

# Indigent Care Fund To Cover Inmates, Burials and Pay Doctors

by DORIS CHERRY

Despite grumbles of dislike from some members, the Lincoln County Commission adopted changes to the county indigent health care ordinance during their meeting May 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

With the newly adopted changes in the county Indi-

gent Health Care Ordinance, beginning July 1, physicians who have registered with the county indigent health care (IHC) fund will be added to the list of health care providers who can be paid out of the fund. And beginning in 30 days, medical costs incurred by county inmates and indigent burials will be paid out of the indigent health care fund. Both inmate care and

burials are the responsibilities of the county.

The county commission adopted the original IHC ordinance in year 2000 and the one-eighth gross receipt tax for the IHC fund was implemented. However, that ordinance did not include individual doctors as those eligible to receive reimbursement from the IHC fund. This was due to the governor signing two IHC

ills, and the last to be signed did not include individual doctors. During this 2001 legislative session, a bill that includes doctors was passed and signed by the governor.

During the review of the changes to the ordinance, county commissioners Bill Schwettmann and Leo Martinez said they were concerned about abuse of the IHC funds. "I'm bothered

we have to take care of people's responsibilities," said Martinez. "Many people make it their priority to take care of their family and I'm bothered by people who abuse the system."

The new language from the state statute was one of the major changes to the county IHC ordinance that commissioners considered on May 17. The new language reads: "a licensed

medical doctor, osteopathic physician, dentist, optometrist or expanded practice nurse when providing services in a hospital or outpatient setting that are necessary for conditions that endanger the life of or threaten permanent disability to an indigent patient."

"This could cover a witch doctor," said Schwettmann.

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**PREPARING FOR A MEMORIAL.** Ruidoso Troop #59 Boy Scout Josh Valcarcel places a U.S. flag at the grave of Capt. Victor Schaerer at Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Veterans Cemetery in preparation for the 12th Annual Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26. Valcarcel and other members of the troop will place flags at each grave prior to the memorial and will pass out programs to memorial visitors on Saturday. Everyone is invited to attend the memorial service. Schaerer helped organize the first ceremony 12 years ago.

## County Cleans Up Ordinances

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners did some ordinance house cleaning at their meeting May 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County commissioners repealed two old ordinances, 1983-1 establishing salaries for elected officials and 1985-8 prohibiting the grazing of livestock in certain portions of White Oaks. Officials salaries are now set by state law. And the individual whose livestock was causing so many problems in White Oaks in 1985 is no longer alive.

County commissioners voted to keep Ordinance 1984-2, which requires security at all live music events which will be held where alcoholic beverages are to be served, must have one security guard for each 100 people at the event.

The County Lodger Tax Ordinance was also amended. County commissioners adopted Ordinance 2001-07 that amends the previous lodgers tax ordinances to mostly clarify the definition of an exemption from the lodgers tax. With the new ordinance, a lodge is exempt from having to collect

lodgers tax, which was not changed from its 4 percent, if the "vendor does not offer at least three rooms within or attached to a taxable premises for lodging or at least three other premises for lodging or a combination of these within the taxing jurisdiction." County attorney Alan Morel said this new

language gives broader coverage that requires a lodge to pay the tax if the lodging establishment has three or more rooms anywhere, even if the rooms are separated.

Another change in the ordinance deals with penalties for failure to pay lodg-

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## Capitan School Board Will Hire New School Superintendent Tonight

Capitan Board of Education will hire a new superintendent during a special meeting at 6 p.m. tonight, Thursday, May 24, in the school administration building.

Retiring superintendent Diana Billingsley, told *THE NEWS* that the board after a series of interviews has selected Dr. Larry Miller as the superintendent finalist. Miller is currently superintendent of Grady School District. Miller and other finalists were introduced to the community during two informal meet the candidates forums.

According to Dr. Miller's resume, he has administrative certification for K-12, has 15 plus years of educational administrative experience, 22 years of total education experience from kindergarten through college level. This is his third year as superintendent of Grady Schools (which has an enrollment under 150 in K-12), he has a doctorate in curriculum and instruction.

In addition to his work in the education field, Miller was a planner with the U.S. Dept. of Interior, Heritage

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## County Almost Goofs On Road Fund Budget

by DORIS CHERRY

"What are you going to do next year, when I'm gone?" asked Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann during the preliminary budget hearing on May 17 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Schwettmann was referring to his finding a major mistake in the proposed preliminary 2001-2002 budget that commissioners were to act upon that day. After spending several minutes reviewing the proposed preliminary budget that appeared to have revenues above expected expenses, Schwettmann referred to a spread sheet with the proposed figures for each county department. "I question this number," Schwettmann said referring to a zero in the estimated ending cash balance column for the county road department. "We've got to have \$121,000 to meet the required road fund reserve," he added.

"Something is wrong (with having a zero in the estimated ending cash balance)," Schwettmann continued. "This does not make sense."

"You are sharp," responded Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park. "You

may be the sharpest on the board after all."

"Where are we going to find \$121,000?" Schwettmann asked.

County commissioner Leo Martinez said the mistake was "kind of embarrassing."

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## County Donates Truck To Carrizozo Schools

Carrizozo Schools are overjoyed. The school district got its request of a used truck from the county.

During the May 17 regular Lincoln County Commission meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, commissioners unanimously approved giving a used county truck to the school district.

Carrizozo Schools superintendent Rick Cogdill had sent a letter to the county requesting donation of a used truck for the school custodial department. "The current custodial vehicle, while operational, is far from road worthy," Cogdill wrote. "Our budget is extremely tight and we are not able to address this problem through normal procedures."

Cogdill requested a vehicle that was inventoried for county auction as a donation.

County manager Tom

Stewart said he found a vehicle that may meet their needs, a 1989 Chevy S-10 pickup. However, Stewart said "few if any of our auction approved vehicles are more than marginally road worthy."

"If you approve I will have to gain the approval of DFA for the donation," Stewart said. "Mr. Cogdill not only considers the vehicle worthy, he's overjoyed."

Also at the meeting, Stewart reported that the installation of the fire sprinklers in the New Horizons Center in Carrizozo (the county-owned former hospital) was completed on May 3, and the state fire marshal's office inspected on May 9. The entire project, including the architect and contractor fees, totaled about \$43,396. The county had an \$85,000 state appropriation for the project. Stewart told

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**NEW MEXICO SENATE** president pro-tem Richard Romero speaks during a dinner sponsored by the Democratic Party of Lincoln County on Saturday, May 19 in Ruidoso. Romero, who never visited Lincoln County before, heard about local issues involving: funding assistance to the very small school districts in the county, the transfer of Fort Stanton to state monuments or other appropriate agency, AMITY foundation, and the need for the state legislature to provide assistance for planning on a county level. Romero also spoke about the upcoming redistricting process and how the governor could veto proposed redistricting legislation in order to get his desired tax cut. In response to a question asked about what happens to the capital outlay funding the governor vetoed, Romero said he did not believe the appropriations will be reinstated this year, rather the money will go back into the regular state reserves. A guest suggested the governor be required to take a physiological evaluation.

# Indigent Care Fund To Cover

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"It could get carried away. I'm also concerned about including expanded care nurse. We're leaving this open to a bunch of charlatans."

County attorney Alan Morel said only providers who have applied for and were approved as eligible for the IHC funds will get any IHC reimbursements. "These are extremely restrictive," Morel said of the eligibilities.

County commission chair Rex Wilson asked why the county had to include this state wording in a county ordinance. "What if we say

## Umpires Needed For Carrizozo Little League

Carrizozo little league will begin soon and people interested in being umpires are asked to call Duane Vinson at 648-2131 after 5 p.m.

A little league meeting will be held at the ball diamond Saturday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

no to this language?" Wilson asked.

During discussion about what type of medical claims would be eligible for IHC reimbursements county commissioner L. Ray Nunley said he thought optometrists should be included, because there are a lot of children in need of eyeglasses in the county. Nunley also said children's medical costs are covered by New MexiKids Medicaid program. Lincoln County IHC coordinator Teresa Montoya said the county has paid no claims for children because applicants for the IHC funds must have a Medicaid denial before the county will okay payment from the IHC fund. Montoya added that New MexiKids does not pay for OB care however.

Audience member Earl Hobbs asked the IHC funds not be used for obstetrics claims. Hobbs of Alto said no taxpayer wants any person to suffer needlessly. "I'm just concerned about the abuse of the system," he

added. "You need to write this ordinance as restrictively as possible. And for the issue of OB care—it should be optional, because they are the ones who got pregnant."

Health provider Rhonda Burrows commented that the segment of population whose income is too high for Medicaid, yet are uninsured, fall into the IHC. She said the IHC mostly covers the working poor. "This is the group the Indigent Health Care covers," Burrows said. "Don't label them as people who make no efforts to provide for themselves. They are struggling to be productive."

Paul Vordermann of Ruidoso said many of those who apply for IHC funds have no access to insurance, and often don't make enough money to cover their doctor bills.

Maury St. John, an on call nurse at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) agreed that the IHC is for working people with no access to insurance.

Montoya said IHC is the "last resort" for people. "They must incur their bill first before we step in," she said. And the ordinance limits the amount of IHC funding per year to \$1,000 per person. For all doctors the county will provide a maximum of \$100,000 in a year.

Eligible county residents have up to 90 days after a medical bill is incurred to apply for payment from the IHC fund.

Discussions also involved what medical treatments were eligible for payment under the IHC. Burrows said she was also concerned about the vague language on "life threatening."

Vordermann said he was concerned OB care will not come under the definition of "life threatening" and more indigent women will end up in the emergency room. He said the state Department of Health is cutting back on its funding for the low cost OB clinic at the health office. "I'm concerned women will not have access to OB care," Vordermann said.

Montoya said the majority

of indigent pregnant women are covered by Medicaid. Montoya said she did not like the definition of IHC because it left a lot of "gray areas." "I believe the county should not be involved with who is treated or what is life threatening," Montoya added. "That is why we do certification for providers."

Another issue with the ordinance was whether payments to doctors should be retroactive to the passage of the first ordinance in 2000.

Martinez said it was unfair that doctors were left out of the original wording, and he wanted the new ordinance to make all payments for the IHC retroactive to January 1, 2000.

Morel said the commission could be personally liable if they make the retroactive payments. He explained how the issue came about with the governor signing two bills on IHC, making it "fuzzy" whether individual physicians were included as eligible providers.

Martinez said to him the intent of the law was to pay the physicians. "We've taken on the attorney general on less vague language than this."

Michele Rebstock of Alto said a few months before Morel had no problems with payments retroactive.

But Morel said he did not believe he said that. "I will pull the tapes and listen," he offered. Morel said he has advised that while retroactive payments are "not necessarily illegal" he still thought it was dangerous to make payments before July 1 when the new state statutes that clarify the intent to include individual physicians takes effect. "This (county) ordinance takes effect 30 days after it is filed with the county clerk," Morel added.

During discussion of the section in the ordinance about coverage of inmate medical costs, Morel said the county is obligated to provide medical treatment to inmates while they are detained.

