

Capitan Village Clean Up Set For April 21

by DORIS CHERRY

The Village of Capitan in cooperation with the Capitan Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 21.

The clean up will begin at 8 a.m. with the 40 yard roll of container open at the village maintenance yard on Yard Road.

Residents are encouraged to put bagged clean up

trash on the street curb by their homes early Saturday, as youths from Camp Sierra Blanca will be picking up the bagged trash.

Beginning May 1, the village will participate in the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) roll off program. Under this program a 40-yard roll off container will be available for dumping for \$10 a cubic yard Monday through Friday. Time for the roll off to

be available will be determined later. Residents will be notified in their next water billing of the hours, charges and what trash can be put in the roll off.

Capitan village trustees finalized the agreement for the roll off program during their meeting Tuesday, April 10.

Village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox was concerned how the village will monitor the type of trash in

the roll off, such as batteries and old appliances.

Trustee Debra Ingle, who is also chair of the LCSWA board, said LCSWA cannot take batteries in any of its trash containers. Old appliances will be taken, but must be set outside the roll off, and will be charged an additional \$3. Old tires will be taken for \$3 each. Also this year, LCSWA will take yard waste and branches in the roll offs.

When asked how the cubic yardage will be measured, Ingle said LCSWA has estimated the size of a regular pickup bed to be about a yard and a half, costing \$15.

Trustee Leroy Montes suggested the village hire someone part time to man the roll off during after hours, such as 5-8 p.m. to accommodate working peo-

ple, especially in the summer.

Ingle said the LCSWA roll off program, which is being done by Carrizozo, Corona and Ruidoso Downs, should raise enough funds to pay for a part time employee.

Village attorney Don Dutton suggested the village post all rates and times for the roll off when the program gets going.

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THIS WAY TO THE CELLS, says Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan pointing the way for Lincoln County Undersheriff Rick Virden, Lincoln County Sgt. Jackie Raines, deputy Bobby Angermiller and others at the open house of the new Lincoln County Detention Facility on April 4. County Commissioners formally opened the new Detention Center with a ribbon cutting. County inmates were moved to the new facility on April 5. Commissioners will approve a resolution to formally close the old jail during their next meeting on Thursday, April 19, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Planning To Focus On Corridor Management

by DORIS CHERRY

More than 40 residents showed up at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan on Tuesday, April 3 to tell the Lincoln County Planning Commission what they want in the terms of growth planning.

Two hours later, after often heated discussions, the planning commission concluded its meeting by voting unanimously to focus its attention on managing growth along the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways loop corridors and request the county attorney to clarify the legality of managing these corridors and give other options.

The meeting started with a slide presentation about smart growth from Cindy Lynch, Ruidoso Realtor and president of the New Mexico Board of Realtors. A major emphasis of the presentation was smart growth is needed as opposed to excessive growth restrictions that distort real estate markets by reducing choice and affordability.

This was the third planning commission meeting held to discuss the need for growth management along the State Road 220 (Sierra Blanca Regional Airport Road), the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways loop corridors of Highways 70, 380

and 48, and the Extraterritorial Zones of Ruidoso such as Gavilan Canyon Road and Carrizo Canyon Road. On Airport Road, there are potentially 3,500 developable lots in the subdivisions in that area.

Planning commission chair Chay Rennick of Ruidoso said the intent of the last three meetings was to talk about growth and where the county needs to focus its attention. He said New Mexico State Statutes allow counties to do growth management along major highways. "We want to get as much input from property owners on the corridors," Rennick said. "That is why I have invited property owners from along Highway

220." In response to a question from Oscuro resident Jerry Carroll, Rennick said the notice of the planning meetings did not specify public hearings, because they were not considering a proposed ordinance. "This is a regular open meeting of the Planning Commission taking input from the people," Rennick added.

During audience comments, Ranches of Sonterra resident Gary Townsend said planning needs to be done tactfully because talk of planning creates a lot of fear and opposition from long time residents. However, he has seen many structures that are not safe and have no appeal to the public. "Zoning takes over due to poor management," Townsend said. "If people take care of their properties, we won't need to do this."

Rennick said Airport Road tends to be different than the main highway corridors, because it serves the residents there. "So it would be good to have discussions to figure standards to accommodate those who live there."

