

County May Challenge Byways Designation

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners may challenge the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways designation because they claim they had no input in the process that puts properties in the county along more than 70 miles of highways under federal regulations.

During their meeting on Thursday, August 16 in

their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioner chairman Rex Wilson said the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways designation "was a taking."

The federal scenic byways designation encompasses 70,000 acres of private and public land along the loop of Highway 70 from Ruidoso to Hondo, Highway 380 from Hondo to Capitan,

Highway 48 from Capitan to Ruidoso. A side trip to Fort Stanton was added to the loop.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said he requested the discussion and information about the byway designation, which to him "steps on the land owners toes" by depriving landowners of their right to derive income from their property.

County manager Tom Stewart said after the last commission meeting he requested and received information about the Billy the Kid Byway from the Village of Ruidoso which is the fiscal agent for the byway. He said Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley sent a three page letter on the history of the byway and how Ruidoso became fiscal agent.

Simpson said people in the valley wanted to rent space on their land for billboards but found they could not because the area is within the byway designation. "These people didn't ask to be part of the byway," Simpson said. "And now they're deprived of a possible source of income."

Hondo valley resident

Kenneth Nosker said the problem with the designation it involves personal property. "It was a done deal before we heard about it," Nosker added. He said valley residents are worried about the byway restrictions and possible zoning.

Nosker said his right to put up a billboard on his

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIME. Parents take their children to school as classes began last week for all students in Capitan and this week for high school students in Carrizozo. Elementary students in Carrizozo begin class on Monday, August 27. Cross walk patrols are stationed in the morning and afternoon at the corners of E Ave. and 11th St. and E Ave. and 8th St. in Carrizozo. Police will be on patrol of school zones in both Carrizozo and Capitan. Motorists are cautioned to slow to 15 miles per hour in school zones and watch for children.

CCNG Projects \$5,000.00 Operating Loss This Year

by DORIS CHERRY

Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas board expects to have a \$5,000 operating loss this year, according to its 2001-02 fiscal year budget approved by the state.

In June, the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board of directors approved the CCNG operating budget for the fiscal year which began on July 1. With the budgeted income of \$1,159,458 and the budgeted expenses of \$1,164,669, CCNG projects to have a negative income of \$5,211. However, CCNG started the fiscal year on July 1 with a beginning bal-

ance of \$216,239.49 from the previous fiscal year (2000-01). With that beginning balance, the CCNG budget for the 2001-02 fiscal year is projected to have an ending balance of \$211,028.49.

The following is the CCNG Budget Overview as presented to the Capitan and Carrizozo boards of trustees at their August 14 meetings.

Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas budget July 2001 through June 2002:

Income--gas sales of \$1,132,788; interest income of \$3,000; return check (fees paid on returned checks) \$300; services (includes sale and installation of water

heaters and other devices) \$23,370 for total income of \$1,159,458.

Expense--capital outlay (for equipment and facilities) of \$23,500; inventory purchased (such as water heaters and pipe) \$24,000; gas (bulk) purchase \$761,699; advertising \$1,000; attorney fees \$20,000; awards and flowers \$100; bank charges \$500; communications \$5,000; director fees \$13,200; dues \$300; first aid \$200; freight \$100.

More expenses--fuel \$10,000; insurance for employees \$20,298 and insur-

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Two More Carrizozo Police Officers Quit

by JEFF HAMMOND

The Carrizozo Town Council approved the resignation letters from police officers Ed O'Brien Jr. and Will Green during the August 14 town council meeting. O'Brien's resignation was effective July 25. Green's was effective July 30. Green stated that he

needed to seek out new employment due to numerous considerations, and mentioned specifically the lack of benefits provided to police employees.

This brings the number of police officers to resign from the Carrizozo Police Department within the last year to five. Officer Reese is still on medical leave from a self inflicted accidental gunshot wound. The trustees approved hiring a temporary police officer, and John Tate of Carrizozo was hired to fill the position for an unlimited time specified.

During audience participation Raymond Lueras Jr., Michael Barela and John Vega spoke to the trustees about the flooding on Birch Street. Birch Street runs from Highway 380 in front of Santa Rita Church. With the amount of rain that Carrizozo has been having these residents are experiencing flooding. During the discussion it was pointed out that the storm drain for rain run-off was on railroad property, and that Union Pacific would need to be contacted to figure out who is responsible, and what could be done to alleviate the flooding problem. Town foreman Jim Payne said he had cleaned

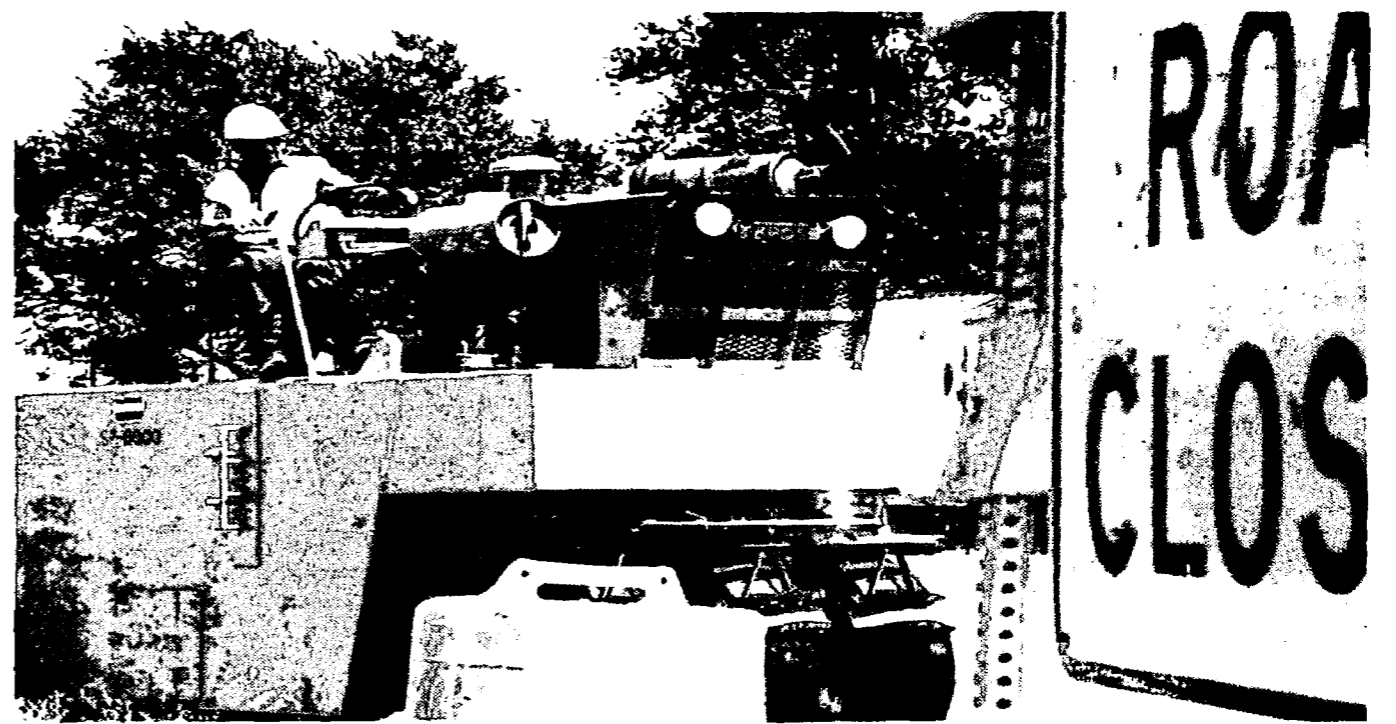
the drain last year. Trustees directed the town maintenance department to look into the matter within the next week.

Maryann Bingerman, Carrizozo Rec Center manager, addressed the council about the need to step up police patrolling of the rec center and the swimming pool in Spencer Park. Bingerman stated that there has been several occurrences of vandalism, tearing off street signs and throwing them into the pool, and destruction of the letters on the Rec Center.

It was discussed about enforcing the 9:30 p.m. curfew for children under the age of 16. The town has a curfew ordinance still on the books, although it hasn't been enforced in a few years. It was suggested to return to earlier procedure of sounding the fire siren at 9:30 to signal the curfew time. No action was taken at that time.

Pat Klock, representing Engineers Inc., addressed the council and gave an update of the progress of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) plans. Engineers Inc. is finalizing the plant design phase of the plan, and are getting

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FINISHING TOUCHES. A worker from the Khani, Construction Company of Albuquerque does the final roll on the new pavement on E Ave. in Carrizozo. The paving project was financed with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) obtained by the Town of Carrizozo to repave portions of four streets.

C'zozo Street Fair Is September 3

The 8th Annual Carrizozo Street Fair will be held on Labor Day, Monday, September 3.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. with the parade on 12th Street, and go until 6 p.m. at McDonald Park.

The day begins with a Bicycle Decorating Contest with judging at 9:15 a.m. behind Four Winds Restaurant. The contest is open to "kids of all ages." All other parade participants need to line up behind Four Winds Restaurant by 9:30 a.m.

The Street fair will feature an all day car show with

classic cars and hot rods.

At 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. the first ever "John Henry Steel-man Contest" will be held. The contest features spike driving, tie pulling, coal shoveling and more. Participants in the Steel-man contest need to sign up

prior to each contest to assure their entries. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Booths with food and beverages and other items will be set up in the park also.

There is no admission to the event.

Prescribed Burns Continue This Week

Fire danger was low in the Lincoln National Forest last week. Forest officials will conduct a prescribed burn near Jack's Peak north of White Oaks. Dozer pushed piles of brush will also be

burned near Hwy 246 about six miles north of Capitan through Sat., Aug. 25.

Most of the Lincoln has received significant rainfall in the last few weeks.

County Democrats To Meet August 30

Democratic Party of Lincoln County will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 30 at the home of Bob and Thelma Stephens west of Capitan.

This will be a pot luck dinner, and members and their guests are encouraged to bring a side dish. Eating utensils and drinks and seating will be provided.

State Senator Pete Campos and state land commissioner candidate Moises Gonzalez will be the guest speakers.

The Stephens home is located on Burch Lane, about 1.5 miles west of Capitan off Highway 380.

For more information about the meeting, or more detailed instructions to the location call 354-2673.

