

# Throwing A Butt In Ruidoso Could Land You In Jail

by DORIS CHERRY

Within 30 days, anyone caught and convicted of throwing out any lighted material anywhere in Ruidoso could end up in jail.

Ruidoso Village council, at its September 25 meeting, voted unanimously to amend the village ordinances dealing with the "Improper Handling of

Fire" to allow the municipal judge to sentence a guilty offender to jail time. Before the amendment, the penalty for improper handling of fire was a \$500 fine, community service or both.

Under Sec. 58-46 of the Ruidoso codes: improper handling of fire, a new paragraph replaced the penalty clause under

"smoking materials." The sections for smoking materials makes it unlawful for any person to cause a fire to be started upon his own land or the land of another by means of any lighted cigar, cigarette, match or other manner, and leave such fire unattended; unlawful for any person to discard a lit cigarette, cigar, match or other type of incendiary material on a

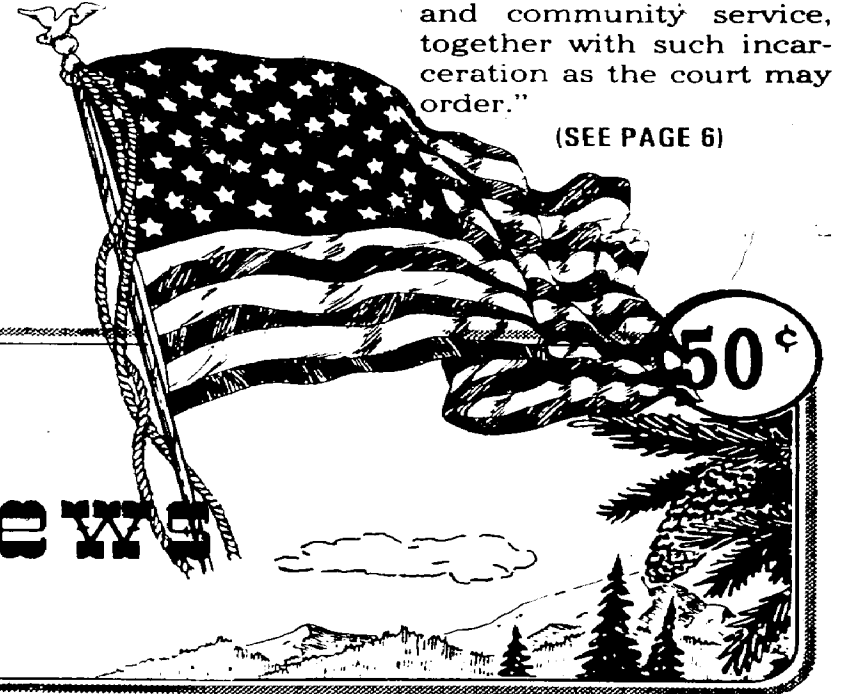
public right of way, public property or areas open to the public.

The new language about the penalty, which replaces the previous language of the fine and community service, reads: "A person convicted of violating this section shall be punished in accordance with the general penalty provisions of section 1-6 of this code, provided, that a person

found guilty of violating subparagraph (e) herein concerning smoking materials shall be assessed, at a

minimum, a fine of \$500 or a period of community service as determined by the court, or both such fine and community service, together with such incarceration as the court may order."

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**TIGER HOMECOMING COURT.** Capitan High School seniors (front from left) Jennifer Buff, Ashlee Carner and Jenna Turner are the Homecoming 2001 queen candidates. Seniors (back from left) Dennis Brockman, Cole Brooks and Doug Smith are the homecoming king candidates. Homecoming 2001 Queen and King will be crowned during half time at the game on Friday, Sept. 28 when the Tigers play Escalante. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. The 2001 Homecoming Parade will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday beginning at the school. Homecoming court members are juniors Jerry Trujillo and Sandy Sanderson, sophs Stephen Silva and Alyx Sheehy and freshmen Andrew Silva and Jennifer Lucero.

## Capitan Okays Water Project

by DORIS CHERRY

Capitan village trustees at their meeting September 11 awarded the bid for construction of the subdivision water improvement project.

With all trustees present - Benny Coker, Debra Ingle,

Leroy Montes and John Whitaker, they unanimously awarded the project to Cone Construction Corp. Inc. of Albuquerque, the second lowest bidder. Awarding of the contract had been delayed from the opening of bids in August, because there was a huge

discrepancy between the lowest bidder Diamond Construction of Las Cruces and Cone's price.

Rob Richardson, engineer for the project who was present at the meeting, said the lowest bid had to be rejected as not being responsive because Diamond had failed to include the required form that lists all subcontractors. Richardson said he did not recommend rejecting all the bids and going through another bid advertisement process which could take another month to six weeks, and could result in even higher prices. Rather he recommended trustees award the bid to Cone, even though it was much higher than the low bid.

After a length discussion about the great difference in price between the lowest, non-responsive bid, and the other three much higher bids, and how re-bidding cost more and could delay the project up to six months, citizens in the audience at the meeting encouraged trustees to "go for it" now.

The project will be financed with a combination loan/grant from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), formerly the federal Farm Home Administration. With the awarding of the bid, the village and Richardson will submit the fi-

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## Upper Hondo Soil & Water District Open House Is October 4 In Capitan

Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting an open house and annual meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 4, at its office in Capitan.

The open house, to show off the new office facility, will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at the office located at 516 Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan. The supper and annual meeting will be

held at 7 p.m. at the Capitan School Cafeteria. The dinner menu is barbecue brisket on a bun, potato salad, beans, condiments, dessert and drinks.

Everyone is invited to attend the open house, dinner and meeting where a supervisor will be elected. Door prizes will also be given.

There is no charge to attend.

## County Democrats To Hold Fall BBQ Saturday, September 29th

Democratic Party of Lincoln County invites all Democrats and their guests to the annual Fall McTeigue BBQ and Fiesta at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 29, at the Alfred McTeigue home in Hondo.

To reach the McTeigue home turn off of Highway 70 at mile marker 284 onto the frontage road. The turn

will be marked with signs and balloons.

Guests need to bring folding chairs, eating utensils and a side dish. A \$5 per plate donation for the Red Cross will be asked of all those attending. There will also be a business meeting prior to the meal.

For more information call Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

## Carrizozo Clinic Future Uncertain

by DORIS CHERRY

Carrizozo Health Clinic loses an average of \$4,000 a month in uncollectible debts, prompting even the most skeptical Lincoln County Commissioners to doubt whether the county should take over the clinic operations and make clinic staff county employees.

County commissioners discussed the clinic at their regular meeting September 20 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. David Roddy, director of the New Mexico Primary Care Association, made the preliminary financial report about the clinic operations.

County manager Tom Stewart began discussion by saying he had contacted Roddy after the commissioners two months ago had requested a study of the clinic finances. "He offered, free of charge, to collect information on our clinic and present his analysis of the situation and recommendations," Stewart said.

Roddy said he did a "quick and dirty" analysis of information given him from the health clinic. Stewart had sent a letter to Ernie Gonzales, Physician's Assistant for the clinic, requesting the financial information on monthly and year to date finances; productivity reports including visits, charges, collections, write-off by type of provider and payment source and a copy of the application for the

federal rural primary health provider clinic funding.

Roddy said it appears the medical portion of the clinic loses an average of \$12,000 a year and the dental portion of the clinic loses an average of \$20,000 a year. He said last year the medical side of the clinic collected 67 percent of all billing while the dental side of the clinic collected 63 percent.

On the medical part of the clinic, there were 400 visits with an average expense of \$25,000 to \$30,000 a month, Roddy said. However the average collection of bills and payments from Medicare or Medicaid was \$16,500.

On the dental side, 35 percent of the bills were paid by Medicare, 10 per-

cent paid by Medicaid, 33 percent of bills were paid by insurance, 8 to 13 percent was charity care and 9-10 percent was those without insurance who paid full rates.

Roddy said the health clinic might have to consider raising its rates, which to him were below the average cost for health care. He said the cost per visit is \$65 to \$75 but the clinic is only collecting about \$33 per visit on average. He also suggested the clinic pursue federal funding as a rural clinic to help offset expenses.

"There is a gap there somewhere that needs to be addressed," Roddy said. He did say there was a

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## CCNG Negotiations With Zia Continue

by DORIS CHERRY

The cost of bulk natural gas for Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas has gone down.

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board of directors, meeting in regular session Wednesday, September 19 at the CCNG office in Capitan, locked into a set price of \$3.10 per million BTU (mmBTU) for bulk natural gas. Currently, CCNG pays \$3.91 mmBTU. Board members Norm Renfro, John Whitaker and Leroy Montes from Capitan and board chair Manny Hernandez and board member Tommy Guevara from Carrizozo accepted the bulk gas price, the only one received in response to a CCNG request for proposals, from Mercado Gas Service, the current bulk supplier. The new price begins November 1, 2001 and is locked in placed until October 31, 2002.

Montes said in 2000 CCNG paid \$2.37 mmBTU, then the price went up to \$3.91. "We have no idea what gas prices will really do," Montes said. Whitaker said he did not believe gas prices would go down.

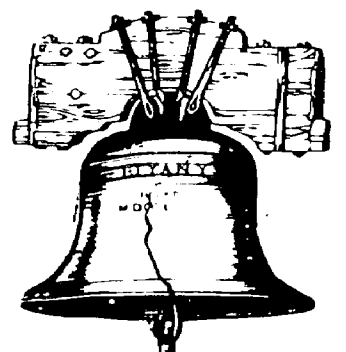
In response to a question from a resident who attended the meeting, CCNG

office manager Kay Strickland said with the lower cost for bulk gas, customers of CCNG will pay lower prices for gas over the minimum.