Planning commission member James Sanchez who lives in Lincoln and who asked for the planning meetings to be held in different locations throughout the county, said he thought at the last meeting they decided to ask for legal clarification from the county attorney if comprehensive planning just along the airport road, without having to zone or plan the whole county, is considered "spot zoning."

Rennick said he thinks he is in agreement with the county attorney who was recently quoted saying the state laws do allow the county commission to do planning in a 500 foot wide (each side of the highway) corridor, if the county has a comprehensive plan. Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann who attended the meeting as a resident of Alto, said the county commission had asked the county attorney to not attend the county planning meeting to avoid any legal confrontations.

Carroll then asked if the planning commission knew about the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Rennick said that plan only applied to public lands. But Carroll said it applies to private property also. Carroll said the county hired Dr. Thal to draft the comprehensive plan which was done after many public hearings.

Rennick then told of how Ruidoso did a comprehensive plan that was adopted when the county adopted the Extraterritorial Zone ordinance.

Rennick used the example of the area between

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Burning Permits Are On Hold In Lincoln County

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is continuing its ban on issuing burn permits for Lincoln County residents.

Burn permits are required for any burning of debris or slash in all non-municipal areas of Lincoln County.

NMED official Darwin Pattengale from the Roswell office said he was unsure when the ban on burning permits will be lifted.

The ban went into effect after a permitted, controlled burn got out of control and charred about 200 acres of private land west of Ruidoso on April 8-9.

New Mexico State Forestry Division Ranger Barbara Luna told THE NEWS that no decision has been made by her division or the U.S. Forest Service to call for fire restrictions in the area. "Despite the high spring winds, other conditions existing now do not warrant an all out fire ban," Luna said Wednesday.

W. Lindsay Resign From CCNG Board

by JEFF HAMMOND

At the end of a short Carrizozo town council meeting Tuesday night, a meeting that lasted about 35 minutes, the mayor read a letter from trustee Lindsay stating that Lindsay was resigning from the

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board. No reason was given for Lindsay's resignation. Lindsay's resignation, effective April 30, was accepted.

The mayor resigned from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA)

board, stating that his time would be better served in working with Engineers Inc. in overseeing the street paving projects due to start in May. One of the first projects on the street paving schedule is the resurfacing of "E" Avenue.

The mayor then presented the name of Lloyd Nickerson, a Carrizozo resident of approximately two years, as replacement. Trustees approved the appointment of Nickerson to the LCSWA board.

One agenda item was removed from the agenda, the approval to go out for bid for an auditor for the fiscal year 2000/01. The current auditor, DeAun Willoughby, C.P.A. still has a year left on contract for services for the town. The contract with Willoughby will be honored until next year when the contract will once again go out for bid.

Town clerk Leann Weibrecht gave a short report about the trip she and Margaret LaBelle took to Angel Fire for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) workshop. Weibrecht has stated in the past that LaBelle needs hours of class participation to complete the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) course and become accredited as a CMC able to take over for Weibrecht should the need arise.

There was a short discus-

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LET ME OUT! says Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan jokingly as he tries to "escape" from one of the inmate "pods" at the new Lincoln County Detention Center during open house on April 4. Security features include a fenced sally port that can be closed and locked for the transfer of inmates from police or transport vehicles into the detention center, and closed circuit video monitors in each cell.

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W. Lindsay Resigns

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sion about Environmental Burn Permits in Lincoln County. One of the questions raised was whether or not outdoor gas and charcoal grills would be permitted. Weibrecht contacted the environment dept and was told the use of outdoor grills is up to the individual municipality. This subject will be addressed at the next fire regulation meeting, but for the time being use of outdoor grills is permitted in Carrizozo.

Weibrecht also requested permission to

seek out new health insurance for town employees. She said that the current health plan costs increased 20 percent last year, and another 13.8 percent this year. She said that the increasing cost of health insurance could present a hardship for some employees. The steady increase of health insurance costs cuts more employees paychecks, with no additional benefits. Weibrecht has checked with other providers to see if they would be interested in bidding for a health plan for a small

group. Weibrecht will continue to research looking for the best plan for the best price.

A budget workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, at 5:00 p.m. This hearing is open to the public, and your input is welcome. This will be your opportunity to voice your choices for the budget for the next year.

Trustee Tommy Guevara reported on his attendance at the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) meeting in Roswell. He said that due to another meeting being scheduled in Alamogordo on the same day the meeting was short. State Rep. Dub Williams talked about legislative items and the effect on small communities around the state.