CCNG Projects

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ance for property \$18,300; maintenance for backhoe and trencher \$3,000; maintenance for garage equipment \$800; maintenance of gas plant \$1,500; maintenance of office equipment \$500; maintenance of radios \$500; maintenance of transportation \$4,000; meals and travel \$1,200; office supplies \$7,500; outside services \$5,000; payroll expenses

\$162,352; periodicals \$25; postage \$7,300; regulatory commission \$3,800; rental of equipment \$100; service expense \$4,000; short life \$1,200; small garage \$2,500; taxes gross receipts \$51,370; payroll taxes \$1,000; uniforms \$1,000; utilities \$3,000.

Grand total of expenses is \$1,164,669.

CCNG board submitted its budget to the Capitán Village Trustees and the Carrizozo Town Trustees, for approval, after DFA had already authorized it. Capitán trustees on a 2-1 vote rejected the budget because trustees had no input prior to CCNG and DFA approval. Carrizozo Town Trustees unanimously approved the CCNG budget.



NEW PLAY AREA attracts students waiting for class on the Capitán school campus. New landscaping and play areas and classroom additions were constructed with bond funds. The new improvements were showcased during an open house and back to school night picnic and watermelon feed, sponsored by the Capitán PTA on Tuesday. The event was well attended.



A high pressure zone dominates over Lincoln County making temperatures rise and the chance for rain diminishes.

In higher elevations a nip of fall is in the air as night time lows dip into the 40s as night time cloud cover diminishes.

A chance for showers returns by next week.

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, August 23:

Mostly sunny in the morning, with clouds in the afternoon. Southwest winds 10 to 15 miles per hour in the afternoon. High temperature in Carrizozo 89. No chance for precipitation. Tonight mostly clear. Low of 58 in Carrizozo.

Friday & Saturday, August 24 & 25:

Clear to partly cloudy with warm afternoons. Possible cloud buildups in later afternoon and evening. Highs to middle 90s. Lows to upper 60s.

Sunday to Tuesday, August 26-28:

Partly cloudy with a slight chance of later afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs to lower 90s. Lows to lower 60s.



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

Today, Thursday, August 23:

Mostly sunny in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon. Southwest winds 10 to 15 miles per hour in the afternoon. High temperature in Ruidoso 82. No chance for precipitation. Tonight clear to partly cloudy with low of 44 in Ruidoso.

Friday & Saturday, August 24 & 25:

Clear to partly cloudy with highs in the low 80s. Lows in the upper 40s to low 50s.

Sunday to Tuesday, August 26-28:

Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s. Lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

Drive Safely!!



Enjoy Your Labor Day Weekend!!

Two More Police

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ready to go out for bids for the project.

Engineers Inc. also recommended changing substituting a 4 inch base course and 1 and 1/2 inch asphalt in place of the originally specified 6 inch base course and double penetration chip seal for G, H and J Avenues. The replacement would be at no additional cost to the town, and would hold up better and longer than the original contract. Trustees approved the change.

Marcos Barela was given permission to place a travel trailer on his property while he is building a house. Barela was directed to apply for a building per-

mit within 90 days, and to start construction within 6 months. At the end of the six months Barela has to come back before the council to show his progress, and receive approval for living in his travel trailer for another six months.

Trustees also approved expenditures for the mayor, police chief Angelo Vega and trustee Tommy Guevara to attend the New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference in Gallup, August 28 thru 31. The purpose of the conference is for all of the different municipalities across the state to attend and be involved in several different workshops to talk about 'ongoing projects', some of the problems encountered, and sharing how some of these problems were dealt with.

Trustees also approved advertising for a public hearing to amend the sanitation ordinance which would allow Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) to set the trash removal rates. The town will still do the billing for LCSWA along with the water bills.

Ruth Hammond, Carrizozo resident, asked the trustees for permission to paint the trim on her house, because the town doesn't approve of natural wood color. Hammond stated she "didn't want to be in the shower with shampoo in her hair and have her water turned off because of the peeling paint on her trim exposing a natural wood color." Hammond asked for recommendations and approval of a color.

Hammond stated that she didn't want her water turned off, causing a hardship for her and her husband, because she did something without the towns prior permission. The mayor replied to Hammond saying "I think this item and the order of business is totally out of reason. I think that the council don't make those decisions, and if that's all you want to talk about I think three minutes would be sufficient time. We don't make those decisions, and I don't know of anybody that did go up there and told you they were going to shut your water off because you didn't want to paint your trim a certain color."

Hammond replied to the mayor saying "The town did tell one person he was not allowed to have natural wood skirting, and to paint it in two days or his water would be turned off,

and I don't want that to happen to me." The mayor did not respond to Hammond's comment.

Karla Organist, Carrizozo Street Fair Co-ordinator, asked for and received approval to use McDonald Park for the street fair. Organist also asked for police assistance in closing 12th Street from Highway 54 by the Four Winds Restaurant to 5th Street in front of the Post Office for the parade route, planned for the same day, and barricades to be set up to assure safety. Organist was directed to contact the police department, and the fire department for their assistance in these areas.

Ned Pieters requested permission for conditional use to change the zoning from R-2 to C-1 for a property located at 310 11th Street. The purpose of the request is so Pieters could submit a proposal in response to a Request For Proposal (RFP) to build a new Magistrate Court Office building and parking lot on 11th Street across the street from the Lincoln County Courthouse. Pieters also requested permission to include another proposal for a location in the industrial park. Trustees approved Pieters request after being informed that should Pieters not receive the contract, his conditional use approval would be rescinded, returned the property to its original zoning.

The trustees approved the fiscal year budget 2001-02 for Capitán Carrizozo Natural Gas.



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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 27
 -Carrizozo Elementary students return to school.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
 -Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29
 -Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10 a.m. Watson House in Lincoln.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
 -Democratic Party of Lincoln County potluck 6 p.m. home of Bob and Thelma Stephens on Burch Lane west of Capitan. Speakers State Senator Pete Campos, state land commissioner candidate Moises Gonzales. Call 354-2873 for more information.

Mike Cockrill Participates In Recovery Of The Monitor

Navy Chief Petty Officer Mike Cockrill, son of Charles T. Cockrill of Alto, recently participated in the second phase of the recovery mission of the Civil War Ironclad ship USS Monitor.

Cockrill was assigned to the 2001 Recovery expedition basin in Cape Hatteras, NC.

Cockrill was part of a team of 70 Navy divers from more than 15 active and reserve commands who had the opportunity to be a part of this historic expedition. The team completed more than 400 dives and logged more than 658 diving hours - the most ever on a single project from a single platform. Divers excavated the Monitor's 30-ton steam engine, condenser and numerous smaller artifacts. The items were transported to Newport News, VA, to be cleaned, studied and put on display.

Built in 1862, the USS Monitor was the first

ironclad vessel to be equipped with a revolving turret, and used a unique steam engine for propulsion. In March 1862, Monitor engaged in a four-hour assault with the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia at Hampton Roads, VA. Nine hours later, Monitor was defeated by a severe storm off Cape Hatteras and sank more than 200 feet into the ocean where it remained untouched for 111 years. The ship was discovered by the Duke Marine Laboratory in 1973. The first recovery phase began in March 2001.

Cockrill joined the Navy in 1983.



Capitan School Board Approves Increments

by DORIS CHERRY

Capitan Board of Education approved the 2001-02 school year increment schedule for activity sponsors and coaches during their meeting August 8.

With school board members Ervin Aldaz, Gary Tregembo and James Hobbs present, the school board approved the schedule that provides extra funding to staff members who are sponsors or coaches. Head varsity football coach Ed Davis will receive \$2,250 and assistant coaches Mike Hennech, Michael Booty and Mike Rogers will receive \$1,425 each. Junior high coaches Ryan Wright, Rusty Wilcox and John Thompson will receive \$850 each.

Head boys basketball coach Royce Brown will receive \$2,250, varsity girls basketball coach Rusty Wilcox will receive \$2,250, assistant boys coach Duwayne Shaver will receive \$1,425 and girls assistant coach Sherry Gowen will also receive \$1,425. Eighth grade boys coach Michael Booty will receive \$850, eighth grade girls coach Mike Rogers will receive \$850 and girls 7th grade coach Angela Romero will receive \$850.

Volleyball head coach Sherry Gowen will receive \$2,250, assistant coach Christal Dalton will receive \$1,425, 8th grade coach Becky Schultz will receive \$850 and 7th grade coach Robin Cates will receive \$850.

Track boys varsity coach Ed Davis will receive \$2,050, the girls coach position is open, assistant boys coach Booty will receive \$1,425, assistant girls coach Brown will receive \$1,425, junior high boys coach Ryan Wright will receive \$850, and girls junior high coach Mike Hennech will receive \$850.

Cross country boys and girls coach John Ashcroft will receive \$850. Boys and girls golf coach Rick Riddle will receive \$850.

High school athletic director Darrel Stierwalt will receive \$2,250, high school athletic director secretary Stephanie Aldaz will receive \$1,000, middle school athletic director Regina Lane will receive \$1,500 and middle school athletic director secretary Gloria Witham will receive \$700.

Also receiving increments are FFA sponsor Todd Proctor with \$1,750, cheerleading varsity sponsor Carolyn Lienneweber will receive \$2,250 and middle school cheerleading sponsor Erma Nichols will receive \$500.

Annual staff sponsor Diane Riska will receive \$1,050. Mediation team high school sponsor JoBeth Vinson will receive \$500, middle school mediation team sponsor Becky Schultz will receive \$500 and elemen-

tary mediation team sponsor Sydney Tregembo will receive \$500.

National honor society high school sponsor Myrum Whitaker will receive \$500 and middle school honor society sponsor Nancy Hail will receive \$500.

Knowledge Bowl team sponsor for middle school Sandra Smith will receive \$500 and high school Knowledge Bowl sponsor Frank Walston will receive \$500.

Music choral director Wayne Ellison will receive \$1,450 and band director Duwayne Shaver will receive \$1,450.

Student senate sponsor for high school Frank Walston will receive \$500, middle school student senate sponsor Linda Fuchs will receive \$500 and \$500 has been set aside for summer student senate sponsor who has yet to be named.

