

Planning Commission Will Discuss Zoning

by DORIS CHERRY

In an effort to gain more public input on the need to do comprehensive planning in the growth areas of the county, the Lincoln County Planning Commission agreed to hold its April 3 meeting in Capitan. At that meeting, the planning commission will discuss the 1988 county zoning ordinance and how it can be

changed to meet the growth needs of 2001.

During their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 6, held in the Ruidoso Village Hall, planning commissioners continued a discussion about the need for comprehensive growth planning, especially along the major highway corridors in the county.

At both the beginning and the end of the meeting,

members discussed where to hold their April meeting.

Member James Sanchez said they had agreed to meet in Carrizozo in April, but planning commission chair Charles Rennick said they need to hold the meeting somewhere close to accommodate the people who will be most affected. Rennick had requested the planning commission begin discussions about growth

planning along Airport Road.

Sanchez said that everyone needs a chance to comment on the proposed growth planning. "We need to keep on a positive note when we talk about planned development," Sanchez said. "We need to show the Lincoln County Commission and our residents that such planning can help preserve what we have."

Most of the comments made at the March 6 meeting came from members of the Ruidoso Board of Realtors. All who spoke were in favor of zoning, especially along the fast growing Alto-Angus area and along the Airport Road. However, most who spoke also thought zoning was needed along all the major corri-

dors, especially along the Billy the Kid Byways corridor of Highways 70, 380 and 48.

"Zoning won't change a tax base, and all existing uses will be grand-fathered in," said realtor James Patton.

Business man Van Patton said there needs to be more

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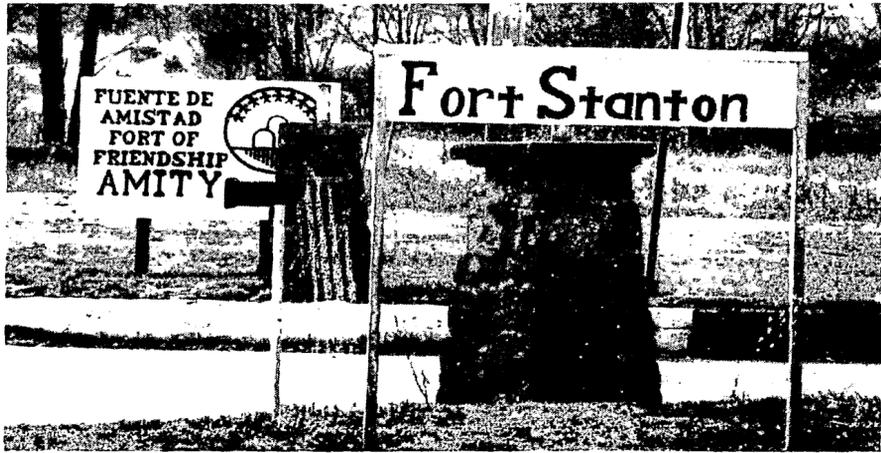
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FORT STANTON: Participants in the Amity Foundation program at Fort Stanton recently painted a new sign for the old fort. The sign replaces one that called Fort Stanton, Ft. Stanton.

Senior Olympics Competition Underway In Lincoln County

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Senior Olympics got underway on Tuesday, March 6 with an eight-ball billiards tournament at Capitan Senior Center.

The county Senior Olympics have a competition scheduled every week through March 31. The following is a schedule of their events:

Wednesday, March 14, shuffleboard competition at 1:30 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Center.

Friday, March 16, horse shoes tournament, 10:30 a.m. Carrizozo Country Club.

Tuesday, March 20, table tennis tournament at 10:30 a.m. Ruidoso Senior Center.

Wednesday, March 21, tennis tournament, 9 a.m. Ruidoso Village Tennis Courts at School House Park.

Saturday, March 24, track and field tournament, 10 a.m. Ruidoso High School. Track and field events include discus throw, javelin throw, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shotput, racewalking, 800 meter estimated time run/walk and 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 meter and 5K runs.

Saturday, March 24, recreational events, 9 a.m. Ruidoso High School Gym. Events include Frisbee, soccer kick, and basketball free throw.

Saturday, March 24, Bowling tournament 1:30 p.m.

Carrizozo Rec Center. Bowling will continue at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29, at Carrizozo Rec Center.

Tuesday, March 27, bowling tournament 3:30 p.m. Ruidoso Bowling Center. The tournament will continue on March 28 and 30, at 1:30 p.m. each day at Ruidoso Bowling Center. Singles, doubles, mixed doubles and teams will compete.

Saturday, March 31, golf tournament 1 p.m. The Links of Sierra Blanca golf course in Ruidoso.

Anyone who is 50 years old by May 30 is eligible to compete. All doubles, mixed doubles and teams will play down to the age of the youngest member.

A \$5 registration fee will cover participation in all events offered. Seniors must compete locally to be eligible for state and national Olympic games.

For more information about the Senior Olympics contact county coordinator Bart Young at 257-3193 or Barbara Ward at 648-2997 in Carrizozo.

Seniors may compete in other Senior Olympics events not offered in Lincoln County. Those events include air gun-pistol & rifle, archery, badminton, band, basketball (3 on 3), racquetball, softball team, cycling, swimming, triathlon, volleyball, dance and talent. For information about these events call Shelia McKnight at the Roswell Senior Center at 624-6718 or Jean Duncan at Alamogordo Senior Center at 439-4150.

County Commission To Meet Mar. 15 In Carrizozo

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, March 15, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

A public hearing is set at 10 a.m. on the application of Tim T. Hagaman, Wortley Pat Garrett Hotel/Murphy Dolan Brewery Saloon, to obtain a new small brewer license to be located on Highway 380 in Lincoln.

The following items are listed on the tentative agenda, in the order they appear. All items, except the public hearing, can be changed in their order by commissioners during the meeting.

Final official agenda will be available from the office of the Lincoln County Manager at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Agenda includes:
--Consent agenda of finance; treasurer's report; sole community provider and indigent health care claims; volunteer firefighters reports from Arabela, Bonito, Fort Stanton, Glencoe-Palo Verde, Hondo, Lincoln, Nogal and White Oaks Volunteer Fire Departments.

--Manager's projects report.

--Lincoln County Medical Center report on roof rehabilitation by LCMC administrator Jim Gibson.

--Audit report of county lodgers by Ronnie Hemphill, CPA.

--Results of interactions about the Carrizozo Post Office situation.

--Work Force Development Board update from coordinator Gary Cozzens.

--Resolution for policy on county employee use of county vehicles.

--Request from the Small Business Development Center advisory committee by Eugene Simmons director.

--Discussion on request for proposals for the operation of the Lincoln County medical clinics, as requested by county commissioner Rick Simpson.

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

--Discussion on water and forest health.

--Resolution to adjust the overall county budget to accommodate the new Correctional Systems, Inc. con-

tract and the Enhanced 911 budget.

--2001-02 Budget preparation time line presented by the county manager.

--County road mileage certification required by the New Mexico State Highway

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C'zozo School Superintendent Cooper Resigns

Carrizozo School Superintendent David Cooper resigned his position on Monday, March 5 because of health problems.

Carrizozo School Board president Steve Harkey told *THE NEWS* that he received the resignation letter from Cooper on Monday. Harkey said he told school staff about Cooper's resignation and his reasons for doing so at a staff meeting that day.

