

County Entities Do Well With Capital Outlay

by DORIS CHERRY

"But Don't Go To The Bank Yet"

Communities and schools in Lincoln County did well in receiving funding on their capital outlay requests in the state legislative session that ended on March 17.

"But don't go to the bank yet," said Tony Elias, executive director of the South-eastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Govern-

ments (SNMEDD) whose office is in Roswell. SNMEDD contracts with 21 incorporated municipalities and five counties to provide economic assistance, including help with legislative requests and bills.

Elias was cautioning the entities that received appropriations that Governor Gary Johnson could veto

any or all of them. Johnson has repeatedly threatened to veto capital outlay appropriations if the legislature does not come back for a special session to approve his tax cut plan.

According to a quote in the Albuquerque Journal on March 21, Speaker of the House Ben Lujan said it was unlikely House Demo-

crats will reconsider Johnson's tax cut plan before September. Legislators are scheduled to hold a special session in September for redistricting based on the 2000 census. According to an article in the Santa Fe New Mexican, Lujan was quoted he hopes the governor will not veto the appropriations funded with sev-

erance tax bonds, because those must be sold to provide the funds for the projects.

Rep. Dub Williams, who represents all of Lincoln County, Tularosa to La Luz in Otero County and a tiny portion of area on the west side of Chaves County, also warned everyone about the

possibility of the appropriations being vetoed. "But we did quite well," Williams said to *THE NEWS* in a telephone interview about the appropriations.

"I won't be shocked if we have a special session," he said. "Because the governor did not get his tax plan."

Capital outlay requests made by senators and rep-

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BEST POSTER IN OCEC service area. Carrizozo third grader Tessa Hendricks shows off her Safety Poster, which won first place in the Otero County Electric Cooperative service area. OCEC representative Wayne McGee is with Tessa. Tessa's poster completed with posters from students in the seven schools within the OCEC service area of Lincoln and Otero Counties. Tessa's poster will go to Albuquerque to be judged with the winning posters from the 12 other Electric Cooperative state wide in April. The state winner will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. with their parents.

Carrizozo Health Clinic Staff Want A Change In Operations

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners will soon be soliciting for two separate proposals from health care providers to operate the county owned health clinic in Carrizozo and the Hondo Schools owned Hondo Health Clinic.

But in a surprise move, the staff of the county-owned Carrizozo Health Clinic said they wanted to either bid on the operations as a group, or once again become county employees until they are able to organize as a non profit group.

During the March 15 Lincoln County Commission meeting held in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners heard from the health clinic staff while they again discussed the request for proposals (rfp) for operation of the health clinics.

"We feel we're the best experts for running the health center," said Dr. Dale Goad, lead dentist at the Carrizozo Health Clinic. "We would like to see the opportunity for us to operate the clinic, or become county employees."

Dr. Goad presented a rough budget showing how the clinic revenues, and \$200,000 a year from mill levy funds, would be enough to support the clinic and have \$247,331 for indigent care with sliding scale fees and unplanned operating costs.

Dr. Goad, who has practiced dentistry at Carrizozo Health Center for 23 years, said the staff appreciates the beautiful new clinic the county built. "Our big concerns are the rfp and management issue. The companies that are interested in the operations are all from out of town and take all the profits out of the county."

Goad said in the 1980s, the health center staff were county employees. "It worked smoothly," Goad added. At that time the clinic worked under the county manager, and the clinic office manager Mary Hernandez has been at the clinic for 25 years and understands the operation. "Our management is now excellent, and we would like to stay with the people we've got," Goad said.

Ernie Gonzales, Physician's Assistant Certified,

who has been at Carrizozo Health Clinic for 14 years, concurred with Dr. Goad. "It looks like we can make a viable option," Gonzales said. "We would like to keep our money in our local community, rather than sending it to Santa Fe or somewhere else."

"We would like to keep our options open," Gonzales added. "And we would like to keep all the employees we have now because we are a good working group."

On the meeting agenda, the discussion about the clinics was primarily for the Hondo Clinic. County attorney Alan Morel opened the discussion with the history

of the Hondo clinic and the problems with the county and school joint powers agreement (JPA). The state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) will not accept the JPA that would allow the county to forward \$190,000 from the hospital mill levy fund to the clinic, because of the management agreement and the \$1 a year lease. The management agreement is between the Hondo Valley Health Clinic Advisory Committee and La Casa de Buena Salud non profit health care provider.

Morel said only one real option resulted from his

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New Business For Carrizozo

by JEFF HAMMOND

Kirk Noel, owner of West Coast Lumber, received a zoning variance from the Carrizozo Town Council during their meeting Tuesday to open a rock cutting business in the old building on 12th Street near the overpass in Carrizozo.

Carrizozo will benefit by having the new business opening in town. Noel stated he will hire two employ-

ees in the initial phase of opening the business, and that he has hopes in being able to hire more employees as time progresses.

Noel currently owns and operates West Coast Lumber located at the top of Angus Hill, supplying many types of rock for building needs. Noel has been trucking quarried rock to a rock cutting business in Belen, to meet the needs of a contract for a casino being built.

Noel has been in business more than 20 years, and plans on overseeing the trucking part of his operation himself. Noel had met with resistance to his proposed project in Carrizozo from a few local people concerned with the noise and dust being raised from his delivery and shipping. Noel and the trustees discussed these concerns and Noel assured the trustees he wished to cause no problems, and offering his close attention as a solution.

Town trustee Eileen Lovelace and town planning and zoning committee member Pat Voss recently traveled to Belen to observe the rock cutting business.

Police chief Angelo Vega introduced Eddie O'Brien Jr. to the town council as the temporary replacement for the recuperating police officer Will Reese who accidentally injured himself while cleaning his weapon. O'Brien's family

is originally from Carrizozo. He told the board a little of his history in law enforcement first with state corrections, and most recently with the Lincoln County detention facility. O'Brien said he hopes to be in Carrizozo for a long time and appreciates being hired and hopes to be an asset to the community.

Town foreman Jim Payne updated the town council on the status of the new detention facility utility hook-ups, stating his crew should be finished with the town's portion of the installation by Friday this week.

Payne also introduced Water Treatment Tech II Cathie Eisen hired by Carrizozo. Eisen read a short letter she had drafted to the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) outlining current operation procedures for the Carrizozo water treatment plant. Eisen showed that currently the needs of the town are being met, but in order to accommodate growth in the future certain upgrades are needed. Eisen also offered to research for government grants Carrizozo can apply for to upgrade the present water storage and production capabilities. Carrizozo has already received funding for upgrades to the waste water treatment plant. Eisen assured *THE NEWS* that she is supplying the community with a

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Carrizozo School Board Hires Cogdill As Acting Super

Carrizozo Board of Education unanimously approved the hiring of Rick Cogdill as school superintendent for the remainder of the 2000-01 school year.

School board members took the action at the end of their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20. Prior to their hiring Cogdill as superintendent, the board accepted the resignation of David Cooper as superintendent. Cooper resigned two weeks ago because of health problems.

The school board discussed limited personnel matters in closed session prior to the personnel action.

Cogdill has been serving as instructional leader and principal for the last two years.

Fort Stanton Input Meeting Set For April 4 In Carrizozo

by DORIS CHERRY

Citizens will have opportunity to comment about the future of Fort Stanton at a public input meeting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4 in the Lincoln County Commission Chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

The hearing will be the only public input meeting held to take public input on potential uses for Fort Stanton under the Fort Stanton use study being conducted by Kells and Craig architects of Albuquerque.