The school board also approved the 2001-02 school year bus drivers and substitute and activity bus drivers. For Bus 1 Capitan Subdivision, John Foglesong/Cindy Fogle; Bus 2 Lincoln, Laura Christensen; Bus 3 Fort Stanton/Airport Rd., Tom Turner; Bus 4 Ruidoso, Shannon Brazel; Bus 5 Angus/Bonito, Micki Martin; Bus 6 Indian Divide, Carole Trapp; Bus 7 Ward Subdivision, Janet Tate; Bus 8 Loma Grande, Tammy Sultemeier; Bus 9 Encinosa North, Crystal Eldridge.

Substitute/activity drivers approved are Allen Sultemeier, Barbara Bookout, Dianne Shrecengost, Ed Vinson, Frank Silva and Margaret Woodard.

In personnel action, the school board accepted the resignation of Dr. Laren Winter as school physiologist and approved the employment of Tori Fritz as school physiologist. Also the school board approved as substitute teachers Christina Alfred, Barbara Beckly, Jacob Dean, John

Ann Ferguson Serves At Beef Conference

Ann Ferguson, cow-calf operator from Carrizozo, served as a USDA-appointed member of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board during the Cattle Industry Summer Conference August 5-9 in Denver.

At the conference board directors approved a \$45 million budget for fiscal year 2002 to continue beef demand building efforts. Reports indicate that 10 out of the last 12 economic quarters, demand for beef has increased. The beef demand index, which takes into account such factors as per capita consumption and consumer spending for beef, is up five percent in the second quarter of 2001 as compared to the same period in 2000. In 1998 the beef industry began an aggressive business plan focused on convenient beef products, educating consumers and safety of U.S. beef.

Briton Goad ACU Dean's Honor Roll

Briton Goad of Carrizozo was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2001 semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the honor roll a student must complete at least 12 semesters hours and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Goad is a graduate of Carrizozo High School. His parents are Dr. Dale Goad and Cheri Goad of Carrizozo.

Duncan, Melissa Haynes, Laura Leonard, Carolyn Lienneweber, Donald Mearns, Patsy Miller, Robert Olsen, Bea Payton, Cheryl Sullivan, Ellen Faye Womack, and Merryann Curtis as substitute nurse.

The school board held its first reading of a proposed change to the Board Policy VI Students 6.11.2 adding Marching Band as Physical Education with one credit for one full year completed. The policy will be considered for adoption at the September board meeting.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Patience is a What?

By Ruth Hammond

Patience may be a virtue but how much patience are we supposed to have when it comes to certain things that are happening again and again? Carrizozo residents are trying to be patient about the police situation but the latest tally is that five police officers have quit within the past year. Is this a trend? It seems that Captain has also had a flurry of resignations from their police department. There must be some reason for officers not wanting to stay on the job more than a short time. Could it be management or could it be the reception officers receive in the area or is it something else? Maybe it is time for the powers that be to get off their duffs and look into the situations and hopefully find a solution to the revolving door police officer plight.

Rural areas are usually much safer places for police officers to work, and rural Lincoln County does have much to offer anyone coming to this area, but for some reason the officers don't stay on the job very long. Sometimes we hear that it is the low pay, and other times we are told the benefits are lacking. And other times we hear the rumors that working conditions are less than desirable. Yes, we do realize that law enforcement is dangerous, but most of the resignations refer to other problems, not dangerous work.

One thing that might help would be for elected officials to take an active part in the hiring process. This way the elected officials could get acquainted with the applicants and encourage new officers to discuss any issues when they arise, not wait until the situation is unbearable or the officer quits. The possibility of this happening is remote because as we know from experience, some of our elected officials are not willing to talk or answer questions if there is a problem. Apparently they prefer to ignore situations.

But the in-and-out police officer situation is only one concern. People are also wondering why the gas board has not complied with the joint powers agreement. The gas budget is supposed to be submitted to both the Village of Capitan and the Town of Carrizozo before being sent to the state DFA for approval. As usual, this year the budget was sent to DFA and approved before either governing body received the budget. Actually only some of the governing body members did not see the gas budget because the gas board consists of three Capitan elected officials and two Carrizozo elected officials and the Carrizozo police chief.

Lack of openness makes people wonder why. There should be no secrets about the budget, just as there should be no secrets about how much the board members are paid to attend the gas board meetings. Do they receive \$350 a month or \$500 a month or even more? And does the chairman of the gas board get double that amount?

Even with the budget being printed in this issue of *The NEWS*, there are questions being asked, but as usual probably will not be answered. It is nice to know how much CCNG is receiving for the gas sales, and what it costs.

Making public information public should be a priority for the gas board. It would certainly be an improvement. It would also help patient people have much more patience.

Where Does the \$\$\$ Go?

Burn Permits Available At NMED In Ruidoso

On July 25, the New Mexico Environment Department lifted the ban on open burning of debris. Permits to do controlled burns are now available from the Ruidoso office of the New Mexico Environment Department at 1216 Mechem, Suite 2.

Lincoln County Commissioners heard a report on the burn permits during discussion of forest health and water issues at their August 16 meeting in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County manager Tom Stewart said burn permits from the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Ruidoso office, are required before land owners can do controlled burns. "It should be noted the local NMED office is requiring the concurrence of our local fire departments," Stewart said. He was concerned about the potential liability if the fire chiefs have to sign off on permits for burns that might get out of control. Stewart said he would research the liability with the county's insurance carrier. "The question is, does the NMED have authority over our local volunteer fire departments," Stewart added.

County attorney Alan Morel said it would be better if the fire chiefs were only consulted and give an approval to a controlled burn rather than having the chiefs sign their names to the permits. Morel too suggested the issue be "run by new year, 16th of Sep-

the insurance company."

Hondo valley resident Kenneth Nosker asked if permits are needed for agricultural burning.

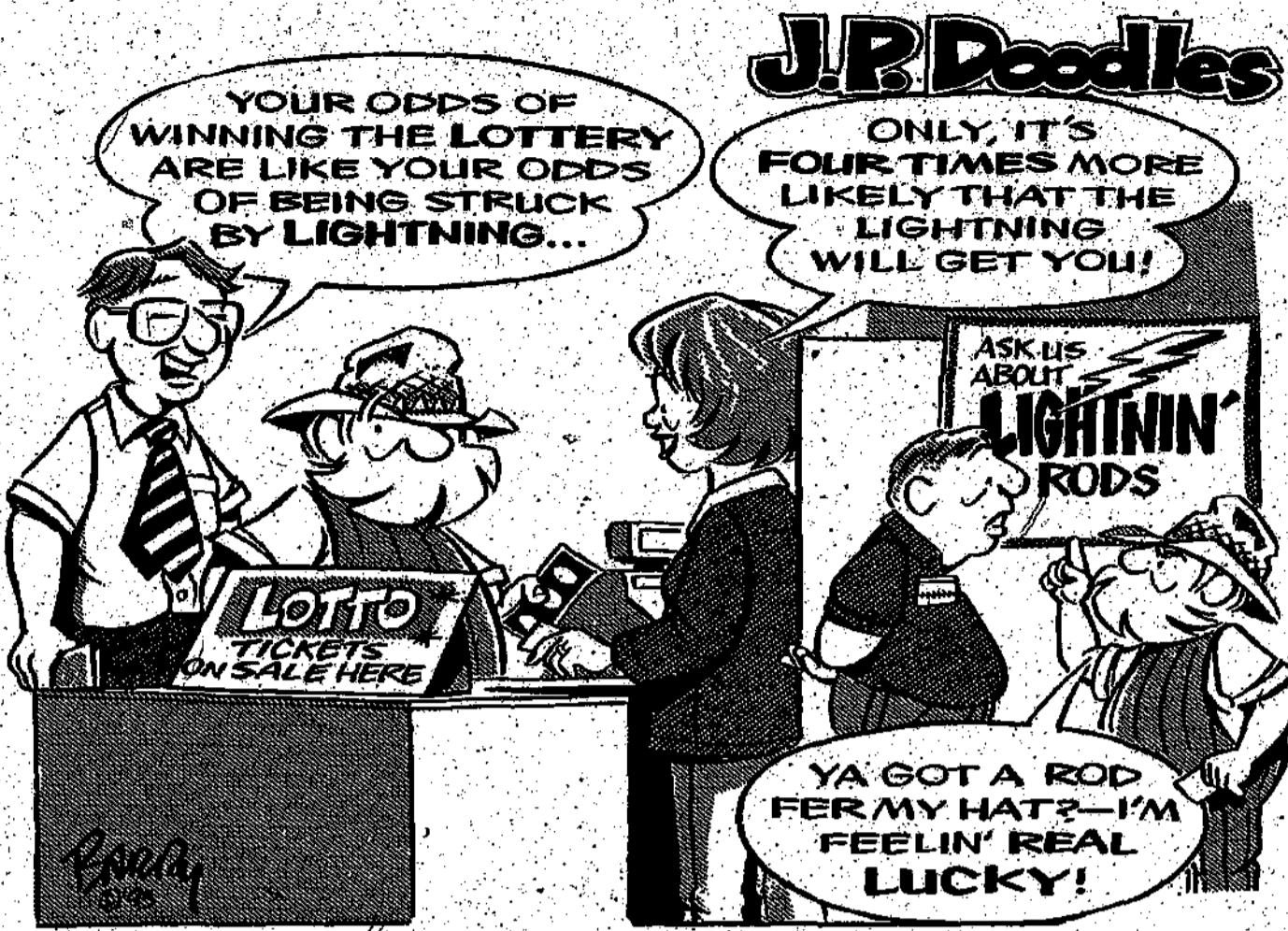
Stewart said under NMED regulations burning of slash and tree trimmings is not considered agricultural, only burning of fields such as corn stubble is considered agricultural burning.

Morel added that the NMED permits for burning are only good for individual land owners who burn debris from their own property, as everyone is entitled to burn on their own land. But the landowner cannot take slash or debris from another to burn.

"I've been breaking the law," responded county commissioner Rick Simpson who also lives in Hondo valley.

County commission chair Rex Wilson said burn barrels are also allowed, but only for paper products. He said he was concerned about what can be done with feed sacks and other farm and ranch trash.

Stewart also reported on a complaint of fireworks well after the July 4 holidays and the complainant wanted some restriction on such devices. While the county may ban certain aerial and ground audible devices year round. The state allows the sale of fireworks from June 30-July 6, six days preceding and including new year's day, three days preceding and including Chittember and Cinco de Mayo, or the sale year round in stores whose primary business is tourism.



SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL
BY JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - The Albuquerque-based 505 Coalition continues to fan the flames that separate urban and rural New Mexico.

When asked to explain why the coalition chose to appeal the Public Regulation Commission's telephone area code decision to the state Supreme Court, Mark Mathis, the coalition president, said the top three reasons are pretty simple. "First, the decision was wrong. Second, the decision was wrong. And third, the decision was wrong."

Do get his drift? He thinks the decision was wrong, but he's painfully short of reasons why. He did amplify his thinking a little more later in the day when he told a reporter from the Albuquerque Tribune that people representing rural New Mexicans are "backwater politicians doing dumb things."

Besides Mr. Mathis' statement being of dubious validity, his use of the term "backwater" indicates a serious lack of knowledge about the arid conditions in rural New Mexico.

A week later, David Campbell, the attorney for the coalition managed to come up with some additional reasons. His top two were that elected officials must be held accountable for their decisions and the best interests of the people must be served.

Courts can hold elected officials accountable, but the system is designed for voters to do that job. The problem is that the five PRC members voted the way their constituents wanted them to. Unfortunately for the urbanites, three commissioners were from rural New Mexico.

The coalition may figure it stands a better chance with the state Supreme Court, whose five members all come from the Albuquerque-Santa Fe area. The justices run statewide, however, which should eliminate any regional bias.

As far as the PRC's decision not being in the best interests of the people, that is an assumption by the coalition, but we haven't seen any figures yet on the financial impact other than the coalition's grossly inflated estimates of how much it would cost businesses and government in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Chairman Tony Schafer says he doesn't think an accurate economic impact can be tabu-

lated, and he may be right. The bottom line likely is that the impact will be much the same either way. So the aggrieved might as well quit whining and get on with their lives.

Three other reasons for the appeal that Campbell has frequently made are that the PRC decision was contrary to the recommendation of its staff and the telecommunications industry and that no other state has hanged of its economic and governmental centers in favor of the outlying areas.

Those are much better reasons, although Campbell admits that the PRC is not obligated to follow recommendations or the actions of other states. In addition Campbell has written an op-ed piece that lists some new arguments.

He contends the PRC decision amounted to a bait-and-switch act. Hearings were held all over the state last year presenting the commendations of its staff and the telecommunications industry that the 505 area code be kept in the Albuquerque-Santa Fe call-

ing area and the rest of the state would change. The recommendations evidently produced no objections. For the PRC to do the opposite of what the hearings had proposed all year, violates principles of administrative fairness. He does have a point.

The coalition also will contend to the Supreme Court that Commissioner Roy McMinn of Roswell was ineligible to participate in the vote because he had been sworn in only the day before and he was on the board of a telecommunications company. McMinn says he had devoted considerable study to the matter prior to his swearing in and that the company no longer existed at the time he cast his vote.

A recent column suggested the Legislature has taken punitive action appointing a committee to study the PRC. Commissioner Jerome Block of Santa Fe points out that the committee was created by the Legislature last March and the commission views it as a positive action.

Encephalitis Carrying Mosquitos Are In NM

A sample of mosquitos from Dona Ana County has tested positive for St. Louis encephalitis, according to a report from the New Mexico Department of Health.

The mosquitos were collected in a light trap the night of July 23 in Sunland Park in southern Dona Ana County.

St. Louis encephalitis is a mosquito borne virus that can cause an inflammation

of the brain. People develop the disease from the bite of an infected mosquito, usually 5 to 15 days after being bitten. Most people infected have no symptoms, or have very mild symptoms of slight fever and headache. Severe illness is marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma and other severe central nervous system symptoms. These may pro-

duce temporary or permanent physical or mental disabilities, or death. Severe symptoms are more common in people over 50 years old.

Chances of a person contracting the St. Louis encephalitis in New Mexico are remote, if precautions are taken. Avoiding mosquito bites and preventing mosquitos from breeding are the most important measures in preventing the disease.

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Good things could happen, once you decide what you really want to Keep and Let Go. It's time to make yourself Happy for a change!

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Things you know, and Things you just think you know are totally Two different things! Be sure you know the whole story before you react on it!

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You'll get a break when it comes to Money! When you Stop Spending it on the Wrong Things, you'll see a lot more Money in your Hand.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Actions speak louder than words! Don't say it unless you really mean it, or people won't take you serious when you need them to the most!

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Your Lucky Day could be here anytime...Look forward to a Blessing! Your way of life is the cause and effect of your Blessings. Think Positive.

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) "Yes! Yes! Yes!" It is time for a New Life! Throw out anything or anybody...that you Don't Need! This could be just the thing you needed!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) Slow down! You're going to trip over your own Tongue! You have too many important things to Do & Say, speak with confidence & pride.

Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19) Someone could step on your Last Nerve! Ignore it! They are not worth the paper they're not written on! Throw away your Anger & Be Happy!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Seek Peace and Quiet from the world around you! Gather New Insight when you Go Deep Inside yourself and discover a New you, beginning!

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Watch what you're Eating & what's eating at you! Too much of a good thing could go wrong! Your Feelings are based on what you Eat and Think!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) Money is a concern, but not the problem! Mix this and that, and you'll get just that! Mix the Right Things or People, you'll get just what you need!

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) Ride like the wind, "Go-Be-Free!" Watch out for that tree! It's O.K. to have your head in the clouds as long as you know where you're going!

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Sheriff's Report

Inside the Outdoors:

Changes In Areas And Dates For Deer Hunters

by Ben Hanson



When hunters step up to the counter to purchase a deer license for this fall they are going to find that there have been many changes, especially in the southeastern part of the state. There are no longer any "Regions" and hunt dates have been changed dramatically. The good news is that hunters may still purchase an over-the-counter deer license to hunt in most area in our part of the state.

In the past, deer hunters had to pick one region of the state when purchasing a license. Regions were comprised of several Game Management Units and covered large areas of the state. This year, deer hunters will have to choose one Game Management Unit and hunt only within that unit.

In the past, Region N was one of our most popular hunting areas, but is now divided into three units: 29 Crow Flats, 30 the Guadalupe Mountains, and 34 the Sacramento Mountains. Hunters will have to decide which of these units they wish to hunt. Rifle hunt dates were also changed for these units. There will be two hunt periods this year in these units. The first will be from November 2-4, and the second will be November 14-18.

The former Region K will also be divided into three units: Unit 36, the White Mountains; Unit 37 the Capitan Mountains, and Unit 38 the Gallina Mountains. Instead of the three hunt periods last year for this area, there will be two rifle hunt periods this year. The first is November 7-11 and the second November 26 to December 2.

Mary Beth Bond Awarded Carrizozo Rotary Scholarship

Mary Beth Bond, a 2001 Carrizozo High School graduate, was awarded a \$300 scholarship from Carrizozo Rotary Club at its meeting August 16 at Four Winds Restaurant.

Bond, the daughter of Lerry and Martha Bond of Ancho, will attend New Mexico State University to major in Agriculture Education and Journalism.

The scholarship was awarded to Bond based on her academic standing (she graduated fourth in her class) and her outstanding citizenship.

Codi Montes Attends National Conference

New Mexico FFA president Codi Montes was one of more than 100 state FFA officers who gathered in Washington D.C. July 23-29 for the National FFA States Presidents Conference.

The group attended the conference to prepare for their responsibilities as delegates and committee chairs for the 74th National FFA Conference in Louisville, KY, October 24-27.

Montes, 19, is the daughter of Thomas and Renee Montes of Hondo.

Highlights of the six day conference were a meeting with President G.W. Bush and meetings with members of congress.

There are four Game Management Units in what was formerly Region H: Unit 31, east of Carlsbad; Unit 32, West and north of Roswell; Unit 33, East of Roswell and Hagerman; and Unit 40, north of Clovis. There will be two rifle hunt periods in these units, November 7-11 and November 26 to December 2.

Those who choose to hunt deer with a muzzle-loader will also have to pick a unit to hunt and will find that the season has been moved to later in the year in the southeast. Hunters complained that it was too hot during the normal September time period so the hunt was moved to October 24-28.

Except for the necessity to pick a unit, things didn't change for deer bow hunters. They may hunt from September 1-20 in

the unit that they choose. They may also hunt from January 1-15, 2002 in any area open to deer hunting.

The cost for deer licenses has not changed and those that hunt on U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management properties will be required to have a Habitat Stamp or validation. In addition this year, anyone who hunts big game and purchases a license after July 1, 2001 will have to have a Depredation Stamp which costs \$5 for residents of the state and \$10 for nonresidents. Only one stamp is required per year no matter how many big game species are hunted.

For information on all the big game regulations consult the big game proclamation. It is available from any place that sells hunting or fishing licenses.

The following information was taken from dispatch records at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Dispatch Center in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo: August 1, 2001:

7:40 a.m. peace keeping requested in Loma Grande. Burning reported in Loma Grande.

8:30 p.m. animal neglect on D Ave.

4:22 p.m. request for ambulance at location off Highway 70. Hondo ambulance transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

4:53 p.m. vandalism in Nogal town site.

5:21 p.m. neighbor burning in Little Creek estates.

5:46 p.m. request to stand-by for civil issue in Lincoln.

8:46 p.m. welfare check for possible suicide.

9:24 p.m. open, unattended fire across from Bonito Lou's store on Bonito Lake Road.

10:34 p.m. unattended fire on Bonito Lake road, Bonito Fire Department and state police notified.

10:45 p.m. attempt to locate a subject at an RV park.

10:47 p.m. request for ambulance in Alto area. Ruidoso EMS Med transported to

LCMC.

August 2:
9:10 a.m. broken windows at residence in Hondo.

10:20 a.m. poisoned dogs in Ruidoso Downs.

11:40 a.m. domestic in Hondo.

12:17 p.m. larceny in Loma Grande.

3:29 p.m. stolen items from Elks Lodge on Highway 70 near Ruidoso.

4:12 p.m. accident at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380. Carrizozo police and ambulance responded, but the ambulance was refused.

9:50 p.m. possible theft and removal of property at residence on 13th Street. Carrizozo police notified.

10:14 p.m. deputy advised he arrested a subject on a warrant.

11:10 p.m. 911 report of a fight at a parking lot of a business on Mechem Drive. Ruidoso police notified.

11:10 p.m. a wrecker was requested at a business in Carrizozo for a broken down van.

