

Golf Course Water Hearing Is Continued To June 26

by DORIS CHERRY

The hearing on the protested transfer of 250 acre feet of water rights to the Black Elk L.L.C. for the Hubbard Hideaway of Lincoln County golf resort has been continued until June 26.

The hearing was originally scheduled to be held in Ruidoso in May, was moved to the State Engi-

neer's Office (SEO) in Roswell. During the five days of hearing the last week of May, SEO hearing officers took testimony from expert witnesses, including hydrologist Jack Atkins on behalf of Black Elk L.L.C. and SEO experts.

According to Lynda Sanchez to Lincoln with her husband James Sanchez and several other people with irrigation ditch

rights are pro se litigants to the water rights transfer request, said on the first day of the hearing the room was packed with people. But with no amplified sound system, many of those could not hear and by noon many of the people left and did not return for any of the remaining four days of the hearing, Sanchez told *THE NEWS*.

Sanchez said a water re-

source master from SEO gave excellent testimony on the draw down effect on wells. She said the testimony indicated that water needed to irrigate a golf course could result in 70 percent draw down on Angus area wells over a 40 year cycle. This could cause the water table to drop 70 to 85 feet, and affect as many as 20 wells in the Angus area.

Other testimony was given by Reginald Ritchie from Lincoln who explained the importance of green riparian areas to Lincoln, which is downstream from the proposed golf course.

Sanchez said attorney Greg Olsen, for Hubbard Enterprises of Palm Desert, CA (for Black Elk L.L.C.) objected to much of the information about the importance of a green valley for

visitation at the state monuments in Lincoln. Olsen also objected and asked for time to draft a rebuttal to information provided by SEO official Jane Wiggins whose testimony was not supportive of the transfer for the golf course.

Sanchez said Fred Henson, hearing officer from the

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Police Chief Appointed to Gas Board

by JEFF HAMMOND

During the Carrizozo Town Council meeting Tuesday, June 12 the mayor recommended appointing Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega to the Capitan Carrizozo Gas Board (CCNG) to fill the position vacated by the resignation of trustee Wesley Lindsay.

Prior to this Ruth Hammond, Carrizozo resident and co-publisher of *The Lincoln County News*, spoke during the audience participation of the meeting. Hammond read a prepared statement saying, "Rumors can cause serious problems and that is why I try to stop untrue rumors when I hear them."

Hammond continued, "Recently I heard that Leroy Montes was going to resign as chair of the CCNG and that Angelo Vega was going to be the chairman of the CCNG I insisted it was not possible."

"I explained that Angelo Vega was not on the CCNG and could not be the chairman."

"I also said that Angelo Vega had told me in confidence his reasons for resigning from the CCNG and he did it right here in this room." (Hammond pointed towards the rear of the room emphatically).

"When Angelo Vega was no longer on the CCNG he was hired by the CCNG to work 8 hours a month for a salary of \$500 a month."

"Agenda item 9.d for this meeting states, Mayor Hernandez - Approval of

Appointment of Angelo Vega to the Gas Board to replace Mr. Lindsay."

"My question is, if Angelo Vega is appointed to the gas board and receives \$500 a month to attend the once a month meetings, or \$750 a month if he is in fact the chairman of the CCNG, will he continue to work in his present capacity and earn that \$500 a month in addition to his \$750 a month for being a gas board member?"

"People question the amount that is being paid to members of the CCNG board. Several people ask whether it will be a conflict of interest for Angelo Vega to be his own boss on the gas board."

Angelo Vega answered Hammond by saying "First of all Ms. Hammond I did not work 8 hours once a month, it was 8 hours a week. Second of all that position that I hear from you about every time has been deleted. My appointment to the board it's their

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Whitaker Reappointed to CCNG Board

by DORIS CHERRY

Capitan Village Trustee John Whitaker will continue to be on the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board for the next three years, thanks to the tie breaking vote in his favor cast by the mayor.

During the regular trustees meeting on Tuesday, June 12, Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro broke the two-to tie in favor of Whitaker's appointment. Trustees Whitaker and Leroy Montes voted for the reappointment, while trustees Benny Coker and Debra Ingle vote against it. Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board members serve staggered three year terms. Whitaker had served for three years and his term was to expire at the end of June.

Later in the meeting, CCNG board chairman Leroy Montes gave a report on the CCNG decision to pursue a \$400,000 low interest loan through the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) to construct a line to allow CCNG to tie into the eight-inch Zia Natural Gas Company transmission line. Montes said the loan has been approved by the legislature (required for all NMFA loans), giving CCNG a good chance on getting the loan. Montes said the line should cost about \$250,000, leaving \$150,000 to put into extending CCNG service. He said annual payments will be \$40,000 for 15 years.

Montes said the new tie in line could lower gas rates for CCNG customers. He explained that currently CCNG is paying its gas provider Zia Natural Gas Co. for transportation and distribution charges, averaging about \$208,000 a year. With the new connection CCNG will only have to pay transportation charges which are about \$53,400 a year. "That would be a

\$154,000 savings over a year," Montes said. With loan payments at \$40,000 a year, CCNG could lower its rates about \$1 per cfm.

At the urging of the audience, Montes said now CCNG charges customers \$9 per cfm of gas. He said that is equivalent to about 10 gallons of propane.

"If we don't get the loan, our customers will continue to pay higher distribution costs."

In response to a question from the audience on whether Zia will keep CCNG from tying in with the new larger connection, Montes said the idea for the eight inch connection came from Mr. (David) Hamilton, owner of Zia Natural Gas Co.

Capitan village attorney Don Dutton explained to

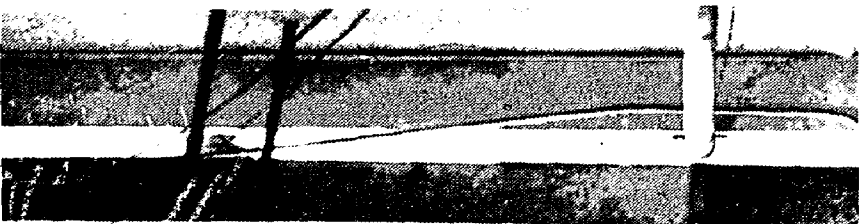
the trustees and audience that Zia replaced the original four-inch transmission line after purchasing the lines from CCNG. Dutton said Zia said the four inch lines were unsafe because of the pressures being put on them. "One of the last things anyone wants is another Carlsbad incident

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Carrizozo T-Base And Coach Registration June 18

Registration for t-ball and coach pitched baseball will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 18, at Spencer Park in Carrizozo.

Children three to seven years old are eligible. For more information call 648-4105.



HARD HAT AREA. Carrizozo Elementary School is now a hard hat area, thanks to a remodeling project financed with state critical capital outlay funds which are derived from lottery proceeds. Workers with Rebcon Services, Inc. construction company of Albuquerque are now in the demolition stage, tearing out old ceilings, old wiring and duct work, and getting ready to knock out the north walls to extend the north side classrooms by 10 feet. The project will also involve remodeling of the middle school area to provide ADA handicapped accessible toilets and a new science room area. Remodeling is expected to be totally completed by October 31. Project supervisor is Frank Sierra.



New Seat Belt Law To Start June 15th

Beginning Friday, June 15, all passengers riding in vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds must wear seat belts.

The new law, passed and signed during the 2001 legislative session, strengthens the current seat belt law by making it mandatory for all vehicle occupants to wear seat belts. With the new law, all adult and child occupants in both front and back seats of a motor vehicle must wear a seat belt.

The law covers vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds, which have been manufactured with federal safety belt standards.

Violators will be subject to fines.

Cleanup Days Set For Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's Meeting

The 62nd annual Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's Camp Meeting will be held July 18-22, 2001. It is a non-denominational held once yearly for all ages, at the established camping ground in Lincoln County.

The first work day to clean-up and prepare the 23-acre wooded grounds, will be held Saturday, June 23. Everyone is invited to bring tools and a basket lunch to spend the day. Or, some may bring folding chairs to act as supervisors, or baby sitters, for the adults and children who work with brooms and shovels and plastic trash sacks. It is always a 'fun' work day.

The second work day to prepare the tabernacle and service buildings, will be held Saturday, July 14, before the meeting begins on the following Wednesday evening.

This year's preachers will be David Burk, Seely City, TX and Steven Deutsch of Las Alamos, NM.

Registration signs to the campgrounds are posted on US 380 west of Capitan, and east of Carrizozo, and on State Road 37. For further information, call LaMoyné Peters (505) 354-2802.

Fire And Smoking Restrictions In Effect

Campfire and smoking restrictions remain in effect in the Lincoln National Forest due to high winds and temperatures and low humidity levels.

Under the restrictions it is prohibited to have a fire, campfire, charcoal broiler, coal or wood stove without a permit, except in developed campgrounds. Gas and propane grills and stoves are allowed in undeveloped areas in the forest at this time.

Campfires and charcoal are allowed in provided fire rings at Three Rivers, Oakgrove off Ski Run Road, South Fork near Bonito Lake, Morjeau on Sierra Blanca, Cedar Creek Picnic Area near Ruidoso, Skyline on Sierra Blanca and School House Picnic Area in Ruidoso.