Schwettmann said not all detainees are indigent and he also was concerned the county was setting up a situation where people will try to get into jail in order to get medical and dental treatment.

Morel said the IHC funds for inmates are needed when the inmate gets medical treatment outside the county. Otherwise if the inmate is taken to a Lincoln County Medical Center facility the cost is taken up by the sole community provider fund.

Rebstock, whose husband is a surgeon, asked if the IHC funds will cover the men in the Amity drug program at Fort Stanton. "Who is responsible for their medical treatments?" Rebstock asked.

Morel said the state is responsible.

However, Rebstock said the state and Amity Foundation are both refusing to pay.

THE NEWS asked Amity Foundation director Pamela Jay about this situation. Jay said the state does not provide medical care for the Amity program residents, because the men are no longer in the prison system and are in the parole/probation phase of their sentences. The residents also do not meet the residency requirement of six months to qualify for the county IHC funds.

Discussions also dealt with who pays for medications. Morel said it will depend on a case by case basis. Then Schwettmann



## Carrizozo Graduate Is Sam Steel Society Inductee

Sarah Funk, a New Mexico State University graduate from Carrizozo (center) was inducted into NMSU's Sam Steel Society on May 11 by Jerry Schickledanz (right), dean and chief administrative officer of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, and Ann Vail, head of the family and consumer sciences department. The society honors the memory of Sam Steel, who would have been the university's first graduate had he not been killed just months before graduation in 1893.

Funk received a bachelor's degree in human nutrition and food science. She has been a member of the Human Nutrition and Food Science Association. She also is a Crimmon Scholar. Funk has a dietetic internship with Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, OR.

(NMSU agricultural communications photo by J. Victor Espinoza)

asked if it would cover medical marijuana.

After more discussion commissioners voted unanimously to strike the proposed wording "regardless of income" in the sections dealing with IHC fund payment for medical care for detainees in the county jail.

When commissioners got to the vote on adopting the changes to the ordinance, Martinez made a motion to make payments to providers retroactive January 1,

2001. County commissioner Rick Simpson seconded the motion, but after advice from Morel, commissioners all voted no. They did approve the changes with the struck wording about inmates.

Applications for the IHC fund are available from the county IHC coordinator Montoya, who has an office in LCMC in Ruidoso. Income and other eligibility guidelines are included in the applications.

## Casabonne Heads NM Public Lands Council

New Mexico Public Lands Council (NMPLC) recently elected Mike Casabonne, of Hope to serve as president until the council's annual August meeting.

Casabonne was elected as interim president to replace Bud Eppers who died earlier this year.

Lewis Derrick of Artesia was named vice president. Alice Eppers will remain as secretary/treasurer.

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## County Donates Truck

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commissioners he would request reauthorization of the remaining funds at the next legislative session.

County commissioners also authorized public hearings to start the next Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) cycle for 2002. The public will have opportunity to suggest various projects to be financed with a CDBG.

## Capitan School Board

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Conservation and Recreation Service, a planner with the New Mexico Planning Office Division of Recreation and Historic Preservation,

The board will take action to hire the superintendent after the hearing and action on the proposed 2001-02 school year budget. Other business on the agenda is action on current year budget increases and transfers, action on the Title I and Title VI 2001-02 budget and applications, action on the 2001-02 transportation fleet contract and action on personnel to accept resignations and additional employments.

**Thank You Card**

The family of Nena Ortiz would like to take this opportunity to thank the many friends of Nena that sent flowers, cards, food and the many well wishes to her family. Everyone's helpfulness and thoughtfulness was appreciated. Special thanks to the Najjar family for preparing the wonderful dinner after the funeral. God bless you all.

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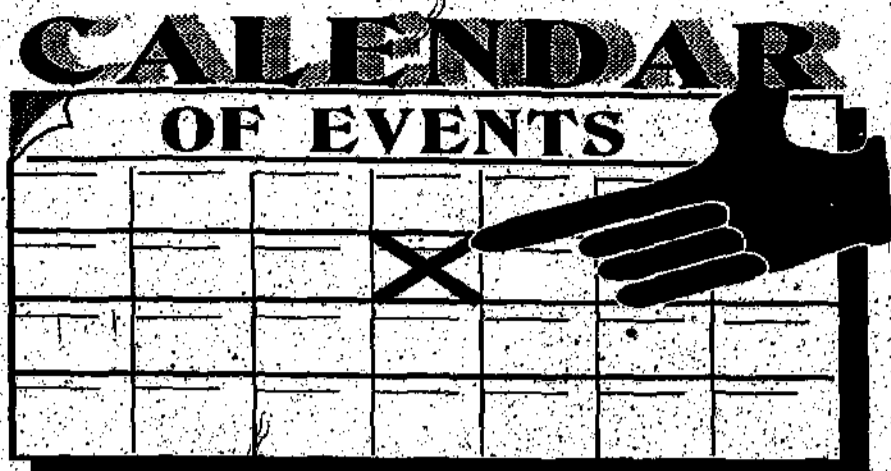
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# Ruidoso Care Center To Close Two Wings

by DORIS CHERRY

Private care facilities have a right to go out of business, so learned guardians and families of residents in the Ruidoso Care Center who are being moved out of the facility. But affected residents have 30 days to either appeal the move or have a move plan developed, including a visit to the new location.

More than 50 people gathered at Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso on Monday, May 21 to get some advice about the closure of the two-Ruidoso Care Center wings, from representatives of the state Agency on Aging and the License Certification office of the state Department of Health. The Care Center operational company, IHS Corp., is closing the Alzheimer's secured unit, and part of another wing in Ruidoso Care

Center, affecting up to 24 residents.

Kathleen Shober, regional ombudsman coordinator with the Eastern New Mexico Area Agency on Aging, said neither the state or the public can do anything to keep the private company IHS from closing two of the wings in the Care Center. However, affected residents and their guardians and families have 30 days to respond or file appeal to the move. "The facility is required to give 30 days notice with criteria in a letter to the guardians," Shober said. "The resident must also be notified, as well as the power of attorney."

Residents are entitled to have a move plan with a chance for the families and/or residents to visit the new facility, Shober added. Also, families/guardians and residents have the right to file an appeal for the move and receive a fair hearing through the Licensing and Certification Office. "I suggest you wait until the end of the 30 days time to file for a fair hearing," Shober said. "They cannot move the resident until the hearing is held."

Most of the people at the meeting said they had received notice from the company that they had 10 days to respond with an appeal or move decision. The letter did not include an address or telephone number where to file an appeal. Also some said they received telephone calls from another care facility owned by the same company insisting they choose a new location for their family member being displaced from Ruidoso Care Center.

Shober said the letters giving only 10 days to respond were "inappropriate." "You have 30 days," she added. Reportedly IHS is trying to sell its operational contract at the Care Center which is owned by Lyrick Corp. Recently, IHS announced it was closing the units at the Care Center, because the building has structural problems. Many at the meeting Monday said that has been refuted but the building does need some major maintenance and parking lot expansion. There were no representatives from IHS at the meeting although they were invited.

Elliott Topper, regional director of the state Licensing and Certification, DOH, said this is a "very difficult, complicated situation." He said he did investigate all allegations being made in connection with the closure. "Thinking back to Fort Stanton, (hospital which was closed in 1995)," Topper said. "Can it (closure of the wings in Ruidoso Care Center) be stopped? No. They can sell the building, but there is a process they must go through."

"If IHS decides to go out of business, and as long as they follow the federal and state regulations, it is hard to say stop," Topper said. "The hard part is the human element."

Family members said to them it was discriminatory how the company closed the wings.

Topper commented about IHS reason to close the wings due to the building problems. Topper said if in reality the building had been in jeopardy, his department would have been the first to close the building. "We are not doing that," Topper said. "The

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Magdalena Nena Sanchez Ortiz



Magdalena (Nena) Sanchez Ortiz, 72 year old life long resident of Carrizozo, died Wednesday, May 16, in Alamogordo.

She was born November 3, 1928, in San Elizario, TX, the daughter of Abran and Felipa Rodriguez Sanchez.

She was a member of Santa Rita Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Joe L. Ortiz, of the family home in Carrizozo; two sons, Conrad Ortiz and his wife Santine of Anthony, and Mario Ortiz of Poland, Ohio; four daughters, Yolanda Stanley of Alamogordo, Tamara Trujillo of Santa Fe, Judith Voss of Dallas, and Tracie Ortiz and her fiancé, Larry Beltran of Alamogordo; brothers, Frank Sanchez and his wife Margie of San Dimas, CA, Herman Sanchez and his wife Leanne of LaVerne, CA, John P. Sanchez of San Francisco, George Sanchez and his wife Kila of El Paso, and Ray Sanchez of Albuquerque; sisters, Rita Roybal and her husband Ron of Alto; Polly Chavez and her husband Nat of Carrizozo, and Rosylene Sanchez of Albuquerque; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Abran Sanchez and Felipa Rodriguez Sanchez, her step-mother Ramoncita Sanchez; one son, John Christopher Ortiz; three brothers, Victor Jaramillo, David Andy Sanchez and Fred "Chavalo" Sanchez.

A wake service was held Friday, May 18 at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo. Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19 with Fr. Dave Bergs officiating. Interment followed in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Larry Beltran, Gustavo Ortiz, Peter Baca, Angel Ortiz, Refugio Najar, and Pearl's Jiron. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Ortiz, George Sanchez, Frank Vega, Jay Torres, Joe Gallegos and Nat Chavez.

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

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

**WEDNESDAYS**  
-Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

**THURSDAYS**  
-Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2685 or 258-3201 for information and location.  
-Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo 7 p.m.

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

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, MAY 24**  
-No class for all Capitan schools.  
-The Hideaway Golf Course water rights transfer hearing 9 a.m. State Engineer's Office 1900 West Second Street, Roswell.  
-Early dismissal at 12:30 p.m. for Carrizozo schools students.

-Special Capitan School Board meeting at 6 p.m. to approve preliminary 2001-02 school year budget; Title I and VI budgets; 2001-02 fleet contract; action on personnel and executive session.

**FRIDAY, MAY 25**  
-Students pick up report cards at Capitan and Carrizozo Schools for final day before summer vacation.  
-Capitan High School Baccalaureate 6:30 p.m. Traylor Gym, with senior dinner to follow.  
-Carrizozo High School graduation 7 p.m. old gym.

**SATURDAY, MAY 26**  
-Capitan High School graduation 10 a.m. Tiger Field.  
-Fort Stanton 12th Annual Merchant Marine and Veterans Memorial Service, 1:30 p.m. Fort Stanton Cemetery.  
-Carrizozo Little League meeting 6:30 p.m. ball field diamond. Anyone interested in umpiring little league should call Duane Vinson at 648-2131 after 5 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 28, MEMORIAL DAY**  
-All public offices, post office and banks closed for Memorial Day.  
-Ruidoso Public Library closed for Memorial Day. Summer hours begin June 4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

**TUESDAY, MAY 29**  
-South Central RC&D Council meeting, 9:30 a.m. beginning at the Sunspot Visitor Center. Call Sue at 648-2941 for information or to RSVP.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30**  
-Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. Watson House in Lincoln.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1**  
-Capitan Public Library lecture series begins, 7 p.m. Steve Havill speaker. This is the first of a series of Friday lectures.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**  
-Capitan Public Library summer reading program starts. Programs at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday for children to age 18.