August 3:

2:05 a.m. request for ambulance for patient with asthma attack. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance re-

sponded but the patient had been transported to the hospital by a private vehicle.

2:24 a.m. report of dogs or coyotes in the trash at a business. Carrizozo police notified.

7:17 a.m. loud music all night in Loma Grande.

10:03 a.m. lost New Mexico license plate from vehicle in Bonito Lake area.

10:48 a.m. request for ambulance to the Methodist Church. Capitan ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

11:20 a.m. attempt to locate a subject in Lincoln to deliver a death message.

12:32 p.m. request for ambulance at location on 8th Street. Carrizozo ambulance refused.

2:52 p.m. phone harassment at location on D Ave. requested a deputy as the subject did not want a Carrizozo police officer.

6:08 p.m. state police request officer assistance at traffic stop on Highway 70, two deputies responded.

10:48 p.m. noise from motor home parked on shoulder of highway 380 in front of the callers home. The generator was driving the dogs nuts and the caller re-

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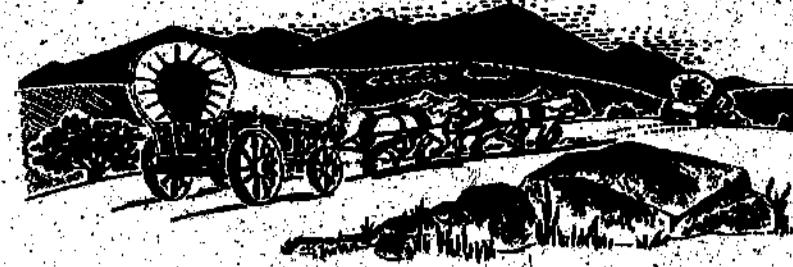
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White Oaks and Jicarilla News

by Willa Lee Adkins

No news for White Oaks or Jicarilla this week.

Point of Interest: Fort Stanton Returns January to August of 1879 are generally garrison duties in Lincoln, to act as posse comitatus and Tularosa to prevent liquor sales to the Indians.

September, 1879: Captain Carroll and 48 enlisted men went to South Fork, New Mexico, on Sept. 4th, 1879 to meet certain Indians. (Victorio and Geronimo??) Returned Sept. 8th, 1879. One sergeant, one farrier, and five privates stationed at Roswell.

October, 1879: Band 9 Cavalry on detached service at Santa Fe, NM since June 4th, 1879 relieved from duty at Fort Union and stationed until further orders at Fort Stanton.

November, 1879: Henry Carroll, Captain, Comdg. Battalion, Co. F and M. 9th Cavalry on detached service in the field operative against hostile Indians. Left post October 3rd, 1879.

December, 1879: Co.'s F and M, 9th Cavalry transferred to Ft. Bayard, NM. Part of both Companies under command of the respective Captains now at this Post. Awaiting the arrival of Companies A and G, 9th Cavalry transferred from Fort Bayard to this post. End of Records for the year 1879.

Diary of a Soldier (Part Two)

December 20th, Wed., 1865: Cold, clear North wind. Blankets froze on us last night. Was ordered under guard again because I did not get up at rollcall. The boys mad about it. Worked in adobe pits all day with a guard. Was released again at sundown. Hell . . . and more hell!!!

December 21st, 1865: On guard again. Makes dying sure. Cold, raw and clear. Worked

some on new shelter when off post. We will have it ready to move in soon. We are working on it after dark. We are not even permitted to make ourselves comfortable.

December 22nd, 1865: Fine day, four horses stolen from picket line by unknown forces. A train in, with flour, from Yuma. The police squad followed it today. Sergeant Murphy returned from Tubex (Arizona) on escort duty.

December 23rd, 1865: Fine day. Train left for Yuma again. Officers all drunk and at cards. On no. 2 post tonight. Eat crackers out of box while on guard as did the other sentries on the post. Not entirely our full rations yet.

December 24, Sun., 1865: No work, (for a wonder) today. By order of Commanding Officer Bennett. Off guard and cleaned gun. Corp. Coleman going as escort after forge, to Salt River.

December 25th, Mon., 1865: Rainy day. Many still working on their own holes, holes to shelter themselves from the rains. Our house is all right and is comfortable and dry, so far.

December 26th, Tues., 1865: Fine day. Worked on Parade grounds after coming off guard. Work, work, work.

December 27th, Wed., 1865: Fine day. Dug up brush all day into late night. Hell . . . and more of it.

December 28th, Thurs., 1865: Fine day. Commenced on adobes again.

December 29th, Fri., 1865: On guard. All hands on adobes again.

December 30th, Sat., 1865: Off guard. It is our best day on adobes. To good to be true.

December 31st, Sun., 1865: On police A.W. Muster and inspection. Guns, equipment and clothes in poor condition. But it has been work, work to the neglect of soldering.

Sometime this will end, and then good-bye soldering if this is a sample. I wonder what the next year will bring!

January, 1866, Mon. 1st: On battle guard. Everybody at work. One hundred or more Apaches made a raid and killed some Pima (our allies) Indians. Luet. Col. Bennett with Cavalry in pursuit. We drove the cattle in, in a hurry when the news and orders came. No Apaches caught yet.

January 2nd, Tues., 1866: Off guard. All hands at work on bakery and guard house. Dobies are said to be soft yet, but Bennett don't care, just so we work.

January 3rd, Wed., 1866: Fine day. All hands at work as usual. Col. Bennett had extra guard around his camp, because Apaches are coming close. I am willing to sacrifice him for our country's good.

OBITUARY

THETA WARREN MCGRAW

Funeral services were August 6 at the First Christian Church on Hull Road in Ruidoso. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Theta was born in Brown County, TX on July 27, 1922 and is survived by her husband of 62 years, Harland; two daughters, June McCraw Lowrance and husband Alvin of Aztec, NM and Joella Flowers and husband Tom of Muleshoe, TX; six grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Warren Hogue of Brownfield, TX and Velta Warren Bailey of Alamogordo.

Theta was a resident of Lincoln County since 1946. She was selected "Woman of the Year" in 1985 for the Ruidoso Ladies Club. She was a published author.

Ruidoso Considers Landscaping Resolution

by Doris Cherry

In an effort to encourage developers and home owners to establish landscaping that is more acclimated to the area, Ruidoso village councilors accepted a proposed resolution at their meeting July 24 brought to them by Lincoln County Commissioner Ray Nunley.

The intent of the resolution is to promote water conservation measures in all landscape and irrigation design by encouraging future design efforts to be conscious of water efficient irrigation systems as well as water efficient plant materials. "Proper (water) management is a priority with the Village of Ruidoso," the resolution states. "The use of 'xeriscape' philosophy is highly recommended in landscape designs."

Mayor Robert Donaldson said as a resolution it is a guide to develop property. "If it becomes an ordinance, it becomes law," Donaldson added. "And we don't want to do that."

Donaldson said the resolution was a "good beginning point" to encourage property owners to develop their lands with drought in mind. "So people don't lose money on plants not suited to this area," he added.

"I think some come to this area with false assumptions of how wet Ruidoso is," Donaldson added. "This is a nice beginning point for conservation."

Donaldson said Ruidoso receives 15 to 22 inches of precipitation a year. He said the resolution will be important to help make people aware of the climate when they first move to Ruidoso.

Nunley said the resolution is not a county resolution, rather one for Ruidoso and he invited councilors to change it as needed for Ruidoso. (Nunley, a Lincoln County Commissioner is a resident of Ruidoso.) Nunley said he planned to present similar proposed resolutions to the Ruidoso Downs and Capitan village trustees and the county commission. "I also want to try to get this into ordinance as time goes on," Nunley said.

Nunley said the idea is to give the resolution time to work. "This is for modified xeriscape," he added.

Donaldson said many think of water conserving landscaping as xeriscape. "What we have here is different than in El Paso," Donaldson added. "The primary culprit for using water is grass." He went on to say that in Alto, home owners are restricted to 1,200 square feet of irrigated grass per lot. "We need some rule like that," Donaldson added.

Nunley said the resolution will "jump start" what people are already starting to do.

"I feel we are making progress," Nunley said after he thanked the council for allowing him to make the presentation on the resolution. "We can work together when important," he said.

Nunley asked to be notified so he can attend the council meeting when the resolution will be presented for adoption.

In the proposed resolution it recommends plans for irrigation system designs and use of reclaimed water. Under the irrigation system designs the proposed resolution recommends all irrigation systems be designed to minimize vandalism with special attention at schools, parks, along trails, roads, walks, etc; be designed to

meet the peak moisture demand of all plant materials used within the design area; irrigation should provide valves to prevent drainage from sprinkler systems; on-site irrigation water systems would be designed to be applied at the proper infiltration rate of the soil.

Under the proposed landscape design plans section the proposed resolution recommends criteria for all landscaped designs. Under the plans the resolution would require all unpaved areas to be planted with effective combination of trees, ground cover, lawn, shrubbery and/or dry landscape materials and mulches. All required landscaped areas, including landscaped areas within parking lots, should consist of water efficient plant materials. Landscaped areas containing trees and shrubs should be under-planted with ground cover, with the remaining areas to incorporate a minimum of two or three inch layer of compost or mulch.

Turf incorporated into the landscape design should be planted only in areas that do not exceed a slope of 4:1. Turf should be of a water efficient variety.

Each landscape plan should address the functional aspects of landscaping such as grading, drainage, runoff, erosion prevention, wind barriers and provisions for shade.

Plant material selection should be suitable for the given soil and climate conditions. Plant selection should take into consideration water conservation through appropriate use and groupings of plants that are well adapted to particular sites and to particular watering needs, climatic, geological and topographical conditions.

Materials such as crushed rock, wood chips, pebbles and stones are not satisfactory substitutes for live plant materials. Mulch or compost may be used under spreading shrubs to fulfill part of the ground cover requirement. Artificial plants are not acceptable. Hardscape or decorative pavement may be incorporated into median islands and courtyard areas.

Each landscape plan should provide for special monitoring of all new projects using water efficient plants during the establishment and/or maintenance period.

Continuing in the proposed resolution, it proposes landscape maintenance requirements for all plans. Plans should provide for landscaping to be maintained in an orderly and healthy condition. This includes proper pruning, mowing of lawns, weeding, removal of litter, fertilizing, replacement of plants when necessary and application of appropriate quantities of water to all landscaped areas. In addition, landscape maintenance practices which encourage long term landscape water conservation should be employed. Said practices may include but would not be limited to, performing routine irrigation system repair and adjustments, use of moisture-sensing or rain shut off devices.