Smoking is allowed only in an enclosed vehicle or building, within a developed recreation site or while stopped at an area barren of vegetation at least three feet in diameter.

Possession or using any firework is illegal in the National Forests. All internal or external combustion engines, such as chain saws, must have spark arresting devices properly installed.

Federal, state or local officers or members of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty are exempt from the restrictions. Also persons with a permit specifically authorizing a fire

Violations of the prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual, and \$10,000 for an organization, or six months imprisonment or both.



FULL POOL - NO KIDS. Where are all the kids? Carrizozo's Municipal Swimming Pool has been full of water for more than two weeks but is still closed. The town mayor says the pool should be open by next week, once the lifeguards get certified. The mayor said pool staff have been cleaning and getting the pool ready to open.

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Golf Course Water Hearing

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state engineer's office, granted the hearing extension set for June 26. At that time, the officer did not specify where the hearing would be held.

Roswell hydrologist Jack Atkins provided testimony in support of the water rights transfer, Sanchez added. She said Atkins gave water information for only two years out of the last 100 years, the years 1900 and 1998, both wet years.

The water rights issue has gained attention beyond Lincoln County. On Mon-

day, June 4, the internet "Casino Magazine" featured an article in its "Attractions" section. It gives historical information about the 53-acre water right transfer that was approved before area residents began protest of the transfers. The article also gives R.D. Hubbard, who is the owner of the 745 acre ranch where the Hideout of Lincoln County, credit for having a major impact on the area economic and tourist development efforts with the Museum of the American West, Billy the Kid Casino at the Ruidoso Downs racetrack, and the Links at Sierra Blanca Golf Course in Ruidoso.

In the article it states Hubbard's group contends the golf course would not endanger the area water supply.

Hubbard's original request for a transfer of 53 acre was made in 1999. The Roswell SEO recommended denial of the transfer because the golf course wells would pump water from a different aquifer than where the original water rights were located. But the recommendation was overturned by the Santa Fe SEO water rights division chief Paul Saavedra. He approved the change after a meeting with Atkins, hydrologist working for Hubbard, and Lou Gallegos, Governor Gary Johnson's chief of staff. The Hubbard group contended the new wells would tap the same aquifer in Angus that supplies the Lincoln Valley.

Albuquerque attorney Tim DeYoung, who represents the Sanchez's and other ditch users in Lincoln, said there is no evidence the SEO in Santa Fe was asked to reverse the recommendation to deny the transfer. However, he did say his litigants have concerns because Hubbard is a very powerful individual with political connections.

THE NEWS contacted the SEO in Roswell and found that the hearing will be

held June 26 at the State Engineer's Office located at 1900 West Second Street in Roswell. The hearing will begin at 8 a.m.

The hearing is open to the public. However, only those who are protestants, litigants or expert witnesses can make comment.

Annual Smokey Bear Fun Run To Be Held On July 4

The 21st annual Smokey Bear Fun Run will be held on July 4 in Capitan.

Pre-registration forms are available at any First Federal Bank. Registration can also be done on the day of the race.

On July 4, registration begins at 7 a.m. at the First Federal Bank parking lot. The race begins at 8 a.m. Runners can choose between a 10 K or two mile fun run.

Prizes and t-shirts will be awarded in the various age categories. Registration is \$10. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Smokey.

For more information or to obtain a pre-registration form, contact Kacey Holt at 1-800-219-6201.

Food Commodities To Be Delivered On June 21 In Carrizozo

The Emergency Assistance Food Program will be distributing food commodities in Carrizozo on Thursday, June 21.

The food will be distributed from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Carrizozo Recreation Center (not the senior center).

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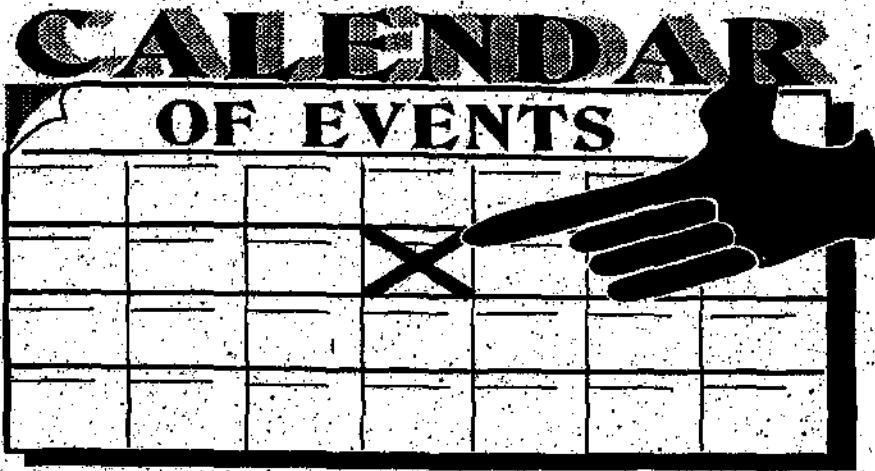
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Whitaker Reappointed

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(when a large gas line exploded killing several people," Dutton said.

That led to discussion on how much liability insurance CCNG carries.

Trustee Benny Coker said if CCNG is a municipal utility, who would be liable if a disaster, such as a gas line explosion, happens.

CCNG office manager Kay Strickland said the company carries only a \$1 million policy. Dutton said that should be looked at and increased, since the liability of the pipeline accident in Carlsbad is now in the "tens of millions of dollars."

There was also discussion about where the CCNG service is located. Herman Otero, who lives west of the school, asked if he could get CCNG service. Montes said CCNG sold the four inch line that runs along Yard Road to Zia. CCNG has taps into this line for the church and the school. But CCNG has no lines going west along Highway 380.

Montes said if CCNG constructs the eight-inch line connection, CCNG will have to get its taps off the four inch line on Yard Road. This could affect the church, school, village yard, senior center and county road department yard.

For now, CCNG is doing no new extensions, until the issues with Zia are resolved and the loan approved, Montes added.

Resident Robert O. Goddard asked how the loan will be collateralized. Montes said CCNG will pledge its system as an asset.

"CCNG will sign the note, not Capitan or Carrizozo," said Dutton. "CCNG is a separate entity owned by the Village of Capitan and Town of Carrizozo."

An audience member asked if CCNG defaults on the loan, who would pay. Dutton said he could not answer that since he has not seen the loan documents. Dutton explained that at one time CCNG was a municipal utility, organized under the state Water and Natural Gas Association Act. On March 8, 1998, CCNG was changed to become a municipal natural gas utility under joint powers agreement approved by both municipalities. "It appears the current CCNG is organized under the state statute for Joint Powers Agreements 11-1-1c," Dutton added. "CCNG is a self regulating body."

Dutton said under the agreements, CCNG is not entitled to receive any appropriation or grants for operations or capital expenses from either the Village of Capitan or Town of Carrizozo. "They pay their costs through rate increases, not through the municipalities," he added. Dutton said copies of the joint powers agreement can be viewed by the public at village hall or the CCNG office in Capitan.

"CCNG appears to be a municipal utility, but it is not organized under the state statutes for such municipal utilities," Dutton added.

Coker then asked Dutton to provide at the next meeting, clarification on whether CCNG employees are municipal employees, since CCNG is considered a municipal utility. "If they are municipal employees, we need to have information about their salaries," Coker added.

Dutton said the CCNG board by the JPA must provide a quarterly financial report and annual report to both boards of trustees. Montes said the CCNG board also receives a

monthly financial report at every monthly meeting.

Resident Henry Cobos asked if the CCNG board members have term limits. Whitaker said there are no term limits for board members, but the mayoral elections usually result in changes on the board. Cobos said he thought there should be term limits for the CCNG board members.

THE NEWS asked if CCNG board members receive any kind of pay or stipend. Montes said board members receive \$150 a month to attend meetings, usually once a month. The board chairman receives \$350 a month. The stipends were increased to this current level last year, Montes said.

Montes said the public can attend the CCNG meetings. The next CCNG meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at Wells Fargo Bank community room in Carrizozo. CCNG board rotates its meeting location from the CCNG office in Capitan to Carrizozo. The July CCNG meeting will be held in Capitan.



Hot dry winds dominated the weather pattern again last week. Afternoon clouds over the weekend produced no rain. Tuesday, June 12 started cool with low clouds in the mountains, that were blown away by afternoon. The entire county was under a high wind warning Wednesday afternoon.

Dry windy weather is predicted to continue this week with a slight chance for relief this weekend.

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, June 14: Mostly sunny, with north-west winds 5 to 15 miles per hour. No chance for precipitation. High temperature in Carrizozo 85. Tonight mostly clear with low of 51.

Friday, June 15 to Tuesday, June 19: Clear to partly cloudy. A slight chance for afternoon and evening thunderstorms Saturday, through Monday. Highs to the mid 90s, lows to the mid 60s.

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

Today, Thursday, June 14: Mostly sunny and cooler with west winds 10 to 20 miles per hour. High temperature in Ruidoso 78. No chance for precipitation. Tonight mostly clear, with lows in mid 30s to mid 40s. Low in Ruidoso of 41.