Acting in the chain of command, principal Rick Cogdill will oversee day to day operations of the school district, Harkey said.

Carrizozo Board of Education will discuss their options for the superintendent position at their regular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, Harkey added.

Harkey said he and the school board appreciate everything Cooper did for the school district during his stay as superintendent.

New Trash Pick Up Days Will Start Next Week

Trash in Carrizozo and Capitan will be picked up on a new day beginning next week. Rick Simpson, manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), said changing the pickup days is part of the complete reorganization of LCSWA which has been ongoing for three months now.

Starting Monday, March 12, the trash pick-up days will be changed for the following communities: Carrizozo poly cart pick-up day will be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday each week. Capitan poly cart pick-up day will be changed from Thursday to Wednesday each week. Simpson said that all of Ruidoso Downs poly carts will be picked up on Monday now, a change from their former Monday and Tuesday pick-up days.

The new pick-up day changes will affect only residential and commercial poly carts and will not affect the commercial three yard dumpsters.

Simpson also asked *THE NEWS* to remind everyone that all trash going into poly carts needs to be bagged, especially ashes,

packing peanuts and Styrofoam. "Now with spring, things will be blowing," Simpson said. He stressed that when trash is not bagged the wind blows it everywhere.

THE NEWS asked if using smaller plastic bags from stores is acceptable and Simpson said yes, the object is to have everything bagged.

EMT Class Starts Friday, Mar. 9 More Students Needed

The EMT-basic class begins at 6 p.m. Friday, March 9 at the Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo.

More students are needed for the class and anyone who is interested in taking the class can sign up at the Friday session.

All who successfully complete the EMT class are eligible to obtain certification to serve as volunteers on the county ambulances.

For more information call Kim at 354-2132 or Jim Stover at 257-8290.



PICKING AWAY AT THE CARCASS. Fort Stanton employees Nick Skogland and Fort Stanton Fire Chief Barney Mancha are shown here with unidentified individuals who took away the 1916 American LaFrance firetruck from Fort Stanton in the summer of 1999. The truck, which has always been at Fort Stanton, was recently located at a fire station in Santa Fe. Look for this story in the March 15 issue of *THE NEWS*.

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Fire Wise Workshop April 20 21 In Ruidoso

by DORIS CHERRY

The devastating wildfires in the Lincoln National Forest in 2000 were a wake up call to the need to revitalize the health of our forests and wild lands.

Realizing this need, and with new funding from the federal government, New Mexico State Forestry Division (NMSF) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) have joined with the County of Lincoln, Villages of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs and their fire departments, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Mescalero Apache Tribe, State Land Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Lincoln County Extension Service as partners in projects to address the fire hazards

in and around Ruidoso.

State Forestry Ranger Barbara Luna presented this information to the Lincoln County Commissioners during the county commission meeting February 15 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. She said representatives from the partners got together and drew a circle on the map around Ruidoso that designates an area needing fuels reduction treatment. Luna told *THE NEWS* that the BIA will be responsible for treating the reservation lands in the upper canyon of Rio Ruidoso. Upper canyon in Ruidoso has long since been designated as a high hazard zone because of its overgrown wooded lots and single road access.

for several grants to financially assist private land owners. Congress recently appropriated \$17 million for emergency fuels reduction projects in the western states with grants available. Luna said she has applied for grant money to help land owners from Ruidoso to Cloudcroft and Timberon in Otero County. The grants will involve a 50-50 cost share match from the land owner, but in-kind work can be applied toward the match, Luna said.

Applications for the private land owner program and more information will be available at a Fire Wise workshop scheduled for April 20 and 21 in the Ruidoso Convention Center. Sponsored by the NMSF and the USFS Smokey Bear Ranger District the workshops will start at 8 a.m. and go until 5 p.m. The same information will be presented both days to give everyone opportunity to participate.

The morning session will be for the individual land owner, said Luna. Landowners will be given information on how to treat property to create a defensible zone. The afternoon session will be geared toward business people and home builders. Examples of fire wise treatment will be shown with simulation

models.

Luna said the emphasis for the small lot owner is to create a defensible space. "We discourage the individual homeowner to do prescribed burns," Luna told *THE NEWS*. Home owners will get tips on creating a defensible space such as pruning and removing trees that touch roofs, raking of pine needles around the house.

Meanwhile, USFS crews continue to work on a fuel break on forest lands around Ruidoso, and the state land office is looking at treating state lands, such as Moon Mountain, in the area. Work also continues on the Cree Fire area with a timber salvage scheduled for this year.

"We are looking forward to having the public attend the Fire Wise workshop," Luna said.

As fuels reduction increases, so does the concern for disposing slash and other waste. "We are looking for opportunities to do no or low cost disposal," Luna said. "We're concerned we do not create a fire hazard with the trimmings."

Luna said NMSF wants to partner with all volunteer fire departments to identify fire hazard areas and work with land owners on fuels reduction projects.

The Fire Wise workshops and fuels reduction projects are part of a state wide strategy to assist communities considered to be in danger of catastrophic fire. Ruidoso is high on the list of communities in such a situation.



NEW CARRIZOZO OFFICER Edward L. O'Brien, Jr. is sworn into duty by Carrizozo Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger while Carrizozo officer W.R. Green watches.

O'Brien Is Carrizozo New Police Officer

Edward L. O'Brien, Jr. has joined the Carrizozo Police Department.

O'Brien made application and was temporarily hired to fill the position of officer Willie A. Reese who is off duty on medical leave.

O'Brien has worked at the juvenile facility Camp Sierra Blanca in Fort Stanton, and most recently was employed with the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Prior to returning to Carrizozo where he spent part of his childhood, O'Brien started his career in law enforcement as a correctional officer at the Torrance County Detention Facility. He was a member of the special operations team at that facility.

O'Brien will join officer W.R. Green and police chief A.I. Vega.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

| TUESDAY, MARCH 13 | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Corona Post Office | 12:30 - 2:30 |
| Carrizozo/Otero Electric | 4:00 - 6:30 |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 | |
| Carrizozo/Otero Electric | 7:30 - 8:30 |
| Nogal Post Office | 8:45 - 9:30 |
| Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe | 10:00 - 11:30 |
| Camp Sierra Blanca | 1:00 - 2:30 |
| Lincoln Post Office | 3:30 - 4:30 |
| Hondo Store | 4:45 - 6:00 |

Notice Of County Convention
Democratic Party of Lincoln County
Saturday, March 31
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For election of county officers.

USFS will partner with Ruidoso to work on the Eagle Creek area. The Village of Ruidoso is also planning to treat 638 village owned acres, funded with a FEMA grant the village applied for.

A major problem with forest fuels reduction is for the individual land owner. "It has been difficult to get the private land owners to deal with their own property," Luna said.

As an incentive for property owners to do fuel reduction, Luna has applied

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Discussing Zoning

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communication between the county and the Village of Ruidoso. Patton, who served on the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission for more than four years, said there was never interaction between the county and the village. "The county commission doesn't know what the Village of Ruidoso does," Patton said. "Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are the major draw for this county, and we're having growing pains."

Realtor Gary Lynch said people are drawn to Lincoln County for its beauty, and in his opinion zoning will preserve this beauty.