**MONDAY, JUNE 4**  
-Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. chamber building on 2nd Street.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

*Fine feathers?*

By Ruth Hammond

Goodness is as goodness does is an old adage that is supposed to mean that you should be good or that being good will bring goodness to you or something like that. Actually some of those old adages, or sayings, are hard to understand in these modern times of one group of people trying to gouge another group of people. It is definitely sad that some so-called good people are stealing \$5 a month or more from senior citizens, disabled and/or handicapped people on fixed incomes as well as stealing from the other people with enough income to pay the \$5 a month or more with little or no problem. Of course the stealing is legit, that is if any kind of stealing can be classified as legitimate.

Other old sayings such as a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush can be more easily understood. Only makes sense because you might never catch the two birds in the bush. Birds can move quickly and fly high and it is extremely difficult, if not impossible to catch them. Years ago children were told the only way to catch a bird was to put salt on its tail. Didn't really work but it kept children busy trying to figure out how to get close enough to put salt on a bird's tail in the hopes of being able to catch it. Maybe that is what the bad birds who steal from people who need help the most are trying to do, keep the people very busy.

Or it could be that the bad birds are really unaware that they are doing anything wrong. Maybe the bad birds assume that they have a right to take whatever they can, whether it is money they don't deserve or other benefits that should be earned. Maybe the bad birds truly believe that it is their right to pluck the feathers from other people's nests. Maybe the bad birds actually believe they are good.

Don't assume that all birds are bad. Just because a few birds are depriving people of money they need to buy food and pay medical bills is no reason to be against all birds. Just because a few birds are forcing many people to live below the poverty level is no reason to be against all birds. Just because a few birds have access to the best things while many people survive on leftovers is no reason to be against all birds. There are many good birds in the world.

No one should damn all birds just because there are a few bad birds. Eagles and hawks, those splendid creatures you see sitting on utility poles alongside the highway while watching for movement of rodents that when caught will feed their young, are examples of good birds. Another example of good birds are hummingbirds that can be seen flitting from flower to flower helping the pollination process.

Every spring you can see other good birds heading north after their winter of nesting in the south. Each fall you can see the V formation of these same good birds as they begin their trek south once again. But the bad birds seem to stay around forever, scraping away at the unsuspecting.

Scraping away each month to survive should not be the way people have to live just because some bad birds want all the worms, not just that worm the early bird can get.

Saying that "goodness is as goodness does" is fine for people but it apparently has no effect on a few bad birds.

*Goodness Gracious*



J.P. Doodles

**SANTA FE**  
**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**  
BY JAV MILLER

**SANTA FE** - Albuquerque and Santa Fe aren't accustomed to losing political battles.

So it was, that when the state Public Regulation Commission toured New Mexico this past year, conducting hearings on the telephone industry's recommendation that the new area code be assigned to the part of the state outside the Albuquerque-Santa Fe corridor that no one thought much about it. The city folks were used to getting their way and the country folk expected to get the short end of the stick, as usual.

But one consideration wasn't factored into those expectations. The recently-created PRC was districted

service center. And as everyone knows, there are many more cell phones in the big cities because the contraptions usually don't work out in the country.

Big deal, say the country folks. The exploding numbers of cell phones in the cities is the main cause of the overload on the 505 area code and we can't even get them in the country. And if we do go into the city to buy one, we have to drive all the way back to that city to get it reprogrammed.

Since Albuquerque and Santa Fe have a pretty strong hammerlock on the Legislature, it is likely to weigh in on the matter. If the PRC doesn't change its decision, lawmakers likely will create some sort of interim oversight committee to apply pressure. Legislation to reverse the decision may be introduced. And the upcoming redistricting session may try to jiggle the by the Legislature, a few years ago, in a manner that gave three of the five commission seats to rural New Mexico. So Tony Schaefer of Las Cruces, Lynda Lovejoy of Crownpoint and Rory McMinn of Roswell voted for the little guys.

And that's when the fun began. The big guys awoke from their slumber to call the decision "backward" and "provincial." Evidently, when representatives from the metro corridor vote their interests, they aren't being provincial.

There was no evidence that the PRC looked at any cost figures to determine which area would be hardest hit by the change. But folks in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe and Los Alamos now contend that because of the many businesses and governmental agencies in their area, in their area, it should get to keep the 505 area code "for the good of the state."

The cost of changing business cards and letterhead stationery was the first major argument of the 505 Coalition, quickly organized to fight the change. But then a Public Service Company of New Mexico representative was quoted as saying that PNM employees use business cards quickly, so it wouldn't be much of a problem. Then an Intel representative observed that its employees are capable of scratching out the old area code when the need arises.

So then the big problem cited by the city folk became one of changing computer data bases and reprogramming telephone equipment. Cell phones are especially difficult, since nearly all of them can only be reprogrammed by taking them into the provider's numbers so that the metro corridor will be able to elect three of the five commissioners for the next decade.

The big Santa Fe newspaper editorialized that voters should punish their PRC commissioners next year by voting them out of office. That isn't too likely since all the commissioners voted their constituents' wishes. Unfortunately for them, people in Albuquerque and Santa Fe can't vote out the three commissioners from rural New Mexico.

The most recent argument of those who want to keep the 505 code in the big Duke City is that the PRC's decision has created an unhealthy urban-rural split in our state. They don't realize the split has been there ever since Albuquerque got too big for its britches over a half century ago.

Evidently Albuquerque never had reason to envy the advantages enjoyed by rural New Mexico, because they didn't know there were any - until now.



proposed ordinance on the agenda.

But Seno replied that Carroll was reading the ordinance as a citizen.

"This is your meeting, and your agenda," Morel told commissioners. "You can approve his reading this into the record if you want."

Wilson authorized Carroll to read the proposed ordinance but said he would not allow any discussion.

Later in the meeting Seno

Seno said for the record he was presenting the proposed ordinance, and he asked that the commission schedule public hearings on the proposed ordinance.

Morel said he had not had time to review the proposed ordinance. He also said the commission sets the agenda, not any county appointed board or committee. Wilson said he and the other commissioners had copies of the proposed ordinance which he said has not been reviewed thoroughly. He said he was notified there were some questions about the proposed ordinance. "I would like to see all the questions worked out as much as possible before it comes to us," Wilson said.

Seno said the ordinance was ready for presentation and was ready for public hearing. With that county commissioner Leo Martinez made the motion to present the ordinance.

Simpson said there seems to be some internal confusion in the PLUAC.

County Commissioner Ray Nunley said jurisdictionally, he was unsure the county was prepared to deal with enforcing the proposed ordinance.

Wilson then directed that all questions about the ordinance be dealt with in the PLUAC and Ag and Rural Affairs Committee.

Seno then turned the podium over to Oscurro resident Jerry Carroll to read the proposed ordinance into the record.

Wilson said the commission voted not to put the

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**Cancer:** (June 21 - July 22) Don't run away from love of any kind! A kind heart and a soft word can do wonders for you and everyone around.

**Leo:** (July 23 - Aug 22) Now, now! Watch your Leo temper ... say what? This kind and gentle Leo doesn't have a temper? You have one heck of a bite!

**Virgo:** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Sometimes we all feel like throwing up our hands and giving it all up. Not the case! Use your arms for a warm hug!

**Libra:** (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Rock and Roll! Everything and everyone is fair game. Don't be left behind because you're afraid of getting your feet wet!

**Scorpio:** (Oct 23 - Nov 21) What is missing in your life? A life? No time like the present! Get out and enjoy each breathe you take!

**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Don't look back! Walk straight ahead with a big smile on your face. (Drive everyone crazy! They'll wonder what you're up to!)

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) This could be a trying time! You might feel like rolling up into a ball just to get away from it all! DON'T!

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) When you least expect it your life can change! Are you ready for a change? Ready or not, here it comes - your New Life!

**Pisces:** (Feb 19 - March 20) You only THOUGHT you were busy. Now you have to shift into a lower gear so you can climb to the top. Take it Show!

**Aries:** (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Water? You need to have fun in water? Drink more water? Go fishing? Do something that consists of water and have fun!

**Taurus:** (Apr 20 - May 20) Don't let your attitude overload! Count to 10 and think about the best way possible to handle the situation.

**Capitan And Ruidoso Libraries Receive Grants**

Ruidoso Public Library and Capitan Public Library have received funding from the State Grants-in-Aid to Public Libraries program.

Ruidoso Public Library will receive \$4,128 in fiscal year 2002 with \$1,823 to buy books, \$1,000 for continuing education and the remaining from the state Per Capita grant fund.

Capitan Public Library will receive a total of \$3,866 with the distribution the same as for Ruidoso library.

The State Grants-in-Aid to Public Libraries is funded from appropriations from the state legislature and is administered by the New Mexico State Library.

To receive aid, a public library must meet a set of basic requirements established in state law. This year, 64 libraries statewide will receive funds.

**County Cleans Up**

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ers tax, imposing a civil penalty equal to 10 percent of the tax due, or \$100.

County commissioners also authorized the county attorney and manager to schedule and hold public hearings on three proposed new ordinances at the June 21 regular county commission meeting. The first proposed ordinance would make it illegal to park or camp in the rights of way of county roads. This ordinance was requested by county commissioner Rick Simpson who said there are problems during hunting season, when hunters camp out almost in the roads.

The second proposed ordinance would create a list of illegal contraband in the detention center. Requested by the detention center administration, Morel said the contraband could include tobacco,

which while not illegal to use, is not allowed in the county detention center by policy.

The third proposed ordinance would impose a \$25 fee for all returned/bad checks paid to the county.

Copies of the proposed ordinances will be available from the county manager's office prior to the meeting.

An ordinance proposed by the Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC), establishing Lincoln County as a U.N. Free Zone, was not heard by the county commission. At the start of the meeting, when commissioners approved the agenda, county commission chairman Rex Wilson asked that the proposed UN ordinance be deleted from the agenda.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, PLUAC member Tony

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**NM WOOL GROWERS Association members present Sen. Pete Domenici a wool blanket during their recent visit in Washington, D.C., for the annual American Sheep Industry meetings. With the senator are (from left) Callie Gnatkowski of Albuquerque (Carrizozo HS alumni), Sage Miller of Abiquiu, Domenici, Sarah Gnatkowski of Carrizozo, Joan Kincaid of Pinon, Caren Cowan of Albuquerque. As a result of the meeting, Domenici agreed to ask the Bush administration to support trade relief relating to Australian and New Zealand lamb imports.**



## Old Lincoln Town by Rosalie Dunlap

There has been a lot of activities the past few weeks but being out of circulation I am behind.