In personnel action, the board approved the hiring of Leroy Lopez as a six month temporary gas fitter 1 employee to fill a vacancy. Montes said Lopez will be paid \$8 an hour and will have no benefits for six months. The board also approved the hiring of Rita Gomez as full time billing clerk. She began work September 10, after board members Hernandez, Whitaker and Montes and Strickland had interviewed her and offered her a job on Friday, September 7.

Renfro said he got a call from a resident who was concerned that the board had held a special unannounced meeting on that Friday, September 7. "It

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# County To Continue Animal Discussion



Lincoln County Commissioners began a process of rewriting the county animal control ordinance during their meeting Thursday, September 20 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County commissioners held public hearing on a proposed ordinance that contained language that would have required all pets county wide to be licensed and would allow animal control officers to enter private property to control animals. Several citizens commented, including Jerry Carroll of Oscura who objected to some "really obnoxious things" in the ordinance; Susan Moeller of Nogal who favored dog licensing because it helps locate owners if the pet is lost; Sally Canning of Lincoln who found the ordinance

to be weak in how it addressed livestock damage by dogs, and Bob Moeller of Nogal who also favored licensing and suggested the county look at the San Miguel County animal control ordinance considered by Animal Protection of New Mexico to be one of the best in the state.

County commissioners will continue the public hearing on the proposed animal control ordinance at their October 18 meeting. All comments and recommendations made at the September 20 meeting will be incorporated into the draft to be presented October 18.

During discussion of the proposed ordinance at the September 20 meeting, county commissioners reviewed the language section by section. Carroll objected to the section that

gives authority to the animal control officer and deputies to go on private property without a warrant. After discussion, county commissioners agreed that the section would start with language that would require officers to have a warrant unless the property owner gives consent for them to go on the property, or there is imminent danger.

In the section requiring rabies vaccination for all dogs and cats, county commissioner chair Rex Wilson asked if that would include untamed barn cats, or feral cats coming on one's property.

County commissioner Ray Nunley said the rabies vaccinations requirement is for public protection.

Susan Moeller said state law requires rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats and feral animals are a problem, but rabies is a serious threat.

Carroll suggested adding an exemption for "feral cats."

In the section on vicious animals, animal control officer (ACO) Pat Montes asked if he or deputies would have to destroy vicious animals. Wilson said that would be a responsibility of the Humane Society.

Most discussion was over the section on licensing of dogs and cats that proposed to make it a duty of

the county clerk to register the licenses.

County commissioner Rick Simpson was most concerned about this section. Earlier in the discussion he used the analogy of chipping at a foundation of a house with a hammer as the erosion of person rights. Each chip at the foundation did not seem like much, until after time, chip by chip, the entire foundation was chipped away. "I do not want to see us get into county wide licensing," Simpson said.

Bob Moeller who favored licensing said there are financial benefits to licensing. Susan Moeller said she figured if each license cost \$5 and if there are 15,000 dogs in Lincoln County, the county could raise \$75,000 year from the licensing. That would be enough to hire another ACO and give the current one a raise, and help with the shelter situation.

Nunley asked how anyone could tell if a pet was vaccinated without a license. Both Simpson and Wilson said a vaccination can be traced through the administering veterinarian. "We can have proof of vaccination without having it on their necks," Wilson said of pets. "The only one that should be licensed is the vet," Simpson added.

Carroll in response to Moeller's comment that licensing could bring reve-

nue to the county to finance the humane society or hire another ACO, wanted a cost comparison for the revenue from the license, to what it will cost the county clerk's office to administer the licensing.

County manager Tom Stewart said the humane society has stated it would do the licensing.

Wilson questioned if very rural residents would drive to get a pet license.

"Licensing is like someone giving you permission to own animals on your own private property," said Canning.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said he thought the whole thing was "ridiculous." "We can never enforce licensing," he added.

Montes said it would be hard for any ACO to enforce county wide licensing. He suggested letting the licensing be done by each community.

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## Trinity Site Open To Public Oct. 6

Trinity Site, where the first atomic bomb was exploded in 1945, will be open to the public on Saturday, October 6.

The National Historic Landmark is open to the public twice a year on the first Saturday of April and October.

Trinity Site is located on the northern end of the 3,200 square mile White Sands Missile Range, west of Carrizozo. For the upcoming tour there will be two ways of entering the restricted missile range.

An unescorted tour begins at the Stallion Range Center, five miles south of Highway 380. The turn-off for the Stallion gate is 53 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380 and 12 miles east of San Antonio. The Stallion gate will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors arriving at the Stallion gate between those hours will receive handouts and will be allowed to drive unescorted the 17 miles to Trinity Site. The road is paved and marked.

The second way of entering the missile range is with a caravan sponsored by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. The caravan forms at the Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo and leaves at 8 a.m. Visitors entering this way will travel as an escorted group with military police to and from Trinity Site. The drive is 170 miles round trip and there are no service station facilities on the missile range. The caravan is scheduled to leave Trinity Site at 1 p.m. for the return to Alamogordo.

Cameras are allowed at Trinity Site, but their use is strictly prohibited anywhere else on White Sands Missile Range.

Trinity Site consists of ground zero where the atomic bomb was placed on a 100-foot steel tower and exploded on July 16, 1945, and the McDonald Ranch house where the world's first plutonium core for a bomb was assembled. The house was restored in 1984. The crater resulting from the explosion has been filled in and a small monument now marks the spot. The missile range provides historical photos and a Fat Man bomb casing for display at ground zero.

For more information contact the White Sands Missile Public Affairs Office at (505) 687-1134/1700.

Warm and dry daytime temperatures continue to dominate in Lincoln County after brief showers over last weekend in the higher elevations.

The weather service predicts a very slight chance for showers by Tuesday, October 2.

Night time temperatures continue to decrease as the days get shorter, with lows to dip to the high 30s in Ruidoso.

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

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

Today, Thursday, September 27:

Partly sunny and warm. High temperature in Carrizozo to 92. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy skies with a low temperature in Carrizozo of 50.

Friday, September 28: Partly cloudy with highs in the mid to upper 80s, lows in the high 40s to mid 50s.

Saturday to Tuesday, Sept. 29 to October 2:

Partly cloudy with a slight chance for afternoon or evening thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the high 40s to low 50s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and other higher elevations in Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, September 27:

Partly sunny with high temperature in Ruidoso 79. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy skies, with a low of 39 in Ruidoso.

Friday, September 28: Partly cloudy with highs 77 to 83. Lows in the 40s.

Saturday to Tuesday, Sept. 29 to October 2:

Partly cloudy with a slight chance for afternoon showers and evening thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s. Lows 35 to 45.

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## C'zozo FFA Does Well At State Fair

On September 7, the New Mexico State Fair kicked off and several Carrizozo FFA members did very well competing in the shows.

Patrick Hightower, Lane Dixon, Brent Dixon, and Kaitlyan Vega represented Carrizozo very well, despite the hassles and the problems on Tuesday, September 11.

Hightower entered a pickup grill guard that took first place as well as a headache rack. These two got first and second places to give Hightower the sweepstakes award in the Ag Mechanics entries.

Brent Dixon did well in the calf scramble, catching a calf. Dixon hopes to return to the state fair next year with a heifer.

Lane Dixon did the best out of the bunch placing fourth with his market steer but Patrick and Brent were not far behind with Pat placing seventh with his Limousin steer and Brent taking eighth with his medium cross steer.

The fair came to an end on September 15 with Carrizozo FFA members coming home very happy.

Submitted by Carrizozo FFA.

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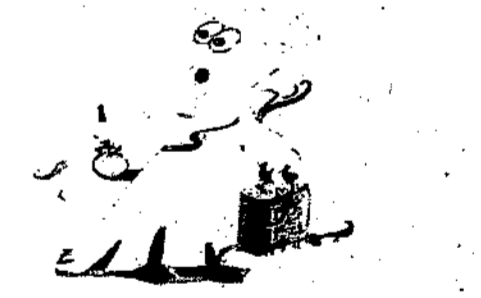
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For more information contact SSG Israel Herrera, 1600 South Florida St., Alamogordo, NM 88310; or call collect 505-434-3452.



**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**  
 -AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo for children three years old through sixth grade.  
 -AWAMA club meeting 6-8 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo for children in grades 7 and 8.  
 -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.  
 -Pre-school reading hour, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**  
 -Capitan High School homecoming parade, 2 p.m. on Smokey Bear Blvd. (Highway 380) in Capitan. Parade starts at the school and ends on Lincoln Ave. by village hall. Homecoming game starts at 7 p.m. at Tiger stadium.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
 -5K fun run/walk for the B.E.A.C.H. to raise funds for breast cancer mammograms, 8 a.m. McGary Studio on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Entry fee. Call 257-9251 or 336-9143 for information.  
 -Democratic Party of Lincoln County annual McTeigue BBQ and fall Fiesta, 1:30 p.m. Alfred McTeigue home in Hondo. Call 354-2673 for directions and information.

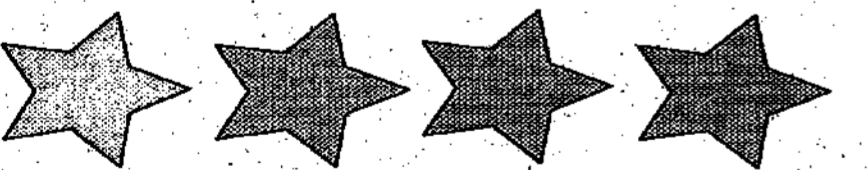
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 12:30 p.m. chamber building on Second Street.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
 -Lincoln County Health and Wellness Planning Council monthly meeting 8 a.m. Lincoln County Medical Center board room in Ruidoso. All interested are invited to attend. Agendas available at 117 El Paso Road prior to the meeting.  
 -American Legion Post 57, Capitan, meets at 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Citizen Center. All honorably discharged veterans invited to attend.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
 -First day of class for the EMT Basic refresher course, 5-9 p.m. ENMU-Ruidoso. Call 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3668 to register.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
 -Ruidoso Public Library closed for Aspenfest activities.  
 -Aspenfest Parade 10 a.m. beginning at the intersection of Mechem and Sudderth Drives in Ruidoso.