Rennick said that zoning has long been a "no-no" with the county. Yet during discussion, audience member Ralph Romero, who served on the county planning commission in the 1980s, reminded the members that the county passed a zoning ordinance in 1988, but the zoning was never implemented because no mapping of zone designations was done.

Sanchez said part of the problem with that ordinance was how to determine the zone designations. He suggested if the county does do zoning, that all of Lincoln County should be zoned as "agriculture" with special uses.

Realtors and others have been concerned about the uncontrolled growth in the "suburban" county properties especially along Airport Road for many years. At that time, as now, officials received legal advice that "spot zoning" was not legal. This concern for legality of spot zoning led to the 1988 county-wide zoning ordinance.

But Rennick, an attorney who specializes in planning laws, said he interprets the state law differently from county attorney Alan Morel.

He said he reads that state laws do allow "spot zoning" in isolated areas, if there is a county-wide comprehen-

sive growth plan.

Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez, who attended the meeting as an interested citizen, said the legality of spot zoning is a problem and has been a hangup for growth planning. Martinez said he favored Sanchez's idea of zoning all the county agriculture with special uses, because anyone wanting a special use would have to go before the county commission in a forum open to neighbors or anyone who might be impacted by a special use.

Paxton said there have been many changes in Lincoln County since 1988. "If we continue to do nothing, and say zoning is too hard, growth will continue and the question is will anyone have control of that growth," Paxton said.

Romero said if the county begins discussions on zoning again, the county will have to sell the idea to residents.

Realtor and Ruidoso Village Councilor Linda Flack said all uses in place when zoning begins will be grandfathered to continue. "No one says people will be moved off their land if they are zoned," Flack said. "They will be grandfathered for whatever use unless the land is sold and there is a change of use. Then that use would have to go to planning and zoning to determine if it would meet the guidelines for that zone."

Board of Realtors officer Cindy Lynch said zoning or growth planning will not be easy tasks. "I think, in addressing a comprehensive plan for areas north of Ruidoso is a grand start," she said. "I have an inbred belief that no growth is a death. We have to have smart growth which I believe we can attain with county wide zoning."

After more discussion, Rennick said he would ask county planning officer

County Musicians Perform At Festival

Several Lincoln County musicians performed at the Mountain Valley Baptist Association, "Emmet Carson Music Festival" held at the First Baptist Church in Alamogordo on February 12.

Carrizozo First Baptist Church members Bart McDonough performed a trombone solo, Ginny Curtiss and Ginny Burd sang a duet, and Jerry Graves did an instrumental solo.

Ruidoso First Baptist Church members Joe and Leona Tarry did a trumpet medley.

Corona First Baptist Church members Dale McConnell and Jim Norman sang and Rosetta Gilmore also performed.

Fatal Wreck Sunday

State police responded to a fatal accident on Highway 380 on Indian Divide between Capitan and Carrizozo at 11:27 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

According to state police the driver was westbound at a high rate of speed when he lost control and slid 350 feet into a guard rail causing the vehicle to roll.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS

-Moms In Touch prayer group, 2 p.m. 707 F. Ave. in Carrizozo.
 -Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS

-Story Hour, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Carrizozo School Library.
 -Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

-Capitan Board of Education regular meeting, including a special budget hearing, 6 p.m. Capitan School Administration Building board room. Newly elected board member David Cox to be sworn in by Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor, as first order of business.
 -Corona Village Trustees 6:30 p.m.
 -Carrizozo Woman's Club 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

-EMT Class, 6 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative Office in Carrizozo. Additional students needed to fill the class. Anyone interested should attend this class.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

-Spring break begins for Capitan School. Class resumes March 19.
 -Carrizozo Elementary Parent-teacher conferences all day.
 -Extension Service gopher control workshop, 10 a.m. Carrizozo Rec. Center.

-REDTT council 10 a.m. Ellis Store Country Inn, Lincoln. All day meeting.
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce meeting rescheduled to today, 12:30 p.m. chamber building on 2nd Street.
 -Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

-Ruidoso Utility Council, 9 a.m. Ruidoso village hall.
 -Carrizozo PFK 3:30 p.m. school library.
 -Carrizozo Town Council meeting rescheduled to March 20.

-Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
 -Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

-Carrizozo schools report card day.
 -Ruidoso Library Board noon, library.
 -Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting, 4 p.m. at the new district office (just west of the old office) in Capitan.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

-Lincoln County Commission 9 a.m. their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 -Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, 7 p.m. Rec Center.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

-No class for Carrizozo school.
 -Reception for the "Lincoln County Art: The New Millennium" art show of Lincoln County artists at the Governor Gallery in the State Capitol in Santa Fe, 4-6 p.m. All invited.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

-Carrizozo junior/senior prom.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

-Carrizozo Action Team, 9 a.m. NRCS (soil conservation) office, 309 Central, Carrizozo.
 -Capitan Varsity Track Meet, 1:30 p.m. Tiger Field.
 -Carrizozo Town Trustees, rescheduled meeting 6 p.m.

What: Spring Art & Craft Festival

Where: Carrizozo Rec Center
 106 Sixth Ave., (First left past the Taste Freez, off Hwy. 380, 2/10 of a mile west of Crossroads off Hwy. 54 & 380).

When: Saturday, March 17
 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Who: All area artists and crafters willing to pay a booth fee of \$15.00. 30 booths are available. Eats will be provided by the Uptown Cafe.

To Register: Call Mary Ann at (505) 648-4220 or Karen at (505) 648-3015 or 648-2212



JUMP FOR HEART WINNERS. Carrizozo students Elizabeth Bingerman and Kathleen Schlarb.

Carrizozo Students Jump For Hearts

Carrizozo Elementary students jumped rope and raised \$1,700 for the American Heart Association on February 13.

The elementary school had 105 students participating in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart. Along with jumping rope, participating students rotated through six different stations involving activities promoting physical fitness.

Fourth grade students Kathleen Schlarb and Elizabeth Bingerman raised the

most donations for the event. The girls were awarded bicycles donated by the Ruidoso Downs Super Wal-Mart Store.

The American Heart Association developed the Jump Rope for Heart program in 1978. The program has raised more than \$327 million for cardiovascular research and education programs.

Students benefit from the program by engaging in community service while promoting the benefits of lifelong heart-healthy lifestyles.

Opinion by Doris Cherry

Capital Outlay Projects Are Vital Protein, Not Pork

Recently State Rep. Dub Williams stated he preferred using the state surplus as a tax cut for the taxpayers, instead of the huge number of capital outlay requests made by communities, schools and groups. Often capital outlay requests are called "Pork", and are criticized by many as being wasteful and extravagant. Are improvements to sewer and water systems extravagant? Are improvements to technology in our schools extravagant?

Every community, school board or group that submits capital outlay requests does so in hopes of getting some of the state surpluses. This year state surpluses are generated by the huge increases in oil and gas revenues.

Wouldn't we rather support schools and communities than punishing them?

Any tax break afforded to a working person like myself will be insignificant on its own. Perhaps it will buy a good dinner, or less.

Put that same small individual tax cut rebate into a collective statewide pool of extra funds, and we through the state, have opportunity to help communities and schools, and thus ourselves in the long run. Here is a list of the capital outlay requests sponsored

New Arrival

The population of Carrizozo increased by one on February 26, 2001 at 8:59 p.m., with the birth of Isaiah Seth Ysasi.