Ralph Dunlap returned from his tour in Uzbekistan, which he enjoyed very much. He and his co-worker Ames Bourgo from Yakima, WA are working on a program for the Activist Clubs (Ag) for next year. I will have a story on his trip later.

The Lincoln County Historical Societies' program on the care of old photos was very successful. There were around 40 participants attending. Herb Marlin, president, gave the welcoming speech and introduced the guest speakers. Lynda Sanchez handed out the materials to those present.

Austin Hoover and Donnis Daily of the Rio Grande Historical Collection of NMSU presented slides of old photos of the state of New Mexico and how they can be restored with modern techniques. Hoover also showed some of Rittenhouse Collection of buildings, railroads - Rittenhouse favorite subject - and scenery. These can be used to show the growth and changes made in an area over the years.

Daily did a show and tell with old photos, how to handle, use white cotton gloves to keep the oil from our skin getting on to the photos. The oil cannot be removed by any means and through the years will destroy the photos.

It was demonstrated what happens to our photos when they are kept in the magnetic albums and the new cardboard boxes. It is better to keep them in the old black page album than in boxes or acidic papers and boxes.

Bob McCubin of Santa Fe is an old photo collector. He told the story of how photography got started around 1850 using different darratypes (sp), gels, silver nitrates and now to the filmless - digital cameras. Photography methods which include developing, films, cameras have gone through many phases.

The most interesting highlight was the evolution of the tintype. McCubin has a great selection and brought a few that we could touch. Sandra Smith of Florida also brought a

few with her.

Hollis Fuchs of Capitan gave slide show showing the landscape one hundred or so years ago and what it is like today. He has taken the old photos, found the spot where the photo was taken and then took one as it looks today. What a difference. Grassland in the old photos show nothing but juniper and cedar today. How he finds the location takes a lot of work, searching and asking old ranchers where the location could be. It is amazing how many burned cedars, junipers and rocks are still viable landmarks.

Following the speakers the participants brought their show and tell photographs. There were so many interesting old photos of Lincoln, families and where they came from and family like as it was in days gone by.

The group were fed by Clois and Jerry Jordan, present owners of the old Patron House. They were given a tour of the old house and its history during the Lincoln County War. The Jordans have done a great job restoring the home and making it into the Casa de Patron bed and breakfast.

The Lincoln County Farm Bureau Board met at the El Paisano restaurant in Capitan for their monthly meeting. They are near or at their quota but didn't have the final figures yet. The summer meeting, the NM State meeting, of the FB will be in Taos July 18-20. The county meeting will be held October 7 at the Carrizozo Country Club.

Lincoln County did quite well at the recent District IV cultural arts meeting. They had 10 exhibitors and 21 entries. Otero and Rosevelt counties had 70 and 71 respectively.

Those attending the interment of the ashes of Betty Shrecengost at the Angus cemetery were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shrecengost and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick (Susie) Kuns, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shrecengost and family of Arizona, Bill Shrecengost Sr. of Santa Fe, Mr. and Mrs. Erving Forbes of New Hampshire, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Forbes of Denver, Shawna Shrecengost of Lubbock,

TX, John Shrecengost and Diane Shrecengost of Lincoln.

Since it was on Mother's Day I went to visit my mother in Portales.

Mandy Arrowsmith has received a Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative scholarship and also a Presidential Academic scholarship at the Mississippi College. The Mississippi College is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the south.

Mandy was active in volleyball at Capitan high school and was recruited to play volleyball at the NCAA affiliate school as a defensive specialist.

Mandy attended Capitan high school and ENMU-Ruidoso. She will begin her studies in Mississippi this fall. Congratulations Mandy!

### County Cleans (Con't From Pg. 4)

on each county road. It also establishes penalties of \$300 fine and up to 90 days imprisonment, with county citizens having the right to prosecute violations.

County commissioners also:

-Authorized holding a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, in the commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse to have a public hearing on proposed changes to the county subdivision ordinance. Morel asked for the special meeting because it will take considerable time to review all the proposed changes.

-Authorized a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to prohibit the use of large truck "jake brakes" on Highway 70 west of Ruidoso.

-Approved the recommendation from the county road review committee to vacate portions of Teton Road in the Valley Heights Subdivision because the road was never built.

-Awarded bid for construction of handicapped parking and additions to the Glencoe Rural Events Center to Armstrong Construction the only bidder for \$24,433.32 that includes gross receipt taxes; and tabled the bid for a water softener to the detention center because of confusion on what size of water lines and softener is needed for the facility.

by Willa Lee Adkins

It has been a few years since I wrote articles for the White Oaks area. Since I have relocated permanently to my home in White Oaks, I decided to write articles again. When I wrote before, the mail carrier would gather any news going on in the Jicarilla area and forward it to me.

Our community has grown since then; "1988", and many new things are going on in our area.

White Oaks boasts several artists, and several new families. That of which we are proud of.

We have our 6th Miner's Day coming up on June 2. Everyone is working very hard to make this a bigger and better event. This year we have acquired a covered wagon - there will be wagon rides on Miner's Day.

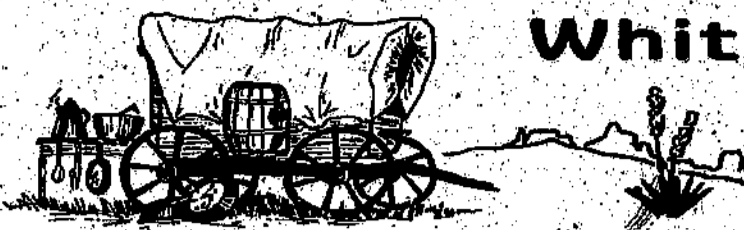
With the decision being made not to use the White Oaks Cemetery for activities several people in our local community got together and cleaned up the old garage, next to the old post office and the lot in back. There will be a historical center in the garage and a mock White Oaks cemetery will be ready for the Miner's Day. The House of Memories Echoes event will also be on schedule.

The Miner's Day committee will conduct a raffle on a new storage shed.

Barbara Colbert ESTEY will be playing the old ERSTY organ in the Miner's Museum.

We have two new businesses in town. The first one is Moondance Gallery, it features beautiful tin work, woodcrafted furniture, jewelry and future antiques. The second one is the White Oaks Trading Post, across the street. It features White Oaks souvenirs, art, used

## White Oaks and Jicarilla News



books, snacks, ice cream, cold drinks and more.

White Oaks Fire Dept. had a potluck dinner at this month's business meeting. As usual good company and good food.

The fire chief advised that he received a letter from EMS, strongly recommending that the fire departments purchase a bee suit. Lincoln County has the Africanized bee, as many other counties in New Mexico.

The Neighborhood Watch group, still meet the last Thursday of each month at the White Oaks Fire Dept.

Note of interest. Did you know that in the town of Jicarilla in 1900 there were 38 gold miners, two sheep ranchers, three farmers, one general store, one insurance agent, one bookkeeper (dry goods), one rooming

house, one assayer, and 15 school kids, according to the 1900 census for that area.

The garage I mentioned, had the old hand gas pump. They would pump a gallon of gas at a time up into the top of the pump and put it in the automobile. That's how they kept track of the amount of gas sold. They also fixed flat tires.

If you have anything of interest or of non-interest, stop by the White Oaks Trading Post and visit with me. The coffee is free, or call me at 505-648-0056.



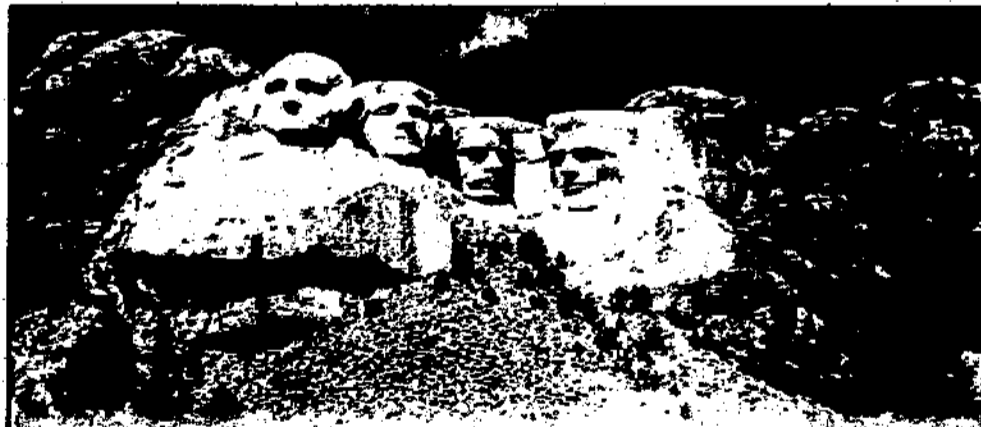
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# CORONA NEWS

It has been a busy time for Corona. Saturday the 12th was prom. It started at 6:00 P.M. with a dinner and ended at 1:00

A.M. with the dance. The prom king was Scott Albert and the queen was Marilee Bryan. The prom prince was Dal Frost and

the princess was Rhiannon Alirez. \*\*\*\*\* Betty Ann Bell is retiring from teaching elementary school. A potluck will be held Thursday May 24th for her farewell party and everyone is invited. The farewell will be held in the auditorium at 6:30 P.M. We will miss you Betty Ann! \*\*\*\*\* Karen Lightfoot had a heart attack and underwent a bypass operation on Monday the 21st. She is recuperating at the hospital in Las Cruces. \*\*\*\*\* Corona graduation will be Saturday the 25th at 7:00 P.M. at the auditorium. There are six seniors graduating this year. \*\*\*\*\* Tuesday the 22nd the elementary school held graduation ceremonies. \*\*\*\*\* Margie Hand is celebrating her birthday early on Saturday. Family members are gathering to wish her well with a party. \*\*\*\*\* Curtis and Wanda Duke are proud grandparents. Their granddaughter Stephanie Michelle Rodriguez graduated cum laude from UNM on Saturday the 12th. She received degrees in biology and history. Stephanie was also a Presidential

Scholar and a member of the phi kappa phi Honor Society. The phi kappa phi membership is awarded only to students with the highest scholastic standing. Stephanie also worked at La Familia, which is an adoption agency. She also worked at

the home for battered women and rape crisis center. Stephanie plans to enter medical school at UNM in the fall. \*\*\*\*\* The academic and athletic awards banquet was held Thursday the 17th.

\*\*\*\*\* Janelé Kane and Jenine Gibbs were honored as Boosters of the Year. They received cards that will get them into home games at no charge for every athletic event in Corona.

## Corona School Presents Awards

It was announced at the Corona High school academic/athletic awards banquet that it was a Picture Perfect Year. Awards were presented to:

Business-outstanding achievement awards: Intro to business - Shaline Lopez, sophomore; economics - Dal Frost, junior; marketing - Andrew Bagley, senior and Albert Sanchez, senior; US history - Frankie Sanchez, 7th grade; computer applications - Maricela Noriega, 7th grade.