**OCTOBER 5-7**  
 -Aspenfest festivities in Ruidoso. Chili cookoff, arts and crafts show, street vendors, rod show. For more information call Ruidoso Valley chamber of Commerce. For more information on the arts and crafts show call 257-4661.



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# Ruidoso Residents Must Report Problem Bears

by DORIS CHERRY

Because of public concern about the use of rubber bullets to deter problem bears within the Village of Ruidoso, police officers have been ordered to not shoot unless a bear complaint has been made or the bear is creating immediate danger. If a complaint is made officers will only be able to shoot at bears during the hours of 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Ruidoso police chief Larry Maddox at the regular Ruidoso village council meeting Tuesday, September 25, said as of the next day, all Ruidoso police officers were ordered to not shoot at bears in order to scare them away from dumpsters, or out of yards, unless a complaint about a bear has been made to the police department. Maddox

said officers previously were allowed at any time to shoot rubber bullets, which sting but do not harm, at bears they see getting into dumpsters or causing other problems, even if no complaint is made.

Maddox said police officers will make every effort to notify residents prior to shooting rubber bullets at problem bears. "The rubber bullets will be the last option," Maddox said. "Officers will try pepper spray first." He said each discharge of bullets will be documented and filed with the complaint card and short memo.

"If we ignore these problem bears, I think we will have a big bear problem," Maddox continued.

Councilor Linda Flack said a person was very up-

set because she thought the officer was using real bullets. Maddox said that was why he set the hours for controlling the bears. He also said officers will try not to enter yards unless the owner makes the complaint or if there is imminent danger. "We can't trap the bears because we are not trained," he added.

"We want to make sure the bears stay where they are supposed to be," Maddox said.

Mayor pro tem Bob Sterchi said the village solid

waste department is working to get bear locks on all village dumpsters.

Maddox said his department does not want to have to kill bears that have learned survival traits by eating from dumpsters. "We ask that no one feed the bears, or try to become friends of the bears," Maddox said.

As a last note, Maddox said the hours imposed for bear patrol are very similar to the curfew which has juveniles off the streets by 10 p.m.

## Carrizozo Clinic

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chance he did not have enough information about the clinic finances.

Jim Gibson, administrator of Lincoln County Medical Center, and the Carrizozo Health Clinic, who works for Presbyterian Health Services that contracts to manage the hospital and clinic, said he was unaware Roddy was

doing the study until he saw the presentation on the commission meeting agenda. "I can't vouch for the information from the clinic," Gibson said. He said he questioned Roddy's recommendation for a rate increase, because the clinic did raise rates about nine months ago.

Gibson invited Roddy to meet with the hospital finance officer and himself to review the clinic finances.

Gibson said the health clinic now receives federal funding for being a rural health clinic, it also receives the county mill levy money, resulting in complicated accounting and billing.

Presbyterian Health Services (PHS) is bottom line responsible for the clinic, Gibson continued. "If the clinic loses money, it's Presbyterian's loss, if the clinic makes money, it's Presbyterian's gain," Gibson said.

Gibson said last year the clinic lost a total of \$36,000, and through August this year has lost \$26,000.

"Now I see why you want to get rid of it," said county commissioner Leo Martinez.

"We need to look for a proper solution," Gibson responded.

Martinez asked if PHS gets paid an administrative fee to manage the clinic also. Gibson said there is no management fee for PHS to administer the clinic.

"If PHS runs this clinic at a loss, then we'll (the county) be looking at operating it at a loss," Martinez added. "I see why you wouldn't want it."

Gibson said operating a health clinic is a "lot more complicated than commissioners thought." He said losses due to bad debts or uncollectible bills are written off as "contractual allowances." "We have \$10 million in contractual allowances at the hospital," Gibson said. To offset some of that loss, the hospital receives \$1 million from the sole community provider funds.

In response to a question from county commission chairman Rex Wilson, Gibson said by contract PHS must provide a consolidated financial report for LCMC and the clinic, with

### Cory and Tino To See Broncos

Invesco Field Mile High Stadium is where you will find Cory Lopez of Carrizozo and his uncle Tino on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Cory will be his uncle's guest at the Denver Bronco and Kansas City Chief NFL matchup which is set for a 2:05 p.m. kickoff.

Ring of Fame Honorees at halftime ceremonies will feature Tom Jackson, inducted in 1984 and Paul Smith, inducted in 1986.

## Poker Run To Benefit Santa Cops Program

Local Bikers of Lincoln County will hold a Poker Run Sunday, September 30 with half the proceeds to go to a toy run for Santa's Helpers.

The first hand will be sold at 10 a.m. and the last hand will be sold at 1:00 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00 per hand.

The Poker Run begins at Swiss Chalet Best Western of Ruidoso, 1451 Mechem. The only check point will be at the "No Scum Allowed Saloon" in White Oaks between 12 noon and 3:00 p.m.

Bikers will then return to the Swiss Chalet to draw cards. The last hand will be drawn at 4:00 p.m. The run must be completed to draw cards. No motorcycle required.

Prizes are 50 percent to toy run for Santa's Helpers, 30 percent for high hand and 20 percent for low hand. Tickets are also available for an additional 50-50 drawing, one winner.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Who Is Liable For What?**

By Ruth Hammond

After these nice autumn days it will really begin to get cold and most people will be concerned with trying to keep warm. Some will make arrangements to buy more fire wood while others will winterize their homes and try to find other ways to help reduce their heating bills this cold winter.

Gas, whether it is propane or natural gas, is one way people heat their homes. And as many people have learned, the cost per gallon of propane is usually lower in the summer than in the winter. Natural gas prices should be constant, but there are a few confusing statements being made. We were told that Capitan, Carrizozo Natural Gas has not had an actual rate increase for 18 years, even though the pass through cost of gas has steadily increased. Does that mean that even though we pay more, it is not actually an increase? Sounds like goofy math. Or maybe it is a case of "take my problem, work it my way and you will get my answer." If the pass through costs increase the amount of each customer's bill and that is not a rate increase, then what would be a rate increase?

Rate increases are usually when you pay more for the same amount you were receiving previously. Apparently that is not the way it works with natural gas, or whatever. Then you have to consider that some people might want to justify increasing their pay from \$12.60 an hour to \$150.00 or \$250.00 an hour for attending one meeting a month that lasts about two hours. Imagine setting your own hours and increasing your pay at someone else's expense.

Even if it is legal it is not morally right. The officials in charge should be ashamed of their actions for taking that outrageous amount of money while saying that even though people are paying more for their gas it is not a rate increase. If the person on a fixed income has to be cold in their own home because they can't afford to pay the extra on their gas bill that is not a rate increase, someone should be ashamed. If the officials in charge are receiving more money for attending a two hour meeting than some people on fixed incomes receive for the entire month, then someone should be ashamed. And if the officials in charge are not being completely honest with the public regarding any facet of the gas situation, they should be ashamed.

Evidently there are other issues that could be publicized and the municipalities of Capitan and Carrizozo could be on the paying end of immense liabilities. These liabilities should not be discussed only in closed session but should be brought out into the open for the public to be aware of what is actually happening. The state open meetings act is very explicit as to what can or can not be discussed during a closed session, and who is responsible for what liability does not appear to be one of those few explicit reasons.

Dutiful public servants, whether elected or volunteer, should be more concerned with keeping people warm in the winter at a reasonable cost, especially the people on fixed incomes, than in keeping public information private. No one should have to do without heat in the winter just because of the NON rate increase in their gas bills. Do you agree?

*Keep warm without heat?*



**EDITOR:** The Endangered Species Act soon will come before the U.S. Congress for revision.

Is it not time that the American people tell their Congressmen that this act in many instances has been a colossal human and ecological disaster?

An excellent example is the federal government's policy in the Klamath Basin in Oregon.

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) early this year announced that all irrigation water in the Klamath Basin Project was being withheld from agricultural use so that the water could be diverted to the benefit of the "endangered" sucker fish and the "threatened" Coho salmon.

The local people were astonished and outraged. They were already suffering from a drought, and many had already planted crops that would soon wither without irrigation. Others were ready to plant but could not do so without water.

These people are among the food growers of this nation, the people who feed the hungry in this nation and the world.