Isaiah weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs., and 20 inches. The proud parents are Larry and Liz Ysasi. The new arrival has a brother, Corey.

Grandparents are Flavia Lueras and Mamie Ysasi. Great grandfather is Tino Lopez, Sr.

by Dub Williams, all submitted to him for needed projects. House Capital

Outlay requests (HCO)85-91; capital improvements for Carrizozo, Mesalero Apache Tribe, Hondo Valley Public Schools, Capitan Municipal Schools and in Tularosa.

HCO368-375 are chip sealing roads in Capitan; technological needs of a Ruidoso school theater; capital improvements at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso; water system improvements in Corona; property acquisition for the expansion of the county fair grounds; renovation of the old county detention center for county offices; planning designing and furnishing a new fire station in Ruidoso; re-authorization to expand the purpose of a former appropriation for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

HCO712-714: capital improvements in Tularosa; hydrological study of Lincoln County; Veterans Cemetery at Fort Stanton and HCO931 improvements to the Capitan wastewater treatment plant.

None of these projects are extravagant.

We need to support these requests for the best interest of our communities, schools, county and state. Let's not let an illusion of a tax cut lure us away from these needed projects.

Capital outlay requests are not pork, they are the vital protein for the economic health of our state.

Gopher Control Workshop March 12 In Carrizozo

The Cooperative Extension Service will offer a workshop on gopher control at 10 a.m. Monday, March 12, at Carrizozo Recreation Center.

If you have any questions, call the Extension Office at 648-2311.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Coincidence? Maybe not!

By Ruth Hammond

We have been told that soon it will be spring and that we can enjoy the warmer weather. Then again we have been told that the moon is made of green cheese. We have about as much chance of eating that green cheese as we do of having warmer spring weather any time soon. Last week the weatherman called for snow in the northern part of the state and we predicted that it would snow here in Lincoln County as well. It did snow in Lincoln County. The last time the weatherman, or actually weather woman, said it would snow in the southern part of the state once again we predicted it would snow in Lincoln County. It did.

It is not that we are adept at predicting the weather but we have noticed that the weather here in Lincoln County seems to be the same as the weather across most of the state. Apparently Lincoln County does not want to be left out. If it is at all possible for a county to influence the weather, we are certain Lincoln County does influence the weather as well as other things. Have you noticed that if there is sleet in the northwest corner of the state that there will be sleet in at least one area of Lincoln County? Have you noticed that if there is rain in the southern part of the state that it rains somewhere in Lincoln County? Have you noticed that if it is exceptionally cold in the northern part of the state that at least one area of Lincoln County will be cold enough to compete with the frigid Arctic Circle?

Needless to say, Lincoln County is not able to control the weather or have any influence over inanimate objects, and it is merely coincidence that things happen the way they do and where they do. It is also coincidence that it will rain in Lincoln County at the same time it is raining in the southern part of the state, just as it is coincidence that it will sleet here in Lincoln County at the same time it sleet in the northwest corner of the state. As for it being cold in Lincoln County at the same time it is exceptionally cold in the northern part of the state, it is just coincidence.

There are other coincidences that are difficult to explain but we continue to wonder about. Have you noticed how often it will rain when your umbrella is out in the car and you are in the house? Have you noticed how often the phone will ring when you are in the bathroom or on your way out the door and can't answer it right away? Have you noticed how often you run out of an extremely important ingredient for a special recipe, and the store just closed?

Even if these coincidences don't sound familiar to you, they are to most of us. Have you noticed that if you drop one thing early in the morning you will probably drop at least two more things during the day? Have you noticed that if you bump your toe you will bump it again and again and again? Coincidences, yes, but they can be annoying.

Realistically, we would not bump our toes, drop things, or get caught in the rain without an umbrella. But that is not real life. Real life is accepting the cold weather until spring finally arrives. Real life is contacting our state legislators concerning bills that are beneficial to the county. Real life is what we face each day, happily, even if we are cold.

Real life is well, real life.

Lincoln County Artist Featured In Governor's Gallery Art Exhibit

Art work from Lincoln County artists will be featured in an art exhibit that opens Friday, March 16, in the Governor's Gallery in the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe.

Entitled "Lincoln County Art: The New Millennium" the show will feature 36 different art works from 36 Lincoln County artists.

All Lincoln County residents are invited to attend an opening reception of the show from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, March 16, at the Governor's Gallery which is located in the Governor's Office on the fourth floor of the state capitol building in Santa Fe.

The Village of Ruidoso Arts Commission, in conjunction with the Governor's Gallery, last year invited Lincoln County artists to submit slides or photos of their work. In response 37

artists submitted 137 entries, said Virginia Watson Jones, local exhibit coordinator. From those entries, 36 were selected for the exhibit that runs through May 11.

Artists and their works exhibited in the show are Frank Amigo, wood art; Patsy Blasdel, pastel painting; Polly E. Chavez, retablo; Barbara Culler, gull art egg; Denise Dorn, batik; Randy and Rhonda Dougherty, wood art bench; Rhonda Dougherty, ceramics; Rita Hadley, screen sculpture; Ivy Heyman, porcelain bowl; Darcy Holmes, fabric art quilt; Ardis Hood, pastels; Carol Hurd, acrylic painting; Mary Lane, watercolor; Dave McGary, bronze sculpture; Carol Meyer, fabric art quilt; R. Gary Miller watercolor; Judy Pelelsma, oil painting; Ann Pollard, bronze sculpture; Maureen Quemada, acrylic painting; Peter Rogers, acrylic and oil; John Meigs, watercolor; Todd Shelby, ceramics; Gordon Snidow, watercolor; Ann Templeton, oils; Renate L. Shiver, ceramic sculpture; Pamela Topper marble sculpture; Dee Westcott, water media art; Virginia Watson Jones, ceramic sculpture; Beverly and Paula Wilson, hand-made book; R.L. York, bronze; Lionel Lippmann, photo; Douglas Miller photo; Frederick Moras, photo; M.L. Pearson black and white photo; Karen Emerald Reeder, color pencil painting.

The reception from 4-6 p.m. at the Governor's Gallery on Friday, March 16, is free and is hosted by the Women's Board of the Museum of New Mexico.



INSIDE THE CAPITOL
by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Legislature is having second thoughts about electric utility deregulation. After California's devastating experience, over 20 states that had started down the road to deregulation reportedly have decided to take a wait-and-see attitude.

Lawmakers, who a week ago were insisting we shouldn't delay our 2002 implementation date set two years ago, are now agreeing a postponement might be good. Gov. Gary Johnson, a strong advocate of deregulation and adversary of postponing its implementation date, has hinted he might not veto the current bill.

This year's measure extends the 2002 implementation date by as much as five years. It leaves the door open for implementation earlier than 2007 if the Legislature and governor decide we are prepared. The date already was going to have to be postponed for at least a year because all the necessary pieces weren't going to be in place by 2002.

Deregulation of any industry is a complicated matter. The idea is that it will be good for business and good for the consumer if market forces regulate an industry rather than the government. The laws of supply and demand theoretically will bring prices down because of greater competition in the industry.

But it is impossible for even the experts to predict what will happen when the genie is let out of the bottle.

One of the complications is that industries are never totally deregulated. Government still likes to keep a hand in there, not just because politicians like to maintain control but because of all the consumer groups that don't trust corporate America. And in the case of utilities, environmental groups get in the act because they've never met a form of energy they like.