The meeting will start with registration at 8:30 AM and will include an update on research thus far; input from citizens on potential uses; a listing of all potential uses; and a strategy for the future.

The meeting is expected to last until 2:30 PM with a break for lunch.

According to Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, Kells and Craig are expected to complete their study by July 1, 2001 at which time the owner of the Fort - Property Control Division of the New Mexico General Services Department - through the use of the study, may seek guidance from the interim committee proposed by State Representative Dub Williams.

"The hope is that once a feasible use or multiple feasible uses are determined,

the study will enter another phase of developing a business plan for presentation to the State Legislature for approval in the January 2002 session," Stewart said.

Stewart said on March 13 he met with officials from the state's Property Control Division and Kells & Craig, the firm hired by the state to conduct the study of the best future use of Fort Stanton. Stewart also said he has been talking to representatives of the US Economic Development Administration.

The Kells and Craig study is funded with \$50,000 from the governor's budget, \$44,000 from the US Economic Development Administration, and \$ 6,000 from the County of Lincoln.

C'zozo Bowling Tournament Saturday

Carrizozo Scratch Bowling Tournament will begin at 12 noon, Saturday, March 25 at Carrizozo Rec Center.

It has been a long time since this event has taken place at Carrizozo, said organizers in a press release. "We welcome you to visit the Rec Center and support our bowlers from Las Cruces, Roswell, Alamogordo, Ruidoso and Carrizozo."

Fred Vega organized the tournament.

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New Business

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good quality of water. Eisen stated she was sure she could use her expertise to seek out the best applications to meet the town's needs.

Eisen is a long term Lincoln County resident, and is currently working to

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wards her level III water certification. She is also attending classes towards certification in waste water treatment.

Gabriel Samora, Jeff Hammond and Peter and John Aguilar all received permission for conditional use to place mobile homes on properties in Carrizozo. The town council followed the planning and zoning committee recommendations with little discussion for each application.

The town council approved a request to put a street light at the corner of 18th and B Avenue. The mayor stated he and police chief Vega had visited the location and saw the need for a street light.

Purchase approval was given for the new fire truck. Town clerk Leann Weibrecht said that the low bid price quote was

\$5,868.00 under the amount received for the purchase of the fire truck for the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department. Weibrecht went on to say she had received permission from George Chavez of the State Fire Marshal's office to use the remaining money to purchase other needed equipment for the new fire truck. Carrizozo Fire Chief LeeRoy Zamora sent a letter to the town council suggesting the purchase of a portable pump, and a floating pump. Zamora stated that if only one purchase was possible the first choice would be a portable pump.

The town council vacated the town moratorium on water taps outside the city limits and approved the installation of three new water taps for homeowners outside city limits. The water taps would be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis. The town will pay for extending the water line to the edge of the property owned by the people who will get the water taps.

Town clerk Leann Weibrecht and deputy clerk Margaret LaBelle both received approval to attend the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) workshop in Angel Fire April 4 & 5. The town council also approved travel money for the two to attend the workshop.

Weibrecht said she wishes to get LaBelle certified as a municipal clerk, and be able to take over should an emergency arise and Weibrecht is unable to perform her duties. Weibrecht stated that she and LaBelle attended school at the same time but that LaBelle lacked hours of class attendance needed for clerk certification.

Randy Merten of Merten Investments was on hand to answer questions concerning his properties in the Mountain View addition. Merten stated he had complied with all of the requirements placed on his applications to place mobile homes on properties he owns, and felt he was being wrongfully blamed for some things not in his control. Merten said he had no control over someone who purchases a lot from him, and then places their own mobile on it. Merten showed the town council recent photos of mobile homes he had placed, and assured the board he would comply with the contract the town asked of him.

The town council also approved expenditures for the monthly newsletter that was first mailed out recently.

The town council approved holding a public hearing to amend the sanitation ordinance to increase rates for trash pick-up service from \$9.25 to \$10.25 per month.

Approval was given for the town to purchase a 16 ft. utility trailer under GSA contract for \$1,200. The trailer will be new but will have used tires.

Approval was given to increase pay for municipal court clerk Cynthia Morales from \$6.50 per hour to \$7.00 per hour.

Approval was given to increase pay for Ted Zamora from \$5.15 per hour to \$5.75 per hour. Zamora is animal control officer and helps with code enforcement and part-time maintenance.

The town council gave approval for a locked box to be placed in city hall for people to pay their gas bills. Discussion concerned what would happen if someone put cash in an envelope and it was stressed that people should pay only with checks or money orders.

People had requested a box be placed at city hall because of delays in mail delivery between Carrizozo and Capitan. The Art Loop which will be held in July will be advertised using \$500 from Lodger's Tax funds. Five local artists will be involved in the Art Loop.

Norma Morris received permission to place a septic tank on her property. The town will refund \$198.20 to 4-Winds Motel for overpayment of lodger's tax.



OVERALL WINNER. Carrizozo third grader Tessa Hendricks gets an Otero County Electric Cooperative cap, t-shirt, and a \$50 savings bond from OCEC director of member services Wayne McGee for having the overall winning poster in the OCEC Safety Coloring Contest. The poster featured a safety message about climbing trees near power lines. Students had to color and fill out the picture and add their own message from a squirrel to a boy in a tree near power lines. Tessa's safety message on the poster reads: "Stop, don't do that, you could get hurt."

County Entities

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representatives are funded separately.

Lincoln County area projects receiving Senate capital outlay appropriations were:

-Capitan Wastewater Treatment Wetlands Facility; \$40,000 from severance tax bonds (STB) and \$20,000 from the general fund (GF);

-Ruidoso Fire Station and offices; \$163,000 from STB.

-ENMU-Ruidoso Center, \$150,000 for roof replacement from general fund.

-Corona Water System, \$50,000 from special water fund.

-Capitan Water System, \$200,000 from special water fund.

Lincoln County area projects receiving House capital outlay appropriations were:

-Hondo Valley Schools elementary playground, \$75,000 from GF;

-Hondo Valley Schools

Head Start, \$40,000 from GF;

-Corona Water System, \$50,000 from GF for a total of \$150,000 from Senate and House, exactly the amount needed to purchase a water storage tank.

-Carrizozo Health Clinic Expansion, \$50,000 from GF;

-Ruidoso Fire Station \$100,000 from GF for a total of \$283,000 from both Senate and House.

-Port Stanton Veteran Cemetery, \$183,000 from STB.

-Capitan Wastewater Treatment Wetlands, \$55,000 from GF for a total of \$115,000 from Senate and House.

Williams said he spoke with Governor Johnson's attorney David McCumber about the House appropriations, encouraging their approval by the governor, but he was unable to speak to the governor before he

left Santa Fe.

Williams praised Elias for all his help during the session. Council of Governments receive federal, state and local funding (through annual membership dues). Elias said this year, thanks to Representative Nick Salazar of Santa Fe, the Council of Governments (COGs) received an additional \$100,000 to divide between seven different COGs statewide. This is the first increase the department has received in about 15 years, Elias said.

Citizens can encourage Governor Gary Johnson to approve these needed capital outlay requests, by calling his office toll free at 1-800-432-4408.



Area Students Receive UNM Scholarships

Three Lincoln County students will be honored as recipients of the University of New Mexico Presidential Scholarship Program at a dinner on April 11 in Albuquerque.

Presidential scholarships are presented to outstanding New Mexico high school graduates. The scholarships are awarded on academic merit and leadership skills and are renewable for up to four years.