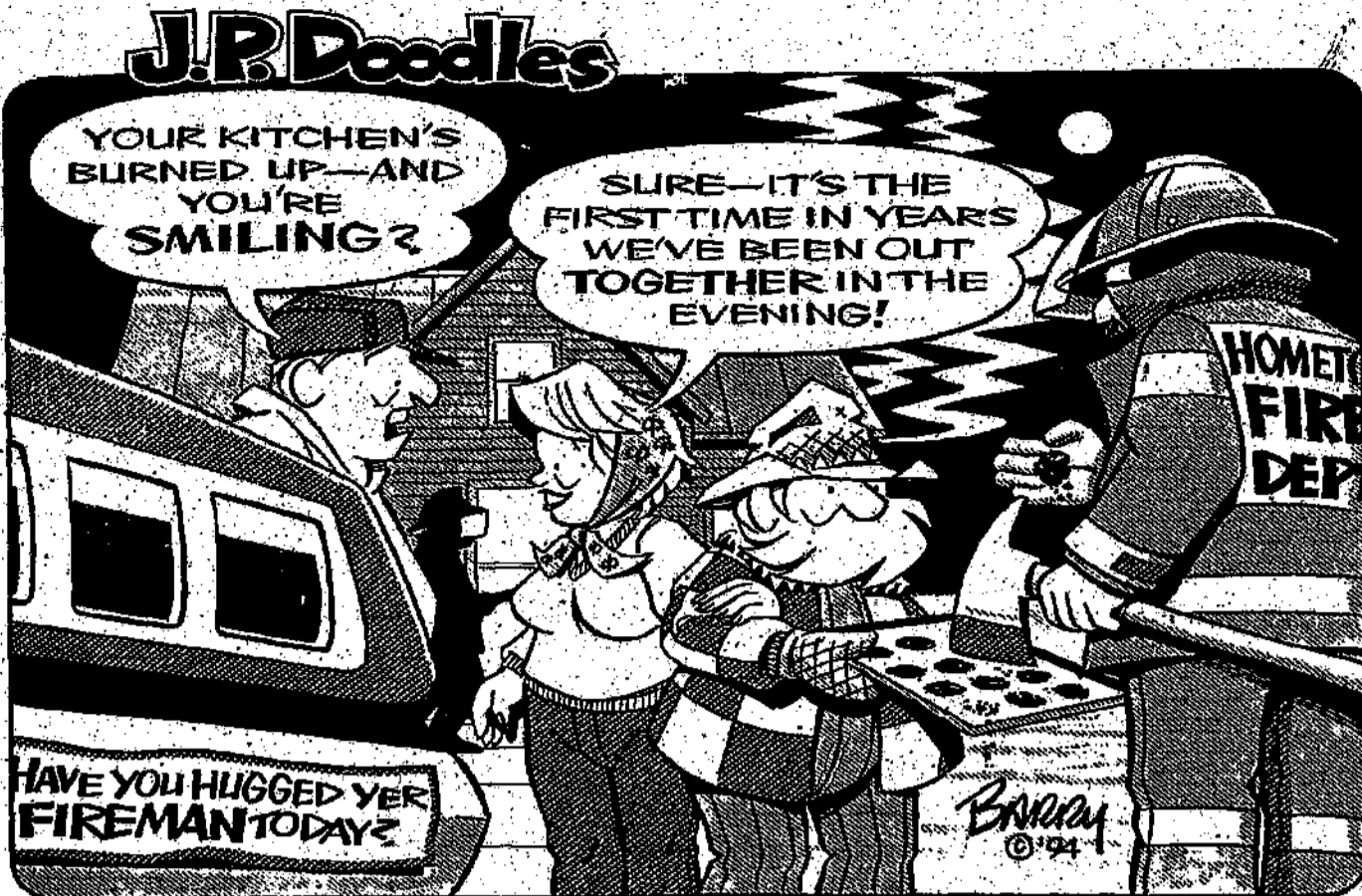
To add insult to injury, the State of Oregon, with federal approval, is paying state employees to net and club to death Coho salmon by the tens of thousands.

Also the "endangered" suckers thrive in warm, shallow water, and increasing the water flow levels hinders, rather than helps, their reproduction. The Klamath policy is the wrong way to help these "endangered" suckers.

I am a retired school teacher who taught poor and hungry children on the U.S./Mexico border. You will never convince me that a sucker fish, endangered or not, is more important than growing food for the hungry children of this nation and the world.

Is not the Endangered Species Act a form of man control using species? I don't know of many species being saved by this act.

**ANNIE C. McMANUS**  
Caballo, New Mexico



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

**SANTA FE** - School vouchers will be an issue again in the 2002 Legislature. Shortly after Gov. Gary Johnson announced that a \$72 million income tax cut will be his top priority in his last legislative session, he also let it be known that he "absolutely" plans to continue his push for vouchers.

"You're not going to see a letup in my efforts to push the Legislature to fund vouchers," Johnson said, while acknowledging that it probably won't happen. The one time legislative leaders allowed Johnson a vote on the floor of both houses, he mustered less than 30 percent of the House and Senate, losing about a third of the Republicans and all Democrats.

That was the summer of 1999, at a special session called to give Johnson a full shot at the issue. He brought in experts from around the nation to testify to all 112 legislators. The governor and voucher proponents were interested in getting every lawmaker on record for the 2000 elections. Challengers were recruited and generously funded against several voucher opponents, but without success.

Gov. Johnson even went so far as to say he would support Democrat voucher advocates, but no one took him up on the deal. It just didn't translate into a good campaign issue. And the 15 Republicans, who voted against vouchers, did so after seeing the state GOP drum five House Republicans out of the Legislature the previous year for occasionally straying from the fold.

If vouchers are to succeed in New Mexico, their success will first have to be proven. Attempts in other states, so far, are inconclusive and New Mexicans don't seem ready to launch into Gov. Johnson's grand scheme of providing a voucher for every student in the state until they feel a little more comfortable that it might work.

In his all-or-nothing style, Johnson hasn't been willing to accept the modest demonstration projects legislators have suggested. About the only way left to prove that vouchers can work would be a privately funded program.

And such an effort is now being made. Jack Stamm and John Onstad, two young Santa Feans

who have tried running for the Legislature as Republicans in this Democrat stronghold, are channeling their energies into an organization called Educate New Mexico to offer vouchers to needy families. The idea is to give kids at least four years of private education to see if it makes a difference.

Stamm and Onstad are making all the right moves. They put together a bipartisan board of directors that includes former Democrat governors Jerry Apodaca and Toney Anaya and they are going after kids who are well below grade level.

That takes away the argument that they are "cherry picking" high achievers to embarrass public schools. It also means there is ample room for improvement, the very thing voucher advocates are trying to show. Parents must be low income. Most of them are reported to be single mothers.

In its first year, Educate New Mexico says it received more than 5,000 applications, 234 of which were granted to youngsters

ranging from kindergarten to their sophomore year. Most of them were in Albuquerque.

So far, results are inconclusive but the program has received letters from parents grateful for the opportunity to try something different for their children. The letters indicate that the parents are realizing that they must assume more responsibility for their kids' education and social upbringing. This column has frequently maintained that increased parental involvement is the most important factor in improving a child's education.

Last year, \$300,000 was raised, much of it from Vivigen and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. That was matched by another \$300,000 from CEO America, which is supported heavily by Wal-Mart. Gov. Johnson recently held a news conference to announce a \$25,000 donation from D. and Joan Dale Hubbard, owners of Ruidoso Downs and the accompanying Hubbard Museum.

**Carrizozo Clinic**  
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breakout information for the clinic and hospital.

Also, PHS by contract is required to be responsible for the bottom line of the clinic. "This has just been changed," Gibson said. "In

past years the hospital did not recognize this, but it was one of the things pointed out in last year's financial audit."

"If the county was to take that loss, then it is not incumbent for the county to take it (the clinic) on either," Martinez added.

Wilson closed the discussion on the clinic finances by saying "we've got some more work to do." No action was taken on the information about the clinic provided to commissioners.

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**Sagittarius:** (Nov 22 - Dec 21) A very big change is coming your way! You will have to L(o)oK both ways before crossing the Street of Life! Get your Faith up & Running!

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Worry & Money won't get it! Worry will only drain good energy! Give Thanks for what you have and what you will receive without Seeing it!

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Others may test your last nerve! Be aware that they too are hurting inside, even if they don't display it. Give a BIG HUG & KISS when needed!

**Pisces:** (Feb 19 - March 20) You have GOT to take the time to be alone! Your past is Mixing up with your Future! Not The Same, Let Go before you Fall over yourself!

**Aries:** (Mar 21 - April 19) Mixed up feelings can only bring you despair! Write everything down, Look at it, then make a choice! Don't worry about what others say!

**Taurus:** (Apr 20 - May 20) You are on Your Own Now! You can make all the Moves you Couldn't make before. The road is clear. You're on your way, By Yourself. Happy Now?

**Gemini:** (May 21 - June 20) You have to make up your mind one way or another. Quit asking others what they THINK, they can't FEEL what you feel, or do what you do!

**Cancer:** (June 21-July 21) Your strong ways will get you out of a "Tuff Spot!" Tell the Truth, & You'll never have to Remember a Lie! Your good heart will win over!

**Leo:** (July 23 - Aug 22) Don't spend Money you don't have at this time! Wait a little longer if you have any doubts! You have Good Gut feelings, go with it, not others!

**Virgo:** (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You have gotten just what you wanted...Nothing! Don't expect others to LOOK at your Back Side and read your Mind! Open up, Love will come to you!



# CCNG Negotiations

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was just the interview, Renfro added. With a six member board, it takes four members to create a quorum. An audience member asked if Gomez is being paid more or less than the last clerk. Strickland said Gomez will start at \$7 an hour and the last clerk got \$6.50 an hour. When asked why, Hernandez said Gomez was better qualified and Whitaker said they could not keep the last clerk at the wage she got.

Field supervisor Neo Vallejos reported that despite being short handed due to vacations and the loss of a gas fitter, crews set six meters within the last week. He said five were set in Carrizozo and one in Capitan. "Almost everybody who wants to be on gas is on," Vallejos added.

Strickland said the office is getting calls from people who want to be switched to natural gas. In discussion Vallejos said CCNG does convert customers from propane to natural gas, unless new piping is needed in the house. An audience member asked if CCNG could extend its lines to customers on Carroll Lane on the western edge of Capitan. It was suggested several neighbors from the street make applications for gas service to make extending the lines more economically feasible for CCNG.