In California, the opposing forces created a law that resulted in skyrocketing prices, small businesses folding, ratepayer revolts, rolling blackouts and government bailouts of bankrupt utilities. It can't get much worse than that.

New Mexico's 1999 deregulation legislation is much better thought out, according to its advocates. It doesn't force utilities to divest their generating capacity. It doesn't require them to buy on the spot market. It doesn't discour-

age development of new energy generation. And it requires New Mexico power companies to first serve New Mexicans at reasonable rates before selling any excess power in the regional wholesale market.

But major power users in our state worry that once access is open, law won't be able to shield New Mexico from California's prices. California's problems will become our problems. To paraphrase Ross that giant sucking sound will be New Mexico's power headed to California and the Golden State's prices headed here.

A New Mexico legislative interim committee spent six years looking at whether and how best to deregulate electricity. Some members of that committee still feel we have avoided California's problems and should proceed. But that didn't stop a California public utility commissioner from admonishing one of our legislative committees to "not try this at home."

The California commissioner claimed there is PNM to separate its generation and transmission operations, something it has been trying to get lawmakers do for over a decade.

Reform requires leadership, understanding and cooperation...

by Sen. Pete Campos

The New Mexico Legislature has an excellent opportunity during this legislative session to make reforms in four critical areas: economic development, health care, technology and capital outlay. Even gradual improvements in those areas would go a long way toward generally

improving life in New Mexico.

We still have a chance during this legislative session to take some important first steps in each of those areas, but only if we exhibit leadership, seek a greater understanding of the issues and work to cooperate with each other.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Week of Mar. 8-14, 2001

Pisces: (Feb. 19 - March 20) Watch your temper and your mood. It would be better if you were all alone than to be with someone who makes you mad. "CHILL."

Aries: (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Take time for yourself. NO EXCUSES! Even one hour in the bathtub could soothe and refresh your tired body, mind, and soul.

Taurus: (Apr. 20 - May 20) Steady as you go! Watch your health and don't overdo. Your heart is in the right direction. Your mind is another story! Get it together!

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) You have a good idea. Start slow and take your time in planning out every detail. Sleep on it. The morning light will show you the way.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Your heart may be very tender at this time, but don't wear your heart on your shoulder because there will always be someone around to knock it down.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug. 22) It seems like the more you do, the more you have to do. Regroup and find out why you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Virgo: (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) You can fool some of the people some of the time, but not all the people some of the time. Don't fool yourself when it comes to the real truth.

Libra: (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Your time will be not of your own. Be prepared for others to hurry up and stop routine. Relax and go with the flow of life.

Scorpio: (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Paper-chasing? Prepare yourself, make a list and calls, before you have to run all over the place. Your energy could be spent as fast as your money.

Sagittarius: (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Things are looking up, but keep a lookout where you step. Don't assume the ground will be there to hold you up. Feel your way through.

Capricorn: (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) You may see someone from your past. Are they friend or foe? Do some soul searching and find out who you really NEED.

Aquarius: (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Your window of opportunity could be here. Are you ready for a change in your life. Think long and hard before answering.

Reform requires

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A solid educational system, a fair tax policy and good infrastructure are critical if we are to create and maintain a thriving economy. The economy is becoming more global, knowledge driven, entrepreneurial, dynamic and driven by digital technologies. In addition to a good public school system, a key component of ensuring that employers can hire educated and motivated workers in New Mexico's development training program, more commonly known as "in-plant training". This innovative program pays part of the wages of new employees at new or expanding businesses for several months, providing a powerful incentive for employers to move to New Mexico and hire new workers.

This program, which has existed for more than

two decades, has already done great things for New Mexico, but it can do better. We can make the program more efficient and we can make it more effective. A piece of legislation introduced this session would do exactly that by transferring the in-plant program from the Economic Development Department to the Labor Department and by enacting into law criteria for selecting companies for the award of funds. This change would bring our program more in line with similar programs around the country that have guidelines and caps on the amount of money that can be awarded.

Some of the criteria would include whether the applying company proposes to target hard-to-employ people, the economic and environmental impacts of the company and the unemployment rates of the area of the state from which the new

employees would be hired. Requiring companies to meet certain selection criteria will almost certainly improve the program without unnecessarily burdening the New Mexico companies, and moving the program to the Labor Department will almost certainly improve it because the Economic Development Department currently depends on the Labor Department offices statewide to locate eligible employees.

HEALTH CARE

Another needed organizational reform would improve the efficiency by which health care is provided to the neediest New Mexicans. Specifically, Senate Bill 135 proposes to create a Medical Assistance Department as a cabinet department by removing the Medical functions from the Human Services Department into the new department.

The Medicaid function provided by the Human Services Department is so big it cannot be adequately handled by any department that also has other responsibilities; it is a big enough function that it must be handled by a department devoted solely to it. Medicaid is the health care program funded by both the state and federal governments to help financially strapped New Mexicans get the health care they need. The operation of the program is currently in need of more attention from the Human Services Department, and the transition to managed care has been anything but smooth. The provision of services to people who need treat-

ment for behavioral health problems has been terrible, and our state funds are not being used as efficiently as possible to provide our neediest neighbors with the health care they deserve.

Senate Bill 135 would fix those problems by establishing a Medical Assistance Department with a secretary who reports directly to the governor.

TECHNOLOGY

The digital age is very much upon us and rapid changes in technology bring us great opportunity and strong challenges. One of the biggest challenges we face is to bring together the various technological players from the educational and governmental institutions, as well as the private sector, to develop an overarching technological framework for New Mexico and implement a statewide technology network.

I envision that such a technological network, which would be known as "Enchantment", would link our schools, governmental agencies and businesses into a first-rate technology platform and compete globally in an organized and resourceful manner.

Senate Bill 669 would appropriate \$500,000 to the Information Technology Commission to contract for a technical quantitative assessment of the telecommunications infrastructure in New Mexico and to create an implementation plan for Enchantment. This legislation will help ensure that New Mexico's limited resources are expended in the most cost-effective manner.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The state's capital outlay process has come under some criticism lately for a lack of planning, prioritization and follow-up. While the state's system has worked well, it may be time to reform it to get the most out of it.

Senate Bill 667, which would enact the Capital Projects Act, would reform our current capital outlay process by creating a project selection process that is less political and more professional. A capital outlay council consisting of seventeen people, representing a broad cross-section of New Mexicans, would screen proposals for capital outlay projects, establishing priorities for which projects should be

approved and oversee the planning and construction of the project.

The cost of necessary capital improvement and infrastructure projects annually exceeds the available funding. This legislation will help ensure that New Mexico's limited resources are expended in the most cost-effective manner.

None of these reforms - imposing standards on the use of in-plant training funds, creating a Medical Assistance Department, overhauling our telecommunications infrastructure or changing our capital outlay process - will be easy to implement. But worthwhile reforms rarely are.

True reform requires leadership, an understanding of the issues and the cooperation of those who are involved.

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THINK BEFORE YOU STRIKE.



LINCOLN COUNTY FCE members attended Legislative Days in Santa Fe. Pictured from left FCE members Lucia Vega, Barbara VanGorder, home economist Betty McCright, members Arden Burd and Virginia Burd, State Rep. Andy Nunez, members Franklin McKay, Inez Marrs and Mary Ellen McKay.

