

... Corona Public Schools ... ffering a pilot program ... Advanced Placement ... ses to students at ... ona High School. AP ... rses available online ... ide economics, U.S. ... ernment, calculus, ... mistry, physics, U.S. ... tory and English. ... cessful completion of ... course and passing the ... exam can result in ... ege credit.

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... Tuesday, January 25 ... l be Homecoming for

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Green And Domenici Tribute To Eppers

(Continued From Page 4)

... re friend. I will miss see ... g Bud's friendly face and ... ll deeply miss his pres ... ce in our daily lives."
"To Alice, who works in ... y Roswell office, and to ... rest of the family, I offer ... y sincere sympathy."
"Senator Pete Domenici ... so offered his condolences ... a release.

... "My wife Nancy and I are ... eply saddened by Bud's ... ssing. We send our sin ... rest condolences to his ... fe Alice and the entire ... mily. Bud was the kind of ... rson you could always ... ntit on for guidance and ... pport. He was a devoted ... iend, family man and ... nmon sense leader on all ... sses affecting livestock ... oducers, public land, wa ... r and private land users ... ud was one of those truly ... re people who was com ... mitted to making things ... etter every day."
"Bud was always positive, ... ways had a kind word and ... ever sought recognition or ... ecial consideration for ... mself. I will not only miss ... ud's sound advice, but ... so his true spirit, can-do ... titude and uncompromis ... ng counsel. He was consid ... red family in my office and ... e will be greatly missed."

... the Corona Cardinals this ... year. The Cardinals and ... Lady Cardinals have ... games scheduled with ... Community Christian of ... Alamogordo starting at ... 5:00 p.m.

... Various activities are ... planned for Homecoming ... Week. Dress up days are ... planned for each day of ... the week with Thursday ... being "red and white" ... day. A pep rally will be ... held Wednesday, January ... 24 in the gym from 6:00 ... to 8:00. A "mini" parade ... will be held in the gym ... from 2:45 to 3:45, Janu ... ary 25. The public is ... invited.

... Nominees for King and ... Queen are: 10th grade, ... Jose Arellanes and Mon ... ica Ortiz; 11th grade, ... Dal ... Frost and Monique Joh ... nson; 12th grade, Albert ... Sanchez and Delia Gon ... zales. Other members of ... the court are: 7th grade, ... Wayne Finley and Mari ... cela Noriega; 8th grade, ... Nick Hoff and Ana ... Ramos; 9th grade, Randy ... Warren and Elyssa ... Winchester.

... The Homecoming ... Dance will follow. The ... game in the Recreation ... room.

... Members of the ... community are reminded ... to verify the two mill ... levy during the school ... board election on Febru ... ary 11. The monies rele ... ased by the levy are used ... to update and purchase ... equipment such as fire ... alarm systems, play ... ground equipment, desks, ... building maintenance ... and emergency repair.

Regional Water Planning Issues in Today's Insert

... Inserted into today's issue ... of Lincoln County News is ... an informational newsletter ... about regional water plan ... ning from South Central ... Mountain RC&D Council, ... Inc.

... Entitled "Water Planning ... For The Future", the news ... letter introduces water ... planning, information ... about the water basins and ... water supplies and how to ... get involved.

... Look for the newsletter ... inside today's Lincoln ... County News.

Legislature Information Available On Internet

... Information about the ... New Mexico State Legisla ... ture is available on the ... New Mexico Legislative Council ... web site.

... Accessed at ... http://legis.state.nm.us/lis ... schedules.asp, the site ... includes schedules for floor ... sessions and committee ... hearings are posted for both ... the House and Senate, as ... well as the social calendar ... of receptions, breakfasts, ... luncheons and dinners. ... Some social events are open ... to the public. Invitation ... only events are indicated on ... the calendar.

... Also available on the web ... site are bill finder, legisla ... tive reports, complete loca ... tor, news and issues, a link ... to contact the legislative ... council and other legisla ... tive agencies and other ... state agencies. Also are the ... lists of House and Senate ... members, committees and a ... visitor's center for other ... information.

... The legislature convened ... at noon on Tuesday, Janu ... ary 16 and lasts for 60 days.