Audience members were given time to ask questions, one of which was what kind of insurance CCNG has and what limits of liability are carried. Strickland said CCNG carries a \$4 million liability policy to cover bodily injury and property damage to buildings, regulating stations, vehicles and equipment. An issue concerning the liability amounts has been discussed at recent meetings of the Capitan village trustees. Whitaker and Montes are Capitan village trustees, Renfro is Capitan mayor.

At a special meeting of the Capitan Village Trustees on August 21, trustees recessed into a closed session to discuss pending litigation with Zia Natural Gas Company. After the session, trustees came back to open meeting and voted on a motion made by Whitaker to "sign off on the order regarding CCNG and Zia and boosting the pressure to give Carrizozo more pressure."

While all trustees voted for the motion, they did ask their attorney Don Dutton to provide a legal opinion about the issue.

Dutton wrote a letter to CCNG attorney J. Robert Beauvais, dated September 6, and copies of which were provided to trustees. In it Dutton expressed his opinion after reading the order on the case Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas v. Zia Natural Gas CV-00-218. "My reading of the Order is that the municipalities of Capitan and Carrizozo would have unacceptable potential liability for any damages proximately caused by the increase gas line pressure. Since the Joint Powers agreement document under which CCNG was formed, specifically states that the municipalities shall have no liability for the debts of CCNG, and because the Order is in effect a blank

check of indemnification, I have asked the Village of Capitan to rehear the Motion granting me authority to sign off. That matter will be heard at the regular council meeting September 14."

"As a point of interest," Dutton continued. "I am informed the Town of Carrizozo likewise, does not intend to have its attorney sign off on the Order. The reasons given, are the same as I have expressed in this letter, i.e. the unlimited liability exposure."

Beauvais told **THE NEWS** that the issue involves the amount of gas pressure to Carrizozo.

In a letter to attorneys for Capitan and Carrizozo, dated September 5, Beauvais wrote about concerns from the municipalities about the indemnification language in the Preliminary Injunction Order in the case of CCNG v. Zia Natural Gas Company. He wrote that Zia requested CCNG add the risk associated with a pressure increase as an insured risk to CCNG. CCNG has liability insurance through a municipal utility carrier and the underwriter was unwilling to amend the policy to cover the risk, Beauvais wrote.

Also in the September 5 letter, Beauvais wrote that "Judge Parsons decided it was reasonable for the towns to assume the risk since the pressure increase was for their benefit. Because the towns did not act to ratify the Order, Zia has moved to dissolve the order (to increase pressure)." Beauvais went on to write that, "The practical effect of one or both municipalities declining to sign the Order is the line operating pressure at the Carrizozo feed will be capped at 250 psia.

"CCNG's consulting engineer has opined there is a risk of a system failure on the Carrizozo side, to a reasonable engineering certainty, if the pressure is not adjusted above the 250 psia during protracted periods of cold weather."

But on September 12, Beauvais told **THE NEWS** that in negotiations between himself and the attorneys of Zia Natural Gas they have reached a solution that will not require Zia to increase the pressure on the system. "The order was in place whole last (heating) season," Beauvais told **THE NEWS**. "Even with a long cold period we never had to raise the pressure (to meet the demand)," he added.

"It is a mechanical problem," Beauvais said, adding that negotiations between the two entities has resulted in a possible solution without having to raise pressure. Beauvais said in negotiations with Zia, that company has agreed to re-jet a valve, or replace it, that would improve gas pressures in Carrizozo without having to increase the actual amount of pressure on the lines. "Never, ever in anyone's minds would we operate the system in an unsafe manner," Beauvais said.

CCNG is currently starting work on a "curtailment" plan that would selectively shut down parts of the system if there is not enough gas pressures. Through court order, CCNG installed electronic

monitoring system that notifies CCNG if gas pressure levels drop.

But the main issue now, Beauvais said, is Zia's insistence that the boards of both municipalities did not support or agree to the order. Because Zia maintains the municipal boards did not sign off on the order of injunction, then Zia has asked the judge to dissolve the restraining order that would require Zia to increase the pressures above 250 psia.

"The mayors know there was no serious threat (for the system)," Beauvais said.

Beauvais said in his opinion the real serious discussion is whether CCNG can remain economically competitive for its customers. He said CCNG and Zia are also involved in a dispute over CCNG paying a transportation tariff to Zia. However, this issue has been suspended before the state Public Regulatory Commission until the pressure issue is resolved and the economic evaluation is completed. Beauvais said CCNG has not had an actual rate increase for 18 years, even though the pass through cost of gas has steadily increased.

While Beauvais said the CCNG board was to consider financial and other information during the executive session for pending litigation at its September 19 meeting, the only action they took was to direct Beauvais to continue negotiations with Zia Natural Gas Company.

## Breast Cancer Walk Saturday

The 5th Annual run and fun walk for the B.E.A.C.H. will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 29, beginning at the McGary Art Studio on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

The 5 kilometer run/walk will go through mid-town Ruidoso. Participants will receive a tee shirt for their entry fee. Other proceeds will go to assist residents of Lincoln County in paying for mammograms.

B.E.A.C.H. stands for Breast Cancer Education Awareness, Cure and Hope.

For more information about the run call 357-9251, go to the website at [www.ruidoso.net.beach](http://www.ruidoso.net.beach) or go by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce office, Ruidoso Convention Center or the Village Buttery for an application. Late registration can be done the day of the race.

Prizes will be given to winners in various age groups.

## Ruidoso Library Will Feature Art

Ruidoso Public Library is hosting a display of wood art by Frank Amigo through October.

Ruidoso Public Library will be closed on Saturday, October 6, due to the Aspenfest Parade and activities.

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When days are sad and lonely, And everything goes wrong, We seem to hear you Whisper, "Cheer up and carry on."

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You bade no one a Last Farewell, Nor even said goodbye, You were gone before We knew it, And only God Knows Why.

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In life We loved you dearly, In death We Love you still, In our hearts you hold a place, No one else can ever fill.

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Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:  
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024

Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

### First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor  
314-10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
648-2868 (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 (AIG)

JOHNNIE 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 ..... 8:30 p.m.  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Corona St. Theresa ..... 1:00 p.m.

### Church of Christ

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

### St. Matthias Episcopal Church

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1-505-257-2356  
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### Claunch Community Church

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

### United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor  
1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2846  
Carrizozo, NM 89301  
Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 8:30 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 Smokay Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

### Capitan Church of Christ

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

### Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044  
Capitan (South on Hwy. 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 / 648-7975  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... 1st Sunday of Month

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# Throwing A Butt

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Ruidoso village assistant attorney Charles Rennick said after the council approved the smoking section last year, councilors wanted to add the potential for jail time for improper handling of smoking materials.

During the public hearing portion of the discussion on the amendment to the ordinance, there were no comments from the public about the tougher penalties, and councilors unanimously approved the change.

With a short agenda and a slim quorum of the council (only councilors Bill Chance, Linda Flack, Leon Eggleston and councilor Bill Sterchi acting as mayor pro tem), the meeting mostly involved update reports on the village comprehensive plan and annexations and water system projects, a report from Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally organizer Ron Andrews about the 2001 rally that ended Sunday September 23 and a report

from village chief of police Lanny Maddox about the rally and the recent bear problems.

Cleatus Richards, special projects coordinator for the village, reported on the annexation process. He said because the village did not receive at least 51 percent approval from land owners whose properties have been identified for annexation, the annexation process had to go to the state annexation commission. He said the village has prepared all the plats, maps and other documents and the petition for the annexation which will be presented to the boundary commission within the next 30 to 60 days. "They will schedule hearing for the various areas to be annexed," Richards said.

Richards said the seven areas to be annexed are fairly small and involve a limited number of residents so he was unsure how long it would take for the boundary commission to process the petition. He

said he would keep the council updated when the process begins.

As for the village comprehensive master plan, Richards said he has received the 2000 census figures to begin a comparison process of the original 1980 master plan. "We've realized higher growth than projected in that 1980 master plan," Richards said. "With these higher numbers it affects all service demands."

In addition to the 2000 census figures, results of a survey the village conducted in cooperation with the chamber of commerce will be evaluated and incorporated into a new master plan. "With both the 1980 plan and the 2001 survey, quality of life is the first response," Richards said. But there was a shift to forest management as a priority now, as compared to forest conservation that ended in ordinances that prohibited any cutting of any trees. "We realize now that we need forest management to keep our forest healthy," Richards said.

The updates to the master plan should be completed within six months, Richards said. Once drafted, the updates will be brought to the village planning commission to review and hold public hearings to amend the village master plan. All recommendations from the planning commission will come to the council for final public hearing and action. In response to

a question from Chance, Richards said the update process will involve holding hearings on elements of the plan, taking about three months.

Richards said a lot of the elements from the 1980 master plan have been implemented.

Chance asked if any of the ideologies of the master plan will be changed. Richards said in the chamber survey respondents indicated they wanted no lessening of zoning or other standards, because they were concerned any such lessening would lessen property values.

Councilor Flack asked that the Extraterritorial Zoning (ETZ) Authority be included in the process and asked Richards to meet with the authority and the ETZ Commission. Flack said her concern is for the uncontrolled commercial development along Gavilan Canyon Road, in the ET Zone in the county, that led to a dangerous condition on the road during recent heavy rain.

Councilors got a report from village water department director Larry Grasmick about water system improvements underway. Phase 5 project is now underway. Phase 4 in Grindstone resort area is nearly completed. The electronic SCADA monitoring for the water system is nearly done with parts of it now working. Grasmick said he would make a presentation on the system within the next six weeks.