Math-outstanding achievement awards: math 87 - Maricela Noriega, 7th grade; algebra II - Shaline Lopez, sophomore; geometry - Dal Frost, junior.

Certificate of Achievement: math - Ana Ramos, 8th grade; Alexandra Stewart, 7th grade; Taos Muncy, Tabatha Winchester.

Certificate of Improvement: math - Rachel Lueras, freshman; Elyssa Winchester, freshman.

Algebra II: Laura Gonzales, sophomore; Chauncy Jinks, sophomore; Keith Shafer, freshman.

Geometry: Rhiannon Alirez, junior.

Certificate of Improvement: geometry - Monique Johnson, junior; Deminica Fernandez, junior.

Outstanding Achievement: driver's education - Keith Shafer, freshman.

US Government: Dal Frost.

World Geography: Rhiannon Alirez.

Past US History: Rachel Lueras; Scott Albert, senior.

World History: Shaline Lopez, Laura Gonzalez, sophomore.

NM History: Tabatha Lopez, sophomore; Taos Muncy, 8th grade.

Physical education: junior high - Frankie Sanchez, 7th grade; high school - Terral Wilson, sophomore; Manuel Noriega, senior.

New Mexico State Specific History: Rachel Lueras, freshman.

Outstanding Achievement in Language Arts: English IV - Delia Gonzalez, senior; English III - Dal Frost, junior; English II - Shaline Lopez, sophomore; English I - Rachel Lueras, freshman; 7th grade - Maricela Noriega, 8th grade - Taos Muncy.

Most Improved Language Arts Student: Laura Gonzalez, sophomore; Tabatha Winchester, 8th grade.

Outstanding Achievement: biology - Shaline Lopez, sophomore; earth science - Tabatha Winchester, 8th grade; life science - Maricela Noriega, 7th grade; botany/zoology - Dal Frost, junior; physics - Chauncy Jinks, sophomore; Andrew Bagley, senior.

Life Skills/Careers: Tabatha Winchester / Taos Muncy, 8th grade.

Spanish II: Albert Sanchez, senior; Monica Ortiz Dominguez, sophomore.

ESL: Monica Ortiz Dominguez, sophomore; Ana Ramos, 8th grade.

Most improved student: Omar Martinez.

Award for patience and diligence: Margarita Ortiz Dominguez, 8th grade.

Online classes thru Apex Learning-student recognition: Shaline Lopez, government; Randall Warren, history.

Student Council Officer

2000 - 2001 recognition: Marilee Bryan, president; Rachel Lueras, vice president; Delia Gonzalez, secretary treasurer; Shaline Lopez, historian.

Student Council Representative 2000 - 2001 recognition: Maricela Noriega, 7th grade; Estee Holman, 8th grade; Randy Warren, freshman; Terral Wilson, sophomore; Monique Johnson, junior; Scott Albert, senior.

Yearbook Staff recognition: Marilee Bryan, editor; Delia Gonzalez, asst. editor; Taos Muncy, Outstanding Dedication to Yearbook; Laura Gonzalez.

School Paper / Journalism: Shaline Lopez, Tabatha Winchester.

Athletic recognition and awards:

Volleyball - Marilee Bryan, senior, offensive player of the year; Rhiannon Alirez, junior, MVP award, defensive player of the year; Monique Johnson, junior, Tara Seely sophomore; Rachel Lueras, freshman, most improved player; Estee Holman, 8th grade; Ana Ramos, 8th grade, hustle award.

Girl's basketball - Delia Gonzalez, senior, MVP, offensive player of the year; Marilee Bryan, senior; Rhiannon Alirez, junior; Deminica Fernandez, junior; Laura Gonzalez, sophomore, defensive player of the year; Tara Seely, sophomore; Rachel Lueras, freshman, hustle award; Estee Holman, 8th grade.

Boy's basketball - Andrew Bagley, senior, co-MVP; Albert Sanchez, senior, co-MVP; Manuel Noriega, senior; Dal Frost, junior, scho-

### Include Safety When Making Summer Plans

The American Red Cross reminds everyone to include safety in their summer travel plans. To make vacation more safe, the Red Cross recommends these tips:

-Learn about the area to be visited to avoid storm seasons, severe heat and other regional challenges.

-Pay attention to local media reports for weather and always check local forecasts when camping, boating or hiking.

-Know the county you are to visit, in order to access the National Weather Service severe weather warnings by county.

-Pack a first aid kit.

-Check for fire exits where ever you visit. In hotels, count the number of doors between your room and the emergency exit in case you have to feel your way through a smokey hallway.

### Senior Golfers Invited To Participate In 11th Annual Tournament

Chaves County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is hosting the 11th Annual "55 Alive" senior golf tournament June 4 and 5 at Spring River Golf Course in Roswell.

All golfers aged 50 or over are invited. Entry forms are available by calling 505-623-3960.

lastic athlete award; Chauncy Jinks, sophomore, hustle award; Terral Wilson, sophomore; Keith Shafer, freshman, most improved; Victor Perez, freshman, defensive player of the year; Taos Muncy, 8th grade.

Cheerleading - Delia Gonzalez, senior; Rhiannon Alirez, junior, co-captain; Deminica Fernandez, junior, co-captain; Tara Seely, sophomore; Estee Holman, 8th grade.

Track - high school - Albert Sanchez, senior, state track meet qualifier/high jump; Chauncy Jinks, sophomore, outstanding track contributor/HS; Randall Warren, freshman; Estee Holman, 8th grade.

Track - junior high - Matt May, 8th grade; Estee Holman, 8th grade, outstanding track contributor/jr. high; Alexander Stewart, 7th grade.

National Honor Society Inductions held May 8: new inductees - Deminica Fernandez, junior; Laura Gonzalez, sophomore; Tara Seely, sophomore; Shaline Gonzalez, sophomore; Chauncy Jinks, sophomore.

Student Council elections were held May 10. New officers for 2001-2002 are president Shaline Lopez, vice president Rachel Lueras, secretary/treasurer Monique Johnson, historian Deminica Fernandez.

The 2001 Annual has been dedicated to Edie Porter. Congratulations Edie!!



Foggy wet weather on Saturday morning was followed by winds and cold weather on Sunday that resulted in light frost on Monday throughout the higher elevations of Lincoln County.

Very clear skies followed bringing temperatures back up to normal for this time of year.

Weather is expected to mild, with partly cloudy skies through Memorial Day.

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

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo Valley and lower elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, May 24: Partly cloudy. No chance for precipitation. High temperature in Carrizozo 83. Tonight; clearing with low of 51.

Friday, May 25 through Tuesday, May 29: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s to lower 90s. Lows to the mid 50s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and higher elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, May 24: Partly cloudy with high of 77 in Ruidoso. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, partly cloudy with low of 38.

Friday, May 25 through Tuesday, May 29: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 40s.

## Memorial Day

In Honor of the Brave Men and Women That Have Served Our Country

ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 28th

## Church Directory



### MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:  
BIL SEBRING, Pastor  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:30 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:  
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024  
Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship ..... Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.

### First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor  
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:55 a.m.  
Sun. Evening ..... Training at 8:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Carrizozo Community Church (AFC)

JOHNE L. JOHNSON, Pastor  
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186  
Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m.  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Corona St. Theresa ..... 1:00 p.m.

### Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135.  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 1:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

### St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector  
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
1-505-257-2356  
Holy Eucharist ..... Sunday 9:30 a.m.

### Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister  
849-1402  
Second Sunday of Each Month ..... 9:00 a.m.

### United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODARD, Pastor  
1000 D. Ave. 848-2893 / 648-2846  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 8:30 p.m.  
United Methodist Women  
Every 3rd Wednesday ..... 1:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner on  
4th Sunday of Month ..... 12:30 p.m.

### CAPITAN:

Adult Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Time ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... Every Third Sunday  
Handmaids (Ecumenical Women's Group)  
1st and 3rd Tuesday ..... 9:30 a.m.

### Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)  
514 Smokee Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

### Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister  
5th & Lincoln / 358-4827  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044  
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA Wednesday ..... 6:00 p.m.

### First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7976  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... 1st Sunday of Month

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

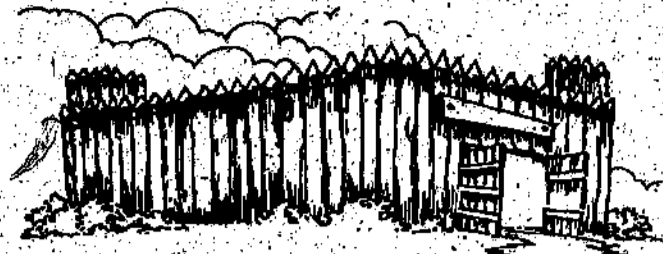
Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency



# Fort Stanton FACTS and FICTION



Louise Joiner and Della Bonnell received Associate Degrees in Portales.

Back in December Della came into the office and said she had read in Dear Abby about an elderly lady receiving a degree at a very advanced age. She thought of her mother, Louise Joiner, and said that she thought that would be so great if Louise could do the same. One of her lifetime accomplishments had always been to receive the degree she could never acquire back when she was struggling to make a living and then raising a family. With the wheels turning, Della began an adventure that turned into a blessing for them both.

Talking to the ones at ENMU that would say yes or no to Louise finishing the six hours she would need to receive her diploma, Della found out that they would provide a tutor to help Louise finish these hours. After a while they decided that would not be necessary and that she would be given the diploma in May when all the 2001 graduates would receive theirs.

Della, also lacking six hours signed up for two courses to finish her six hours. What an adventure this was! She took a survival course that was an adventure just to hear her tell of the classes. Between her fellow classmates, her husband David, and several others

she passed these two classes with good grades and was so happy to know she would also be receiving her diploma that also had been put on hold while she raised a family and spent all those years as the Glencoe postmaster.

Many things that affect your everyday living were to become obstacles for Della to accomplish this goal for her mother. Louise lost a brother that she had raised from a very young age which depressed her and a sister's memories who had recently passed away had Louise down and out for the month of April. Della had decided to forget this project and then all of a sudden it seemed most everyone was back on track.

The gowns were ordered, the photographer was notified and relatives were preparing to come to be present when their mother, grand mother and great grand mother and their sister, aunt, wife and friend would receive a piece of paper that would put the final touches on many hours of studies in the past years.

Eddie Lawrence of Iowa, her daughter and three grand children, grandson and wife, Ron and Teresa Joiner of Dalhart, TX, son Pat Joiner, granddaughter Audrey Davis and husband Eddie and two children of Capitan, another daughter Ruth Lawrence and husband Ed of Roswell and David Bonnell of Glencoe were all so excited when Louise and Della received two standing ovations at the graduating day. All of the graduates shook Louise's hand as they came down the aisle after receiving their diplomas.

She was thrilled to have accomplished her lifetime dream and to have shared it with her oldest daughter. Many of you know Della and David personally, but those of you who do not, you are missing knowing two very special people. David was as proud for both of them as if it was for himself. He says he has had to help with the answering of the telephone with all the interviews. An article was in the Amarillo paper, the TV stations broadcast it and many others had stories about these two graduates and postmasters.