Cathie Eisen, Water Treatment Technician II, reported on her visit to two different waste water treatment plants around the state. She said that the improvements she viewed on those two facilities when applied to the proposed waste water treatment for Carrizozo would greatly improve the operation and effectiveness of the plant Carrizozo is in the second stage of building.

As an added note the town planning and zoning committee (P&Z) meeting scheduled for April 9, at 6:30 p.m. was canceled due to not enough members being present for a quorum. The next P&Z special meeting is April 30, at 6:30 p.m. The next regular P&Z meeting is May 7.



JAIL ADMINISTRATOR John Buffington (left) visits with Magistrate Judge Bill Butts during the open house of the new Lincoln County Detention Center on April 4. Buffington is employed by the private company, Correction Systems, Inc. (CSI) which has a management agreement with the county to operate the new detention center.



HALLWAY TO PODS. Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan walks from the new cell pods at the new Lincoln County Detention Center during open house on April 4. The new detention center features large, open room "pods" that can accommodate several inmates. The new detention center also has individual cells and a large pod for women inmates.



High winds had forest officials posting red flag alerts for three days this week. Extreme winds on Tuesday had wind gusts of up to 63 miles per hour at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. No damage aside from occasional tree limbs hitting power lines and breaking was reported to local police or the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Cold weather came in with the high winds Tuesday, sending temperatures below freezing in the higher elevations. Winds are predicted to be lower today with temperatures warming through Easter Sunday.

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, April 12:
Partly cloudy and breezy. West winds 20 to 30 miles per hour. Chance for precipitation zero percent. High temperature in Carrizozo of 64. Tonight mostly clear with lows in the 30s.

Friday, April 13:
Mostly sunny with highs in the 60s.

Saturday & Sunday, April 14 & 15:
Clear to partly cloudy with highs in the 70s. Lows in the 30s.

Monday & Tuesday, April 16 & 17:
Partly cloudy with highs in the 70s and lows in the 40s.

Forecast through Tuesday for Ruidoso, the north Sacramento and Capitan Mountains, Capitan and higher elevations of the county:

Today, Thursday, April 12:
Partly cloudy and breezy. West winds 20 to 30 miles per hour. Chance for precipitation zero percent. High temperature in Ruidoso 58. Tonight mostly clear with lows in the 20s.

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Medicare Beneficiaries Could Qualify For More Benefit And Income

Medicare Part A beneficiaries who have assets that do not exceed \$4,000 for an individual and \$6,000 for a couple may qualify for an additional \$50 increase in their social security income and a reduction in Medicare deductibles and co-payments.

Financial assistance may be available to purchase the Medicare Part B benefits.

Income limits vary, but those earning less than \$986 a month as an individual or \$1,328 as a couple may qualify for one of the three programs that offer financial support.

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Ruidoso Proclaims April Is Library Month

April is Library Month in Ruidoso in honor of the Ruidoso Public Library and its staff.

During the regular Ruidoso Village Council meeting Tuesday, March 27, Ruidoso Village Mayor Robert Donaldson proclaimed April as Library Month.

Ruidoso Public Library and its staff were honored for their efforts and service to community in promoting print and electronic information.

"The Ruidoso Public Library is necessary for the enrichment of our community and continuity of cultural exchange," Donaldson read. "Our librarians are information experts who enrich all the users of the Ruidoso Public Library."

Chief librarian Nancy Osterberg said the community of Ruidoso has a great library that is getting greater as the years go on. Donaldson said visitors to Ruidoso and residents need

to go to the library to see the "jewel it is." "People are surprised when they see the library for the first time," he concluded.

Donaldson also proclaimed April as Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Month in conjunction with the nationwide Keep America Beautiful "Great American Cleanup" program. Community clean ups are planned for March 31 sponsored by the White Mountain Search and Rescue, April 8 sponsored by the Ruidoso High

School 24 Karat Band and Ruidoso Car Club, April 24 by Ruidoso 4th graders, and April 28 will be the Great Ruidoso Cleanup and Bank Challenge.

Lincoln Boy Dies In Freak Accident

An 11 year old Lincoln boy died Sunday when he apparently fell under the wheels of a flatbed trailer.