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VACANCY NOTICE January 3, 2001

POSITION: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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QUALIFICATIONS: *EDUCATION: Master's
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***EXPERIENCE:** Minimum of 5 years of
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APPLICATION DEADLINE:
March 30, 2001 (4:00 PM MST).
PROCEDURE: Call or write for application.
Submit letter of interest, resume and
application to:

Mr. Tom Trost
School Board President
Capitan Municipal Schools
P.O. Box 278
Capitan, NM 88316
Phone: 505-354-2239
Fax: 505-354-2240

Capitan Municipal Schools policy is to select the best
qualified applicant without regard to race, color, mar-
ital status, religion/creed, sex, disability/handicap, or
national origin.
2tc/Jan. 18 & March 8, 2001

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY/CLERK POSITION

The Carrizozo Municipal Schools are accepting
applications for Administrative Secretary/Clerk to
work in the administrative office.
QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have receptionist
skills, computer skills, bookkeeping
experience, and availability from 8:00-4:30 PM.
COMPENSATION: As per salary schedule with 12
days annual leave and fringe benefits.
TIME-LINE: The application deadline is January 31,
2001, and the successful applicant should expect to
begin work February 21, 2001.

Interested applicants should submit a completed
application, a letter of interest, and three references
from former employers. Applications may be
obtained by coming to the administrative building,
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Additional information may be obtained by calling
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- * Something smaller. How about a completely remodeled manufactured home with new deck porch, nicely skirted, new carpet, new sofa and love seat stay. Located across street from Carrizozo Orchards, on 0.80 acres. \$25,000.
- * Another outstanding offer is a 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home that is in good condition. Efficient central forced air heat. Has a detached two car garage and office area. Located on corner landscaped lot in good area. You can walk to church, school or stores. Listed at \$44,000, but owner wants any kind of offer submitted.
- * Older large home located about one block from school. Needs a little TLC. Detached garage. Fenced yard. Women's Club located next door. A super price at \$27,000.
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Smokey Bear Museum Has Successful Year

Permanent Employee Hired
by Doris Cherry

Smokey Bear Museum and Gift Shop, owned by the Village of Capitan, had a profit of \$27,861 last year, prompting trustees to hire Debra Wall as permanent clerk/curator.

During their regular meeting Tuesday, January 9, Capitan trustees heard a report on the museum from manager Kateri Hicks. She said last year (former village) administrator Steve Barela appointed her manager of the museum which was in a questionable financial state. She was told she had a year to show the museum/gift shop could be profitable. "I am happy to report the museum has exceeded our goal," Hicks said.

Sales and donations at the shop were so good they paid for utility costs, employee payroll and benefits and a good stock of inventory, and left a profit of \$27,861.02. Hicks estimated the inventory was worth about \$13,000.

"I have learned a lot about a small business in a small community," Hicks said. "And I now realize how important Smokey Bear is to Capitan."

Not without problems, Hicks said the biggest was keeping a full time clerk/curator. After two clerks who left due to various reasons, among them no restroom and working weekends, the village hired

Debra Wall as a temporary clerk. Hicks praised Wall for having educated herself about Smokey Bear, having great ideas for the museum and who does small maintenance work such as painting and plant trimming. "I recommend you hire Debra as a full time permanent employee," Hicks said. "She is an asset and has not missed a day of work since she began."

Hicks said they have plans to advertise the museum more in the future and maintain the stock of quality merchandise. Combined with Wall's friendly nature, Hicks said she believes the museum will be a more successful asset for the village.

Last year, the museum ended the year with a loss and inventories down.

Trustees discussed whether Wall could be hired permanently. Trustee Leroy Montes was concerned whether the village had advertised for the position of museum clerk. Hicks said they had advertised the position and Wall was the third person in line for the job. The previous two clerks were the first two choices from the applicants. Village clerk Kathryn Griffin said the village attorney advised that they had advertised for the position properly.

After this explanation, trustees voted unanimously to hire Wall as a permanent museum clerk/curator, with her salary and benefits to be paid from the Smokey Bear Museum proceeds.

Trustees also:

—Adopted their Year 2001 Holidays Calendar after Montes argued successfully to reduce the full day off for Good Friday to just a half day. Montes said Good Friday is not a legal holiday and he had problems in giving employees any more holidays. Employees will get a total of 12 legal holidays for the year.

—Heard a report that the Public Safety Facility project is almost done and once paperwork is approved by the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), the fire and police departments can move into the facility. "It's a matter of paperwork now," Griffin said. Mayor Norman Renfro said the contractor agreed to added costs for utilities used and legal fees. He also said he had instructed the fire department chief to order furniture and the phone system will be installed within two weeks.

The facility still lacks adequate handicapped accessible parking and needs to be graveled all around because of the mud.