It is never too late to accomplish something you want bad enough. To each of these two people we all say "A Job Well Done!!"

The Corriente Cow-Belles had all the elementary students down at the fairgrounds last Thursday to learn about several things. Greg Haussler, Richard Rumpf, Willie Hobbs, Jeanette Smoot and Pat Shear helped with the program. The talking steer from Las Cruces, the milk cow, a spinning wheel, and wheel of fortune were some of the things the different people were working, to show the students how water affects our living, how to use heat to bend metal, how to make butter, and the group watched a lot of

dogs running the barrels, poles, and flag races.

The students seemed to enjoy observing the 11 puppies all in a row. The two red ones were the favorites with the blacks a big second. The next day four went to their new homes and four more go tomorrow. This was tough.

After a sack lunch the kids headed back to the school with lots of new things they had learned. A great field trip!!

### Alto Post Office 100 Years Old

On May 2, the Alto post office had been in existence for "100" years. I went to watch and help out where I could: Mary, Chet, David, Kristie, Dora and Vicky were all busy postal workers getting the cakes, decorations and goodies ready for the one hundred year celebration. Most of the ones coming in the back were surprised at all the room in the new building. Lots of fun was had with the dye in the cake icing, making some blue teeth and some with extra red lips. The tasty punch of gingerale and pineapple juice was really good with the cakes.

Mary had a presentation of pictures that showed the former two post offices, where they were located and the postmasters who had served them.

Smokey was good enough to share his goodies with us and everyone got pencils, rulers, bags, and a stamp book to start collecting stamps. In November, Glencoe will be next to celebrate "100" years of serving the people in the valley. Guess 1901 was a busy year for mailers.

### Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse

The posse had their regular meeting on May 6 at the fair grounds with a couple of us gone.

Bob and Dave got to handle all the things since Tina was in Laughlin and I had gone North. The garage sale the day before had been a big success even with the strong winds blowing items into next week. People helped raise nearly a thousand dollars for the purchase of the chaps and some more new sets. The parade unit is growing so fast the group had to have more sets for all to be able to ride.

Fifteen riders mad the breakfast on the 28th, enjoying the breakfast once again held at the Scott's place.

Several posse members and family members are undergoing treatments for illness and we all send our prayers to each of these people. Hope you all get well soon!

Haven't heard how the ranch rodeo donations are coming along. If you didn't get a letter requesting a donation, and would like to donate for the cowboy crises fund, please send any amount to Box 508, Capitan, NM. Scott Daniels is president of the LC Ranch Rodeo and would appreciate the help. This is the next big

thing the posse will be helping with along with the Miner's Day coming up on June 2. The St. Jude's Ride is June 9th and the team penning at Glencoe will be June 2-3.

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### Friends of Smokey

A meeting of Friends of Smokey finally was held at the State Park last Thursday. Not too much was done except that the theme will have to do with "Remembering Rudy and Ray" - and "Remember

Why YOU can prevent forest fires!"

A couple of people will be asked to be the grand marshal and grand lady of the 4th of July parade. Anyone who hasn't brought a book about Capitan, purchase one and enjoy the reading of the past years of our town. They are available at El Paisano and Smokey Bear Museum. You will be able to purchase one of my cachets at the museum or at the Capitan Public

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**LEGALS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Village of Corona  
(Community Development Block  
(CDBG) Program)

Will be holding a Public Hearing for the 2002 CDBG Program, to advise citizens of the program objectives, range of activities that can be applied for and to obtain views of citizens on community development and housing needs to include the needs of low and moderate income people. All interested persons are invited to attend.

WHERE: Village of Corona  
Hwy. 54/Main Street  
Corona

WHEN: Thursday, June 14, 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact  
Cathy Perez @ 849-5511

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**NOTICIA DE JUNTA PUBLICA**

La Ciudad de Corona invita usted a atender una Junta Publica para explicar mas a fondo el programa de "2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program." La junta tambien servira para informar el publico de los objetivos del programa, el conjunto de actividades que se pueden aplicar, y para obtener las opiniones de los residentes con respecto del desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de las viviendas, incluyendo las necesidades de personas de recursos bajos y mode-rados.

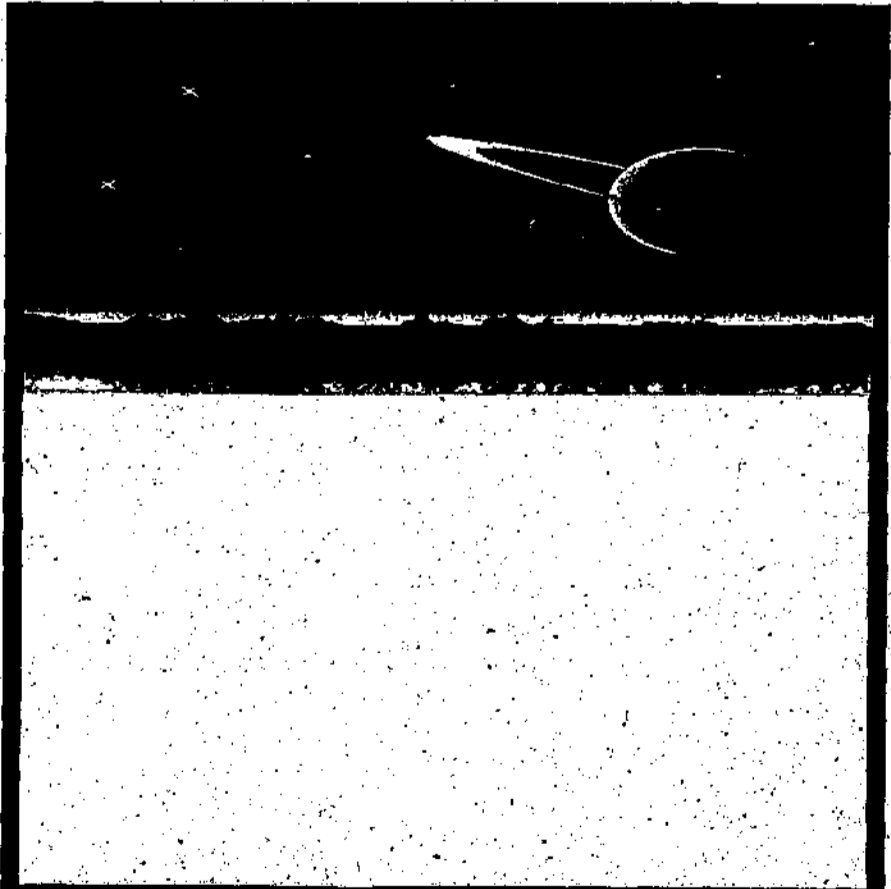
DONDE: Ciudad de Corona  
Village Hall  
Hwy. 54/Main Street  
Corona

CUANDO: Jueves, 14 de Junio, 5:30 p.m.

Para obtener mas informacion, llamen a,  
Cathy Perez @ 849-5511.

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**How To Change  
A Square  
into a  
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in the  
Lincoln County News!!**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cause No. PB-01-12  
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
LUCINDA C. NUNEZ, Deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: WALDO NUNEZ, FRED NUNEZ, LARRY NUNEZ, ANDY NUNEZ, ANNIE JENKS, FRANCES NUNEZ, CAROLYN WAGES, JODI DALE NUNEZ, FAIGE NUNEZ, BORLASE, VICTORIA NUNEZ - MARTINEZ, ROBERT DARREL NUNEZ, SHERRI LYNN SALVIEJO, CANDICE MARIE NUNEZ.

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LUCINDA C. NUNEZ, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF LUCINDA C. NUNEZ, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative, which petition provides that the last will and testament of Lucinda C. Nunez, Deceased, will be formally probated, and that Patricia Nunez Sanchez will be appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lucinda C. Nunez, Deceased, will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, on the 25th day of June, 2001, at 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court.

DATED: May 16, 2001.

**JAN PERRY**  
Clerk of the District Court

By: Darla Goar,  
Deputy

Patricia Nunez Sanchez,  
Petitioner  
P.O. Box 637  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

Prepared by:  
**HAKANSON & PRUETT, P.C.**  
By: Lynne Pruett  
Attorney for Petitioner  
307 East Eleventh Street  
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310  
(505) 437-2874

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE PROBATE COURT  
LINCOLN COUNTY

No. 1876

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JACOB A. SALAS, JR., DECEASED

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: P.O. Box 338, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Dated: May 17, 2001.

Clarice Rocha,  
Personal Representative  
P.O. Box 103  
Mescalero, NM 88340  
(505) 464-4565

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**LEGALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
No. CV-01-122  
III

**GEORGE A. FRANDSEN,  
PLAINTIFF,**

vs.  
**DIANNA REZA and DONALD R. SAVAGE**  
All Unknown and Claimants of Interest  
in the Premises Adverse to Plaintiff.  
**DEFENDANTS.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT  
TO QUIET TITLE**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED. Dianna Reza and Donald Savage. All Unknown Heirs and Claimants of Interest in the Premises Adverse to Plaintiff.

**GREETINGS:**

You are notified that suit has been filed against you by George A. Frandsen, as Plaintiff, in the above-named Court. The general object of this suit is to quiet the Plaintiff fee simple title in the real estate described in the Complaint being two tracts of land located in Lincoln County, more particularly described as follows:

**Tract 1:**

Lot 9, Block 12, of Forest Heights Subdivision Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Amended Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on September 20, 1973, in Tube No. 495.

**Tract 2**

Lot 5, Block 9, of Mt. Capitan Subdivision, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on a Replat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on February 5 1965, in Tube No. 210.

**SUBJECT TO easements, reservations and restrictions of record.**

The Plaintiff's attorney is Michael S. Line, P.O. Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355.

You and each of you are hereby notified that unless you enter your appearance in this cause on or before the 25th day of June, 2001, judgment will be rendered against you in this cause by default.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 25th day of April, 2001.

**JAN PERRY**  
District Court Clerk  
By: Daria Goar  
Deputy

(SEAL)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**FIRST NOTICE OF  
REFERENDUM ELECTION  
NEW MEXICO SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE IF THE CLAUNCH-PINTO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE ALL LAND BUT SPECIFICALLY TO INCLUDE BUSINESS, RESIDENTIAL AND NON-AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE DISTRICT.

To all owners of land within 1,234,000 acres of southern Torrance County, northwestern Lincoln County, northeastern Socorro County and the southern tip of Valencia County.

Notice is hereby given that a referendum election will be held between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on July 9, 2001, to vote on the following proposal:

The boundaries of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District shall be modified to include all land within the

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 25, 2001, J & R Elorduy, c/o Kenneth Nosker, H.C. 66, Box 32, San Patricio, NM 88348, filed application No. H-1140 & H-1140-S into H-1979-S-2 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change location of well and place and purpose of use of 7.64 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater currently used for commercial purposes in the SW1/4NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 33, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the diversion of said waters from the following described shallow wells:

WELL NO.	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
H-1140	SW1/4SW1/4NW1/4	33	10S	13E
H-1140-S	SE1/4SW1/4NW1/4	33	10S	13E

Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-1979-S-2 located in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 7.64 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 2.65 acres of land located in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

This is a temporary application for a period of ten years, with all rights to revert to the move-from point of diversion and place and purpose of use on July 31, 2011, subject to an earlier reversion by written request of the applicant.