County FCE Participate In NM Legislative Days

Lincoln County Family and Community Education (FCE) club members recently participated in the New Mexico FCE Legislative Days at the state capitol in Santa Fe.

Legislative Days are held every two years, during the Legislature's two month session.

Lincoln County FCE members participating were Virginia and Arden Burd, Lucia Vega, Barbara VanGorder and daughter Linda from Toronto, Canada, Inez Marrs, Betty McCright Lincoln County Cooperative Extension Director/Home Economist. Marrs also represents Lincoln County on the Cooperative Extension Support Council.

Members attended a dinner held at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds. The dinner was followed by presentations from Rep. Andy Nunez, D-District 36, Dona Ana County; Dr. Jerry Schickeldez, dean and chief administration officer for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at NMSU and Billy Ditsion, associate dean and director for the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service.

The next day members attended Extension Day at the Legislature. Participants gathered in the Capitol Rotunda for presentations from the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Vigil of Albuquerque and to Larry Hobson of Roswell president of the Extension Support Council. Radio host Ernie Mills served as Master of Ceremonies.

FCE members statewide provided cookies that were given to visitors to the Capitol that day.

Among the many things that happened that day, members saw Senator Pete

Raffle For Local Baby In Need of Heart Surgery

A quilt raffle is being held to raise money for the family of four month old Moriah "Hope" Taylor who needs open heart surgery.

Beginning Monday, March 12, the quilt to be raffled, created by Helen Serbousek, will be on display at the Lincoln County Medical Center Pink Shop. Serbousek, a physician's assistant who works with

Domenici present the 20,000th personal computer to the Santa Fe Indian School. The computer was provided by New Mexico TechNet and Intel.

Mary Ellen McKay, a member of the LaJunta FCE club in Lincoln County, coordinated this year's legislative days.

The mission of NM FCE is to strengthen individuals, families and communities through Education, Leadership and Action.

For more information about FCE clubs in Lincoln County contact the Extension Office in Carrizozo at 648-2311.

Hope's mother, Marian Taylor, discovered that Hope had a heart murmur. Tests showed that Moriah has a ventricular septal defect in her heart that must be repaired with open heart surgery. Moriah is scheduled for surgery on March 22 in Albuquerque. Funds raised with the raffle will help with the extra expenses for Marian and Rob Taylor.

Church Directory



Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
Bogal Presbytery Church:
NIGL SEBRING, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM
648-2855 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church..... 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGG, pastor
213 8th St, 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.

Christ Community Fellowship
ED WINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Preparation Prayer..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Phone: 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona
CAL WEST, pastor / 848-7975
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner..... First Sunday of Month

Church of Christ
TOM FONDEXER, Minister 354-3135
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor
Corner of E. Ave. & 6th, Carrizozo, NM
1-252-257-2598
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasok

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency

Have A Nice Day!



LEGALIS

LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing shall be held at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 15, 2001 by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the application of Tim T. Hagaman, D/B/A Worley Pat Garrett Hotel/Murphy Dolan Brewery Saloon, Post Office Box 96, Lincoln, New Mexico 88338, to obtain a new Small Brewer License No. A-4698, to be located on Highway 380, Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant Manager
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE, is hereby given that on February 1, 2001, Kenneth and Irene Nosker, HC 66, Box 32, San Patricio, NM 88348, filed application No. 0682-B & H-608-B with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place and purpose of use of 7.04 acre-foot per annum of the Rio Ruidoso via the Analla Barragon Ditch which diverts at a point located in the SE1/4NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental wells H-203 and H-608-B, both located in the NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to cease the irrigation of 2.2 acres of land located in part of the S1/2S1/2E1/4 of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.; and part of the N1/2N1/2E1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.; and commence the use of said 7.04 acre-foot per annum of surface waters and supplemental shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 2.2 acres of land located in part of the SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.; and part of the NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

The purpose of this application is to transfer the water rights to the land on the north side of the river and irrigate said land. Barragon West Ditch will be the carrier of the water rights since the ditch and well are connected via pipeline.

The move-to and move-from locations are located approximately two miles east of Glencoe in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

cc: Santa Fe

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. CV-2001-31

FIRST FEDERAL BANK, a federal banking corporation, f/k/a CHAVES COUNTY SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, a corporation Plaintiff,

vs. LEONOR V. DE GARZA, Defendant.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING

TO: LEONOR V. DE GARZA AND ANY OTHER CLAIMANTS IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF

GREETINGS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein, First Federal Bank is the Plaintiff, and you and each of you are the Defendant, the same being Cause No. CV-2001-31 on the Civil Docket.

The general object of said action is to foreclose Plaintiff's mortgage in and to the following described property:

Lot 18, Block 2 of WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, February 16, 1979, in Tract No. 652.

Also known as 202 Marble Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

said lands being more fully described in the Complaint for Foreclosure on file herein.
You and each of you are further notified that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before April 19, 2001, Plaintiff will make application to the Court for Judgment by default, and judgment by default will be rendered against you, and each of you, as prayed for in said Complaint. The name of the attorneys for Plaintiff is Sanders,

Bruin, Coll & Worley, P.A., P.O. Box 550, Roswell, New Mexico 88201.
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

JAN PERRY District Court Clerk
By: Darla Goar Deputy

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL NOTICE OF BUDGET INCREASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Education of Carrizozo School District #7, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, will on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Board Room, 800 D. Avenue, present and publicly review an increase to the 2000-2001 Operating Budget. This is a Public Hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend. Done at Carrizozo, New Mexico, this 5th day of March, 2001.

STEVE HARKEY, President

ATTEST: Lisa Shivers, secretary

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District will meet on Wednesday, March 14th at 4:00 p.m. at their new office, located at 516 Smokey Bear Blvd., Carrizozo, NM. The public is invited to attend all meetings. More information may be obtained by calling the office at 354-2220.

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Old Lincoln by Rosalie Dunlap

Last week turned out to be a hectic week for the Dunlaps. We were getting ready to attend a Spinners workshop at Tucson, AZ, when we received word that Ralph's older brother had passed away unexpectedly at Phoenix. We journeyed to Tucson, accompanied by Muriel Davis of Roswell and Elaine Brenner of Capitan. We attended the first day of the workshop. On Wednesday we attended the funeral and visited with family. We were overnight guests of our granddaughter, Patricia Coleman.

We were able to attend the third and last day of the workshop. We visited with Ralph's brother and wife, Kenneth and Carol Dunlap at Wilcox.

Celia Quinn of Alaska conducted the Spinner's Workshop. We all worked with all kinds of fibers, both natural and manmade and all combinations thereof. We were given so much information. Quinn talked so fast we couldn't take notes, but a lot of it she had in handouts. A lot of ideas and tips were passed amongst those who attended. It was held in the Botanical Garden of Tucson.

We stayed with Bill and Liz Taylor, who were great hosts. Liz is also a spinner. Both the Taylors have been overseas too, so we had a lot of experiences to share.

She is in the hospital in Las Cruces. As soon as she can do certain activities she will be home.

Neighbors reported that we had several days of nice gentle rain while we were gone. At last report there was close to one inch of moisture.