Roberta Rene Rael of Carrizozo will receive the Dorothy D. Douglas Memorial Scholarship. She is majoring in physical therapy.

Elizabeth A. Sambrano of Carrizozo will receive the Nina Martinez Scholarship.

Her major is in biochemistry.

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-Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2835 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23
-Regional Housing Authority Region VI Board meeting 10 a.m. authority office 226 No. Main St. Roswell.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
-Lincoln County Senior Olympics track and field day and recreation events, Ruidoso High School with events starting at 9 a.m.
-Senior Olympics bowling at Carrizozo Rec Center 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
-Carrizozo Scratch Bowling Tournament 12 noon, Carrizozo Rec Center.

MARCH 26-30
-Carrizozo Schools Spring Break. No class all week. No preschool story time on Thursday, March 29.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27
-South Central Mountain RC&D Council meets at 9:30 a.m. at Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce office conference room.
-Senior Olympics bowling tournament, Ruidoso Bowling Center, 8:30 p.m.
-Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28
-Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee, 10 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
-Democratic Party of Lincoln County Convention, election of officers, 9:30 a.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant North 40 Room/301 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso.
-Lincoln County Republican Party Biennial Organizational Convention, election of officers, 10 a.m. Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3
-Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program, 10:30 a.m. workshop at Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizen Center.
-American Legion Post 57, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.
-Lincoln County Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Lincoln County Fairgrounds office, Capitan. To continue discussion of growth planning.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
-Public input meeting for the F r Stanton Re-use Study, 8:30 a.m. registration, Lincoln County Commission Chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Meeting to last until about 2:30 p.m. with break for lunch.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
-Kindergarten registration and preschool screening 9 a.m. to 12 noon Capitan School Cummins Gym.

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Carrizozo Champion Spellers

Fifth grader Gabriel New(left) won the Carrizozo Mid School spelling contest recently, and his brother, 8th grader Nathan (right) placed second. Third place went to 6th grader Robert Dutchover (not pictured). Gabriel traveled to El Paso to compete at the regional level on February 22 - Nathan also attended as alternate. Gabriel was 14th out of sixty contestants. Parents of Gabriel and Nathan are Mike and Ann New.

Carrizozo Health

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discussions with DFA and Hondo Valley Schools superintendent Barbara Casey for Hondo Schools and the Advisory Committee to terminate their agreement with La Casa de Buena Salud, lease the clinic to the county and let the county do the rfp for the management. La Casa would have to terminate its current agreement with Hondo Schools also, Morel said. Also, La Casa would be allowed to continue to operate the Hondo Clinic until the rfp, which will have a 90 day response period, is completed and awarded, Morel said.

County Commission Chair Rex Wilson asked if issuing the rfp for the Carrizozo Clinic would affect the providers who want opportunity to make proposal. Morel said the 90 day response time would be long enough for a group, if they got after it, to become a nonprofit organization. Wilson suggested the rfp only be for Hondo until a decision is made about the Carrizozo clinic employees. Morel said it would not be fair to include the operation of the Carrizozo Clinic if the staff become county employees.

La Casa de Buena Salud executive officer Seferino Montano said recently he met with the Hondo Advisory Committee and county commissioner Rick Simpson. He said his organization will agree to terminate its current agreement, if the two clinics have separate rfps.

With that comment, Simpson made the motion to issue separate rfps for the Hondo Clinic and the Carrizozo Clinic. There were no dissenting votes. County commissioner Bay Nuley was absent to due family illness.

After their vote, Dr. Randy Barone, dentist at Carrizozo Health Clinic for four years, thanked the commission for opportunity to serve the community. "We have such a good team of community minded individuals," Barone said of the staff at Carrizozo Health Clinic. "Most important, we as providers have the community in mind. Some other entities come in with different agendas."

"We have no agenda, we want to serve the community and keep our team intact," Dr. Barone said. "We don't want to see the mill money maxed out to serve the clinic, but instead be sent to another (clinic) out of the community."

Wilson responded jokingly, "I hope this process won't be like pulling teeth!" Casey then invited commissioners to hold their regular April meeting in Hondo.

At the end of the meeting, on the agenda item of announcing the next meeting, county commissioners discussed Casey's invitation. They thanked Hondo Schools for the invitation, but after some discussion county commissioners agreed they would not hold their regular meetings in any location but the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

They also discussed having a special meeting in Hondo, and special meetings in other locations throughout the county. Another suggestion was to have "Town Hall" type meetings. But Morel cautioned about the legal issues of town hall meetings, because if three or more commissioners get together to discuss county business in any kind of meeting notice of that must be publicized.

South Central Mountain RC&D Meets March 27 At Alamogordo C of C

The South Central Mountain RC&D Council meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27 in the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce office conference room on White Sands Blvd.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Serve the public, or shaft them?

By Ruth Hammond

Sometimes we have to wonder about the actions that are taken by some people and what their reasons are for taking those actions. Apparently some people in the state General Services Department have been saying that Fort Stanton is a White Elephant and a drain on the state. How sad that those bureaucrats haven't taken the time to visit Fort Stanton. If they had they could easily see that Fort Stanton is a treasure that should be protected, not cast off as one casts off old grass clippings. Some people use grass clippings for mulch, others like to watch the small bits of grass swirl in the air, making kaleidoscope designs. The point is that there is a use for everything and it is up to us, the people, to not allow bureaucrats to destroy a historic facility that could be a source of information for years.

Other places in New Mexico have received much more money than has ever been spent at Fort Stanton and the bureaucrats don't object about those expenditures. Maybe their reasoning is that just because they don't care about Lincoln County, no one else cares either. Wrong! We care about Lincoln County. Regularly we tell callers from other states about the many things to see and do here in Lincoln County. There is Capitan, home of Smokey Bear, the Mal Pais lava flow just west of Carrizozo, Old Lincoln Days in early August and the pageant performances, the Lincoln County Fair in August, Lincoln National Forest with all the trails and camping areas, Ski Apache, horse racing in the summer, fruit orchards that are a beauty in the spring when in bloom, and the brilliant colors of trees in the autumn.

Rarely does one county have as much to offer as can be found here in Lincoln County. Most county residents are friendly, even if there are a few grouches here and there. We have been guilty of being grouchy at times, and at times people need to be grouchy. If there is an injustice and it appears the people in charge don't care, someone should grouch about it. Recently a person was caused much distress because of a situation that should not have happened. When the elected officials were told about the situation, no action was taken. That is a shame and even if it does make us sound grouchy, we must admit we are very disappointed that elected officials did not apologize.

Realignment of priorities might be in order for several boards in Lincoln County, including boards and committees that are appointed by elected officials. Being rude to the people the board members are supposed to be serving should never be allowed. Ignoring the needs of the people the board members are supposed to be serving should also never be allowed. Talking about the people the board members are supposed to be serving should never ever be allowed. All three of the above things happen too often.

Yes, we do realize that it takes time to serve on these boards and committees. Elected officials asked for their places and people appointed to committees and board do have the option of not accepting the appointment. And state employees, even if they are bureaucrats have the same obligation to serve the public the best way they can.

Realignment of Priorities



SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL
BY JIM MILLER

SANTA FE - Commentators on the legislative process have criticized lawmakers for wasting time on items such as Billy the Kid and cockfighting, while really important matters like education and a state budget languished.

But the truth is that the Legislature didn't spend much time on such issues. It's the media that gave them coverage because they hold more interest than lengthy bills on more weighty issues.

Billy the Kid's pardon took the time of only one committee before meeting a fate similar to that of the Kid and his victims. The measure was tabled and

wasn't revived before its final death at session's end.