Friday, June 15 through Tuesday, June 19:

Clear to partly cloudy with slight chance of late afternoon and evening thunderstorms Saturday through Monday. Highs in upper 70s to low 80s. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 50s.

Capitan Chamber Awards Scholarship

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce awards its annual \$300 scholarship to Tracy Armenta.

The scholarship award was announced at the May 26 Capitan High School graduation ceremony.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
 -Lincoln Masonic Foundation Family Day; coffee at 10 a.m. lunch at noon at Lincoln Park. Entertainment after lunch. All Masons and their families invited.

-Mountain of Blues Festival, Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Call 336-1980 or 336-1144 for information.
 -Lincoln County Historical Society special Chautauqua presentation about Kij Carson and his southern New Mexico Connection (Fort Stanton) 7 p.m. Hubbard Museum of the American West, Ruidoso Downs.

MONDAY, JUNE 18
 -Carrizozo School Board special budget hearing, 6 p.m. school administration building, conference room.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
 -Carrizozo Action Team 9 a.m. Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 309 Central.
 -Fun Day at Carrizozo Rec Center, 11 a.m. to 12 noon for ages 4-8, 1-2 p. for ages 7 and up.
 -Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.
 -Carrizozo Board of Education, 7 p.m. administration building.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20
 -Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Board 6 p.m. Wells Fargo Bank community room, Carrizozo.
 -Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission, 8:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21
 -Lincoln County Commissioners regular meeting, 9 a.m. their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Public hearing on CDBG project at 10 a.m. and on other ordinances.
 -Emergency Assistance Food Program commodities 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carrizozo Recreation Center.
 -Democratic Party of Lincoln County honors former First Lady Alice King, 6 p.m. no host social hour, 7 p.m. dinner at Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso. Call 354-2873 for information or to reserve tickets.
 -Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 7 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22
 -Grievance hearing against the Regional Housing Authority, that administers the low income housing, 7 p.m. Carrizozo Town Hall. Open to the public.
 Calendar of Events

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
 -Beginning Acrobatics classes beginning at 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. for ages 3-14 at Carrizozo Rec Center.
 -Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

Invitation

Family and friends
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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Same old, same old, same

By Ruth Hammond

Sometimes the news gets to be fairly predictable. If you hear about the 505 area code rhubarb once, you will hear about it over and over before the matter is finally settled. If you hear about education reform, not unlike reform school, you will hear about it over and over before a solution is reached concerning the real matter of educating children. If you hear about Chad and how the votes continue to be counted in Florida, you know that election will never ever be over. But certain things and certain topics continue to be discussed. That portion of the news is fairly predictable.

As for solutions to these matters, we have no control over the 505 area code situation and we really have no say in the school reform issue, even if we do know that phonetics is the best way to learn to read, and no state, even a modern eastern state such as Florida, should have been using 19th century, or 18th century, voting systems.

Maybe the best solution is to wait and eventually there won't be anything new to say about any of these topics, and there won't be any way new to say the same old thing. Too bad that solution only works when talking about topics. That solution definitely does not work when it comes to the names of certain people. Have you noticed that if there is a disagreement concerning certain governmental situations that certain people are always involved? The majority of these people are not trying to get free publicity, it seems they are just drawn to controversial circumstances. If there is going to be a governmental dispute, whether it is the municipality, school, county or state or any subsidiary of any of these governmental entities, certain people seem to make an effort to be contenders for rights to the first bout.

Even if you wouldn't want your name to be connected with suggestions of possible wrong-doings, certain people apparently thrive on such situations. Or maybe it isn't the lust for the situation as much as it is the lust for monetary gain, or possible monetary gain. Or maybe some of these certain people do want the publicity because of political ambitions they may have. Or maybe some of these certain people just don't realize that what they are doing may be right, but it gives the impression that it is very, very wrong.

One might assume that these certain people would be aware that their actions while serving in a governmental capacity, whether it is as an elected official or whether it is as an appointee to a position, are being scrutinized by the public constantly. The public wants to know what actions are being taken and whether these actions are in the best interests of everyone, not just the best interests of a few.

Loyalty to the people being served should be a priority, but too often it isn't. If these certain people would be more willing to conduct governmental business in the open, and not try to hide pertinent information from the public, it would be better for everyone, especially for the action takers.

Distrust is what happens when secrecy prevails. Would you trust elected officials who say the tap water is good to drink but buy bottled water for certain town employees? Maybe some Carizozo water taps are different from others.

News is news, sometimes

AG Warns Against Collect Calls, Credit Card Scams

New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid is warning New Mexico residents about a scam involving collect calls from Mexico, and a tele-marketing credit-card scam with a company called "Consumer Alert."

According to information from the AG's office, the collect call scam tends to target households with a Hispanic surname with a collect call from an alleged relative with the same surname. The calls are mostly from Mexico or Guatemala. Many phone companies that carry long distance from Mexico charge a minimum of five minutes even if a call is a few seconds. Sometimes these calls can exceed \$50. Local service providers in Mexico benefit from these calls because they receive a commission for all completed calls.

California received a large number of these calls this spring. "New Mexicans need to be prepared to deal with such calls," said Madrid. She suggests residents who receive collect calls from out of the country should determine if they have family members living abroad. If there are no such relatives, the residents who receive suspect collect calls should hang up immediately. If there are relatives abroad, ask the operator to have the caller provide more identifying information such as a mother's maiden name, name of grandparent or age of a family member before accepting any charges.

If you receive such a call, ask the operator from where the call originates,

what rates you will be charged if you accept the call and if there is a minimum charge for the call.

Victims of the scam should call the local service provider if charges appear on your bills and dispute the charge; register a complaint on the clearing house number listed on your phone bill.

And finally contact the Public Regulatory Commission, Consumer Relations Division at 1-800-663-9782 to file a complaint.

Madrid is also warning consumers about a tele-marketing credit card scam that uses high pressure tactics to convince consumers to provide the company, "Consumer Alert, with credit card numbers and social security numbers. Then they ask the consumer to pay a fee of \$289 for them to remove your personal information from the internet and marketing sources.

Consumers are urged to protect themselves against tele-marketing scams. Some guidelines to consumers include finding out who the caller is and what company is represented. Ask for the address, main office telephone number and how long the firm has been in business at that location. Ask the caller to send information in the mail.

Victims of any of the scams, or anyone wanting more information may call the Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division toll free at 1-800-678-1508. Consumer complaint forms are available in Spanish and English.



SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - What's all the fuss about? Now we've got death threats against the three Public Regulation Commissioners who voted to let rural New Mexico keep the 505 area code. And we've got a figure of \$50 million floating around as the cost for Albuquerque and Santa Fe to switch their area code.

The \$50 million is based on the cost of every business and state agency immediately reprinting every bit of its material that contains an area code, plus a guess at how much business is going to be lost because people get the wrong number.

And yet, both area codes will work for something like six months after the change is made and after that there will be a period in which a recorded announcement will provide the new area code.

It's hard to see how that's a life-or-death matter or how it is going to cause business failures. It is an inconvenience, but should it cause that much furor? Could the emotion be caused by anger at the loss of control by city folks and state government over rural New Mexicans? It is something to which they're not accustomed.

It isn't really the state agencies that are complaining. State bureaucrats

aren't out any money if they have to change area codes. All of us foot that bill.

But we might pay the bill even if Albuquerque and Santa Fe get to keep the 505 area code. One of the suggestions being made by the 505 Coalition, an Albuquerque group that is fighting the area code switch, is that rural business owners receive a payment or tax credit for their loss.

The rationale for the state holding business owners harmless is that the costs should be shared equally by everyone. So what's the difference? The state pays either way. And it is easier for the state to pay for reprinting materials than passing a bill and getting it signed by Gov. No, creating a payment or tax credit.

Obviously some businesses will be hurt more than others. But the cost of reprinting business cards and stationery can't be that bad. Santa Fe is going to be adding new zip codes in the near future. That will require new business cards and stationery too, but no one has threatened to kill the postmaster yet. Albuquerque adds new zip codes all the time so its business owners should be accustomed to the inconvenience.

One possible benefit

of the area code controversy is that some Albuquerqueans have become aware that life exists outside the city limits. The president of the 505 Coalition and its attorney both have written opinion pieces that some newspapers have published, saying they never realized how rural New Mexicans feel about them.

They have apologized for their blind spot and want to heal the wounds - but only after a decision allowing Albuquerque to keep its area code. Nevertheless, it could get some dialog started.

Sen. Tim Jennings of Roswell issued the wake-up call. He said the issue is bigger than an area code change. It requires attention to cooperation and fairness throughout the state. Phone services Albuquerqueans take for granted, rural residents go without. He even suggested they might be willing to give up their area code in exchange for voice mail, caller ID and 56K modem speed.

Jennings noted how the rest of New Mexico travels to Albuquerque to spend money at its malls and secure health services. He contended that Albuquerque gets a large share of state-paid public works projects that are financed by severance tax money, none of which is produced in Bernalillo County.

The 505 Coalition contended, however, that these issues have nothing to do with area codes. Its leaders suggest that Jennings take them up in the appropriate forums.