According to a press release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Manuel Gonzales, 49, of Lincoln was driving north on a private road just north of Highway 70 at mile marker 294 Sunday, April 8. Gonzales was driving a pickup pulling a flatbed trailer loaded with rock. Richard M. DeSantis, 11, of Lincoln, was riding in the back of the pickup.

DeSantis apparently tried to get out of the pickup when he fell under the wheels of the trailer.

DeSantis was transported to Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell by Hondo EMS, where he was pronounced dead.

The investigation of the accident continues.

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

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

WEDNESDAYS
-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.

TODAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 12
-Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
-Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. school administration building.
-Corona Village Trustees, 6:30 p.m. Corona Village Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13
-No class in all school districts for Easter Holiday.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
-Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse Easter Egg hunt 10 a.m. Carrizozo Country Club. For children 12 and under. Hiding areas for three age groups.
-Easter Egg Hunt at Smokey Bear Park in Capitan, 11 a.m. Sponsored by Smokey Bear Park, Smokey Bear Museum, Friends of Smokey. For children 12 and under.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 15
-Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. Carrizozo Football Field. Breakfast to follow at First Baptist Church.
-Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. Corona baseball field. Potluck at Presbyterian Church to follow service.

MONDAY, APRIL 16
-No class at Capitan school for Easter holiday.
-Ruidoso-Lincoln County ETZ Commission, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17
-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 4 p.m. LCSWA office in Ruidoso Downs.
-Carrizozo School Board 6 p.m.
-Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7 p.m. Community Church in Lincoln.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
-Grazing lands seminar 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at ENMU-Roswell, Oil Field Training Center, Roswell. Call the

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Free Summer Camp Science In The Mountains Starts July 16 At ENMU-R

Middle school students in Lincoln and Otero Counties can sign up for the free three week ENMU-Ruidoso Summer Science in the Mountains Camp to start

July 9. The Science camp is co-sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Nearly 50 students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To be eligible students must be entering the 8th or 9th grade.

New 7th grade students will be placed on a waiting list and preference will be given to Lincoln and Otero County students. Home school students are invited to attend also.

Students must have written recommendation from one teacher; have a medical release form signed by a parent or guardian; express an interest in math, science or computers; be able to attend all three weeks of

camp without exception. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. most days.

There is no cost to attend the camp.

For more information call the Project Director at ENMU-Ruidoso, 257-2120 or toll free 1-800-934-3668. Applications are also available from middle school counselors.

Miguel Najar Graduates From Basic Training

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Miguel J. Najar has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

Completion of basic training earns credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Najar, a 1999 graduate of Carrizozo High School, is the son of Refugio and Peggy Najar of Carrizozo.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Zigging or Zagging?

By Ruth Hammond
Zigging is the action some people take when they are in the process of doing something, or supposedly are in the process of doing something. Zigging makes it appear they are doing something when all they are doing is trying to look busy.

One way to learn zigging is to avoid anything of a serious nature. Never be involved in anything important. Never commit to either side of a controversial issue. Never comment on what your true feelings are about anything.

Not being involved could make a drastic difference when the county commissioners consider a petition for zoning. The petition for zoning is one of the agenda items for the county commission meeting next Thursday.

It seems there are several issues concerning zoning, and each issue needs to be discussed before a decision is made. Input from the public is the way commissioners will know what the people want.

Numerous arguments have been made for both sides of the zoning issue, with neither side being declared the winner. Maybe it is time for the people to discuss quietly the different facets of zoning and hopefully agree on some areas.

Getting in the habit of not zigging and becoming a part of the solution might be different, but it would be a start toward a peaceful solution. And peace is the main thing we should all be thinking about, especially at this time of year. Happy Easter to one and all. Peace be with you.

Zone Those Easter Lilies



J.P. Doodles



SANTA FE - Here's another trick of the legislative trade that we haven't discussed before.

Lawmakers often introduce bills at the request of constituents. Seldom do such measures get far. Usually they die in committee due to inattention by the sponsor.

It happened a couple of times this year on efforts to add more categories to New Mexico's already long list of official stuff. Few states have an official state fossil, insect, cookie or poem.

The official insect passed because it was a class project from a Moriarty elementary school and lawmakers thought it was cute. The official fossil was named in 1981 in order to promote the new state Museum of Natural History in Albuquerque.