Media coverage was substantial. Numerous articles were generated when the measure was introduced. Many more appeared when the Tunstall family weighed in on Billy's behalf from England. More came when the committee took action. Last month, the Albuquerque Tribune carried a lengthy human-interest story on people in Fort Sumner whose families had told them stories about the Kid. That was followed by spirited pro and con essays in the editorial section.

Some of those stories went out of state on the wire and some made their way to the rest of the world where Wild West mania is a hot item and Billy is one of its biggest stars. So the small amount of legislative time spent was more than justified by the free tourism publicity.

Would a pardon for the Kid have dulled his tourism draw? Maybe so. Had Billy been pardoned in the first place, as Gov. Lew Wallace had promised, he probably would have faded into history alongside the other participants in the Lincoln County War.

It was the fact that Gov. Wallace offered and issued pardons to the others involved in bloodshed but reneged on Billy's pardon that sparked the Kid's notoriety. It was while Billy was held in the Lincoln County jail awaiting execution for his part in the killing of Sheriff William Brady and a deputy that he escaped, killing two more deputies.

Killing four lawmen raises one's infamy to the level that a future life as a horse thief and cattle rustler is somewhat overlooked by history. Despite these crimes, Billy is looked upon

by many as a tragic figure because he fought on the side of the reputed good guy in the Lincoln County War.

John Tunstall came from England to make his fortune in the American West as a cattle rancher. Unfortunately he decided to do it in an area that was controlled by a rival interest with ties to the corrupt Santa Fe Ring. When the bad guys killed Tunstall, Brady and other law officers did nothing to bring the culprits to justice despite international diplomatic appeals by the well-connected Tunstall family.

So Billy took the law into his own hands, killing several of those who had been in on the Tunstall murder. Thus the recent appeal from the Tunstall descendants for the Kid's pardon.

Billy's other support came mainly from the Fort Sumner and Santa Rosa areas, where he had many Hispanic friends and, according to claims by Elbert Garcia who requested the recent pardon, fathered at least one child.

You don't find much sympathy for Billy in Lincoln or Dona Ana counties, where he hung out in his earlier days. It was Dona Ana County Sheriff Pat Garrett who tracked the Kid to Fort Sumner and shot him, probably more for his rustling activity than for the lawmen he killed. Cattle barons, such as Charlie Goodnight, were putting on the pressure to rein him in.

Feelings still run high in Billy's old stomping grounds about his reputation. Smart folks are careful about what they say in public lest they offend someone from the other persuasion.

The legend of Billy the Kid hasn't died.

New Jail Delays Due To Lack of Communication

By DORIS CHERRY

The opening of the new Lincoln County Detention Center was delayed because of lack of communication between the construction contractor and the Town of Carrizozo that promised to bring utilities to the new facility.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting on

March 15, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart reported on the progress of the new detention center.

As of March 8, the new detention center was 92 percent completed, Stewart reported in his memo to commissioners. Also in the March 8 memo Stewart

wrote that "...Obstacles have arisen with the Town of Carrizozo, Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company (CCNG) and the kitchen contractor."

Stewart said he wrote the town about its obligations to provide the fire suppression water connection, and sent a letter to CCNG about the gas to the new facility.

By the March 15 meeting, Stewart said the issues had been resolved.

THE NEWS contacted Town of Carrizozo town foreman Jim Payne about the issue with the water hook up. Payne said the situation came mainly out of a lack of communication with the detention center construction contractor about the water, sewer and gas hook-ups. "All water, sewer and gas have been hooked up," Payne told THE NEWS. "The fire suppression water connection has been installed for a month and a half."

"By tomorrow (March 22) we will be totally out," he added about town crews working at the detention center. Crews were painting posts that protect the gas connections.

Payne said he met with Stewart a couple of times at the detention center site to resolve the problems. "It's all been done," Payne said.

The walk through of the project between the contractor and the architect was planned for this morning (Thursday) March 22.

In Stewart's memo to county commissioners, he wrote that the project is under budget about \$132,000 which can be used

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



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Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) The last thing on earth you need is one more person wanting you to do something you don't have time for! (It WILL be worth it!)

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Be sure to listen to what's really going on, not just what you're being told. What you don't know could hurt you. Look and Listen Carefully!

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Not everyone can think or work the way you might like them to. Cut them some slack because one of these days it will be your turn.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Don't feel guilty when you need to take time for yourself. It will help you and everyone around you. Repair and regroup.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) The weather isn't the only thing about to change. Look twice before crossing the street of life so you won't get blindsided.

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) A good time to start spring "stuff." A good chance to meet new and exciting people. Enjoy what you do or just DON'T do it.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) What it is, or what it's not, doesn't matter! Don't waste your time trying to figure "it" out. Just enjoy the moment, it could change quickly.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Something has to give. Things have just got to change! Make this year the year of new beginnings for your mind, body, and soul.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Don't make it harder than what it needs to be. Surround yourself with positive people. Others will drain you just because they can.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Someone near you needs your undivided attention, not criticism. A loving word could change their world and yours.

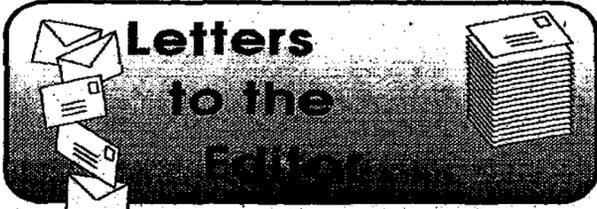
Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You may have to dip into your back pocket to produce a miracle \$\$\$! Save for a rainy day! (Make that two!)

Pisces: (Feb. 19 - March 20) Surround yourself only with only SOUNDS that will help you become a better person. Even certain peoples' voices can irritate you.



"Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography."
-Paul Rodriguez

"Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution yet."
-Mac West



EDITOR: As a teenager I just want to say thank you to the adults that help show teenagers what is right and what is wrong. Teenagers often don't have a good reputation with adults and many adults think that most kids will steal if given the chance, do drugs, and will vandalize anything. However, there are a few adults who are trying to help change this negative image into a positive and productive one. These people are a key factor into today's society to make the world a better place to live. Without these people there would probably be a lot more teens out on the streets causing trouble.

One program we have in Carrizozo is the youth group, or Bible study. It's a group where teens can go, get a free dinner, and then talk about God and how He affects their lives. There are a good number of kids who go to this Bible study, about 20 or 25. First we'll start off with a prayer before we eat, next after we eat we will have an opening prayer and then start the lesson. We will start to talk about what God does for us and why we should try to be better people. We talk about how we are able to accomplish this goal.

If more people took more time to try to help each other, including teenagers, that would be one more step to making the world a better place to live.

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LCSWA Says Bag Your Trash, Or Else

Along with the warm spring temperatures comes the wind. And with wind the odds of blowing trash go up.

At the March 20 meeting of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board in Ruidoso Downs, members heard LCSWA manager Rick Simpson report how blowing trash slows down collection

routes and ultimately costs LCSWA money for additional man hours and overtime.

Simpson said he did have to brag on Capitan. "They are real good about bagging their trash," he said of Capitan customers. Simpson said the Village of Capitan which bills for trash pickup, sends reminders about bagging trash in each

month billing.

But in Ruidoso Downs and Carrizozo, about 30 to 40 percent of the poly carts have loose trash in them. "The problem is when you dump the carts in the truck with loose trash, the trash blows away," Simpson said. "But if it is bagged, it loads into the truck neatly."