But the problem is that those issues haven't gotten anywhere in the appropriate forums. In this forum, Jennings has some unaccustomed leverage.

Editor's Note: The Public Regulation Commission met yesterday in Socorro to receive public input. Another vote may be taken concerning the area code situation as early as next Tuesday.

Juneteenth Celebration in Alamogordo June 16

Juneteenth, which celebrates the end of slavery in the United States, will be celebrated in Alamogordo with a Juneteenth parade set for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16.

The theme of the parade is "Equality for All". Festivities continue after the parade at Washington Park with live musical entertainment.

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Week of June 14- 20, 2001

Pisces: (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Don't rush a good thing, even if you are the only one who thinks its a "Good Thing". Keep Positive Thoughts & Actions! :-)

Aries: (Mar - Apr 19) \$\$\$\$ and Love don't mix! Keep it straight in your Head & Heart Then you won't get taken either way! Go with your heart.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 2) Change is in the air! You can make your move NOW, just make sure thats what you really want to do! There's no going back!

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Even in your busy schude, make time for Friends & Loved ones, you never know when you won't be able to do it again. Live Love & Laugh

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) Don't waste your valuable time on people who just "Don't Get It." Do the best you can, with what your working with. Then go home, & relax!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) What you SEE, is not always the truth! What you WANT TO SEE, is not always the truth! Open your eyes and find out the real truth!

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) You're not letting the left hand know what the right hand is doing! It could be fun...or it could be trouble! Is it worth the risk?

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You may be a little forgetful, be sure to write down everything thats important. Get more sleep, and turn off the PHONE, once in awhile! :-)

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Your in a learning period of your life, this means to take a little time, to get what you want. Don't take the bull-by-the-horns!

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Too much work will only make you go backwards! Believe it or not, a little fun goes a long way, and you'll still get the job done w/fun!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Thinking about buying something, that might be out of your budget...Think Again! Sleep on It! Don't over load yourself, or anyone else!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) It's time to Boogie...Leave? Get down and have Fun? Or all the above? Get Boogie Fever! Just don't let it make you sick!

ENMU Schedules Advisory Sessions

Freshmen who will attend Eastern New Mexico University in Portales are required to attend one of two Early Advising and Registration Sessions on June 15-16 or July 13-14.

Sessions include information on degree plans, introduction to campus services and facilities, financial aid, music auditions for those interested in band, placement tests for various subjects, etc.

For more information call Michelle Ficke or Cara Jones in the Admissions Office at 1-800-367-3668.

TO THE CITIZENS OF LINCOLN COUNTY

The Pino family would like to apologize to Rick Virden, Danny Narvaez, Gilbert Barela and Michael Barela for any disparaging rumors or slanderous remarks that we may have caused to be initiated.

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County Commission Meets Thurs., June 21

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 21, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo for a regular session.

At 10 a.m. county commissioners have scheduled five public hearings. The first hearing is to discuss the 2002 New Mexico Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and possible projects for which the county can apply for CDBG funds.

The second hearing is on a proposed ordinance to make it unlawful to park or camp on county roadways or county rights of way, with exceptions. The ordinance will also provide for penalties and will repeal any ordinances in conflict.

The third hearing is on a proposed ordinance prohibiting contraband and making it illegal to possess, smoke or use tobacco products or any other weed or plant or to possess devices used to smoke tobacco or any other weed or plant, within the confines of the Lincoln County Detention Center; providing a penalty and effective date.

The fourth hearing is for a proposed ordinance that will provide for a \$25 assessment on unpaid checks issued to the County of Lincoln.

The fifth hearing is to consider implementing a ban on outdoor flames and the sale and use of fireworks in Lincoln County. Other items on the tentative agenda are:

-Consent agenda of finance; treasurer's report for May; Lincoln County Maternal and Child Health Care Quarterly Report; Sole

Community Provider and Indigent Health Care Claims; E-911 Addressing Grant Agreement amendment.

-Manager's projects report.

-Approval of individual physicians eligible to receive Indigent Health Care funds.

-Request for approval of revised Indigent Health Care Fund applications.

-Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) report from administrator Jim Gibson.

-Discussion by county commissioner Ray Nunley about the closure of Ruidoso Care Center.

-Discussion about the change in area code for rural New Mexico.

-Resolution to update Public Records Policy.

-1 p.m. time for visitors who did not request to be on the agenda.

-Request by Smokey Davis for final road acceptance in Agua Fria Estates Subdivision.

-Application for summary review plat approval for Eagle Ridge Subdivision as presented by D.T. Collins.

-Application for summary review plat approval for Oak Valley Subdivision requested by James and Rhonda Grace as presented by D.T. Collins.

-Vegetation update from Sally Canning.

-Water/Forest Health Discussion; water transfers, letter to State Engineer, application for funding for water study, New York Times article, Collaborative Forest Restoration Program.

-Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) reports on the Highway 70 Road upgrade, Fire Protection, U.S. Forest Service 25 percent fund Act; water

conservation resolution as requested by county commissioner Nunley.

-Report on Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA).

-Quarterly Workforce Development Board update from director Gary Gozens.

-Agreement between the County of Lincoln and the Lincoln County Deputy

Sheriff's Association. -Consideration of award of request for proposal for management and operation of the Hondo Clinic.

-Approval of recommendations by the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee-\$8,200 as requested by Bruce Eldredge on behalf of the Hubbard

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Upcoming Marriage

Michael Walker and McKee Sommerville will be united in marriage on Friday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Lincoln, NM.

Michael is the son of Frank and Jeannette Walker of Carrizozo, and McKee is the daughter of Karen and Max Sommerville. Both are 2001 Capitan High School graduates.

Michael will be joining the U.S. Army in August and the couple will be living in Fort Lewis, Washington after boot camp and OJT.

A reception will follow the wedding at Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Legislative Redistricting Committee Will Meet In Roswell On June 21st

The state Legislative Interim Committee on Redistricting will hold hearings in Carlsbad, Roswell and Clovis next week.

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, the redistricting committee will hold hearing at the Pecos River Conference Center, Carousel Room; 711 Muscatel, Carlsbad.

On Thursday, June 21, the committee will hold a hearing at 10 a.m. at the ENMU Occupational Technology Center, Seminar Room, at 20 W. Mathis in Roswell.

At 10 a.m. Friday, June 22, the committee will hold hearing at the Clovis Community College, Room 512, Art Building Board Room, at 417 Schepps Blvd. in Clovis.

The hearings are being held to help inform the public and to receive input on the redistricting of congressional, legislative, public regulation commission, state board of education

and certain magistrate districts, based on the 2000 Census of population.

For information contact Jon Boller, Luce Salas or Claudia McKay at the Legislative Council Service in Santa Fe at 505-986-4600

State School Board To Appoint New Hondo School Board Member

The vacancy on the Hondo Board of Education that has existed since the February 2001 school board election will be filled on June 22.

The New Mexico Board of Education, at its meeting on June 22 in Room 322 in the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe, will select a new member from applications submitted to fill the position on the board. The appointment is #9 on the State Board of Education meeting agenda. The meeting begins at 8 a.m. and is open to the public.

Calendar of Events

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WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

-Story Time at Carrizozo Rec Center. 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 4-6; 1-2 p.m. for ages 7-13.

-Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 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.

-Art classes for ages 4-13 at 1-3 p.m. Carrizozo Rec Center.

SATURDAYS

-Capitan Public Library open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summer Reading Program at 10:30 a.m. each Saturday, for children to age 18.

-Ruidoso Public Library summer reading program 12-2 p.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 14

-Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

-Corona Village Trustees special public hearing for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project at 5:30 p.m.

-Capitan Board of Education, 8 p.m. school administration building.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

-Capitan Chamber of Commerce Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Call 354-4321 or 354-4251 for information. Continues on June 16.

-F.A.S.T. 3-D archery competition, local shoot at Grindstone Recreation Area, Ruidoso. For brochure call 257-5793 or visit www.fastarchery.org.

Lincoln County will be overflowing with people during the July 4 holiday for the 46th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede in Capitan and other activities in the area.

Activities for the Smokey Bear Stampede July 4, 5, 6 and 7 will include a parade, Old West Ranch Rodeo, Music Festival, Antique & Classic Car Show, Fun Run, Smokey Bear Calf Scramble, Dances, Senior Tie Down Steer Roping, Food, Crafts, and booths. Events will be held each day, July 4, 5, 6 & 7.

The entire schedule of events for the four days of the Smokey Bear Stampede will be published in the June 28 issue of . . .

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The Smokey Bear Stampede schedule of events will be surrounded by advertisements.

You can place your ad in the June 28 issue of *The Lincoln County News* in a 2-column x 4-inch space, like the sample below for \$35.00. All advertising copy and logos must be in the NEWS office by Monday, June 25 (no later than 12:00 Noon).