The move-to and move-from points of diversion are located approximately 1/2 mile west of Alto, along Eagle Creek, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation of other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protests shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe

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perimeter of the District. All lands lying within incorporated areas in the District will be excluded.

**Polling locations are as follows:**

1.) Mountainair High School Gymnasium at 901 Third Street located on the West side of Mountainair, NM.

Eligible voters residing within the District shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place. Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may apply in person or in writing to Dierdre Tarr at Gustin Hardware Building, 121 West Broadway, Suite 108, P.O. Box 129, Mountainair, NM 87036, for absentee ballots. Each applicant for an absentee ballot shall state his name, residence, location of acreage of land owned or possessed, and interest therein, and shall return a completed ballot to Dierdre Tarr no later than July 6, 2001.

For information contact Jim Wanstall, Soil & Water Conservation Specialist, NM Department of Agriculture, 224 Paseo Del Volcan SW #528, Albuquerque, NM 87121; phone (505) 631-6686; if not in office, please leave message on answering machine.

**Dustin Hunt, Jr., Chairman**  
NM Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
P.O. Box 30005  
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8005

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-01-142  
III

**EDD RAY EIDSON,  
PLAINTIFF,**

vs.  
**RODNEY H. STAIR**

All Unknown and Claimants of Interest  
in the Premises Adverse to Plaintiff.  
**DEFENDANTS.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT  
TO QUIET TITLE**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS AGAINST WHOM CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE IS HEREBY SOUGHT TO BE OBTAINED. Rodney H. Stair; All Unknown Heirs and Claimants of Interest in the Premises Adverse to Plaintiff.

**GREETINGS:**

You are notified that suit has been filed against you by Edd Ray Eidson, as Plaintiff, in the above-named Court. The general object of this suit is to quiet the Plaintiff fee simple title in the real estate described in the Complaint being two tracts of land located in Lincoln County, more particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block 31 of Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, 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, on November 30, 1982 in Cabinet, D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive.

**SUBJECT TO easements, reservations and restrictions of record.**

The Plaintiff's attorney is Michael S. Line, P.O. Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355.

You and each of you are hereby notified that unless you enter your appearance in this cause on or before the 16th day of July, 2001, judgment will be rendered against you in this cause by default.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 18th day of May, 2001.

**JAN PERRY**  
District Court Clerk  
By: Daria Goar,  
Deputy

(SEAL)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. Cv-2001-31

**FIRST FEDERAL BANK, a federal banking**

corporation, f/k/a CHAVES COUNTY SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, a corporation

**Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**LEONOR V. DE GARZA,**  
Defendant.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above styled and numbered cause on February 7, 2001, said cause being an action on a Promissory Note and to foreclose a Real Estate Mortgage, the undersigned Special Master will, on June 14, 2001, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on the east side of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 18, Block 2 of WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 4, 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, February 16, 1979, in Tube No. 652.  
Also known as 202 Marble Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

The sale is to satisfy the above Judgment, together with all costs and amounts due as follows:

Amount of the Judgment, attorney's fees and costs with interest to date of sale . . . . . \$8,404.48  
Estimated costs of publishing Notice of Foreclosure Sale . . . . . \$300.00  
Special Master Fee . . . . . \$150.00  
TOTAL . . . . . \$8,854.48

This sale shall be subject to the Defendants' right of redemption within one month from the date of the sale as provided in the Judgment.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 15th day of May, 2001.

**DONNA TUNELL**

**Eric J. Coll**  
SANDERS, BRUIN, COLL &  
WORLEY, P.A.  
P.O. Box 850  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201  
(505) 622-5440

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-01-041

**GILBERT L. GOMEZ and  
BEATRICE SILVA GOMEZ,**  
husband and wife,

**Plaintiffs,**

vs.

**ROY SHAW; EDDIE and AMY ARNETTE;  
JACOB ALEXANDER SALAS, JR.,  
IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN  
HEIRS OF JACOB ALEXANDER SALAS, JR.,  
DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF  
ANY OF THE FOREGOING DEFENDANTS;  
IF DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN  
CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE  
PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS.**

**Defendants.**

**AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE  
BY PUBLICATION**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon Plaintiffs' Amended Motion for Service by Publication, and the Court having read the same and being fully advised in the premises finds that the Motion is well taken.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiffs be, and are hereby allowed to make service upon the Defendant, Jacob Alexander Salas, Jr., the unknown heirs of Jacob Alexander Salas, Jr., and all unknown Claimants of interest in the Premises Adverse to Plaintiffs by publication in the manner prescribed by law.

/s/ KAREN L. PARSONS

HONORABLE KAREN L. PARSONS  
District Judge, Division III

**APPROVED:**

David M. Stevens,  
Attorney at Law, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff

The legal description of the property that forms the basis of this action to quiet title is described as follows:

A tract of land in the S/2 of the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the herein described tract of land, from which the East 1/4 corner of said Section 14, bears South 54 degrees 40 minutes 47 seconds East, 1516.20 feet; thence South 22 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds East, 289.85 feet; thence South 85 degrees 15 minutes 49 seconds West, 222.50 feet; thence North 23 degrees 41 minutes 43 seconds West 178.91 feet; thence South 78 degrees 01 minutes 57 seconds West, 116.59 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 51 seconds West, 27.24 feet; thence North 68 degrees 13 minutes 15 seconds East, 319.79 feet to the place of beginning.

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**Fort Stanton  
(Con't From Pg. 6)**

Library on May 9. I was at the library from 10 to 7: Wednesday the 9th.

The open house on April 28th had a large crowd come to see what the volunteers had accomplished. Eddie Tudor gave the Friends of Smokey people a tour of the new additions to the state park. Go in and see for yourself what an addition this has been. Many, many things have been added. Smokey's own web site was looked at too.

Eddie just recently hired Lynn Hutchinson to work full time at the park. She has been a big help to me several times in the last month with things I needed. Eddie is anxious to get the state park finished before all the tourists hit the town.

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New Fools

Terese Ray and B.J. Jones are so proud of their new additions to the families. B.J. has three little baby colts, two paints and one dun, and Terese has a beautiful little paint filly. They are all so feisty and doing great! Congratulations to both ladies!!

Housework is on hold for several months now!!

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Noticed that Cheryl and Virgil are clearing the property right next to the garage. Wonder what will appear there?

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We were so sorry to hear the news that Lenard Hall passed away in North Dakota last Saturday. Lenard had polio for many years and had been very ill lately. Know he is running and jumping wherever he is. Always hate to lose a dear friend or relative, but know their suffering is no more. Louise chose not to make the long trip for his funeral.

Allegra Mullens and Carol have been taking wonderful care of Louise.

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Remember to order your school annuals. I haven't been out helping Diane like I said I would.

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Chris, Janelle and I enjoyed supper in Ruidoso. Chris was celebrating his birthday. Happy birthday, Chris. Janelle is like the rest of us, working long hours.

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Wishing everyone good health, especially those we know who have had bad news. We want you well today!

**Zia Natural Gas  
Company Awards  
Two Scholarships**

Capitan High School senior Jerrod Stierwalt and Ruidoso High School senior Rachel Warren are recipients of the Zia Natural Gas Company four-year \$1,000 per year scholarship.

Stierwalt is the son of Darrel and Dori Stierwalt. Jerrod plans to attend University of New Mexico in Albuquerque studying computer science and business.

Warren is the daughter of Molly Warren. She plans to attend Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso studying elementary education and science.

The candidates must maintain a 3.0 GPA and be a full time student.

Seniors from Capitan, Hobbs, Jal, Maxwell and Ruidoso High Schools are eligible to apply for the scholarship.





# County Considers Balanced Budget

(Continued From Last Week)

After some discussion, commissioners agreed to fund \$1,000 to the Little Rascals after-school program in Ruidoso.

Although asking for \$11,500, White Mountain Search and Rescue (WMSAR) an all volunteer group that is deployed at the direction of New Mexico State Police to conduct searches of lost individuals, commissioners agreed to \$10,000. County commissioner Martinez said he thought WMSAR should be part of the Emergency Services or Sheriff's Office. Jim Marin, president of WMSAR, said last year his group did six searches, most of them done at night. "People get lost," Marin said.

Commissioners also committed \$2,000 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and \$1,000 for Zia Therapy for respite care for Lincoln County families with disabled members.

But commissioners turned down a request for \$10,000 for "seed money" for the Tribute to Hispanic Culture scholarships. County attorney Alan Morel said such funding would violate the anti-donation clause of the state constitution. Morel and Stewart said this request is more appropriately directed to the county lodgers' tax committee to help promote the activities of the organization.

Commissioners also did not fund the whole request of \$37,859 from the Humane Society of Lincoln County to provide kennel services for the county. Society director Jim Riggins said the request was based on the fact that 37 percent of the animals impounded at the society shelter came from the county. Yet when commissioners inquired about the actual number of animals brought in by the county animal control officer, Riggins said 90 dogs and 20 cats. The remaining 800 animals from the county were brought in by county residents. Stewart recommended commissioners provide \$25,000 because the county is legally obligated to provide kennel services to the animals brought in by the animal control officer only.

Stewart also suggested commissioners go out for a request for proposals for animal kennel services, to determine whether the Humane Society is a sole source for this service. "An rfp may validate whether it is a sole source," Stewart said. "And I will be more comfortable with providing the society more money." After discussion Stewart recommended funding \$25,000 and the rfp.

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Jim Gibson made a request for \$200,000 from the clinic mill levy fund with \$100,000 for the dental and \$100,000 for the medical part of the Carrizozo Health clinic for operations and \$52,950 for capital purchases and remodeling for a total of \$252,950 for the clinics in Carrizozo and Corona. Gibson said the hospital is not asking for funds for operation, however it is requesting \$804,162 with \$500,000 for remodeling the ambulatory surgery and \$104,162 to purchase a cardiac monitoring system. All together, LCMC was making a request of \$857,112 of hospital mill levy funds.

Gibson said the LCMC auxiliary has pledged \$200,000 toward the long-range remodeling project, the ambulatory surgery.

Martinez asked Gibson several questions about the

long range plans and whether LCMC provides care or transports patients out to other facilities. Martinez said since LCMC rarely fills all of its beds, it should consider converting an area into a long term care facility. A private care facility in Ruidoso recently announced it was downsizing by many beds.

Gibson said LCMC is not licensed for such day care, because it is a hospital subject to different licensing requirements. "We would have to construct a separate facility for long term care," Gibson said. "But no one wants to get into nursing care because there are so many federal regulations and federal reimbursements are down. However, if this is critical to the community, we will need to try to address the need for extended care."

Martinez said his idea was just an option to better use the LCMC facility. Martinez then suggested the empty areas in the hospital be leased out. But Gibson said it does not work that way.