"When it blows, our crews have no time to stop and pick up the trash," he continued. Already, Carrizozo police are advising Simpson of complaints being made about blowing trash. "I told him we request that all trash be bagged, and if people do this there will be no problem," Simpson said.

There are 439 poly carts serving customers in Carrizozo. "If 100 spill and we stop to pick up the trash, we would be three hours

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PROUD PARENTS Mark and Stacy Hendricks pose for a picture with their daughter Carrizozo third grader Tessa Hendricks who won the overall Otero County Electric Cooperative Safety Coloring Contest. She is pictured with OCEC director of member services Wayne McGee and Joe Raibourn, member services representative. OCEC gave out 92 t-shirts to students with second and third place posters in each classroom in the OCEC service area. Nearly 400 students in the second, third and fourth grades in schools in the OCEC service area participated in the contest

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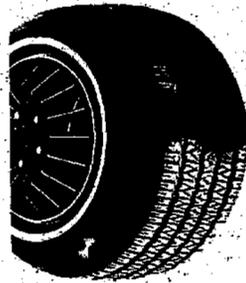


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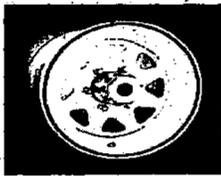


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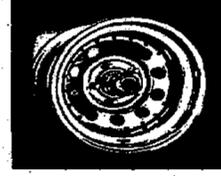


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County Approves Run The Mesa Race

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners approved the Run The Mesa 10k and 5k road race scheduled for June 16, on Highway 220 from Spencer Theater to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Bob Edwards, president of the Roswell Runners Club, presented the race information to county commissioners at their meeting on March 15, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The race is to raise funds for colon cancer research. Local sponsors are Drs. DiMotta and French of the Southern New Mexico Medical Association of Ruidoso and Roswell.

County commissioners also approved budget adjustments to accommodate the last stages of the 911 Rural Addressing project and the county's contract with Corrections Systems, Inc. (CSI). At the time of the meeting, the county corrections budget was short \$80,725, mostly due to out of town incarceration of county inmates. The adjustments transferred a total of \$80,725 from such items as publishing, supplies, training, \$2,000 moved from the nurse/counselor line item, equipment, kitchen, and care and feeding of prisoners.

The adjustments included the adding of \$6,000 to the 911 Rural Addressing budget for capital outlay.

County manager Tom Stewart also presented county commissioners with the proposed scheduled for the fiscal year 2001-02 budget preparation. He proposed to begin internal budget preparation by April 23-27, with a special meeting for county commissioners to review the draft budget and hear special program request presentations on May 3.

The 2001-02 budget must be submitted to the county commissioners for approval by May 17. The budget must be submitted to the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) by June 1.

All external agencies seeking financial assistance from the FY 2001-02 budget must have their requests to the county manager no later than April 20 to be considered.



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Fort Is A Jewel Waiting To Be Polished And Shown Off

by **DORIS CHERRY**

This summer the results of the recommendations issued by the Kells and Craig re-use study of Fort Stanton and a study being conducted to assess the feasibility of transferring Fort Stanton to the office of Cultural Affairs/State Monuments will be reviewed by a legislative interim committee.

House Memorial 24, introduced by Rep. Dub Williams on March 12 as a last minute attempt to gain more attention from law makers statewide to the issues with Fort Stanton, passed through the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee on the afternoon of Thursday, March 15 with no opposition. The

previous week House Joint Memorial 74, also sponsored by Rep. Dub Williams, was approved by the House Government and Urban Affairs Committee, and passed the House Floor. The Joint memorial was approved in Senate committee and sailed through the Senate floor.

"I think we've really gotten a lot of attention for Fort Stanton," Williams told THE NEWS in a telephone interview on Wednesday. "I am really pleased we gained support from other legislators." He said he was especially pleased with the support from Representatives during the hearing on House Bill 13 that would have allowed the state to sell or lease Fort Stanton.

On March 15, Fort Stanton, Inc. president Dick Weber and volunteer media consultant Doris Cherry

attended the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee hearing on House Memorial 24. Williams did not present the bill, as he was involved with the Hospital Exemption Act which was being presented on the Senate floor.

Prior to the committee hearing, Williams told Weber and Cherry that he was asked by Les Swindle, director of property control division that oversees the maintenance of Fort Stanton, to not present House Memorial 24, because it could hinder the state from acting on the recommendations.

At the committee hearing, committee chair Patsy Trujillo Knauer from Santa Fe, said she understood the time constraint on legislators during the final two days of the session and had Rep. Al Park, a freshman representative from Albuquerque, formally introduce the memorial to the committee. The chair permitted Park to turn over discussion about the memorial to Weber. Weber, Cherry and Tony Elias executive director of Southeast New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) both spoke in favor of House Memorial 24.

House Memorial 24 has gone to the governor's office where it will receive a "rubber stamp" approval with all other memorials passed by the legislature.

Which interim committee will deal with the Fort Stanton recommendations will be determined later.

Weber, Cherry and Ed Roberson, area director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Roswell, acting as one of the partners who operate the museum at Fort Stanton, visited with Governor Gary Johnson late on March 15. They presented an all expense paid trip for the governor and his tourism and economic development secretaries to fly to Fort Robinson, Nebraska to see how that state converted a frontier fort into a living museum that attracts more than 350,000 visitors annually.

Gov. Johnson's response was the state has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on trying to sell Fort Stanton, and spends more than \$350,000 a year on its

basic maintenance and still he does not know what to do with Fort Stanton. Johnson also asked how long the state should continue to spend money on Fort Stanton.

Roberson told Johnson about the recreational, potentials and the activities already taking place on the BLM Fort Stanton recreation areas.

Cherry asked the Governor to please find additional funding for maintenance to keep the juvenile boot camp at Camp Sierra Blanca and the male inmate drug rehab Amity program housed in the Fort Stanton main complex. She said these very successful programs will be jeopardized and could have to close if there is not enough funding for maintenance at Fort Stanton.

Later, Roberson summarized his thoughts about the visit in an e-mail to Weber. "I was disappointed that the Governor was saying he didn't know what to do with Fort Stanton," Roberson wrote. "I thought Amity has been a success, I thought the willingness to allow establishment of a museum there another success, and our partnership with the Ruidoso Chamber and the Mescalero Apache Tribe an indicator of potential success."

The governor's comments that it's (Fort Stanton) costing us \$550,000 a year, and he can't give it away and can't lease it for a dollar indicate he has only heard the General Service Department's sad tale of the Fort as a White Elephant and a drain on the State economy," Roberson wrote. "He's (the governor) not hearing the rest of the story, except from a small but persistent group of people from Southeast New Mexico who think the Fort is a Jewel waiting to be polished and shown off."

Kells & Craig are holding the only public input meeting on the potential uses of Fort Stanton beginning at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, in the Lincoln County Commission Chamber of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. All interested in the future of Fort Stanton, or who have ideas for its potential use, are urged to attend this meeting.



Warm temperatures moved in after another brief snow storm in the higher elevations, and rain in the lower elevations on Saturday, March 17.

First day of spring, March 21, was mild, with little wind.

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 22:

Partly cloudy with high temperature in Carrizozo of 77. Chance for precipitation zero percent. Tonight, partly to mostly cloudy with lows to mid 40s.

Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24:

Variable cloudiness and cooler. A slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs to mid 60s, lows to mid 40s.

Sunday & Monday, March 25 & 26:

Partly cloudy with warmer days. Highs to low 70s. Lows to low 40s.