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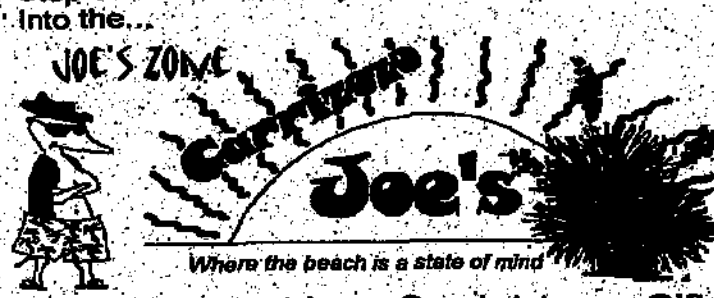
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Our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who accompanied us during the loss of our sister Nellie Gallegos. We thank you for your prayers, food, cards, flowers and support.

Special thanks to Ernie Gonzales PA, and Rosa Sanchez, and Fr. Dave Bergs, and members of the Parish Hall. God Bless You!

THE PADILLA FAMILY

Lincoln County Asked To Help With Forest Health Projects

by DORIS CHERRY

Some residents think Lincoln County should be proactive in helping residents do forest health projects.

But Lincoln County Commissioners don't think the county should subsidize such work for private citizens.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting of May 17 held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners heard a request from Sun Valley county subdivision resident Sharon Stewart for help with forest projects. She said she and several other residents "got together" and applied for a grant through the New Mexico State Forestry Division to do wildfire mitigation in their forested residential area. "We heard the county will not do anything for wildfire mitigation," Stewart said. "The problem is we got only enough money (in the grant) to treat 30 acres."

Stewart said she and the other residents think the

county or Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) should apply for grants to get equipment that would be available to residents. "If you do this you would provide us with a service we are willing to pay for," Stewart said. "Ruidoso does this now. I think the county should follow this lead."

"We need a solution," Stewart added. "We don't need a list of grants we can apply for."

Stewart said the ongoing problem in the forested area will be pine needles. "We need service for yard waste from here to eternity," Stewart said. "But if we have a wildfire, we won't have to worry about pine needles--or tax money because there won't be any homes to tax."

County commissioner Leo Martinez said the county cannot afford to lose "sight and momentum" on the forest health issue.

But county manager Tom Stewart said the issue involves private property. "It is not appropriate to generate a county service on private property," manager Stewart said. "When there are private entities that can do the job."

"It's not our business to compete with private enterprise," manager Stewart said.

County commissioner Ray Nunley said he thinks many people think Lincoln County is LCSWA. Nunley said he thought there needs to be an increase in LCSWA rates to take care of yard/forest waste, but he also said he did not think the county should do projects on private property.

Ms. Stewart said the residents are just asking the county to take care of the waste, not do projects. She said she and others have paid the private entity Sierra Contractors to dispose of forest/yard waste.

County commission chair Rex Wilson said LCSWA was the best entity to purchase yard waste removal equipment.

But county attorney Alan Morel said LCSWA is separate from Lincoln County, and LCSWA does contract with Sierra Contractors to

deal with the yard waste. "Pine needles occur naturally," Morel said. "It is not LCSWA's obligation to clean all the county, but it could contract to help take care of the problem."

"I don't think the county can (pick up yard/forest waste) for free, and for LCSWA the same thing," Morel added.

Martinez then asked about the county applying for grants for equipment the county would give to LCSWA for yard waste removal. Nunley suggested applying for a community development block grant (CDBG) to purchase the waste equipment, but that would not qualify on a county-wide basis due to income levels.

Wilson suggested the county apply for grants for equipment for entities to ease the bottleneck of disposal of forest materials.

"If you want the county cleaned up," said Maury St. John from the Cedar Creek county area west of Ruidoso. "The county has to help."

Wilson said the county might be able to find an avenue to funnel grant money for a voucher system for land owners. "I do not envision the county getting in the removal business," Wilson said.

Manager Stewart said one contractor got a grant to purchase equipment.

Wilson said there are about 20 grants programs for forest projects that are paid on a reimbursement process.

Lincoln area resident Sally Canning said the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District is looking for grant funds to purchase chippers to be available for recycling forest waste on properties of three to five acres.

County commissioner Bill Schwetzmann said in Alto, the home owners association charges \$25 to dispose of yard/forest waste with a private contractor. "It can be done," he said about the problem.

County resident Ralph Romero asked if the \$25 is for unlimited disposal.

Schwetzmann said he was unsure, but most Alto lots are only three-fourths acre cleaned every year.

"We're talking about lots never cleaned," Romero said.

Manager Stewart asked if the commissioners wanted to apply for a grant.

Martinez suggested a grant for fencing around a 40-yard roll off container for forest waste. "If we have a fire and we have not facilitated the solution, we have a problem," Martinez added.

Romero then said he has been to at least 27 meetings about forest health recently and has learned there are "all sorts of grants". He suggested the Sun Valley residents, or residents who are connected to a sanitation district apply for a grant. "Don't depend on the county," Romero said to the Sun Valley residents. "Get the grants on your own, because as a water association or sanitation district you are legal water entities."

Ms. Stewart said the residents have applied for and received a grant that will take care of 30 acres. "But we have 170 acres that need work," she added.

County commissioners never committed to applying for grant for forest waste removal. Later in the meeting Wilson said he did

Racing at Ruidoso Downs

Trainer Gilbreath Sweeps Ruidoso Futurity and Derby

Trainer C. "Sleepy" Gilbreath won the Ruidoso Futurity with Red Clay Of Texas, the second fastest qualifier in the trails, which were held May 25.

Red Clay of Texas ridden by Roy Baldillez, broke from post position ten, and won the race a length over First Thoughts. Red Clay Of Texas is owned by Jack W. Evans Jr. of Celina, TX. Red Clay of Texas won the race in the time of 17.58 and a speed index of 93. Coming in second was First Thoughts and jockey Juan Vasquez. First Thoughts trained by Carlos Sedillo and owner Robert J. Gerhardt finished second by a half length over Shake A Special Star and jockey Sam Thompson. Shake A Special Star is trained by Russel M. Harris and owned by Garlyn O. Shelton.

"I feel very fortunate to have won both races today. We have some good horses," Gilbreath replied.

Red Clay Of Texas has been somewhat of a handful to handle. Red Clay Of Texas was an All American Sales Graduate who was repurchased by Evans. Red Clay Of Texas will run next in the Rainbow Tuturity Trails to be held Thursday, July 6.

Gilbreath also won the Ruidoso Derby with Rare Fasteroid and jockey Alex Baldillez. Rare Fasteroid is owned by J.B. Moss of Lipan, TX. The favorite of the race Kendall Jackson and jockey Larry Gamez came in second by half a length. Kendall Jackson is trained by Michael Joiner and owned by Janis Spencer.

The Way You Want Me and jockey Jose Badilla, Jr. came in third by half a length. The Way You Want Me is trained by John Bassett and owned by Gary W. Potts and Carl E. Smith.

This is the second time Gilbreath has won both races in the same year. Three years ago in 1996, he won the Ruidoso Derby with Wicked Winner and the Ruidoso Futurity with First Down Bounce.

How Bout Now Wins Rio Grande Kindergarten Futurity

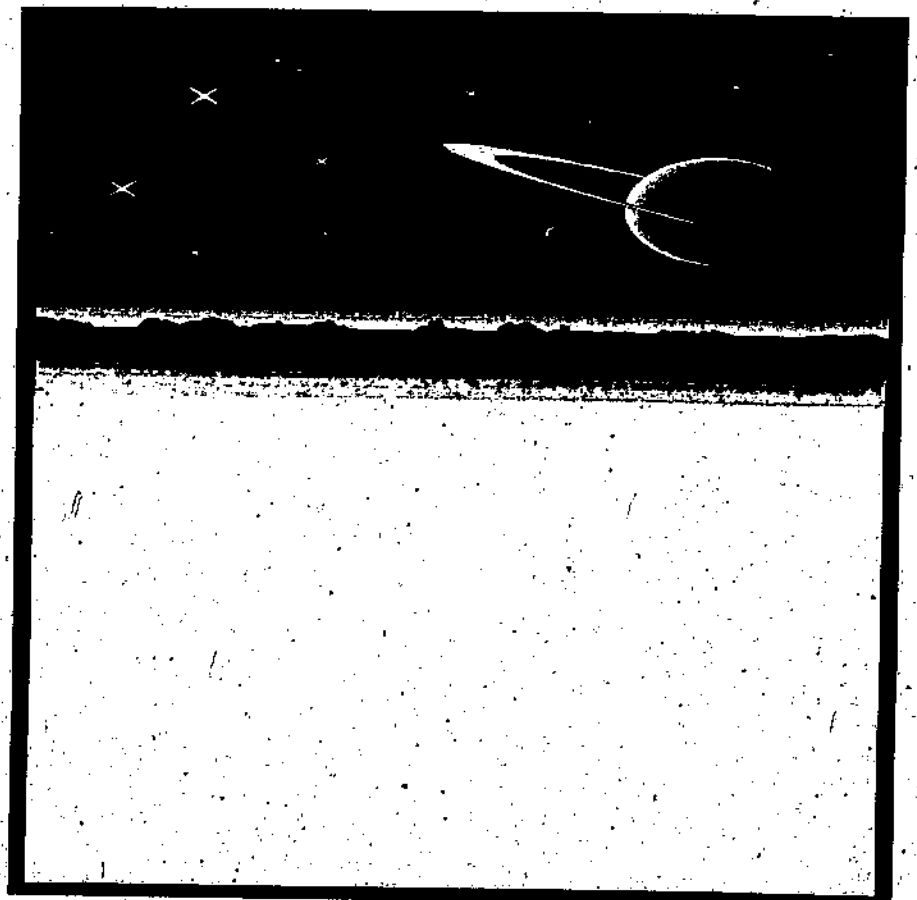
How Bout Now and jockey Joe Martinez pressed the pace through the turn and won by two and 1/4 lengths over Ninety Nine Jack. How Bout Now is owned by Pierre Jean and Leslie A. Amestoy and trained by Fred I. Danley. In the Coppertop Futurity How Bout Now had a bad break and came in second.