Obituaries

LOIS DAVIS BURNS

Former Carrizozo resident, Lois Davis Burns, 88, passed away March 5 in Hobbs, NM. Memorial service will be Friday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Hobbs, with Rev. J. Gorton Smith officiating. Mrs. Burns was born November 8, 1912 in Pecos, TX. She married Crittenden (Curly) E. Burns who preceded her in death in 1991.

Mrs. Burns and her husband were owners of Paden Drug Store in Carrizozo for 12 years. She moved to Hobbs in the mid 1970s. She was a member of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include: son, Dennis Burns of Exeter Falls, NJ; two daughters, Lynell B. Caton of Hobbs, and Lois Jerilyn Thornton of Los Alamos; brother, Bryce Davis of Hunstville, AL; sister, Fay Miller of Ft. Worth,

TX; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

ALLEN FITZPATRICK

Services for Allen Fitzpatrick, 26, of Capitan were held Saturday, March 3 at the Angus Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed at the Capitan Cemetery with Rev. Charlie Hail officiating.

Allen died Wednesday, February 28 in Capitan. He was born March 31, 1974 in Artesia. He was a heavy equipment operator for the Village of Ruidoso Downs. He married Misty Dawn Williams on February 13, 1999 in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife Misty of Capitan; daughter, Dawn Lee Fitzpatrick of Capitan; his father, Bobby Fitzpatrick of Nogal; his mother, Bonnie Fitzpatrick of Alamogordo. Also his brother, Paul Fitzpatrick of Nogal and grandparents Lloyd and Mary Hobbs of Oscuro, NM.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

* Out of state owner needs to sell 3 year old, 4 bedroom, 2 full bath, fireplace, manufactured home with 1,870 sq. ft. Located on 0.36 acres with all city utilities. Good condition. This is a very nice place. Located on 17th Street. \$39,900. MAKE OFFER.

* Large adobe two story custom built in 1911. Almost 2,500 square feet, 4 bedroom, 1.25 baths, fireplace, lots of wood trim inside, hardwood floors, basement, has hot water heat with new efficient and economical boiler. Located near the center of town. Fenced and sprinkler system. You will have to see it to believe it, \$83,000.

* Something smaller. How about a completely remodeled manufactured home with new deck porch, nicely skirted, new carpet, new sofa and love seat stay. Located across street from Carrizozo Orchards, on 0.80 acres. \$25,000.

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* Older large home located about one block from school. Needs a little TLC. Detached garage. Fenced yard. Woman's Club located next door. A super price at \$27,000.

* People call every week about land near Carrizozo. We have it, there are five 10 acre parcels left, a few blocks west of town on paved county road. Near airport. Electric and telephone border the property. \$2,000 per acre. Check out the view and then make an offer.

* Consider this, a six acre plus parcel, on U.S. Highway 380 about one block southeast of the intersection with major traveled Highway U.S. 54. On this property are approximately twenty-nine RV or Mobile Home hookups with all city utilities. Mountain views in every direction. Asking \$65,000, but owner will consider all offers and provide financing and possibility zero down to the right buyer. Check it out, this could be a real money maker property.

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Fort Stanton Featured At Capitol Building Display

Fort Stanton will be showcased in a display as part of the Cultural Heritage Preservation Day at the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe today, Thursday, March 8.

Members of Fort Stanton, Inc. are manning the kiosk display that will feature 20 old photos to give viewers a look at what Fort Stanton looked like, and current photos of the condition of buildings. The display will include photos of the May 2000 Fort Fete event with U.S. David, Buffalo Soldier,

and other re-enactors to show what could be done at Fort Stanton.

The professional quality display will not mention or feature Fort Stanton, Inc. or the Fort Stanton partnership, said Dick Weber, president of Fort Stanton, Inc. Instead the intent of the display is to show Fort Stanton as it was, and is, and to emphasize preservation, he added. Some of the pictures in the display will be of deteriorating roofs and buildings. "We also intend to lobby for Senate Capital Outlay request 063 for funding for emergency stabilization of roofs," Weber added. "We believe the state has an obligation to provide money to do basic stabilization to the property."



Rain and wet snow continued to fall on Lincoln County through Saturday, March 3. Dry and warmer weather moved in on Monday and Tuesday, but another wet low front began moving in on Wednesday.

A winter snow warning was issued for late Wednesday and early today with rain and snow showers continuing through today. Friday is predicted to be partly cloudy with warmer temperatures and winds 10-15 miles per hour. Warmer and windier weather with diminishing chances for showers is predicted for next week.

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

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

Today, Thursday, March 8: Lowland rain showers, turning to scattered showers in the afternoon. North winds 10-15 miles per hour. High temperature in Carrizozo of 54. Chance for precipitation 50 to 60 percent. Tonight, a few evening showers, then partly cloudy. Areas of valley fog late. Lows in the 20s.

Friday, March 9: Partly cloudy and warmer. Highs mid 40s to lower 50s.

Saturday & Sunday, March 10 & 11: Variable cloudiness, with slight chance of showers by Sunday. Breezy both days. Highs 50s, lows to lower 30s on Saturday, to mid 50s on Sunday.

Monday & Tuesday, March 12 & 13: Partly cloudy, breezy to windy each afternoon. Highs to mid 50s; low to mid 30s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, the north Sacramento and Capitan mountains, Capitan and higher elevations of the county:

Thursday, March 8: Snow showers, turning to scattered showers and high mountain snow showers in the afternoon. North winds 10 to 15 miles per hour. High temperatures in Ruidoso and Capitan 45. Chance for precipitation 70 to 80 percent. Tonight, a few evening showers, then partly cloudy. Areas of valley fog late. Lows in the 20s.

Friday, March 9: Partly cloudy and warmer, highs to mid 40s to lower 50s.

Saturday and Sunday, March 10 & 11: Variable cloudiness, a slight chance of mountain snow showers by Sunday. Breezy both days. Highs 50s on Saturday and mid 40s to mid 50s on Sunday. Lows 20s to lower 30s.

Monday & Tuesday, March 12 & 13: Partly cloudy, breezy to windy each afternoon. Highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Lows mid 20s to mid 30s.

"This is demolition by neglect," Weber said of the poor condition of some of the buildings at Fort Stanton.

The New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance will sponsor a breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Rotunda.



REDDT Meets Monday, March 12 in Lincoln

The Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDDT) councils meets at 10 a.m. Monday, March 12, at Ellis Store Country Inn in Lincoln.

This will be an all day meeting with lunch available by prior reservation. The focus of business will be the joint Lincoln/DeBaca Counties Billy the Kid press tour to be held later this year.

A fee will be charged for lunch and reservation must be made by calling toll free 1-800-653-8480 or 653-4800.

Organizations wishing to have their activity considered in the grant proposal process must be represented at the monthly meetings on a continuing basis.

Projects of REDDT include "Voices from the Past" at White Oaks Miners Days, Art in the Orchard, Nogal Artfest.

REDDT is a 12-county program of the USDA administered through NMSU via local county extension agents and home economists. For more information contact Betty McCreight at 648-2311 or e-mail at bmccreight@nmsu.edu.

County Commission To

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and Transportation Department.

-Discussion about the Extraterritorial Zoning as requested by county commissioner Leo Martinez.

-Request for donations to the Run for the Mesa 5 and 10K Road Run, discussed by Martinez.

-Discussion requested by Martinez on House Bill 332, relating to public procurement; exempting certain contracts for the lease or operation of hospitals from the procurement code; providing for termination of leases of those hospitals.