Tuesday, March 27:

Partly cloudy. Highs to mid-70s and lows to 40s. Forecast for Ruidoso, the north Sacramento and Capitan Mountains, Capitan and higher elevations of the county:

Today, Thursday, March 22:

Partly cloudy with high temperature of 69. Chance for precipitation zero percent. Tonight partly to mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24:

Variable cloudiness and cooler. A slight chance of showers or afternoon thunderstorms. Snow showers on the highest peaks are possible. Highs in the upper 40s to 60s, lows in mid 30s.

Sunday & Monday, March 25 & 26:

Partly cloudy with warmer days. Highs in the mid 50s to 70. Lows in the upper 20s to 40.

Tuesday, March 27:

Partly cloudy with highs in the 60s to 70. Lows in the upper 20s to 40.

County Republicans Biennial Organization Convention March 31

Lincoln County Republican Party will hold its biennial organizational convention at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, in the Lincoln County Commission Chambers in Carrizozo.

The reason for the convention is to elect new officers.

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

Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study and Youth Fellowship Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2938 (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)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2166
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, 648-2857

SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.

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

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ORDINANCE #99-17

It is the intention of the governing body of the Village of Corona to amend Ordinance #22, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE VILLAGE OF CORONA WATER SYSTEM AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith (SECTION 2, IN REFERENCE TO NEW CONNECT FEES), at the next regular meeting on April 12, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Interested parties may review the Ordinance at Village Hall, Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM, Monday through Thursday, 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ORDINANCE #99-18

It is the intention of the governing body of the Village of Corona to amend Ordinance #27, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE VILLAGE OF CORONA GAS SYSTEM AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith (SECTION 3, IN REFERENCE TO NEW CONNECT FEES), at the next regular meeting on April 12, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Interested parties may review the Ordinance at Village Hall, Hwy. 54/Main Street, Corona, NM, Monday through Thursday, 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A community meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 to receive suggestions from the public for possible inclusion into the reuse study that is currently under way for Fort Stanton. The meeting will be held in the Lincoln County Commission Chambers in Carrizozo from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Registration will commence at 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., thereafter, an overview presentation will be made of the historic background of the Fort and its buildings, followed by structured opportunities for interested citizens, working in small and large groups, to share their ideas of how Fort Stanton might be used.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard.

THOMAS F. STEWART
Lincoln County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
LINCOLN COUNTY

No. 1871

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BASILIA SANCHEZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

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

Dated: March 15, 2001.

SANDRA SANCHEZ PURRINGTON
Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations to the following Committees:

- (1) Joint Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.
- (2) Joint Lincoln County-Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.
- (3) Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee.
- (4) Lincoln County Planning Commission.

Nominee(s) shall be a property owner and must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the above-mentioned Committees.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., April 12, 2001.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Protecting Our Children

One 'A' You Don't Want New Mexico's Children To Get

(NAPS)—As a parent, there are many things that can make your child's school experience fulfilling. Forging new friendships, excelling in sports and bringing home stellar report cards are a few examples. In fact, bringing home a straight 'A' report card is probably at the top of the list. But, parents beware! Not all 'A's are to be commended—Hepatitis A is one 'A' you don't want your kids to get.

Hepatitis A is spread by the fecal-oral route, through close person-to-person contact, or by ingesting contaminated food or water. Children are at high risk of contracting the disease because they often come into close contact with other children in school and daycare settings. Symptoms can be debilitating and include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort, jaundice and dark urine. Infected individuals can unknowingly infect others two weeks prior to feeling ill themselves, which can lead to widespread outbreaks.

"Parents do not typically consider hepatitis A to be a real threat to their children," states Alan Brownstein, President and CEO, American Liver Foundation. "The reality is children serve as silent carriers of the disease, exhibiting little to no symptoms, and pass the disease on to their parents and older siblings who can experience severe symptoms."

The highest incidence of hepatitis A is among children 6-14 years of age with almost 30 percent of reported cases occurring among children younger than 15 years of age. In fact, approximately 15 percent of reported cases of hepatitis A occur among children or employees in daycare centers. The good news is that hepatitis A is easily prevented.

"Hepatitis A is one of the few vaccine-preventable infectious diseases," said Mr. Brownstein. "Parents should know the hepatitis A vaccine is safe and effective and is a viable option to protect their children against contracting this debilitating disease."

The rate of hepatitis A in New Mexico from 1987 to 1997 was almost four times greater than the national average. That is why the CDC recommends New Mexico implement routine hepatitis A vaccination programs for children. While health officials continue to work on making these programs mandatory, parents can take the first step and immunize themselves and their children to ensure hepatitis A is one 'A' that doesn't make it home from school.

For additional information about hepatitis A, please contact the American Liver Foundation at 1-888-4HEP-ABC or visit www.liverfoundation.org.

Republican Drug Forum March 27 in Albuquerque

A statewide grassroots Republican coalition, calling itself the Lincoln Caucus, will host an Open Forum on Drugs, at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27 at the UNM Continuing Education Center in Albuquerque.

The intent of the meeting is to discuss drug policy and the Republican Party. Admission is free and open to all Republicans. For more information call 505-828-4088.

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Katie R. Merritt

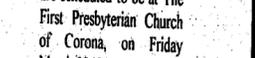
Katie R. Merritt, ninety five died March 19, in Ft. Sumner, N.M. Katie was a resident of Corona. Katie was born on October 18, 1905 in Kerr County, TX. Katie was a homemaker and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She married Loy K. Merritt on December 23, 1923. Loy died in 1976.

Katie is predeceased in death by three daughters; Mae Louise Merritt, Lola Lee Vickrey, Kathy Dennison and son, L.K. Merritt Jr. She is survived by her son, Neuman Merritt and his wife Peggy of Ft. Sumner, daughter Bettye R. Minton of Ft. Sumner, 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Viewing on Thursday, March 22, 2001 at Harris Hanlon Mortuary in Mountair from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Funeral services are scheduled to be at The First Presbyterian Church of Corona on Friday March 23, 2001; viewing is from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. with the funeral service at 2:00 P.M., burial following at The Corona Cemetery. Officiating the service will be Norman Lackey, eulogy will be read by Pamela Vickery. Pallbearers will be all of her grandsons. Honorary Pallbearers will be her many friends and neighbors. Services have been entrusted to the care of Harris Hanlon Mortuary in Mountair.

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LEGALS

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 Tube 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: Daria Gear Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News on March 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2001.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. CV-00-118

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as on June 1, 1999, relating to Fremont Home Loan Owner Trust 1999-2,

Plaintiff,

vs. JAIME N. NEWSOME and RHONDA K. NEWSOME,

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of April, 2001, at the hour of 9:15 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Magistrate Court, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 301 W. Highway 70, Ruidoso, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 103 Clover Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 15, Block 4, GREEN MEADOWS ADDITION, 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, New Mexico, August 29, 1958.

Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. First Union National Bank's judgment is \$37,679.88, and the same bears interest at 10.90% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$17.22 per diem, commencing on February 1, 2001, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Jamie N. Newsome and Rhonda K. Newsome for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. First Union National Bank has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Mark A. Reeves, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay into the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment entered in the partial final judgment and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of judgment due is \$37,679.88, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,325.94 for a total judgment plus interest of \$39,005.82. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Lincoln County District Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH, 2001.