Ninety Nine Jack and jockey Victor Toquinto were able to hold off stable mate Praire Fire for second. Both horses are trained by J. Michael Welch and owner Mary H. Bowden of Big Spring, TX.

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Old Lincoln Town by Rosalie Dunlap

It is getting to be berry picking time. The Andersons have set the following time schedule to pick: Cherries will start June 20 to 25; blackberries, starting July 4; and the raspberries starting August 1 until the end of the harvest. Call 653-4666 for further information.

The Stitches club memorial to Betty Shreengost, deceased member, was to finish her needle point that she had been working on for at least 10 years. Club member Bunty Richardson of Nogal finished the beautiful needlepoint and then had it framed. It was presented to her daughter, Susie Kuns in time for the interment of her ashes at the Angus cemetery. She had been a member for five years.

I received this some time ago but didn't seem to have enough room. Major Shaun McArthur was recognized by the

Commandant's Staff Profile of NMMI.

McArthur has been a member of the Commandant's staff since February 1990. He is a graduate of the 1981 high school and 1983 college graduate of the Institute. He was named a Distinguished Military Student in his first year. And commanded the third squadron.

After attending Texas Tech U. he entered active duty in the U.S. Army as an infantry officer. He served with the Airborne and Ranger schools and served in Europe with the Berlin Brigade.

He returned to NMMI to teach English but instead he filled the position of Troop Leadership Advisor program. He was recognized several times as the TLA of the year.

He continues with the TLS that has expanded into the Squadron Leadership Advisory program. He is a diligent worker and a valued asset in the

Commandant's plans for further leadership development at NMMI.

He spends his free time at the home of his parents, Pam and Mac McArthur near Lincoln. His father is a 1960 graduate of NMMI.

I will be getting back to the history of the pageant 'Last Escape of Billy the Kid' soon. I need material and stories of the 50s, 60s and 70s. I have some but some got burned in our house fire in 1980.

The Lincoln County Republicans held their monthly meeting at the Ellis Store last week. John Dendahl, NM State Republican chairman was the speaker. The 60 members and guests were informed about the upcoming redistricting, and responsibility of the precinct chairman, was among the topics of his talk.



JUST PASSING THROUGH. These wild geese stopped by at the local recreation area/golf course for a little bit of relaxation and cooling off time during one of our hotter than normal days last week. With the local swimming pool 'yet again' due to open later than what was originally planned -- this might just be the best way for Carrizozo's youth to get any kind of (time in the water).

White Oaks and Jicarilla News

by Willa Lee Adkins

After this year's Miner's Day, White Oaks is recouping and regrouping for next year's Miner's Day. The next event coming up is the White Oaks Artist Tour in August. We are looking forward to this event.

The White Oaks Fire Department had their business meeting June 12.

It is very hot and dry in the area, as it is everywhere, and the fire danger is very high.

With the Lincoln County Days coming up in August, in Lincoln town, I have some "Returns from U.S. Military Posts 1800

to 1916". These are returns from Fort Stanton, NM. They will be in part and for the complete information they can be found in most Family History Centers. What I have come from the Family History Center in Carlsbad, NM.

Post Return for February, 1878. Record of Events: A state of lawlessness existing in the town of Lincoln, distance nine miles from this post, accompanied by mob violence and defiance of civil authority. Lt. M.G. Goodwin and P.S. Humphrey, 9th Cavalry with 25 men of Co. "H" 9th Cavalry left post for that town on the 20th of February and 1st Lt. C.M. Delaney 15th

Infantry and all available men of Co. H 15th Infantry, marched to Lincoln, the 22nd of February for the purpose of preserving the peace and preventing bloodshed.

The troops returned to the post on 23rd of February, leaving 1st Sergeant and six privates of Co. H, 15th Infantry and one enlisted man of Co. H, 9th Cavalry can act as a courier in case of emergencies by superior civil authority for the restoration of peace and quiet.

Note of Interest: Ancho-Jicarilla District, placer mining for gold started as early as 1850 when Mexican-American prospectors hauled in water and washed the gravels in "bateas", shallow wooden pans about 1 1/2 to 2 feet in diameter. Angol-American prospectors began working there in about 1880.

"Geology and Placer-Gold Deposits of the Jicarilla Mountains, Lincoln County, New-Mexico".

Lincoln County Delayed Births - 1876 to 1895, available through most Family History Centers of

the Mormon Church. A record of a delayed birth is an unrecorded birth, at the time of birth, i.e., on a ranch, at home etc.

White Oaks 15, Raven-ton 1; Fort Stanton 4, Lincoln 12, and Nogal 4. I have the complete list with names if you would like more information.

If you have anything of interest or of non-interest, call me at 505-648-0056 or come by the White Oaks Trading Post and visit.

Short Notes From Corona

The Community Bible School will be held at the Presbyterian Church this year. The classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting June 25 through June 29. To pre-register call Janelle Kane at 849-6886. The vacation bible school theme this year is "Courageous Kids Stepping Out for Jesus".

Shad and Trisha Cox are the proud parents of a 8 1/2 lb. baby boy named Cabel Cox. Cabel is the third son for the Cox family.

Jerry and Lanita Rasak returned from a visit to San Diego, CA to see their nephew Paul Rodriguez his wife Monica and daughter Gabriella. Paul is a Staff Sgt. in the Marines. They also went up the coast to Long Beach and met some friends and attended the coin show there.

Air Force NEWS

Billy J. Pike has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program to the rank of master sergeant.

Pike is an operations section superintendent with the Air Force Research Laboratory at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque.

He is the son of Jimmy and Pat Pike of Ruidoso Downs.

Capitan School Board Meets Thurs., June 14

Capitan Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 14, in the school administration building.

Items on the agenda include:

-Discussions about the Advanced Placement Classes with Carrizozo.

-2001-02 Activity Bus Contract action.

-2001-02 Hondo Boundary Agreement action.

-Action on the Open

Meetings Act section on board policy.

-Action on inventory deletions.

-Action on SB9 summer projects.

-Action to accept the 2001-02 National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

-Personnel action for employment, resignations.

-Enrollment update and public comment.

Ruidoso Charter School Committee Meets and Defines Mission Statement

The Ruidoso Charter School Organizing Committee met again on May 29 where participants defined a mission statement and created four committees.

The mission statement suggests organization of a charter school for grades K-3 with an encompassing

curriculum and an inclusive environment. Academic excellence is to be achieved through significant parental involvement and self-directed and cooperative learning.

Anyone interested in alternative schooling can call 336-4771.

Lincoln County Asked To

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not think the county should be subsidizing forest waste projects for private land owners.

County commissioners did approve a letter drafted by the county Public Lands Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) on behalf of the county commission expressing concerns about proposed state forestry division private property forest timber harvest regulations.

Pam Lewis, PLUAC member, said the letter is self explanatory and summarized the concerns of the PLUAC members. "The state regulations step on the private land owners rights as set out by the county Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP)," Lewis added.

The letter lists three issues, the first a concern the proposed timber guidelines seem to be regulatory rather than guidelines or provisions for assistance. The second supports the guideline statements that allow the landowner to convert forest vegetative types to non-forest vegetative types for range, wildlife habitat, farming, surface mining or

subdivision development; "provided any slash resulting from such conversion shall be treated in a manner that will minimize the spread of forest fires and the possibility of insect epidemic."

The third issue is concern about the potential conflict between private property rights and state regulations that could violate those rights. The proposed guidelines violate the county CLUP which calls for inter-governmental coordination to assess impacts to the heritage of the county, custom and culture for conserving and using natural resources.

"Accordingly we do not concur with your proposed commercial timber harvesting requirements," the letter from the PLUAC reads. "We suggest the proposed commercial timber harvesting requirements be used as guidelines and the harvest practices be printed in the form of a sample contract where the landowner with the advice by the New Mexico Forestry Division selects the practices that fit the needs of the land."

Thank You Card

We want to thank everyone for the calls, cards, prayers, flowers, food and special thoughts during the time of the loss of our loved one, Tristan Luna.

The Luna family

Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 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 6:00 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 (A/G)

JOHNIE 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.
1-505-257-2358
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. 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:10 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 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
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 338-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 4B)
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 / 849-7975
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

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LEGAL NOTICE

**SECOND 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 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.

All Owners of land within the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District are eligible to vote. Persons may be asked by election officials to provide a tax receipt, or other documentation of land ownership to verify eligibility to vote. 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 and Water Conservation Specialist, NM Department of Agriculture, 224 Pasco Del Volcan SW #528, Albuquerque, NM 87121; phone (505) 831-6686; if not in office, please leave message on answering machine.