Compost/mulch maintenance; compost and/or mulch used as a ground cover should maintain a consistent two to three inch layer and provide complete



Alfonso "Al" Otero

Alfonso Otero Announces For Lt. Governor

Alfonso "Al" Otero, resident of Bosque Farms in Valencia County, announced that he is seeking the office of New Mexico Lt. Governor in the 2002 election.

Otero, 53, served as New Mexico State Representative from 1983-88. He is a native of New Mexico and life-long Democrat who vows to support the next democratic governor by improving jobs, healthcare, education, economic development and the environment for all New Mexicans.

"New Mexico is experiencing growing pains and we must be ready to assist working families and those families in need in the next four to eight years," Otero said to the members of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County who gathered at a hot dog roast at Cedar Creek Picnic area on July 26. "My experience gained in the state legislature will assist me in achieving the goals of the governor and the issues important to all New Mexicans."

Otero has been married to Evelyn Crespin for 23 years and together they have two children, Leslie and Lori. They also have children from previous marriages, Christopher, Julie and Michelle Otero, four grand daughters and one grandson.

Otero is currently employed by the UNM Health Sciences University Hospital/Mental Health Center in Albuquerque, where he has been a case manager for the past eight years. Otero attended UNM and University of Albuquerque.

"I absolutely do not support the legalization of any street drugs," Otero said. "Rather I promote the idea of continuing to educate our children in the danger and eventual outcome of using illegal drugs."

"We need a governor, not a drug pusher," Otero added.

Otero said he came to politics from his father, Manuel d'A Otero Jr. who helped Al get elected as precinct chairman and later ward chairman in Bernalillo County. With help from his father and brother Eloy Otero, Al was elected state representative of District 14 in Albuquerque. During his time in the state house, Otero was chairman of the Consumer and Public Affairs Committee for four years.

Al Otero is a descendant of the late Miguel A. Otero I who represented New Mexico in the US Congress and was son Miguel A. Otero II was appointed to serve as New Mexico territorial governor in 1897 to 1908.

The next meeting of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County is at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 30 at the home of Bob and Thelma Stephens on Burch Lane west of Capitan. For more information call 354-2673.

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County Reconsiders Ban On Jake Brakes

by Doris Cherry

On August 27, a county wide ban on large trucks using their engine "Jake brakes" will go into effect.

But in September, the Lincoln County Commissioners will revisit the county-wide Jake Brake ordinance to reconsider the safety and economic impacts of their ban on the use of the potentially noisy devices on large trucks.

During the county commission meeting Thursday, August 16 held in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, commissioners heard from some truck drivers who were concerned about the potential hazards of banning the use of the engine Jake brakes.

County commissioner Rick Simpson, a former truck driver, said he voted for the ordinance so he could bring it back for reconsideration. He explained the ordinance was the result of some complaints about Jake brake noise from residents living on Highway 70 west of Ruidoso, and some in the Hondo Valley. "But as we went along, more and more residents wanted the ban in other parts of the county," Simpson added. "So we passed it county wide."

During the discussion at the July public hearing on the ordinance on a county wide basis the county attorney had said the county deputies would enforce the ordinance with "common sense."

"I don't agree this is not common sense (the county-wide ban)," Simpson said during the August meeting. "There are several places in Lincoln County with long steep grades. An 80,000 pound vehicle going down a six or seven percent grade is dangerous. That's why they have the Jake brakes."

"When you don't have an engine brake, you have run away trucks frequently," Simpson continued. He referred to county residents Fred Payton and John Wilson as two drivers who had run away trucks. "The Jake brake is a real safety issue in some areas," he said.

Tom White, division manager of Ruidoso Paving, said several of his gravel hauling trucks have Jake brakes. He agreed he has also been offended by trucks that use their Jake brakes on Gavilan Canyon near his home. "As a youth I was thrilled to use the Jake brakes," White added. "As I get older I like my sleep. So I understand both sides of the issue."

But in steep grades such as Angus Hill and Indian Divide where he had a run-away truck, the Jake brake is needed. He said if a truck does not have a Jake brake it must use the low gears to slow down on those steep grades, resulting to traffic back-ups behind the trucks going 10 to 15 miles per hour off the hills. "The Jake brake is a very valuable item on a truck, I hope you ease this ordinance so it's not county wide."

White suggested the county consider a noise ordinance instead of the Jake brake, since the Jake brakes can be muffled. "Even though I am offended by the noise of the Jake brakes, I was the one who chose to live next to the road," White said. "I do not feel good about people who move to my neighborhood and try to change me."

"I hope you use the Jake brake ban only in areas

where it is needed," White concluded.

County manager Tom Stewart reported on the progress of the Jake brake ban road signs. He said they will try to use common sense on where to put the signs. He said the commission has the option to refine the list of the areas for the ban.

County commissioner Ray Nunley said the place he hears the Jake brakes the most is the slight incline by Sierra Blanca Motors on Highway 70 or Lincoln on Highway 380. "There's no problem in the steep inclines," Nunley added.

Simpson said Ruidoso already has a Jake brake ban.

Trucking company owner Pat Huey, also a driver, said he has three trucks with Jake brakes and he would hate to see the county enforce the ban. "He said a lot of the problem is the noise from trucks with six inch straight pipes using the Jake brakes. "Go back to the noise issue and make these trucks put on mufflers," Huey said. He also said the county has trucks with Jake brakes but they have mufflers so they are not so loud. "If you make them have mufflers you

will eliminate the gripes," Huey said.

"The county could open up a muffler shop," joked county commission chairman Rex Wilson.

Simpson agreed some trucks are worse for the loud noise from Jake brakes, especially cattle haulers on the busy Highway 70 truck route. However, Simpson warned that if the county is too tough on enforcing the ban on the Jake brakes county wide, it could impact local contractors and some companies may refuse to send their trucks into Lincoln County to make deliveries.

"You can't find one item here in this room that did not come in by truck," Simpson said. "We need to revisit this ordinance."

County attorney Alan Morel said when he drafted the ordinance it was not to be county wide, which must be done on a health, welfare and safety issue. "I think this is needed where necessary," Morel said of the ban.

He was unsure the county could regulate the use of mufflers on the Jake brakes on large trucks, because of the strict interstate commerce regulations. Also a county noise ordinance



A community potluck was held Monday the 13th of August to introduce the new school staff to the area residents.

A special school board meeting was held Monday the 20th of August to hire Thomas Mulkey and Carla Lopez for the Corona school system.

The new staff at the school are as follows: John Climer will teach special education and be a counselor - his wife Pam Climer will teach kindergarten. Linda Greer will teach pre-school and be the librarian. Thomas Mulkey will teach science and a history class as well as fulfill the duties as assistant volleyball coach. Carla Lopez of Encino will be a part-time teachers aide.

Corona school has six or seven new students and approximately 84 students from preschool to 12th grade.

The Corona girls volleyball team will have a scrimmage game with Mescalero on Thursday at Corona starting at 5:00 p.m. The volleyball teams first official game will be Saturday at House, starting at 4:00 p.m. Five of the girls on the team are returning from last year. Lets all support our girls volleyball team!

Mrs. Wanda Duke and Mrs. Lanita Rasak attended a workshop for Daughters of the American Revolution in Ruidoso, the 10th and 11th of August.

Members from 16 chapters across the state met at the Enchantment Inn to inform each other

on changes at the national level and give committee reports. The NM State Regent, Mrs. Susanna O'Malley, presided over the workshop. She is a member of the Sierra Blanca Chapter from Ruidoso.

The United States Daughters of 1812 met Saturday the 11th of August at the Enchantment Inn in Ruidoso for their regular meeting. The organization got its charter in October of 2000.

The United States Daughters of 1812 was first started in 1923 in NM but the membership died out and with no new members to replace them the organization dissolved. New Mexico now has a state organization but until it grows it does not have local chapters.

The criteria to join the daughters of 1812 is that you have an ancestor that fought or helped during the War of 1812. The information must be verified and proven.

Members learned Saturday about the ancestor of a member, Lois Faye Lampon of Albuquerque, Neville O'Bannon. She told the story of how the US Marines came to fight on the shores of Tripoli, as the Marine Hymn states. This all happened during the War of 1812 time frame.

The USD 1812 Charter members include Wanda Duke and Charter Secretary Lanita Rasak.

Tim and Janell Kane have houseguests this

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would have to include all other types of noise, not just Jake brakes. Wilson said enforceability

of the ordinance as it takes effect on August 27 is an issue. Nunley said he thought

Sheriffs Report

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August 5:
8:49 a.m. burglary alarm at gallery. Deputy responded.

9:10 a.m. criminal damage to Tunstall Store in Lincoln.
9:18 a.m. broken down quad cab pickup on Highway 48. At 9:44 a.m. the responding deputy requested the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI), and the funeral home.

9:45 a.m. harassment at location off Highway 70. Responding deputy all was okay, "for now."

10:40 a.m. civil in Alpine Village.

11:55 a.m. Mescalero BIA police advise of stolen vehicle.

2:46 p.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 22 on Highway 244 involving a motorcycle. Med 1 transported to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

4:06 p.m. recovered property in Capitán.

4:30 p.m. 911 report of domestic in progress in San Patricio.

August 6:
5:37 a.m. request for ambulance for 17 year old male with possible appendicitis. Hondo ambulance transported patient to LCMC.

8:49 a.m. accident with injuries at the intersection of Highways 380 and 54.

Carrizozo ambulance transported the injured to LCMC. requested the vehicle be moved.

11:18 p.m. loud party with noisy young people off ski run road.

August 4:
12:41 a.m. request for ambulance on 2nd Street. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

10:56 a.m. 911 report of domestic at a business in Tinnie.

11:19 a.m. request for officer in Palo Verde.

12:51 p.m. 911 call request for ambulance at business. Capitán ambulance transported to LCMC.

1:07 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at Bonito Lake Road for a 10 year old with a broken ankle. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

5:19 p.m. request for ambulance in South Fork Campground for a woman with a broken ankle who was up the trail. Med 1 was notified.

6:28 p.m. peacekeeping on C Ave.