MARK A. REEVES, Special Master Law Office of Mark A. Reeves P.O. Box 4251 Alamogordo, NM 88311-4251. (505) 439-4094 (505) 439-4493 Fax

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. CV-01-68 Division III

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, et al., STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO

Petitioner,

WILLIAM J. HANRATTY,

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, C/O LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK,

PROPERTY TAX DIVISION OF THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY AND NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION

TO: The above-named defendants, and each of you:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the Court has granted the Petitioner a Preliminary Order of Entry to immediately enter and occupy the property described below and to do such work thereon as may be required, and that unless you file objections thereto within (10) days after personal service of this Notice upon you, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served, the Court shall enter a Permanent Order of Entry, restraining you forever from hindering or interfering with the occupation and use of the property; and, further, that all proceedings subsequent to the Permanent Order of Entry shall deal only with the amount of compensation due to you for the taking of the property.

You, and each of you, are hereby further notified that a Petition to condemn for public highway purposes has been filed against you with the Clerk of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in which county the property, or a part thereof, is located, and which property is described as:

(16-1) is located on the easterly side of U.S. 285, approximately 8.2 miles northerly from the DeBaca/Lincoln County line and extends approximately 456 feet northerly along U.S. 285, within Lincoln County, New Mexico.

(16-NRW-1) is located on the westerly side of U.S. 285, beginning approximately 8.2 miles northerly from the DeBaca County/Lincoln County line and extending approximately 35 feet northerly along U.S. 285, within Lincoln County, New Mexico.

And the above property is more particularly described under its parcel number in the Petition on file in this cause, and that such highway project has been designated New Mexico Project SD-WPP-285-3(207)173, in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

You, and each of you are hereby further notified that the amount offered as just compensation, shown with each separate numerical parcel designation, has been deposited by the Petitioner with the Clerk of the District Court and a portion or all of the amount offered may be withdrawn by a person having an estate or interest in the property described in the Petition on file. This withdrawal may be made only by order of the Court upon proper motion.

You, and each of you are hereby commanded to file and serve an answer, as provided by law, to the Petition on file herein within thirty (30) days after service of this Notice on you or thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served. Unless you so appear and answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for judgment as provided by law. This judgment will fix the amount of compensation due to you for the condemnation of the property at the amount offered and deposited by Petitioner.

The name and address of attorney for Petitioner is: Daniel E. Gershon, Special Assistant Attorney General, New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department, P.O. Box 1149, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1149.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the District Court of County, New Mexico, this 12th day of March, 2001.

JAN PERRY Clerk of the District Court

By: Daria Gear Deputy

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 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.

BID NO: 00-01-032 RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Jane Williams at (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 any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS Purchasing Agent

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A community meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 to receive suggestions from the public for possible inclusion into the reuse study that is currently under way for Fort Stanton. Three or more Lincoln County Commissioners may attend this community meeting. No official county business will be conducted and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

THOMAS F. STEWART Lincoln County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY No. 1872

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM P. RHETTA, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Dated: March 20, 2001.

DIANE RHETTA VALENCIA Personal Representative

2214 Vista Verde Drive San Jose, CA 95148 (408) 238-0475

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN RFP # 00-01-023

COUNTY OF LINCOLN NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The County of Lincoln is issuing a Request for Proposals for the management and operation of a clinic located in Lincoln County in the community of Hondo. The successful proposal will demonstrate an outstanding record of performance in running similar facilities; offer a detailed plan of transition which considers current employees; a solid plan for staffing; may offer a financial benefit to the taxpayers of Lincoln County in the form of a lease/management agreement to operate the clinic; and provide a solid future prognosis of costs to individual patients. Proposals will be received by Lincoln County, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301 for RFP # 00-01-023 until Friday, June 8, 2001, 2:00 p.m. local prevailing time.

There will be a mandatory pre-proposal conference on April 10, 2001 at the Hondo School, in Hondo, New Mexico at 9:00 a.m. Copies of the Request for Proposal can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or will be mailed upon written or telephonic request to Jane Williams, at 505-648-2385.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive all formalities. The order to proceed will be based upon the obtaining of necessary funds.

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA, 1978 imposes civil and criminal penalties for code violations. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony/penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

All costs incurred by the proposer in the preparation, transmission or presentation, of any proposal or material submitted in response to this request for proposals will be borne solely by the proposer.

DATED this 15th day of March 2001.

County of Lincoln By: REX WILSON Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Hospital Bill Is Now On Gov. Gary Johnson's Desk

by DORIS CHERRY

House Bill 322, as amended by committee, to exempt counties and municipalities from the state procurement code rules in obtaining health care providers to manage and operate county and municipal owned hospitals, is now sitting on Governor Gary Johnson's desk.

The bill was sponsored by Lincoln County's State Rep. Dub Williams on behalf of the Lincoln County Commission and the Lincoln County Medical Center Board of Directors.

Williams told THE NEWS the bill passed its final test, the vote on the Senate floor on March 16 with no opposition. Williams said he has met with the governor's attorney David McComber to encourage the governor to sign the bill. As of Wednesday, March 21, Williams had not heard if the governor had taken any action.

The governor has 21 days after the close of the session to veto or sign bills that made it through the House and/or Senate.

The bill was the result of a requested clarification of two bills passed in the 2000 session that exempted hospitals from the procurement code rules. Lincoln County Commission has been wrestling with its lease agreement with Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

County commissioner Leo Martinez has been opposed to the legislation. He has repeatedly demanded the county go out for a new request for proposals (rfp) for the management and operation of Lincoln County Medical Center. Martinez supported a petition calling for a grand jury to investigate the hospital operation and management and testified on behalf of calling a grand jury to investigate the county's arrangement with Presbyterian Healthcare Services. At the court hearing on the merits of the grand jury request petition held on January 18, Martinez spoke in favor of the petition and said he did not agree with his fellow commissioners on this issue.

At the March 15 county commission meeting, county manager Tom Stewart reported that the county received the bill for the legal defense attorney at the grand jury petition hearing.

The cost so far was \$11,484.46 to the law firm of Freedman, Boyd, Daniels, Hollander, Goldberg & Cline of Albuquerque.

Martinez said he wanted it in the record of the meeting that he was not represented by the law firm in the January 18 hearing and he was not the problem.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson told THE NEWS he was pleased the bill made it through the House and Senate and is now with the governor.

LCSWA To Waiver Small Businesses

Last year, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board adopted a policy by resolution to require all businesses within its customer area to have a commercial trash service. Now the board is considering a waiver for small businesses that do not produce trash.

During the LCSWA meeting on March 20 in their offices in Ruidoso Downs, LCSWA manager Rick Simpson read a letter from a woman in the Alto area who with her husband operate a small saw mill. She said their business creates only sawdust which they give away, and does not produce trash. She said they pay a monthly residential rate for their household trash which is all they generate and they would not pay the \$45 a month for a commercial dumpster which they would not use.

Simpson said some small businesses in the municipalities do not need a large container and use only a poly cart at a commercial rate. In the county, some businesses are sharing dumpsters, he added.

Presiding LCSWA vice chair Modesto Chavez suggested the board reconsider the commercial charges for businesses individually.

"Do we need a waiver system to look at these small businesses individually?" Simpson asked.

Chavez agreed it did not seem fair to small businesses that do not generate trash to charge them a monthly commercial rate. Carrizozo representative present on behalf of the town, mayor Lloyd Nickerson said he agreed that these businesses should be looked at individually.

Simpson said he would draft a waiver form and amendment to the LCSWA policy about commercial rates. He said he preferred that the LCSWA board scrutinize the waivers and make all decisions. Once the waiver system is put in place, Simpson said he will have his "man in the field" to watch for any commercial trash showing up in residential dumpsters near any business that has received a waiver.