Dustin Hunt, Jr., Chairman
NM Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 30005 MSC APR
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: Darja Goar,
Deputy

(SEAL)

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LEGAL NOTICE

**Village of Capitan
Request for Bids
Maintenance/Upkeep of
Capitan Cemetery grounds**

The Village of Capitan Cemetery Board is seeking bids for the maintenance of the Village of Capitan Cemetery grounds. Bids will be accepted at Village Hall, P.O. Box 246, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316 until June 29th, 2001, 2:00 PM. For copies of the Scope of Work and additional information, contact the Village Clerk at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 505-354-2247.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

CAUSE NO. PB-01
DIVISION III

In the Matter of the Estate of
FRANCES EVELYN SIDDENS,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

DOUGLAS LYNN SIDDENS has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of FRANCES EVELYN SIDDENS, Deceased. 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 to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney, at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

DOUGLAS LYNN SIDDENS

Michael S. Line
Attorney at Law
Box 519
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
(505) 258-4636

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LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF
SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 22-8-10, NMSA, 1978 compilation, that the Board of Education of Carrizozo School District #7, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Monday, June 18, 2001, at 6:00 P.M., M.D.T., at the Administration Board Conference Room, 800 D. Avenue, present and publicly review the operating budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal school year.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.
Done at Carrizozo, New Mexico, this 4th day of June, 2001.

**CARRIZOZO SCHOOL BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

STEVE HARKEY,
President

ATTEST:
Lisa Shivers, Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

**June 14, 2001
CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS -
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
RFP 2001-2002-2**

The Board of Education of Carrizozo Municipal Schools requests proposals for Student Transportation Services. Copies of proposed criteria, instructions to potential offerors and contractual terms and conditions may be obtained at the Administration Building at 800 D Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 505-648-2348. Proposals will be received until 10:00 AM, Monday, June 25, 2001, at which time the proposals received will be opened and reviewed. Proposals received after 10:00 AM will not be accepted.

The Board of Education reserves the right to cancel this request for proposals, and reject any or all proposals.

The New Mexico procurement code, and the New Mexico Civil and Criminal statutes provide for civil and criminal penalties for offering or receiving bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.

/s/ Steve Harkey, President

ATTEST:
/s/ Lisa Shivers
Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 25, 2001, Good Sawyer Development, Limited Liability Company, P.O. Box 2981, Ruidoso, NM 88355, filed application numbered T-252-S with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well by drilling a well with a 10 inch casing to the depth of 300 feet, located in NW1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4, Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 13 East to continue the appropriation of underground water in the Tulagosa Basin for domestic/livestock use, and the irrigation of 58 acres of land, with a diversion of 3 acre-feet of water per acre per annum for a total diversion of 174 acre-feet per annum. The 58 acres are located in Pt. NW1/4, Pt. E1/2SW1/4, and Pt. NW1/4-45W1/4 Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 13 East. The old well T-252-S has been sold and renumbered T-252-A, which will be used for irrigation purposes by its owner.

The 58 acres of land is approximately located 1/2 mile north of the Town of Nogal on NM State Highway 37, and approximately 1/2 mile east of the Highway.

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 or 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 protest or objection shall be in writing and shall set forth all protestant's or objector's reasons why the application should not be approved, and must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 3, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. If no valid 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.

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OBITUARY

MARTY DAVIS

Memorial service for Marty Davis, 35, of Capitan was June 11 at the First Baptist Church at Bosque Farms. Officiating was his brother, Pastor Shawn Davis.

Marty died June 5, in Capitan. He was born September 15, 1965 at Carrizozo and was raised in Lincoln County and then moved to Sherman, TX where he lived for 11 years. He returned to Lincoln County in July 1998. He was a mechanic and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Matthew Edward Davis of Capitan, a daughter, Jessica Davis of Sherman, TX his parents, Ed and Nell Davis of Capitan; a brother, Shawn Davis and his wife Carla of Los Lunas; sister Susan Davis of Ruidoso; his grandparents, W.L. and Nelda Davis of Blanchard, OK; and two nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.



REDTT Awards Will Help Fund County Festivals

The Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) project has awarded \$1,800 to the Lincoln County Tourism Council to help fund two on-going festivals and one new event.

The council awarded \$750 to the Arts in The Orchard, an event REDTT started four years ago. The money helps pay for rental of tents, tables and chairs and portable toilets. Private sponsors are Coe Ranch where the event is held, New Mexico Dairy Producers and the Ellis Store Country Inn. The event is held on September 9.

The "Voices from the Past" held with the White Oaks Miners Day was awarded \$550. This will be used to pay rental for a team of horses and wagon, portable toilets and signs. The event also receives funding from the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax, the US Post Office, the South Central Mountain RC&D Council, H.O.M.E., Ruth and Walt Birdsong, and a host of local musicians and volunteers. The event was held June 2.

A new event that got \$500 this year is "A Starry Night in Lincoln". The new stargazing event will be held in Lincoln. The money will be used to pay for portable toilets, generators, posters and banners. A Starry Night in Lincoln will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7. Other funding sponsors include BLM, NM State Monuments Division, Ellis Inn.

Lincoln County has received a total of \$20,317 in grand funds from the REDTT project. REDTT also pays the salary of Kathleen Phillips, a program aide who works on tourism initiatives for the Tourism Council and Lincoln County Extension Service.

The Tourism Council meets the second Monday of each month. Call Betty McCreight at 648-2311 for more information.

RC&D Council Tours Sunspot

South Central Mountain RC&D Council recently held its regular meeting at the National Solar Observatory at Sacramento Peak at Sunspot south of Cloudcroft.

Most of the morning portion of the meeting involved discussion about four grant proposals written under the direction of Stan Bulsterbaum.

The four grant proposals, if approved, will be funded under the National Fire plan. The proposals include funding for the Timberon Millworks, Sacramento Mountain Economic Action, Community Action Plan for Timberon and an Action Plan for the Sacramento Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. Bulsterbaum said New Mexico submitted 150 proposals and Arizona submitted about 60 proposals for funding under the National Fire Plan.

Other action included the adoption of three proposals to be submitted under funding being made available by U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman. The proposals, written under the direction of Stan Bulsterbaum, include the Moon Mountain Project, the Sacramento River Coalition Project, and the Rio Penasco Watershed Project.



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Police Chief Appointed

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choice not mine." Hammond replied, "I agree with that, but there has been no announcement of the position closing."

Vega answered "That was a Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas decision."

Later in the meeting when agenda item 9d came up for action the mayor informed the audience and board that Vega "has served one year as chairman of the board, and one year as outside field supervisor, and I can't think of anybody else that we could appoint to that board that knows the business and legalities of the gas board, and so I ask that we appoint Angelo to serve on that board."

Trustee Eileen Lovelace asked "When was the job deleted that Ms. Hammond asked about?"

The mayor asked Vega to respond to the question, and Vegas reply was "The job was for six months, and during a budget review we did some cuts, and the board decided to get rid of that position." The mayor interjected "As a matter of fact I made that motion."

Vega at that point sat down.

The mayor said "let me throw in a pebble or a stone, whatever into this. I will tell you that he (Vega) will not serve as chairman of the board this next year. I threw in my hat, I think I need to learn more about what's going on, I think I can handle it, and the board members feel I have the capabilities to do that."

Lovelace said "The Chairmanship will come back to Carrizozo, where it has not been for several years."

Trustees then voted unanimously to appoint Angelo Vega to the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Board.

The mayor also presented trustee Wes Lindsay with a plaque for his years service on the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Board.

The board approved Fr. Dave Bergs request to use Fred Chavez Park for the annual Santa Rita Fiesta

on July 21 and 22, and his request to close the street between the parish hall and the park. Fr. Bergs stated in his letter that the church carried liability insurance for this event and other events sponsored by Santa Rita.

The mayor then informed the board that he was donating the pipe needed to raise the basketball backboards in Fred Chavez Park. When the basketball court was resurfaced it raised the flooring without raising the backboards, and now the hoops were all bent out of shape from kids hanging on them. The mayor said he would donate the pipe, that Rusty from the gas company might donate the welding, and that some kid had volunteered to raise the backboards back up to the standard 10 feet.

Diedra Vinson asked for and received permission to use Spencer Park for an outdoor youth concert June 30. Everyone is invited to the free concert, and there will be many different types of music, along with a picnic.

Trustees approved changing the town's long distance provider service to NTS. Town clerk Leann Weibrecht informed the board of her efforts in finding a better service for the town. Weibrecht was searching for cheaper and better service.

Korene Walker and Shir-

ley Culley were appointed to the Lodger's Tax Board. These positions had been vacant for quite some time.

Trustees then asked for volunteers to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee (P&Z). There are openings on the P&Z and suggestions for members consideration was asked. Several names were suggested during the discussion but no action was taken because it was not an agenda item.