7:48 p.m. neighbors shooting guns at location off Highway 70. Responding deputy advised he made no contact and all was okay.

10:07 p.m. request for ambulance at West Lake Campground. Med 1 responded.

the sheriff would instruct his deputies on the use of common sense while enforcing the Jake brake ordinance.

"But that may not be true in the future," Simpson added. "We may sometime have a sheriff who is an overzealous rookie."

"We only have good sheriffs in Lincoln County," Nunley joked.

County commissioner Leo Martinez retorted, "what about under-sheriffs?"

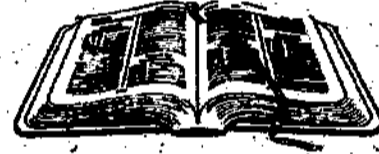
Simpson made the motion to revisit the Jake brake ordinance with another public hearing at their meeting September. County commissioner Bill Schwettmann seconded it, and the vote was 4-1 with Nunley voting no.

Ruidoso Considers (Can't From Pg. 7)

Public education: Village of Ruidoso should promulgate literature regarding the design, installation, and maintenance of water efficient landscapes, which will be made available to all water users in the community. Where feasible, the village will participate in research, education and communication. The councilors recognize the need for long term maintenance practices and encourages all property owners to develop a long term maintenance plan and program.

The resolution was considered and may be adopted at a later date.

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 8:00 p.m.

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

Carrizozo Community Church (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.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Cordina St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Clainch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
648-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:30 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist Women
Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 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 Smoky Bear Blvd., Capitán, NM
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Sunday 4:00-6:00 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

LaGrone Funeral Chapel
Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler
Stearns Insurance Agency

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO CV 01-206

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Jacob Knowles FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Comes now the Petitioner, Jacob William Knowles, and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, the 18-day of June, 2001, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from Jacob William Knowles to William Jacob Gipson.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby give notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Hon. Karen Parsons at 8:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of September 2001, at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing his/her name from Jacob William Knowles to William Jacob Gipson.

Jacob William Knowles
P.O. Box 338
Tinnie, NM 88351
(505) 653-4346

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. CV-01-156 III

CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A New Jersey Corporation Plaintiff,

vs. PAUL ZIMMER, and LINDA JEAN ZIMMER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Chase"), in which Chase prays for foreclosure of its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff as set forth in the complaint, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at Lot 2 Antelope Trail, Nogal, New Mexico 88341, and more particularly described as:

LOT 2B OF MAGADO CREEK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOT 2 OF MAGADO CREEK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OCTOBER 11, 1996, CABINET F, SLIDE 548.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause on or before September 22, 2001, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorney for Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation is Rose M. R. Little of Rose Little & Associates, P.C., 3803 Arisco Blvd., NW, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County this 3rd day of August, 2001.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL) By: Elizabeth Ysasi, Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in an Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), duly adopted and approved by the Village Council of the Village of Capitan, New Mexico, on August 14, 2001. Complete copies of the Ordinance are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the Village Clerk, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico.

The title of the Ordinance is:

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2001, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$459,800) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND EXTENDING THE VILLAGE'S WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING THAT THE BONDS WILL BE PAYABLE AND COLLECTIBLE SOLELY FROM NET REVENUES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE VILLAGE'S WATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND

CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS, THE MANNER OF THEIR EXECUTION, THE METHOD OF PAYING THE BONDS AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE BONDS AND SUCH SYSTEM, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND APPERTAINING THERETO:

The title sets forth a general summary of the subject matter contained in the Ordinance. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6, NMSA 1978.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Utility Cause No. 3628

CAPITAN CARRIZOZO NATURAL GAS COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING COMPANY,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") gives notice of the following concerning Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Company ("CCNG") and Zia Natural Gas Company ("Zia"), a division of Natural Gas Processing Co.

1. CCNG filed a Complaint on June 4, 2001 alleging that Zia was engaging in the practice of laying unnecessary and duplicative natural gas service lines in an area, the Loma Grande Subdivision in Lincoln County, New Mexico, which CCNG claims to already serve.

2. On July 10, 2001, the Commission issued its Order Docketing Formal Complaint in which it found that the Commission's jurisdiction, and found that probable cause existed for the Complaint. The Commission ordered Zia to either satisfy the Complaint, or answer the same, within 20 days of service of the Commission's Order.

3. Zia filed its Answer on July 30, 2001 stating that it had the authority to extend its system into the area in question, that it has a duty to provide service if it is economically feasible, and requesting that the Commission remove the condition on Zia's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity prohibiting Zia from attempting to serve the "Nogal" area.

4. The following schedule has been established for this matter:

A. A hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. on September 10, 2001 at the Commission's Utility Division offices, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico for the purpose of taking evidence concerning CCNG's Complaint and the relief requested by Zia in its Answer.

B. On or before August 24, 2001, Zia and CCNG shall file direct testimony in support of their respective requests for relief in this case.

C. On or before September 4, 2001, CCNG, Zia and Commission Staff shall, and other parties may, file responsive testimony.

D. Oral rebuttal testimony may be allowed at the hearing at the Hearing Examiner's discretion.

E. Any person who desires to become a party to this case shall file a Motion for Leave to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to 17 NMAC 1.2.26.1 on or before August 30, 2001.

5. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony in this case must file with the Commission and must serve a copy thereof on all parties of record and the Commission Staff.

6. Any person whose testimony has been filed in this case will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

7. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and give a written or oral comment without becoming an Intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence.

8. Interested persons are encouraged to contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are on occasion rescheduled.

9. Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the offices of the Commission at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 17th day of August, 2001.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION
MICHAEL BARLOW
Hearing Examiner

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 29, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Watson House in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the August 29, 2001, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

Twelfth Judicial District Court County of Lincoln State of New Mexico No. CV-01-221 III

IN RE: The Petition for Name Change of Mackenzie Jade Eldridge

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1978, Mackenzie Jade Eldridge will apply to the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, at the Lincoln County Judicial District Courthouse at Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 8:15 o'clock a.m. on the 18th day of September, 2001, during a regular term of the Court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of name for her child from Mackenzie Jade Eldridge to Mackenzie Jade Moore.

JAN PERRY
District Court Clerk

By: Darla Goar
Deputy Court Clerk

Submitted:
Laura Flores
Petitioner, pro se

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO CAUSE NO. PB-01-025 DIVISION III

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN WINTHROP PAYNE, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

SHERRI LEA PAYNE has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN WINTHROP PAYNE, 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.

SHERRI LEA PAYNE

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

Cause No. PB-01-32
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NELMA LEE BECK, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FRANCES POWELL, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of NELMA LEE BECK, Deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two 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, Post Office Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

FRANCES POWELL

MICHAEL S. LINE
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 519
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
Phone (505) 258-4636

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**LABOR DAY CELEBRATION!!!
CARRIZOZO STREET FAIR
SEPTEMBER 3, 2001**



Commissioner Defends Need For Shelter Audit

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann defended the county's request for an independent audit of the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

During the county commission meeting of August 16 held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Schwettmann who was absent from the July meeting discussion about the humane society, said he agreed an audit is needed. "I do not see how an audit is not inappropriate," Schwettmann said in reference to criticisms of the county's demand. Schwettmann read from the Humane Society bylaws adopted in 1996 that states the organization finances would all be subject to independent audit as directed by the society board. "This is a very precise requirement," Schwettmann added. "But the society has not been audited or financial statements reviewed. So it seems they are violating their own bylaws," Schwettmann said.

"If we have damaged the Humane Society by demanding an audit, I am sorry but it should have been done a long time ago," Schwettmann continued. "In a way I can blame all of this on the county commission, it should have been looked into."

In the audience was a former humane society board member who had resigned because of her concerns about the organization finances. Marlis Shehata said in the seven months she served on the Humane Society board she was appalled over the organization financial state. She said her questions were ignored and the president refused to give out information. "A lot of people resigned from the board due to lack of information," Shehata said. She said many of the problems are due to a certain employee. "When I asked for an audit, I was told in writing we did not need an audit," Shehata continued. "I just saw the proposed budget given to the county."

"I have never seen anything like this," Shehata said about the financial state of the organization. "I am concerned because this is an organization that deals with donations and public money and it needs to be more accurate."

Shehata was also "appalled" about a published commentary written by commissioner Martinez.

Since the July commission meeting, county manager Tom Stewart advised the Humane Society that county staff wanted to perform an audit on the shelter and Humane Society, since the county contracts for shelter services with the Humane Society of Lincoln County. Stewart advised the society the commissioners "decided to fund your operations for three months with monthly payments of \$2,083.33." He advised the society board the commissioners at their meeting October 18 want a report on the Humane Society audit; complete budget for both departments; a recap of resources available to the Humane Society as a whole; its 501C3 nonprofit certificate; statement of tax exempt status if not collecting taxes at the gift shop and prepared contract for future operations.

On August 8, the humane society acting president Cal Cowden replied to the county to notify that the Humane Society had hired Ronnie Hemphill CPA to conduct an audit and report to the county commission.

Forest Report Confirms Fears Of Fire Danger

A forest health report from Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart during the Lincoln County Commission meeting August 16 was about the briefing on the Lincoln National Forest health study presented by Dr. Dave Garrett in Cloudercroft on August 3. Stewart said the final report will be about 300 pages long. Stewart summarized some of the salient points of Dr. Garrett's report. His study verifies 100 years of neglect and the effect on the watershed. Over time, fires have gone from ground to crown. Garrett considers this area to be the "worst he has ever seen and he would not want to live in Cloudercroft or Ruidoso during fire season."

Stewart said Garrett said the goal is to do ecological restoration to pre-settlement conditions with pursuit of "visual quality" as another goal. Stewart said Garrett said humans prefer open spaces.

Dr. Garrett also wants to press legislators to make Lincoln National Forest a pilot project, thus fending off protests from people who do not live here, Stewart said. "Especially those who think trees are beautiful and don't see the other side of the story."

Ecosystem models mandate thinning about every 20 years. To restore the watershed about 30 percent of the mixed conifers need to be thinned, 50 percent of the Ponderosa Pine and aggressive action with pinon and juniper.

Since fires cost annually about \$103 million, the cost of restoration would balance with the reduction in fire.

"There is no time for studies," Stewart said Garrett emphasized. "We have to act now."

A watershed model must be developed to restore watersheds to contribute to biodiversity to save every one and every species.