Some studies of the water system underway are how to seal Grindstone Dam leakage, the Mechem Drive storage tank, and work on the diversion at

Alto reservoir. He said raising the water level of Grindstone lake decreased the leakage of the dam. Also improvements to the water system over the last five years has decreased the amount of leakage system wide.

Consulting engineer Dennis Brand said the leakage has been so reduced that the leakage rate of the village is about the average for a community its size.

As for the Mechem storage tank, Grasmick said the plan is to install additional filters on the Alto Lake plant before December when "turbidity" regulations get harder. Brand said turbidity levels are indicators of water quality.

Another study is how to treat the Hollywood, Cherokee and high school wells to bring up their water quality to better mix with the surface water from Grindstone and Alto lakes. Another project is the deepening of North Fork well #4 from 600 feet to more than 1,000 feet. The work was delayed last year because the well is in a location inhabited by spotted owls. Grasmick said the owl mating season is now over and the drilling can begin soon.

Grasmick said water projects are scheduled to continue another five to eight years according to the water master plan. "This has not been cheap, it has cost a lot and there are lots of hassles with the construction," he added.

Sterchi said he and mayor Robert Donaldson have been talking to service clubs about the progress within the village. "We believe we are putting forth an effort on the water not made by prior administrations," Sterchi added. "In the next two to three years we will be able to assure a water supply for the next 20 to 30 years."

Grasmick added that the water department continues to be in a heightened state of alert for any unusual activities around the village water tanks, treatment plants and water sources. "We're glad to hear that," Chance said.

As for the Golden Aspen Rally, Andrews said they had 32,000 registered motorcyclists on Saturday, the largest ever "despite the tragedies." He said they made a decision to hold the rally because many vendors were already on their way to Ruidoso, and because of a need to get together and "celebrate life."

Andrews thanked the council and the village for their cooperation with the rally which outgrew the Ruidoso Convention Center and was held in the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. He said although Ruidoso will not get the gross receipts for vendor sales this year, Ruidoso lodges and other businesses benefitted. "We filled the motels and hotels in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Lincoln, Carrizozo and Alamogordo," Andrews said.

Police chief Lanny Maddox reported the rally was very quiet with fewer police reports made than during a regular weekend. He said there were eight accidents involving motorcycles with no injuries and three accidents with injuries. There was one fatal accident outside of Ruidoso on State Road 244. Other comments about the rally were about the Saturday parade and how the state will not let the village totally close off Sudderth Drive (State Road 48) during the motorcycle parade.

## Altrusa Club And LCMC Sponsor Low Cost Mammograms

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Women age 40 and older are encouraged to perform monthly breast self-exams, to have a clinical exam and a screening mammogram annually. Women whose breast cancer is detected early enough have a 97 percent survival rate.

The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso and Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) will sponsor a low cost mammogram program during October. The cost will be \$55.00.

Those participating must be age 30 through 64. Patients with implants or augmentation will not be eligible for this program.

The mammogram program begins October 1 and ends October 26. Appointments can be made starting now and must be made by the patient.

Call Dianne Vowel at 505-258-4210 for information and appointment times.

## Campus News

Kristy Kay Sonnamaker of Capitan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Child Science in the school of Agriculture at New Mexico State University after the summer session of 2001.

## ESSAY CONTEST

Carrizozo High School Seniors and home schooled students of Lincoln County, write an essay on the Federal Reserve Banking System. The most accurate and informative essay will receive a 100 unit federal reserve note AKA "dollar".

To register and receive a copy of the rules send a request to (Essay Rules, PO Box 763, Carrizozo, NM 88301) or call 648-9805. Entries must be in by 10-26-01. The contest will be canceled if there are less than 5 entries. Five FRN's will be furnished by Norman and Barbara Van Gorder.

## DANCE

White Oaks Saloon

Sat., Sept. 29

8 pm to Midnight

Music by:

Longhorn Dance Band



## EMT Refresher Courses To Be Held In October

Two EMT refresher courses will be held in October.

An EMT Basic refresher course will be held October 5-7 at the Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) office at 709 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Class times are 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7.

An EMT Intermediate refresher course will be given on October 19-21 at the ENMU office on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. Class times will be from 5-9 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

Cost the courses will be \$25 for students who live in the Ruidoso School District and \$29 for those who live outside Ruidoso School District.

Students must be registered in the class to attend. Interested individuals can register now at the ENMU-Ruidoso office. Call 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3668 toll free out of the local calling area for more information.

## HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW ABOUT OLD GLORY?

The Stars and Stripes will be flying high during this patriotic time -- a perfect time to learn how much you really know about the U.S. flag. To find out, take this fun quiz designed by George Cahill, president of the National Flag Foundation.

Q. Who named our flag "Old Glory"?

A. William Driver, a Salem, Mass., sea captain. When Driver was commissioned as a captain in 1824, his mother and several other women presented him with a flag. He immediately had the flag hoisted and called it "Old Glory" -- and the name stuck.

Q. The U.S. has had 27 different official flags through the years as new



stars were added to represent new states. Which of those flags served the nation for the longest period.

A. The flag with 48 stars, which was the official flag from 1912 until 1959.

Q. Where in the U.S. has the flag flown continuously for the longest time?

A. Taos, N.M. In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate sympathizers attacked the town several times and tore down the U.S. flag. A Union Army

officer, Smith Simpson, finally nailed the flag to a pole he erected in a town square -- and the flag's flown there ever since.

Q. Outside the U.S., where had the flag flown continuously for the longest period of time?

A. Paris, France. Since 1834, the U.S. flag has flown over the Paris grave of Revolutionary War hero Lafayette, as he dictated in his will.

Q. Who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance?

A. James Upham and Francis Bellamy created the pledge in 1892 to mark the 400th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America.

-- DAN McDONALD

## WHY IS AMERICA CALLED AMERICA?

(Submitted by Marion Spencer)

From a Florentine Banker/Explorer and Navigator, Amerigo Vespucci (1454-1512). He made a series of voyages westward between 1499 and 1504. Vespucci was the first explorer to decide the New World was an undiscovered land mass rather than a shortcut to Asia as Christopher Columbus believed.

# GRIZZLY SPORTS

By Carrizozo High School Journalism Class  
Sarah Ball, Instructor

## Grizzlies Annihilated By Tatum Coyotes

The Carrizozo Grizzlies lost to the Tatum Coyotes in Tatum on September 14 by the score of 50 to 0.

There was talk among the Carrizozo team of a poor week of practice and complaints of injuries with some of the starters, and these problems were made evident in their first quarter offense. Tatum's strength on the line was not enough to produce anything great on the ground, but they had the speed Carrizozo lacked making it possible for them to do really well with their passing game. Tatum had speed and quickness among most of their players that could only be matched, on the Zozo side by quarterback Lane Dixon.

The first quarter of Friday's football game was a defensive struggle with both teams being forced to punt several times leaving the final score of the first quarter at 8 to 0 in favor of the Coyotes.

In the second quarter, however, the Grizzlies seemed to lose all confidence in themselves after being thwarted by Tatum's defense on every attempt, and making a few mistakes on defense as well.

Shortly into the second quarter the Grizzly coach, Pat Ventura, pulled most of his senior and junior starters and replaced them with freshmen. After this change in the Zozo line-up and no apparent change in the Tatum Line-up, the Coyotes ran away with the game, causing a loss on almost every Grizzly play and numerous fumbles recovered by the Coyotes.

The "mercy" rule was implemented at the half with a final score of Tatum 50 and Carrizozo 0.

By: Matt Offutt and Adrian Goad



## Lady Grizzlies Go 1-1 In Back-to-Back Games

The Lady Grizzly volleyball team played back-to-back games against the Gateway Christian Warriors and the Cloudcroft Bears.

On Monday, September 17, the Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies traveled to Roswell to play the Gateway Christian Warriors. The Grizzlies defeated the Warriors in four games (15-0, 8-15, 15-11, 15-7). The Lady Grizzlies got off to an extremely strong start, beating the Warriors 15-0. The Warriors turned the tables on the overconfident Grizzly squad, taking game two (8-15). But, the Lady Grizzlies pulled together as a team, capturing games three and four to close out the match.

The Lady Grizzlies then traveled to Cloudcroft, September 18, to take on the Cloudcroft Lady Bears. The Grizzlies faced one of their toughest matches this far. The Bears defeated the Grizzlies in three hard-fought games (15-11, 15-13, 15-9). Despite the fatigue from back-to-back games, the Lady Grizzlies showed tremendous heart, forcing the Lady Bears to serve game point five times in the third game.

The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies traveled to Capitan September 21 and 22, for the Capitan Classic. Other teams participating in the tournament included: Animas, Artesia JV, Aztec, Cloudcroft, Elida, Magdalena, and Capitan. Pool play began at 1:00 p.m. Friday afternoon. Regular tournament play started at 6:00 p.m. Friday night and continued on Saturday morning.

By: Bianca Baca



## JV Volleyball Teams Wins, Then Loses

The Carrizozo Grizzly Junior Varsity volleyball team defeated Gateway Christian Lady Warriors (156, 15-7), on Monday, September 17. They then traveled to Cloudcroft where they were defeated by the Lady Bears (15-4, 0-15, 13-15), on Tuesday, September 18.

They now stand 3-3 in the early part of the season. The Lady Grizzlies played again on Thursday, September 20, when they hosted a game against the Capitan C team, followed by the Mescalero Lady Chiefs.