There was a discussion about approval to accept the Request For Proposal from CBSA Group Benefits for Benchmark Insurance for town employees. Weibrecht has until June 30 to find and initiate an insurance policy for the town employees. A special meeting was scheduled for June 21, at 5:30 p.m. to give Weibrecht time to further investigate package benefits offered by CBSA.

There was a bright moment during the meeting that came when the mayor asked Mozelle Harkey to come up to the front of the room. The mayor presented Mozelle Harkey with a plaque and proclaimed June 25, 2001 as Mozelle Harkey Day. Mozelle Harkey who will be 90 years young on June 25, has been a long time resident of Carrizozo. The audience responded with a standing ovation for Harkey that lasted a couple of minutes. I think Mozelle was a little embarrassed at all of the attention.

FAST ACTION

Lincoln County News

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a temporary full-time position of Solid Waste Laborer. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (505) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be June 21, 2001, 3:00 p.m.

2tc/June 14 & 21

County Commission Meets

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Museums, to produce and distribute brochures to attract visitors to the eastern end of Lincoln County; \$20,000 for two highway signs to be located on Highway 380 and I-25 to advertise Smokey Bear Historical Park and Lincoln State

Monument; clarification of "tourist" as defined in state law.

-Discussion by Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park about Alto Paving Bids.

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2tp-June 7 & 14

On June 18, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. the following vehicle will be sold at public auction: 1987 Ford Bronco, VIN #1FMEU15H6HLA00573. Amount owed for towing and storage = \$1,475.00. Place of sale: 1056 Mechem, Ruidoso, NM. Posted 6/7/01.
2tc-June 7 & 14

In And Around Lincoln County

Second Hantavirus Case Is Diagnosed

A 10 year old child from McKinley County has been diagnosed hantavirus pulmonary syndrome and is hospitalized in Albuquerque. It is the state second case of hantavirus this year.

New Mexico Department

of Health (DOH) urges everyone to avoid contact with deer mice, especially when cleaning buildings such as basins or sheds that have been closed for some time and may have mice in them. The DOH also urges health care workers and the general public to familiarize themselves with the symptoms of hantavirus. Early symptoms are fever and muscle aches which may be accompanied by chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and/or cough. The symptoms develop within one to six weeks after rodent exposure.

Chances to recover from hantavirus are good if medical attention is received early.

To avoid contact with mice and other rodents, air out closed up buildings before entering; seal up homes and cabins so mice don't get in; trap mice until they are all gone; clean up nests and droppings using a disinfectant. Also store hay, wood and compost piles as far as possible from the home; get rid of trash and junk piles; and do not leave pet and livestock food where mice can get to it.

Fire Restrictions In Cibola National Forest

Fire restrictions in the Cibola National Forest which includes the Gallinas Mountains near Corona went into effect June 8.

Open campfires are allowed only in developed forest service camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided. Otherwise, all campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires are prohibited on the Cibola National Forest lands without a permit. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed.

Smoking is allowed only within an enclosed vehicle or building, in developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is free of all flammable material.

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Morale Is Up At LCSWA

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority now has a full staff and is ready for the busy summer season. And employees say morale is up.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) chair Debra Ingle, who is a Capitan Village Trustee, gave an update on the organization during the Capitan Trustees meeting June 12. Last month, in a cost cutting move, the LCSWA board voted to terminate the position of manager and appointed Ingle to oversee the operations in an unpaid supervisory role.

"The LCSWA board has been trying to reorganize over the last four weeks," Ingle said. She said with the full staff LCSWA will try to pick up county dumpsters more often, and provide two employees dedicated to cleaning up trash illegally placed around dumpsters.

Ingle also reminded everyone that trash rates in Capitan will increase to \$12 a month beginning July 1. Current charge is \$10.50 a month for residential poly cart service.

Capitan resident Henry Cobos said that the current residential service is good for picking up "egg shells and potato peels." "We need an alternative for larger items and extra household trash," Cobos said. He asked if LCSWA could pick up bagged household trash placed beside the poly cart. He also asked if LCSWA crews could put the carts

back where they get them, so the carts do not blow around and be damaged from the wind.

Cobos and others were concerned about the rate increase, especially for those on fixed incomes.

Resident Heriman Otero asked about the policy on requiring trash to be bagged before it is put in the poly cart.

Capitan Mayor Norm Renfro said he sent a letter on behalf of the village to LCSWA asking if LCSWA can pick up bagged trash that is set beside a poly cart.

Ingle said she plans to go to the LCSWA board to discuss the current policy of not picking up the bagged trash set outside and next to a poly cart. She said some ideas are to provide another cart to the customer who consistently has too much trash, or provide a larger cart.

Workers compensation rules against lifting are one reason why LCSWA crews do not pick up the bagged trash setting out of the carts, said Dutton.

To take extra household trash, and items too large for the poly cart, the village now has the 40 yard roll off container available from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Ingle said. The roll off is located at the village maintenance yard on Yard Road. LCSWA also has recycling containers located near the Senior Citizens Center on Yard Road.

Renfro said there is a fee (\$10 a cubic yard or about a pickup load), to dump in

roll off container, mostly because having the roll off here costs the village, but he thought it was a reasonable fee.

Resident Molly Mason asked what can be done with small appliances that no longer work. Ingle said such small items should be bagged and placed in the poly cart with the regular household trash.

Some things not allowed to be dumped in LCSWA poly carts or dumpsters. Ingle said no batteries, paint, used oil, asbestos and other hazardous chemicals are allowed to be dumped. She said LCSWA will take many of these hazardous items at the LCSWA recycling center in Ruidoso Downs. Ingle said the rules on dealing with hazardous waste are set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). "The EPA is also why our local dumps were closed and why we have this regional body (LCSWA)," Ingle added.

When a resident commented that LCSWA rates were doing nothing but going up with no services, such as picking up pine needles, Dutton said to get extra services, customers would have to pay more. He referred to the Village of Ruidoso which, as soon as it left the LCSWA collection system, raised its residential rates and added a \$2.50 a month surcharge to pick up yard waste. "If you want more service, it will cost LCSWA more to haul it away," Dutton said. "And we are all on fixed in-

comes."

Ingle said she has implemented a system of requiring all drivers to complete activity reports that record each stop, what they collect and what is around each cart. She said these reports should enable LCSWA to get an idea of how much garbage is "illegal dumping." "This illegal dumping is not being paid for," Ingle said. She said LCSWA crews have picked up a 40 yard roll off of recent illegal dumping in the county.

Some of the dumping is being done by builders who have no close by dump site for construction waste, and who do not want to pay to rent a roll off for the construction waste, Ingle said. She said she has found an ordinance that requires all contractors who get a building permit to have a permit for a dump site. "We are working with the state Construction Industries (building inspector) to get a handle on the illegal dumping," Ingle added.

As for LCSWA rates, Ingle said surrounding residential trash rates range from \$9 to \$19 a month, and most of those entities are much nearer to their landfills. LCSWA must haul trash 140 miles round trip to the regional landfill it co-owns with Otero County Solid Waste Authority.

After some discussion about a surcharge placed on the water bill to cover extra trash collection, Ingle said the village planning commission is seeking community input about such a proposal. She said LCSWA

might consider such a proposal, if there is enough community support.

Capitan resident Fred Chaney suggested that anyone who sees a LCSWA employee "sloughing off" while on the job, should notify LCSWA. Ingle agreed.

Ingle said she is working for solutions to special pick ups and what to do with pine needles and yard waste. "I am working to find a site to take these, we can't take them to the regional landfill," Ingle added.

Renfro said the village set aside \$12,000 to buy a chipper to deal with branches and forest waste. However, the funds will not be available until after July 1, when the new fiscal year and budget begin.

At the end of the update, eight-year LCSWA employee Johnny Cox said regardless of the problems at LCSWA, since Debra Ingle has taken over things are better. "She is trying to make changes," Cox said. "Morale is up and most of the employees like her. We believe we have a good deal and all the employees are behind her. It just take a lot to work things out."

Dutton said Ingle is doing the managerial job without pay. "She is saving LCSWA a minimum of \$3,000 a month," Dutton said. "I have seen her at 6 a.m. making sure the trucks are out on the road. If we give her time and room I know we will see big improvements."

Ingle said she also plans to start an advertising and information campaign with information about LCSWA services and illegal dumping.

Trustees also:

-Approved the hiring of temporary employee Mike Allen, to work in the Motor Vehicle Department.

-Approved unanimously the mayor's appointment of Otto Ernst and George W. Tippin to the village planning commission, and unanimously approved amending the village resolution concerning the planning commission board to state the board shall be "no fewer than five" members.

The resolution originally stated the board shall be no more than five members, but Renfro said he could not turn down two individuals who were willing to volunteer to such an important board.

-Recessed to closed session to discuss personnel matters. After trustees returned to open session they took no action from the discussion, other than to adjourn.

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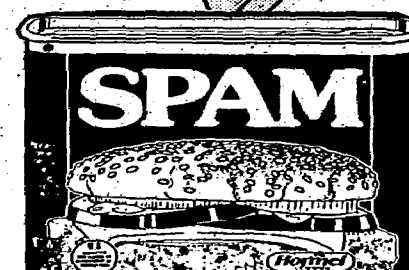
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