-Resolution setting alcoholic liquors dispenser permit fees.

FAST ACTION
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YARD SALE Saturday, March 10 at Capitan Public Library 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations accepted, no clothes. 2tc-March 1 & 8

FOR SALE 1994 Ford F150, 2 wheel drive, 4.96 cyl., 5 spd, regular cab, long bed, 94K, good clean truck. \$5,000 OBO 354-2538 evenings 3tp-March 1, 8 & 15

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Lincoln County is now accepting applications for one TEMPORARY LABORER with the Lincoln County Road Department. Applicant(s) must work hard and be able to perform minor maintenance on equipment. Must have current driver's license, be able to do manual labor and drive a tractor to mow weeds. Obtain application and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505/648-2385. The last day to apply for this position is Monday, March 12, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A. 2tc-March 1 & 8

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
HONDO VALLEY Public Schools has a position open for Administrative Secretary. Salary: Negotiable depending upon experience and level of skills. Application Deadline: March 15, 2001. Qualifications: General secretarial skills, office organization and computer skills. Application procedure: Applicants should submit the following: 1.) Letter of interest. 2.) Resume. Send Application packet to: Barbara A. Perea Casey, Superintendent, P.O. Box 55, Hondo, New Mexico 88336. All applicants will be screened for the selection of finalists. The Hondo Valley Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap/disability in employment or provision of services. 1tc/March 8

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Mowing, Excavating, Roads Built, Gravel Hauled, Water, Electric, Sewer Lines and Septic Systems Installed. Turn Key Mobil Sites Built. 354-7000 or 430-5557 8tp-March 8-April 26

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January 3, 2001

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 30, 2001 (4:00 PM MST).
PROCEDURE: Call or write for application. Submit letter of interest, resume and application to:
Mr. Tom Trost
School Board President
Capitan Municipal Schools
P.O. Box 278
Capitan, NM 88316
Phone: 505-354-2239
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GARY JOHNSON
GOVERNOR

TAXES AT WORK: A large sign proclaims that our state taxes are at work at Fort Stanton. The sign also indicates that the water systems improvements project now in progress was funded in 1999. Several bills are pending in the state legislature, including Senate Capital Outlay request 663, for funding to the state to do emergency stabilization of roofs in many of the historic buildings.

Santa Fe Opera Offers Discount Tickets To New Mexico Residents

A special invitation to all New Mexicans to discover and experience The Santa Fe Opera has been extended by General Director Richard Gaddes.

New Mexico residents who have never attended, or have not attended since the inauguration of the new theater in 1998, may purchase tickets for the coming 2001 season for half price. The special New Mexico resident ticket campaign will begin April 1 and extend through May 26.

With the discounted price, seats can be purchased for as little as \$10 or \$15.

During the opera season, which opens June 29 and continues through August 25, patrons can attend free informal opera previews before every performance. Once inside the theater, audiences will find "Opera Titles" at every seat that provide English translations of all the dialogue. "Audiences need never wonder what is going on," Gaddes said in a press release.

The five operas this season are Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" which opens the season June 29, followed by Verdi's "Falstaff",

Mozart's "Mitridate", Berg's "Wozzeck" and Strauss's "The Egyptian Helen."

Tickets can be purchased by calling toll free 1-877-999-8299, fax at 1-505-995-3030 or by email at boxoff@santafeopera.org.

Buyers are asked to identify themselves as first-time purchasers. Each order will receive a complementary CD previewing the season.

For performance dates, and other box office information call 1-800-280-4654 or go on line at santafeopera.org.

Training For Foster Parents In March

Raindancer Youth Services will present a "Teach Home Parents" training series for people who are interested in being a licensed foster parent.

Raindancer Youth Services provides foster care services for children with diagnosed behavioral and/or emotional problems.

Orientation for the training session will be held from 6-9 p.m. tonight, March 8 at the Raindancer Youth Services office in White Mountain Plaza, 1204 Mechem Drive Suite 13, Ruidoso.

Classes begin at 5 p.m. Friday, March 9 at the Raindancer Youth Services office. Classes will be held on March 10, 11, 23, 24 and 25.

For more information call 258-3132.

Friday, March 9 Is Arbor Day

Friday, March 9 is Arbor Day in New Mexico.

Arbor Day is a day set aside to pay homage to trees. The first Arbor Day was held on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska when more than one million trees were planted. In New Mexico, the 1891 territorial legislature established the observance of Arbor Day. In 1992, the New Mexico State Legislature passed a house memorial designating March as Arbor Month.

Under New Mexico Arbor Day Act of 1891, every elementary school in the territory was required to celebrate trees to remind children of the importance of trees in their lives.

Governor Gary Johnson has issued a proclamation for New Mexicans to recognize March as Arbor Month.

National Beef Cook Off Entry Deadline March 31

The deadline to enter the National Beef Cook-off contest is March 31.

The Cook-off, now in its 24th year, is paying homage this year to the potato. This year's contest features two new recipe categories that feature beef and potatoes.

More information about the recipe categories and entry guidelines, see the 2001 National Beef Cook-Off website at www.beefcookoff.org.

For those without internet access entries can be mailed to National Beef Cook-Off Entries, PO Box 440, San Francisco, CA 94104-0440. Entries must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than March 31.

All recipes must contain no more than six ingredients, and must feature beef. Only main dishes are eligible with preparation and cooking time completed in 30 minutes or less. Categories are fresh beef; prepared beef, fresh beef and fresh potato and prepared beef and prepared potato.

For a complete listing of Cook-Off rules, visit the web site or call toll free 1-800-848-9088.

Twenty finalists will be notified by July 16. They will be flown to Tucson, AZ to compete in the Cook-Off.

competition September 2 and 29.



1999 PREPARE BEEF FINALIST
Priscilla Yee, California

CHIPOTLE BEEF POT ROAST

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 minutes. Makes 6 servings

- 1 package (1-3/4 to 2 pounds) fully-cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy
- 1 can (15-1/2 ounces) chili beans with chipotle peppers, undrained
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1-1/2 cups prepared chipotle thick-and-chunky salsa
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crumbled
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. Remove beef pot roast from package; set aside. Measure 3/4 cup of the gravy and place in large skillet; discard any remaining gravy or reserve for other use.

2. Add chili beans, corn, salsa; 1 tablespoon chopped oregano and cinnamon to gravy in skillet; bring to a boil.

3. Meanwhile cut pot roast into 1/4-inch thick slices. Add to skillet. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is heated through, stirring occasionally. Serve pot roast with sauce. Garnish with chopped oregano and oregano sprigs, if desired.

COOKS TIP: If chili beans with chipotle peppers are not available, add 1/2 to 1 teaspoon minced chipotle peppers in adobo sauce to regular chili beans. Chipotle thick-and-chunky salsa is not available, add 1/2 to 1 teaspoon minced chipotle peppers in adobo sauce to regular thick-and-chunky salsa.

Chipotle chiles in adobo sauce are dried smoked jalapeno peppers packed in a red piquant sauce made from dried chiles, herbs and vinegar. Chipotle peppers in adobo sauce can be found in the ethnic food section of large supermarkets.

NOTE: The amount of gravy in fully-cooked pot roast products varies. If your package does not contain 3/4 cup, make up the difference with beef broth or water.

For more great beef recipes, visit www.beefcookoff.org

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