By: Kayla Martin Burd

# Corona News

Mr. Kennan Fuller decided that with the approach of another cold winter he would like to be nearer his doctors and not worrying about warmth or miles. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gibbs moved him to Albuquerque on Tuesday to Sunrise Assisted Living, 4910 Tramway Ridge Drive, NE 87111. He enjoys reading cards, letters, the newspaper, Time and National Geographic, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman were in Albuquerque early this month to attend the reunion of his WWII Bomber Group. Sunday, September 9 they returned home to the ranch and brought with them an Air Force buddy and his wife who intended

staying until Wednesday. They felt fortunate to get a plane out late Thursday night for Oregon.

Mrs. and Mrs. Mike Tracey and Nathan Tracey of Cotton City came in late Friday evening to help John Tracey with his cane, spreading it to dry, and shocking some of the first cut.

Todd Carroll of Roswell came in early Saturday morning, with his antelope, the first reported kill.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman have returned from Midland, TX where they were invited by friends to attend a special memorial service.

Mrs. Myrtle Kaiser and Sue Long of Los Chavez, visited friends and relatives here Tuesday. Sue had taken her mother cane and oxygen on an overnight trip to Ruidoso. They visited White Sands and Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Lewis Toland and Mrs. Helen Toland of Roswell were at the Presbyterian Church Sunday. Lewis spoke on Habakkuk and reminded the congregation that Christ went from cradle to cross to crown. Mrs. Toland is recuperating from her cracked left wrist which does not respond to kitchen work.

Scott, Denise and Allison Martin spent a day at the State Fair and met Margaret, Shannon, Cody, Clay and Bonnie Lightfoot. They had an interesting visit with Sandra Copeland of Santa Rosa, who had only recently returned from her dream trip to Australia. Brenda reported that her monther is in college

working toward a degree in nursing.

Mrs. Danny Romero and young daughter took a bus to Kentucky last week to help her husband pack for the move to Corona. This makes them short handed at the Zia Center this week because Deneen is the main cook there.

The Corona girls volleyball team beat Mescalero on Tuesday 3 games to 1. On Friday they continued their winning streak with a 3-2 win over Bosque.

### Army News

Justin W. Sisneros has been commissioned as an Army second lieutenant after completing an ROTC advanced camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA.

Sisneros is the son of Frank L. and Donna L. Sisneros of Hondo.

Sisneros received an associate degree in 2001 from New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell.

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# LEADS

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
CV-2000-217-III

**THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,**  
AS TRUSTEE,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**BRUCE DUNCAN AND JEANE DUNCAN,**  
Husband and Wife; ASSOCIATES  
HOME EQUITY SERVICES, INC.;  
GAVILAN HILLS IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as No Street # Lot 18 Gavilan Hl, Alto, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED ONE (1) IN BLOCK NUMBERED THREE (3) OF LOS LUNAS ACRES, A SUBDIVISION IN LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, OCTOBER 1, 1997 IN CABINET K, AT PAGE 232.

The sale is to begin at 10:10 a.m. on October 3, 2001, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment of The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee.

The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee, was awarded a judgment on August 24, 2001 in the principal sum \$180,526.77, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through May 31, 2001, in the amount of \$22,119.68 and accruing thereafter at the rate in the amount of \$66.44 per day, plus selected fees and expenses in the amount of \$1,152.31, plus attorneys fees through May 31, 2001 in the sum of \$750.00 and costs through May 31, 2001, in the sum of \$398.78, with interest on the late charges, attorney's fees and costs from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 13.25000% per annum.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**NICK VEGA**  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 383  
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301  
(505) 648-2217

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## LEGAL NOTICE COUNTY OF LINCOLN NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave. (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., MDT, Thursday, October 11, 2001 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

**SEALED BID NO. 01-02-010**  
ANNUAL SPEC  
BASE COURSE SUPPLY  
DUE: October 11, 2001,  
2:00 p.m. MDT

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2001 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

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

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

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

**JANE WILLIAMS**  
Purchasing Agent

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## LEGAL NOTICE Call for Proposals

The Corona Board of Education wishes to receive proposals for five (5) Furnaces and five (5) Exhaust fans for school housing. Specifications are available at the office of the Superintendent, Travis Lightfoot, Corona Public Schools, Corona, New Mexico or by phone (505) 849-1911.

Proposals must be received in the office of the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on September 28th, 2001. Any proposals received after this time will be marked VOID. Proposals will be opened and read aloud at the regular school board meeting, October 9th, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at the Corona Public Schools Board Room.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive all technicalities.

/s/ Travis Lightfoot  
Superintendent  
Corona Public Schools

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Committee will hold their regular meeting Thursday, October 4, 2001. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioner's Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

### AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 09-06-01
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Declaration of Agricultural Economic Emergency -- Mr. Russell Grider / Mr. Wesley Myers.
  - B. BLM -- Fort Stanton Draft Activity Plan -- Area of Critical Environmental Concern -- Sally Canning.
  - C. County water commission -- Sally Canning.
  - D. Water transfers / acequia protection / Valley development -- Sally Canning.
- V. OLD BUSINESS.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE.

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# Capitan Okays Water

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nal paperwork to the RUS to complete the loan/grant process. Richardson said he has contacted the RUS and found it is willing to increase the amount of the loan/grant to the village in order to cover the higher bid. The total amount of the loan/grant will be \$1,240 million. Of this 45 percent or \$558,000 will be a direct grant that will not have to be repaid, the remaining 55 percent or \$682,000 will be a loan.

Mayor Norman Renfro said the annual debt payment on the loan will be \$39,000 which will come from payments for the lease of the Eagle Creek water rights. "We will not have to raise water rates to pay for this," Renfro added.

The project will involve installation of 12,000 feet of new water lines and a 10,000 gallon pressure tank. The village has purchased property on which to place the tank.

In discussing the price difference, Whitaker said he was bothered by the price difference. Richardson said the only real difference between the bids was the cost of labor to install the pipe. "The rest was consistent with our estimates," Richardson said of the bids.

Village attorney Don Dutton said a contractor had complained that Richardson's engineering firm had let too many bids at one time, and there was too short of a "window" for contractors to submit their bids. Richardson said it was true his company had solicited bids for three other projects at the same time, but he did not think that made a difference in the Capitan project. "I have no clue why there was such great disparities," Richardson said of the lowest bid compared to the other higher ones.

As for contractors having enough time to bid, Richardson said the ad ran for a minimum of 21 days. "I do not believe that would have materially mattered," Richardson said of the time to compile a bid.

After more discussion about the costs, Renfro said he did not think the project should be scaled back because the price came in higher than the engineer's estimates. He said the village has enough funds to cover the increased cost. Dutton said he thought the village could not afford not to proceed with the project. "You'll be spending fifty cents for every dollar of

project," Dutton said. "That's a bargain."

Renfro asked if Richardson had contacted Diamond construction about the subcontractor's list. Richardson said he talked with the company and found out they had just forgotten to include the list. Dutton said this was a technicality that the village could not waive, because the list of subcontractors was needed. Richardson said there is a subcontractor fair practice act that requires this list, in order to protect the subcontractors from having their prices undercut by the main contractor when the actual work begins. "It is an unfair practice of bid shopping," he added.

Dutton said it also protects the village in knowing who the subcontractors are. "We don't want another situation as the fire station," he added.

With a roll call vote, all trustees voted in favor of awarding the bid to Cone Construction. The actual work will not begin until the RUS grant/loan is closed in about three weeks, Richardson said. He said he hoped the work will begin by early October.

Trustees also approved a resolution that formally requests funding from the New Mexico State Highway Department cooperative program for 2001-02. The resolution requests \$68,886.87 for purchase of enough base course gravel to improve four subdivision roads. The village will have to pay a 25 percent match for all funds provided by the state. Renfro said even though the village applies for this much, "who knows what we will get."

Later in the meeting there was discussion about how the village street department could do a better job of spreading the gravel and how it could improve grading techniques on the gravel subdivision roads.

Trustees also discussed and tabled a request from the village water department to purchase hand held meter reading devices. Village clerk Kathryn Griffin said now the water meter readers carry huge books in which they hand write the meter readings for each account. Then this hand written information is entered by hand into the water department computer. Griffin said there is only one source for these hand held devices, which cost just over \$1,000 each. Griffin also said the village has enough

money in its water supplies budget to cover the cost of the hand held devices.

But Montes argued that he had tried such devices for his work with the Alto Water Association. He said using the hand held devices resulted in too many errors and loss of information when the batteries went down on the devices. "I don't want to spend \$4,000 unless these are proven to work," Montes added. Finally trustees approved a motion to table the request until a representative of the company that makes the devices can attend a meeting to show how the devices work.

In other discussion, resident Mary Brothers asked if the village police are aware of the drug problem in Capitan, especially with the youth. "Children are our future and drugs are so bad," she said.

Renfro gave the floor to police chief Carol Durbin who said he had asked the state police to send an undercover officer to Capitan.

The officer came to the village about six weeks ago and advised that he found no real drug problem in the village. "We have no big dealers, just some little ones," Durbin said. Durbin said license numbers and names have been given to the Lincoln County Drug Enforcement Unit to follow up however. When asked if the village could get a drug dog, and take it to the school, Griffin said the school already brings a dog, but the students are told the day before that the dog is coming.

Harold Dickerson, said he had a child in the school and has heard that some kids are worried when the drug dog is to come. Brothers said the reason she is concerned is she has worked in a psychiatric ward and has seen what drugs can do to people. "I hate to see it happen to any youth," she said. "Granted, small problems (as in Capitan) could grow."

In comments from the audience, Dickerson said he had been asked by the school board to approach the mayor and trustees and the chief of police about doing something about kids smoking. He asked that police patrol the area across from the school because some of the smokers are harassing other students. "I see the chief parked there, in view of these kids smoking," Dickerson said. "I think we need an ordinance so no one can give tobacco to these minors."