Austin conducted the audit in November 2000, but the audit was not accepted by the state auditor's office until January 2001. Copies of the LCSWA audit are available for viewing at the LCSWA offices during regular office hours.

Simpson also reported on the collection truck route changes, which seem to be working well and cutting overtime. He commended the collection truck crews for their work. "If you don't think these guys don't earn their money, I urge anyone to meet here at 1 a.m. and go on the truck to see what they do," Simpson said.

"They do earn their money and they put in a multitude of work, more than required. I commend them."

New Jail

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to pay off the \$281,833 required loan reserve this year. This will free up about \$168,000 a year for operations.

As for personnel at the detention center, Stewart noted that one of the county detention employees joined Corrections Systems, Inc. (CSI) the jail operator and ultimately money for LCSWA and to understand some of the problems encountered by the collection truck crews.

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FOR RENT 2 BR house in Carrizozo, 907 8th St., next to Health Center; adjacent to school. Very Clean! Call Rosemary 648-2165 after 7 p.m. 1tp-March 15

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CONSIGNMENTS WANTED

For Art Auction May 15, La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe. Buffalo Auction Services Gene Crouch, auctioneer 505-443-1239 http://www.angelfire.com/art/buffalobid 2tp-March 22 & 29

CAPTAIN - SALE BY OWNER Great views. 3 BR - 2 BA, 2 car garage and more. \$92,000. Also '95 21 ft. 5th wheel. Nice. \$7,000. 120 Randle Rd. 354-9220 4tp-March 22 - April 12

LCSWA Says Bag

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yard roll off container to dump the yard waste, large items and extra trash.

A roll off container is also available for Carrizozo residents. Simpson said he is working to get a roll off available for Capitán at all times, by having the village oversee the roll off use.

Once that arrangement is completed, Simpson said crews will no longer pick up the extra trash and big items.

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Old Lincoln Town by Rosalie Dunlap

My apologies to Pam McArthur. She and Kay Rucker were the co-hostess's for Laciné Salazar's bridal shower.

Rumor has it that the Lagodos "Sandwich Shop" will open soon. We really do need it back, not only for the tourists but also for the locals. It is a means for the community to get together to visit and exchange news of what is going on in our neighborhood.

Annalise Haussler enjoyed her trip with a group of young people from the nation to Washington, D.C. in January. She was able to attend the Inauguration parade, visit historic buildings plus attending workshops. She said although the weather wasn't the best she learned so much about our country.

Doris Nelms has announced the Lincoln County Republican biennial meeting. They will meet at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. The agenda will be the regular business meeting. She encour-

ages everyone that can to attend.

The Capitan Library will be moving into their "new" building at the end of March. The library personnel are very excited about having more room in the new facility. The library hours are:

Sunday and Monday, Closed. Tuesday, 10:00 to 2:00. Wednesday, 10:00 to 7:30. Thursday, 10:00 to 5:30. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 to 2:00.

The new library location is across from City Hall and next to the Gas company offices. A lot of volunteer work has been involved in getting the library for Capitan. Kudos to all whom have and are working on this project.

We are sad to report the Earthly Green Pottery business is moving to Santa Fe. Rhonda and Randy Daughtery have been a great addition to Lincoln. Rhonda has a wonderful line of pottery and Randy does the furniture. Randy will be going to New Orleans to participate in the "Art and Jazz" show the last week of April.

There were over 1200 applicants to be part of the show and only 120 were accepted. He will be featuring his furniture. Congratulations Randy.

Ralph Dunlap had an interesting visitor in his shop last week, Marilyn Ward of Richardson, TX. She is a cousin to the late Bill R. Ward. Her grandfather and Bill's grandfather were brothers. They were going to visit Nogal and hopefully visit with Pat and family.

Several organizations met last week - Lincoln County FCE County council, the Lincoln County Historical Society Board and the Lincoln Pageant Festivals.

Several Lincoln County FCE members plan on attending the mid-year meeting in Albuquerque Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Lincoln County Historical discussed the various activities that are on the agenda for the coming year.

The April 11 program will be at the San Juan Church in Lincoln. Ann Buffington will talk on the lives of the pioneer women. There will also be a program on quilts with a display of old quilts.

The pageant members will be riding their horses in the parade for the Pio-



Different Use For Carrizozo Recreation Center

Carrizozo artist Suzanne Donazetti recently rented the Carrizozo Recreation Center ballroom for an art project. Donazetti, who paints on copper, won an art in public places commission for the Alaska Supreme Court in Anchorage, Alaska. The finished artwork will be seven 9 foot high panels which will stretch across 32 feet on the back wall of the main courtroom.

Donazetti estimates that the project will use over 700 feet of copper and 2000 sheets of composition gold, silver and copper leaf. She needed plenty of room to paint the copper, so she set up tables in the ballroom and painted the copper there.

neer-John Chisum Days in Roswell on March 24.

We are already getting inquiries for this year on the Pageant performances. The dates are August 3-4-5. Vendors who are interested in participating can contact the Anderson-Freeman Museum in Lincoln and ask for Tereese. You may also contact me.

This is spring break time of the year so there are a lot of parents and children visiting Lincoln.

Bag That Trash... Please!

Rick Simpson, manager of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), urges people to place all their trash in bags before placing trash in the poly carts or dumpsters.

Simpson said the windy weather causes trash to blow and is unsafe for LCSWA workers.

Several complaints were received this week because

of blowing trash. Simpson said the trash ordinance requires all trash to be bagged.

Simpson also asked people to remember the new pick up days for Capitan and Carrizozo poly carts will be one day earlier each week and Ruidoso Downs poly carts will be picked up on Mondays.

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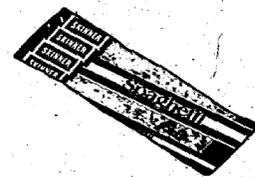
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FRESH Strawberries 1 LB. 2.49
NEW CROP White Onions 1 LB. 69¢
TROPICAL MANGOS WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY RED DELICIOUS Apples 5 LB. BAG 1.99

RED SEEDLESS Grapes **99¢ LB.**

DEL MONTE ASSORTED Tomatoes	SMART BUY	14.5 OZ.	79¢
ASSORTED DEL MONTE Pineapple	SMART BUY	3 15-15.2 OZ.	2.00
MILK BONE ASSORTED Dog Biscuits	SMART BUY	24-26 OZ.	2.19
KRAFT REG. OR LIGHT Velveeta		32 OZ.	3.99
KRAFT SLICED AMERICAN Deli Deluxe	SMART BUY	16 OZ.	3.79

Prices Effective: March 22 to March 28, 2001
HOURS: Monday thru Saturday 8:30am to 7:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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FRESH FRYER 10 LB. BAG
Leg Quarters 29¢ LB.

FRESH BOSTON BUTT BONE IN Pork Roast **1.19 LB.**

FRESH Pork Steak **1.29 LB.**

MEATY PORK SHOULDER Country Style Ribs **1.39 LB.**

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Sirloin Tip Steak **2.49 LB.**

TRIMMED BEEF Cube Steak **2.99 LB.**

WHOLE DELICIOUS PEPPER Stack Pack Bacon **2.99 13 LB.**

GROUND TURKEY **99¢ LB.**

MARKET CUT RED WINE Longhorn Cheddar Cheese **2.49 LB.**

SCHOOL BUS BRAND Fish Sticks or Portions **1.69 LB.**

ALASKAN Pollock Fillets **1.79 LB.**

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