This year we saw efforts to get a state Western song and a state history into the official hall of fame. Both passed the House, despite scathing evaluations by staff members, but were never heard from once they reached the Senate.

An official Western song was proposed by Rep. Dub Williams of Glencoe, in Lincoln County. He played a tape of the song on the House floor, after which some members got all teary about hearing a pretty song that relates to New Mexico.

The answer was yes, but either everyone had forgotten or else didn't want to get into that again. About a decade ago, two bills were introduced proposing to be the state's official Western song. The competition was fierce and both ended up dying in the House Agriculture Committee, which recommended that maybe the Legislature could establish an interim committee to make such decisions. Not-

ing ever came of it. Actually the state already has an official Western song, except that it is called the State Ballad. It was written by popular Western singer Michael Martin Murphy of Taos in 1989.

Unlike the Western song, which passed the House unanimously, the official history effort produced some substantive discussion about whether a free state should have an official history. Some House members agreed with Tom Chavez, director of the Palace of the Governors, that official histories seem more appropriate to a totalitarian regime.

After two days of healthy discussion, the history passed 38-21 before descending into Senate oblivion. No House member appeared to have read the book, but if you would like to, it has been approved by the state Board of Education for use in the schools.

Add to that the revelation that the National Hispanic Cultural Center had voted to publish the book, only to reject the final draft,

Notice Of Property Values Coming Soon

by DORIS CHERRY

The 2001 notice of valuations will soon be mailed to Lincoln County property owners.

This year, the notice of valuations has a new look—the first time in more than 15 years. Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva said he and his office staff decided it was time to change the look of the valuation notice. Gone is the sealed carbon envelope. Instead the new notice is a folded one sheet notice, printed on both sides. Instructions for opening the notice are printed along the ends, front and back.

"I'm excited about the new changes," Silva told THE NEWS. "We wanted something different. Something more user friendly than the old notice forms."

Notices will be printed in Albuquerque and mailed from Albuquerque to save money, Silva said.

All information will be printed in either black or red ink, unlike the old notices that had gray colored fine print. "The new form should be much easier for our older property owners to read," Silva added. Important information on

the notice will be printed in red.

The notice of value is not a tax bill. Rather, the value indicated on the notice will be used to determine the 2001 tax bill later in the year.

Silva recommends property owners examine their notice when it arrives and call his office with questions or challenges before the date printed on the notice.

When first opening the notice, the tax payer will find the "notice of value" as of April 1, 2001. "Property listed and valued as of January 1, 2001, except certain livestock values. The page also gives the property description and/or code and the net taxable values that will be allocated to governmental units in the school district in which the property is located. At the bottom of the page is the property owner number and the date the protest period ends.

Any property owner with a protest, or questions, about his or her notice of valuation must contact the assessor's office before the date printed in the "Protest Period Ends" box.

Trustee John Whitaker agreed with Brothers about who makes a complaint. "In my opinion I don't think a

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Week of Apr. 12 - 18, 2001

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Another year, another dollar. Don't let this be a boring year! Reach for your goal, even if you have to take it slow - You'll make it!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) You need to get out of the ordinary. Spring is here! Plant beautiful flowers, even if it's only in your mind.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) This is your favorite time of year. Start out brand new. Clean out the old flower box and replant the new you. Remember, it takes time to grow.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) You'll take a second look at yourself and wonder what REALLY makes you happy. Take notes and make changes and let the world sweep you away.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) A long walk or a short trip would help you in new ways than you think. "Keep your heart and your head separate. Go with your dreams.

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) This year will be different than last. Not EVEN the same people will be around. You are changing for the better. Cut loose ends.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Extra \$\$ may be spent. Think twice before signing anything! Consult an expert if you're not sure. Remember - when in doubt...DON'T!

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) This could be a happy time. Don't let stress spoil your fun. You can worry about things later. Go see people you haven't seen in a long time.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) A good time to invest and advertise in yourself. It'll be worth extra money in the long run. Plan ahead before you spend.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You WILL be getting with the program. Let your inner child guide you to happiness and joy. Live a little and you'll live longer.

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Enjoy yourself at this time. Don't take yourself or anyone else too seriously. Go have fun! You deserve it! Kick up your heels.

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) Others have your best interests at heart, but when it comes down to the nitty-gritty it will be up to you what needs to be done.