After the outside agencies presented their requests, each department reviewed their budgets and requests.

In summary, the proposed preliminary budget shows \$5,344,931 in revenues for the county's general fund, with transfers of \$1,674,768, expenditures of \$3,347,697, leaving an ending cash balance of \$1,194,966. Of that \$836,924 is the required emergency reserve for the general fund.

In addition to the general fund, the preliminary budget for county road fund starts with a cash balance (from this fiscal year, that ends June 31) of \$131,806, and has estimated revenues of \$590,839 and transfers into the road budget of \$738,870, expenditures of \$1,461,315, leaving a required cash reserve of \$121,776 for the road department.

Other county funds are Farm & Range with beginning cash balance of \$39,441, revenue of \$40,000, expenditures of \$44,500 and ending balance of \$34,941; Recreation with beginning balance of \$1,387, revenues of \$750 and expenditures of \$750; Recording fees with beginning balance of \$73,028, revenues of \$25,700, expenditures of \$84,000 and ending balance of \$14,728.

Budgets for the volunteer fire departments at Bonito, Fort Stanton, Hondo, Lincoln, Nogal, Glencoe-Palo Verde and White Oaks are also listed. All the funds for the volunteer fire departments are flow-through funds from the state fire office. The county only serves as fiscal agent for the departments and does not set their budgets.

The preliminary budget also includes revenue of \$862,630 for legislative appropriations, a transfer of \$16,000 as match and expenditures of \$863,068. The special gas tax fund has estimated revenues of \$183,000 and equal amount of expenditures.

Predatory animal control has beginning balance of \$7,370, revenues of \$18,630 and expenditures of \$26,000; Lodgers Tax fund begins with \$72,867, revenues of \$66,700 and expenditures of \$139,397.

Corrections starts with no cash balance, has estimated revenues of \$321,400, transfers from the general fund of \$575,484 and expenditures of \$896,884. The drug enforcement grant was budgeted with \$142,865 in revenues and the same amount for expenditures. Sheriff's

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seizure fund was not funded.

The Assessor's Re-appraisal fund has a beginning balance of \$70,000 with \$122,800 in revenues and \$182,600 in expenditures.

Emergency management services has revenues of \$24,886, transfer of \$95,500 and \$120,386 in expenditures.

Funding for the health clinics has \$624,629 in beginning cash balance, \$879,585 in revenues and \$731,940 in expenditures with a \$572,274 in ending cash balance. Lincoln County Medical Center starts with cash balance of \$263,355, revenues of \$1,111,785, expenditures of \$1,097,286 with ending cash balance of \$277,854.

Law enforcement protection funds show revenues of \$29,600 and expenditures of \$29,600. These state funds can only be spent on equipment and training.

Senior Citizens program is budgeted to receive \$512,948 and spend all of it.

Environmental gross receipts taxes are budgeted with revenues of \$98,000 and expenditures of \$98,000. These taxes are flow through to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) for payment of the regional landfill and expenses.

Indigent claims funds, financed with the county's one-eighth gross receipt tax, shows beginning balance of \$476,276, revenues of \$480,000 and expenditures of \$956,276. Stewart said the last legislative session produced a bill to allow indigent funds to be used for medical care for county inmates.

The next fund is the beautification grant with revenues of \$4,100, transfer of \$954 and expenditures of \$5,504 for the summer

youth employment program.

Juvenile detention was budgeted with \$180,000 transfer from general fund for \$180,000 in expenditures. Stewart said the juvenile detention costs continue to rise each year.

The E-911 rural addressing grant begins with a balance of \$8,000 has expected revenues of \$2,820 and expenditures of \$40,820.

The New Mexico High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant shows \$73,493 in revenues and expenditures. It is used toward salaries of the drug task force staff.

The Fast Cops grant fund shows \$22,608 in revenues, \$55,817 in transfers from general fund and \$78,225 in expenditures.

The CLG Historic grant is budgeted with \$11,000 in revenues, \$11,000 in matching transferred general funds and expenditures of \$22,000.

The next fund is to set aside funds as a reserve toward the debt payments for the new county detention center, which comes from the one-eighth percent gross receipt taxes for the new jail. That fund was budgeted with \$120,000 in revenues which will be held as a reserve on the debt.

A debt service fund to pay back the loan the county made with the New Mexico Finance Authority to build the new jail has been budgeted with revenues of \$360,000 (which represents estimated payments on the one-eighth percent gross receipt tax for the new jail), with a transfer out of \$78,777 and expenditures for the debt payment of \$281,223.

The estimates include a five percent salary increase for all employees.

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# Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo This Weekend

by Carol Wilson

Dust fogs. The arena is full of bronc horses and cowboys determined to ride them. For the spectators who fill the stands, the annual Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo is a good day, of old-fashioned fun, a chance to watch the working cowboys and cowgirls of the area exhibit the skills honed at home on the ranch.

The cowboys enjoy the camaraderie of the rodeo, but their purpose lies beyond the testing of their mettle against other ranch hands. For the last 11 years, the cowboys have donated all the money raised by the annual Ranch Rodeo to other ranch families in crisis... families who need a little helping hand.

It is a neighborly thing to do, and one which comes naturally. Since the early days of the American West, "neighboring" has been a way of life for the far-flung ranching families. A rancher calls neighbors for help when he is getting ready to brand, for example, and whole families show up to make light work of a job. It is a time of visiting and catching up with each other's lives while at the same time accomplishing a great bit of work.

It was the concept of neighboring which led Lincoln County rancher Shirley Goodloe to spearhead the Ranch Rodeo 12 years ago.

"We thought we'd get together and have a little fun, promote family values and friendship among local

ranches," related Scott Daniel, president of Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo Association (LCRRA). "It was the second year of the rodeo that we decided to use the money we raised to help other families in crisis."

All the money raised by donations, gate receipts and from the dance goes to the Cowboy Crisis Fund. In the past 12 years, the LCRRA has donated over \$17,000 to help those in need pay medical and emergency expenses.

"Thank you for being God's angels," wrote one recipient who was facing surgery after a near-fatal horse wreck. "We are overwhelmed with your thoughts and generosity towards our family." Another thank-you card was written in Spanish on a card shaped like a Mexican sombrero. In any language, the message is the same... thanks for being there to help when we needed it.

The rodeo is divided into five action-packed, timed events. These events differ from regular rodeo events because cowboys showcase skills they still need to day-to-day operation of working ranches. All cowboys or cowgirls who compete must actually own, work, or help out on a working ranch.

Fresh stock, wild cows and local ranchers always provide a good show in the Wild Cow Milking contest, the Wild Horse Race, Team Penning, Team Branding, and Team Roping and Doctoring.

The two usual crowd favorites are Wild Cow Milking and Wild Horse Race, mainly because of the possible wrecks liable to happen when eight cows try to get away from eight ropers who want to mugg and milk them, or when eight broncs not used to be saddled and ridden are turned loose in the arena. The cowboys catch a horse and "ear him down" while a team member throws a saddle over his back, then a courageous bronc rider (remember, these are local ranchers) tries to guide the bucking horse from one end of the arena to the other... and stay clear of all the other broncs and bronc busters. Spills and wrecks are common, to say the least.

Team Penning is a test for cowboys and horses alike. Penning three cattle from a herd requires both finesse and skill.

In the fast-paced event of Team Branding, two teams send their best ropers into the herd at the same time. The roper identifies and ropes his cattle, then the team flanks the calf and holds him down while branding him with white paint. The whole process is timed. In Team Roping and Doctoring, two good ropers head and heel a year-

ling, then "doctor" him by marking him on the head with white chalk.

Ranch teams are composed of four to six members, all of whom must either own, work for, and help out on the same ranch. The Roswell Livestock Auction was the all-around winner in 1990. Bonita Canyon Ranch was been top winner four times, in 1991, 1994, 1997, and 2000. The Turkey Track Ranch team won in 1992, 1998 and 1999. The Bogle Ranch came out on top in 1993 and 1996, with the J Cross H Ranch winning the all-around title in 1995.

"We are liable to have 15 teams show up for this year's rodeo," enthused Sherry Goodloe, a long-time supporter of the rodeo. "The cattle can be pretty salty and I know we will put on a good show."

This year's Ranch Rodeo will start at 3:00 p.m. May 26 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. The rodeo will be a great chance for both tenderfeet and seasoned hands to witness the skill of these top ranch hands. Rodeo admission is \$5 for adults, ages 10 and under are free. After the fast-paced excitement of the arena, cowboys and cowgirls can dance to their hearts content to the Bob Willis style swing of Jody Nix and the Texas Playboys.

A great many hands do the work to put on each year's rodeo... from running off fliers to arranging for all

the stock to getting donations to enlarge the Crisis Fund. All the work is volunteer. It is a work of love, from the hearts of ranchers who care for their fellow man.

In the land made famous by a teenage outlaw and a county-wide war, the

members of the Lincoln County Ranch Rodeo Association still conduct themselves with a spirit of neighboring... caring for and providing for others with a heart as big as the West.

For information about LCRRA, contact Scott Daniel at 354-5022.

## Ruidoso Care

(Continued From Page 3)

building is not an immediate threat to anyone."

While the moving process has been slowed with the appeals, it has not been stopped, Topper added. "But each resident should be treated as an individual who is entitled to due process of appeal."

Audience members said some of the Care Center employees have expressed interest in purchasing the operational contract and the building but are having problems in dealing with the large corporations. IHS reportedly owns 28 care facilities in New Mexico, including three in Roswell. Some in the audience said the families needed a lawyer to deal with IHS.

Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson and Lincoln County Commissioner Ray Nunley also attended the meeting.

Donaldson said the village and county could cooperate on getting funding to build a new facility.

Nunley said the best approach would be someone to buy property to give to the village or county where a new facility could be built.

Donaldson said such a facility could be like Lincoln County Medical Center and its management Presbyterian Healthcare Ser-

vices. "It could be underwritten by the tax payer," Donaldson said. "We could look at a nonprofit organization in cooperation with the Village of Ruidoso and the county," he added. "So we're in control over who operates the facility. It's the same with selling the hospital. If we sell it we have no control over who operates it."

As the meeting closed, Donaldson encouraged the families to contact IHS about the closure, and its rumored sale of the Care Center operations. A family member encouraged others to call the Lyrick Company. She provided numbers of Dan Booth at Lyrick Corp. at 1-410-773-1014, and to Taylor Pickett at IHS at 1-410-773-1317 to call about the closure of the wings, and the rumored sale of the facility.

Shober provided a toll free number for family members to call the New Mexico Lawyer Referral for the Elderly at 1-800-867-6657 for legal advice.

The group agreed to meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the North Forty Room in Cree Meadows Restaurant. The restaurant had donated the use of the room for the group. Anyone interested in the issue is invited to attend.

## Trujillo Graduates From Guard Training

Army National Guard Pvt. Anita E. Trujillo graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee,

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Trujillo is the daughter of Gloria J. Rice of Capitan.

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