Whitaker who works at a convenience store said he cannot deny selling tobacco to a person who is 18 years old, even though he suspects the cigarettes will be given to younger kids. Dutton said he did not think it is illegal for kids under 18 to possess tobacco, only to buy it. He said he would further look into the matter and make a recommendation at a future meeting. "Your job will be to pass an ordinance that makes it illegal for anyone under 18 to possess tobacco," he added.

Renfro said the village has had the issue before of juveniles smoking on private property. "The owners can run them off, but we need to address this," Renfro added. He said it would not be a problem to pass an ordinance about the underage smoking.

But a citizen questioned if the village would lock juveniles in jail for having tobacco. Dutton said no one would be jailed, rather the usual punishment

would be community service, such as having the juveniles work at the cemetery. Montes said such an ordinance looks like giving parental obligations to the village. Renfro finally said the village would look into the situation.

Trustees also heard from municipal judge Jack Johnson who wanted clarification on the street numbers. He said his house number is different than what is listed and if there are other discrepancies in the village these need to be corrected in order to have an effective 911 emergency response system.

Cemetery board member Wayne Mason invited everyone to go to the cemetery and see the improvements.

Trustees finally recessed into a closed session to discuss litigation issues with Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas. When trustees came out of the session, they took no action other than adjournment.

After adjournment, a heated argument broke out between trustees and village staff over a variety of issues. (September 11 was the day the twin towers in New York and the Pentagon were attacked.)

## OBITUARY

### PRESTON CUTLER RADCLIFF

Preston Cutler Rad-cliff, 54, of Alamogordo, died September 24 in Alamogordo.

Preston was born June 13, 1947 in El Paso. He graduated in 1965 from Hondo High School where he had been active in FFA, the National Honor Society, and the Hondo Fiesta Dancers.

In 1971 he graduated from NMSU with a bachelor's degree in Range Science. He worked over 18 years for the Dept. of Agriculture in the Soil and Water Conservation Dist., and was Dist. Conservationist in Alamogordo from 1977 to 1986.

In 1987 he opened Poverty Motors, now Radcliff Motors, which he operated until his death. He was a member of the Tinnie Baptist Church; the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #1897; the Society of Range Management; was a past president of the Roadrunner Trap Club; and a past president of the Hwy. 70 West Business Association.

Survivors include his wife Barbara of the family home; a daughter Laura Ann Radcliff Pannell and her husband Darro of Alamogordo; a son, Harold Preston of Alamogordo; his mother, Lorena Cutler Radcliff of Hondo; and special friends Doris Monje her daughters, Jennifer and Jessica Lopez of Tula-rosa. Preston was preceded in death by his father Carl Preston Rad-cliff in 1973; and a brother, Harold Carl Radcliff in 1967.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Alamogordo with Clarence "Yunk" Griffin officiating. Interment will follow at 4:00 p.m. in the Portales Cemetery.

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# County To

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## OPHELIA D. HICKS

Ophelia D. Hicks, 77, of Alamogordo died September 13 in Alamogordo.

She was born September 8, 1924, in Carrizozo, the daughter of Esidoro Gutierrez and Josefina Baldonado Gutierrez.

Mrs. Hicks was a life long resident of this area. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Richard W. Hicks of the family home; two sons, Danny Hicks and Gilbert Hicks, both of Alamogordo; two daughters, Evelyn Pimentel of Deming, and Pamela Igo of Ruidoso; one brother, Hoppy Gutierrez of Las Cruces; one sister, Lolly Lueras of Carrizozo; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son Richard Hicks Jr., two brothers, Manuel Gutierrez and Paul Gutierrez, and one sister, Mary Montreal.

A memorial Mass for Mrs. Hicks will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 29 at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo, with Fr. Dave Bergs as celebrant. Interment will be in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.

Service arrangements are with the Sears Alamogordo Funeral Home. \*\*\*\*\*



## LONGIE W. BUSSEY

Lonnie W. Bussey, 87, of Clovis, died September 25. He was born October 10, 1933 to Monty O. Bussey and Tela Gallagher Bussey in Mountainair.

He is survived by his mother; his wife Nelda Bussey of Clovis, sons Lonnie Wyatt Bussey of Pleasant Hill, NM, Monty Bussey of Clovis, and Kenneth Rice of El Paso; daughter Tessa Tucker of Amarillo, TX; sisters Peggy Proctor of Corona, and Terry Stoneman of Artesia; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Monty, his sister Monetta Johnson, brother Jimmy Bussey, and his granddaughter Kandis Merrill.

Lonnie was the owner/operator of a highway escort business and also had many other trades, from construction, feed lots truck driver, brand inspector, to the hobbies he enjoyed, ranching hunting, woodwork, leather work and trapping. He was a member of the N.R.A. and the New Mexico Trappers Association. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Services will be held today, Thursday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the Claunch Community Church. Burial will follow at the Claunch Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Mountainair.

Simpson then suggested the licensing sections be deleted totally.

Nunley wanted to put wording that recommends pet owners have their animals licensed through the Humane Society, but not requiring the licensing.

On the section concerning cruelty to animals, there was discussion on what constitutes chaining an animal in a cruel manner; and the need for more definition of "extreme cruelty." By state law doing an act of extreme cruelty is a fourth degree felony.

The proposed section on equine (horses) was deleted because it is covered by the State Livestock Act.

The last discussion about the proposed animal control ordinance was about

carrying animals in "or upon any vehicle in a cruel, inhumane or unsafe manner." County commissioner Leo Martinez said he knew of no law that prohibits a dog from riding in the back of a pick-up. Simpson said if a dog gets out of a pick-up and bites

someone, then the situation is different.

Susan Moeller said the Village of Ruidoso has an ordinance that prohibits dogs from riding in the back of a pick-up. She said she thinks it is dangerous for dogs to ride in the back of a pick-up unless they are on their own property.

Canning said the intent is to not prevent dogs from riding in the back of a truck, rather to do some-

thing if the dog is riding in an unsafe manner.

No comments were made about the proposed penalties in the ordinance that will make any violation punishable with a \$300 fine, imprisonment of no more than 90 days, or both. The section also states if an animal damages property or causes injury to any person or animal, the damage or injury is a violation of the ordinance and the

magistrate court may require the defendant to make restitution.

County commissioners will hold the next hearing on the proposed animal control ordinance at their October regular meeting. Copies of the proposed changes will be available at the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo prior to the October meeting.

## County To Allow Only Muffled Jake Brakes

Because of the potential for accidents, Lincoln County Commissioners amended their recently enacted Jake Brake ordinance that prohibited the use of the engine brake by large trucks throughout the county, to allow trucks to use jake brakes that are "muffled."

Meeting on Thursday, September 20 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners held public hearing on an ordinance that amended Ordinance 2001-11 that banned use of the engine brake because of the noise. County commissioners enacted Ordinance 2001-11 on July 19. On August 1, the state highway department advised in a letter that Lincoln County was the first county in the state to ban the use of the jake brakes county wide. Then at their August 18 county commission meeting, county commissioners voted to reconsider the total ban on the engine brakes, because of concerns raised by county commissioner Rick Simpson who formerly worked in the trucking business.

County manager Tom Stewart recommended to commissioners to designate certain areas to prohibit the use of the jake brakes, instead of a county wide ban. Most areas Stewart recommended for the ban were locations where residents had signed a petition asking for the ban on use of the noisy devices.

After much discussion about where the best places were to prohibit the use of the brakes, Simpson recommended the ordinance be changed to prohibit the use of all "unmuffled" jake brakes or engine retarder to slow a motion of a vehicle's speed. From the start Simpson said the main complaint is the noise of the jake brake, which can be muffled to be quiet. Simpson said the use of a jake brake is a safety consideration in some locations.

After more discussion, county commissioners voted unanimously in favor of amending the ordinance by adding the words "unmuffled". With the action, the ordinance will be changed in 30 days to make it illegal to use, county wide, any unmuffled jake brake or engine retarder device.

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# Former Lincoln Resident & Billy the Kid Curator Dies

John and Caroline Davis



Caroline Davis, 82, former Lincoln, NM resident, died quietly on September 12. She was an author and long-time teacher at the Albuquerque Academy and Southwest Polytechnic Institute. She was formerly curator of the Billy the Kid Museum in Lincoln, NM. She was a friend to many, a perpetual reader and student, a lover of animals and a wicked wit. She is survived by her

husband John, son Chris and granddaughter Caitlin of Albuquerque, and daughter Julie Carey of Denver, CO. Mrs. Davis and her family lived in Lincoln from 1947 to 1952. Together with Ruby Douglas, Henry Latham, Dan Storm, Nelly Ruth (Lucas) Jones, LeRoy McKnight and members of the Coe, Shrecengost and Bonnell families, she helped start the post-war

Lincoln County Pageant. Her husband, John Davis, was the first post-war Billy the Kid. Mrs. Davis and her children acted as extras in the pageant. Back then if you were from Lincoln County, you were either in the pageant or in the audience.

Old photos appearing in this article were submitted to the News by John C. Davis.

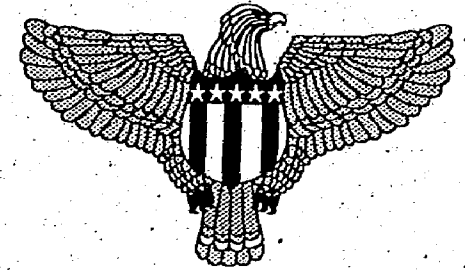


John Davis, Dan Storm and unidentified girls.



Billy the Kid Pageant (1949). Chris and Julie are kids in front of the stage.

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