—Heard Griffin commend Renfro for his excellent presentation to the Community Development Council on behalf of the village's Community Development Block Grant applications to upgrade the storm drainage in the downtown core area, and for a comprehensive plan. Griffin said the council had only one question for Renfro, and that was how shocked they were the

village was having so much water and how the village was able to get pictures of the flooding during the rain. Resident Lonnie Lippmann did the photography of the flooding problems.

—Discussed the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) water line project which is nearing its second extension deadline on February 3. The project funding is being held up by three things—the lack of rights of way easements on the Brewer property and Valton/John Hall property and location for a water storage tank. Surveys for the rights of way were being done that day by surveyor Tim Collins, but the village still cannot find a location for the huge storage tank. Renfro said if no site can be found for the tank, the village will have to use a booster pump station to improve water pressures in the Goodwin/Main Road Subdivisions. However, the pumps will not give the area any additional water storage capabilities.

Project engineer Rob Richardson is pursuing a location outside the village, but the property owners had yet to make a decision, Renfro said. THE NEWS asked if the village would allow the property owner to have a village water tap if the tank is located on that property off Cholla Drive (off Main Road in the county west of Capitan.)

Village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox said he also preferred the tank for the additional storage. However if no site is secured before the February 3 deadline, then the village should go with the booster pump.

Ruidoso Downs Seeks To Establish ET Zone

by Doris Cherry

Officials from the Village of Ruidoso Downs are asking Lincoln County Commissioners to finalize an Extraterritorial Zoning Agreement.

The agreement is on the agenda of the Lincoln County Commission meeting at 1 p.m. today, Thursday, January 18, in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Ruidoso Downs village council approved the agreement at their October 23, 2000 meeting, but the document was misplaced delaying its return to the county, according to Ruidoso Downs village clerk Gladys Dillard.

Under the agreement, the village and county agree to establish an Extraterritorial Zoning Commission (ETZC) and joint municipal-county Extraterritorial Zoning Authority (ETZA) that will adopt a zoning ordinance to cover the area which is within one mile of the boundary of the Village of Ruidoso Downs.

The ETZC will consist of three members appointed by the Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) and three members appointed by the Lincoln County Commission. The six members will then appoint a seventh member who resides in the county but not within the area affected by the proposed ET zone. Members will serve for one year.

Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission

has appointed its three members to serve on the ETZC. They are Ron Ritter, Sue Garrett and Wayne Faircloth, all village residents.

Also under the agreement, the joint municipal-county ETZA will be established with two county commissioners and one member from the Ruidoso Downs village council. Members serve for one year.

The ETZC will recommend to the ETZA a zoning ordinance applicable to all or any portion of extraterritorial zoning area. The ordinance will include zoning regulations, restrictions and boundaries of the district.

NM Women's Foundation Offers Grants

The New Mexico Women's Foundation is starting its new cycle of grant making. Nonprofit organizations throughout the state that serve women and girls, or organizations that sponsor such groups, are eligible to apply.

Priority is given to programs that are developed by and for New Mexico's diverse population of women and girls.

Projects seeking grant funds must meet certain criteria. To request application guidelines contact the New Mexico's Women's Foundation at 551 Cordova Road, #411, Santa Fe, NM 87501, or by phone toll free at 1-888-218-6693 or by e-mail at NMWF@aol.com.

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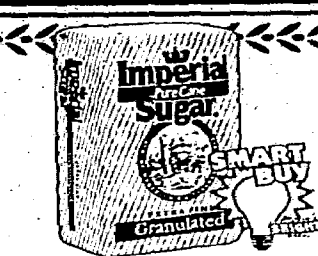
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QUAKER ASSORTED Granola Bars 10 OZ. 1 99
HERSHEY'S REG/DARK/LITE CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY Syrup 2 18.5-24 OZ. \$3 00
SHURFINE CHOCOLATE OR DOUBLE Dous Sandwich Cream Cookies 20 OZ. 1 79
MICROWAVEABLE ASSORTED PASTA WITH MEAT Chef Boyardee 7-7.5 OZ. 69¢
CAMPBELL'S ASSORTED Chunky Soups 18.6-18.8 OZ. 1 59

FROZEN

PILLSBURY ASSORTED Toaster Studel 10-11.5 OZ. 1 79
BANQUET ASSORTED Fried Chicken 19-25 OZ. 2 99
PATIO ASSORTED Mexican Dinners 10.6-13 OZ. 89¢

Prices Effective: January 18 to January 24, 2001
HOURS: Monday thru Saturday 8:30am to 7:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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