Another report Stewart gave on forest health was on the recent funding of \$171,011 for watershed restoration projects through the Upper Hondo Watershed Coalition. There are 28 member agencies or organizations of the coalition. Among them are Ruidoso River Association, County of Lincoln, Villages of Ruidoso and Capitan, Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, Lincoln County PLUAC, Lincoln Historic Preservation

Board, South Central Mountain RC&D, NMED, State Engineer's Office, US Forest Service (USFS), BLM, BIA, Mescalero Apache Tribe, and others.

Some of the funding will go toward development of a watershed restoration action strategy plan. "The Ruidoso River Association (a member of the coalition) will draw upon the resources of the coalition to develop local outreach programs for the restoration of the watershed that will focus on schools, educators, citizens and public officials to attain a maximum awareness and support for water quality initiatives," the report states.

Some of the upcoming projects are to remove pinon and juniper seedlings on 200 acres of USFS land in Devil's Canyon, leased to Bonnell Ranches, Inc. Slash will be scattered for later prescribed burning by the USFS, Philadelphia Canyon Riparian Improvement Projects, also on USFS land, will thin 362 acres of pinon, juniper and ponderosa pine seedlings and saplings. Slash will be scattered and burned. This project will be done in cooperation with the New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish matching funds of the Sikes Act Habitat Stamp.

USFS will do thinning on 700 acres in the Grindstone Habitat Improvement Planning Area near Ruidoso. This is also a Sikes Act project.

Removal of salt cedar on 120 acres along Salado Creek and Magado Creek near Capitan. Salt cedar will be replaced with native riparian (streamside) species. The method to be employed to remove the salt cedar is cutting and immediate follow up of "Arsenal" herbicide, and planting of Canadian rye grass.

Another project of the coalition is development of an "outreach" program to encourage open space and family ranching by land trust. The Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust will develop a program of educational workshops.



FAST ACTION

Lincoln County News

CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL: 505 / 648-2333

STEARNS INSURANCE AGENCY CARRIZOZO (505) 648-2911

WANTED: Full or part time cooks and bartenders. Outpost in Carrizozo 648-9994 or 648-2194 tfn-Aug. 9

TRACTOR WORK
Mowing, Excavating, Roads Built, Gravel Hauled, Water, Electric, Sewer Lines and Septic Systems Installed. Turn Key Mobil Sites Built
354-7000 430-5557
11tp-July 5 - Sept. 13

CALL FOR COMPLIMENTARY - facial - Mary Kay cosmetics. Peggy Najar. 648-2126 6tc-July 19 - Aug. 23

FREE TO GOOD HOME
Female 1 year old pit bull mix. Great with other animals, good with kids, needs room to run. Very hyper. Is spayed and has all shots. Beautiful dog.
648-5605 after 5 p.m.
1tp-Aug. 23

RENTALS: in Carrizozo 648-2776 648-2660 648-2233 4tc-Aug. 23-Sept. 13

FOR SALE: 22 hp, diesel Yanmar Tractor. 4-wheel drive, automatic, 6 speed, 3 point hitch, 4 speed PTO, bucket. Like new, only 260 hours. \$10,900.00 in Lincoln 505-653-4041 4tc-Aug. 2,9,16&23

FOR SALE: Skier's Special: 1989 Ford Tempo, 4wd, AT, power windows, cassette, rack for skis or snowboards, 63,000 miles \$2,500 OBO 354-2673 tfn-Aug. 2

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week. They are Mike and Barbj Gidden and their children Nicole 12, and Kevin 9. The Giddens are from Arcadia, CA. *****

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Duke went to Gallup for the weekend to celebrate their grandson's, Michael Rodriguez, birthday. *****

They enjoyed dinner at one of their favorite restaurants Saturday night and a backyard barbeque on Sunday. They enjoyed visiting with their

grandson, his wife Sarah and children Raeann 3, and Michael Benjamin 6. *****

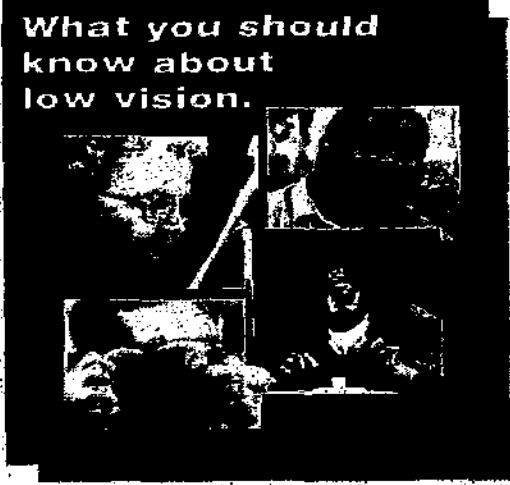
Reverend Scott King made a quick trip to the midwest to bring his son Dale here for a visit. We look forward to seeing Dale King. *****

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County May Challenge

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private property was violated by the federal byways rule against billboards. He said he hired an attorney to research the byways who said the byways designation should have been approved by the county commission before it went to the state.

"If we didn't approve it," said Wilson, "does that mean it isn't a byway?"

Stewart said the county needs to contact the Federal Highway Administration about the byways designation. "Let's challenge the designation," Stewart proposed.

Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll, a private property advocate, said the designation was done without approval of the county elected officials. "I think the county commission should stand by the property owners and make the village go back through the process to designate the byway," Carroll said.

Carroll suggested the county put up a billboard and see what happens.

Nosker said he didn't mind the route being a scenic byway, unless it affects the ability to use private property.

Nosker also commended commissioners for making a point to the state highway commission about the inadequacy of information about the proposed Highway 70 improvements. He also commended the commissioners for their support of the proposed four-lane reconstruction of Highway 70 through Hondo Valley.

He said the four lane highway is needed because the highway as it is now is a dangerous place. He said the state highway commission puts a "lot of credence" on what the county commission says and what resolutions it passes.

Morel said he would research the byways and provide an opinion about the designation at the September commission meeting.

In the letter from Briley to Stewart, dated August 13, Briley wrote that the National Scenic Byway was designated in 1998 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). "In 1994, Dick Seely, consultant for several byways throughout the country, contacted local businessman Bill Hirschfeld and explained the byways program and the federal funds available. In efforts to get local support, Hirschfeld verbalized the idea to many local political officials, including members of town councils, county officials and other federal and state agencies in the area. From what he (Hirschfeld) tells me," Briley wrote. "Two members of the county commission, Wilton Howell and Monroy Montes, were told about the program and were very interested."

"The idea was very well received by everyone, however, no one had funds available to match the federal dollars as required. At that time Hirschfeld approached the Village and Mayor (Jerry) Shaw told

him to go forward with the grant applications, and the village would try to make up the match through in kind services, supplying materials and through committee help, try to find partners," Briley continued.

"In May of 1995, a Village ad hoc committee was set up. Through their work the byway was designated by the FHWA in June 1995 as Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Loop."

"In January 1996, the committee recommended application for a grant for \$670,000, of which \$540,000 would be FHWA and \$130,000 a match from the sponsor. The grant was for construction of visitor center along the loop and a corridor management plan, marketing and brochures. As stated before, entities were willing to help with in kind work, but no one had actual funds to use," Briley wrote.

"In March 1996, a (Ruidoso) village ordinance was passed to create the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Loop Committee. Members included representatives from entities along the loop, including Capitan, Lincoln, Highway department, museum, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Forest Service, BLM, etc. The first duty of the committee was to get the match for the grant. Later in March 1996 proposals were heard from the Museum of the Horse and the County of Lincoln for locations of the proposed visitors center."

The Museum offered a location by its facility in Ruidoso Downs and the county offered to deed the Glencoe Rural Events Center. The village selected the museum property because the Glencoe center was too big.

"The first grant was for \$670,000 in which the property was the match of \$130,000," Briley wrote. "The Village has received another \$176,000 grant for additional exhibits, in which the Museum provided the match. The Village as sponsor also received a \$238,000 grant for education programs, promotional programs and the Scenic Vista Point (on Highway 48 south) of Capitan. Of that the Village supplied the \$47,707 cash match. Currently we (the village) have a \$62,500 grant for a Lincoln Interpretive Plan and Restrooms at the Fort Stanton Trail Head of which the village is supplying the \$12,500 cash match. Another \$31,250 grant for marketing, coordinator, grant writer, forming a 501(c)3 organizations, etc. in which the village is matching the grant with \$6,250 cash."

"The current Village Council is still very supportive of the program, as demonstrated by their efforts to supply the cash matches toward the projects. No one else has come forth and volunteered to take the lead on this, and the Village feels the entire County benefits from the Village's support in this program, and will continue to do so."

As for the restrictions, Briley wrote that the Village as sponsor, nor any

committee member had advocated any restrictions with regard to land use along the loop. "The only restriction we are aware of is an FHWA restriction that no new billboards are allowed on a designated Scenic Byway," Briley wrote. "We had some problems with this at the beginning of the designation. There were some permits for new billboards submitted prior to the byway designation. The Highway Department did allow those permits, and new billboards were installed after the designation date. Since then, the Highway (state) Department has upheld the Federal guidelines and not allowed any new billboards."

"I know there has been a great deal of discussion regarding restrictions or zoning in various places throughout the county," Briley continued. "And I assure you there is no mechanism, nor any wish by the Byway Committee or the Village to place any restriction of any kind along the route. As far as the placement of billboards, the committee and village had no say in that."

"If there was a requirement that Federal restrictions must also be adopted by the county, we were not aware of that requirement. There has been so much involvement by the county and other county entities, we assume those restrictions have been passed on and lived with for the past six years or since 1995," Briley wrote.

Currently projects underway are the bathrooms and kiosk at Fort Stanton trailhead (on BLM property) and a Lincoln Interpretive

Plan. "The BLM has been very helpful in getting the bathrooms at the trailhead. The Lincoln Interpretive Plan is co-sponsored by the State Monuments, BLM and the Hubbard Museum of the American West. The interpretive plan is currently out for proposals, and although a National Scenic Byways Project, we always need help and input and would appreciate your help on this plan," Briley wrote.

"As I said before, the match money is already budgeted in the Village budget, but if the county would like to help financially we would appreciate that, and if not we will rely on your input during the process."

Neither Briley or any other representative from the Village of Ruidoso was able to attend the county commission meeting.

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