Letters

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The recent National Assessment of Educational Progress, the only test to measure student achievement nationwide, found that in some fourth grade classrooms, some students are still reading at the first grade level. Why is the fourth grade so important? It has been found, in general, that if a child can't read by the fourth grade, he won't ever catch up.

Now, by reading, we not only talk to each other—we talk to Moses, Aristotle, and Einstein. By reading we talk to Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln. By reading, we learn everything else. By reading, we engage in commerce and contracts. By reading, we live!

On the other hand, if we can't read, we cannot properly educate ourselves to enjoy the other great blessings of liberty; we disenfranchise ourselves from the pursuit of happiness. If we can't read, how can we exercise our right to vote (remember Palm Beach County, Florida?) If we can't read, how can we conduct the business necessary to accumulate, build, and preserve wealth?

If you love your children, if you love our children, don't allow them to be denied a life of freedom because they can't read.

Maybe you care if your child can read. But why should you care if my child or your neighbor's child can read? Here's why: because tomorrow that child will need to work productively, or he'll be on relief; because tomorrow that child will be filling your prescriptions, repairing your vehicle or television; because tomorrow that child will be fighting your wars, either as a grunt, in the trenches, or more safely firing high tech, stand-off weapons from afar, tomorrow that child will vote.

As parents and neighbors, we've all got to get involved in reading education. Read to and with children; have them read to you. Support your schools and the children's teachers when they tell you that a child has a reading problem. Don't look the other way. Ask what you can do, and what you must do, to help that child catch up.

Some schools and parents are trying hard to insure every child their opportunity for freedom, prosperity, and happiness. Those schools and parents need everyone's help. It is not fun for anyone to play catch-up. There is no pleasure in practicing reading instead of playing catch. No one wants to stay after school to do more studying. And, no one wants a child to go to summer school or to repeat a grade.

Capitan Clean

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"Mayor Norman Renfro asked if the village could add a termination clause, in case the program does not work. Ingle said to do that would require all entities to re-approve a revised service agreement with the clause. Dutton said he interpreted the service agreement to read if the village decides it does not want to participate all it has to do is cancel the roll off.

Cox also asked if the village trustees would consider purchasing a new backhoe, so the old one could be used to crush down the waste in the roll off container. Dutton also suggested the village consider purchasing a chipper to deal with branches and other yard waste. Ingle said LCSWA is looking into buying a chipper to have available in the summer for a fee.

Trustees also heard a complaint from resident Mary Brothers who was cited into municipal court for her dog having "prolonged barking." She said she was not there to protest the fine, but to ask for revision of the 1981 noise ordinance to give a time frame to determine "prolonged barking" and to provide a "quiet time" in the village. Brothers said they have been very aware of the barking of their young, eight month old dog since the village animal control officer gave them a first warning. She also wanted to know if the complaint of the dog's barking came from the neighbors, or was initiated by the village animal control officer who has been watching their home.

Trustees held a public hearing about the ICIP prior to the regular meeting. During the hearing Renfro announced that the state legislative funding appropriated to the village for the wetlands was vetoed by the governor. Because of this the village will apply for a CDBG to do the needed wetlands wastewater treatment facility improvements.

Trustees also approved Resolution 2001-04 to accept the Rural Utility Service (RUS) bonding for the water improvements project. Adopted the CDBG Mapping Project of 1989 as the official maps of the Village of Capitan, to be filed with the Lincoln County Clerk. The maps will be used to determine the official village boundaries. Accepted planning commission recommendation to replat the old landfill from two lots into one. Renfro also reported that the State Environment Department will not accept the old Capitan household garbage landfill as officially closed until a monitoring well is drilled, and the site is covered with dirt and reseeded. Grants for completing the closure are available and LCSWA will apply for these on behalf of the village, Ingle said.

Approved a request from the planning commission to change its meetings to 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month. Approved appointment of Larry Hold to the village Cemetery Board. Set a budget workshop at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 25.

Trustees also: complaint should be made by the dog catcher, the police or the judge," Whitaker said. "You don't want to handcuff your law enforcement people," Dutton responded. "When a criminal complaint is filed, the case is brought to court by the law enforcement. That is part of the checks and balances." Dutton agreed the 20 year old noise ordinance needs to be reviewed for possible changes. Renfro said the village is in the middle of a project to recodify its ordinances. "We will look at the noise ordinance," he said. Village clerk Kathryn Griffin said the office staff get a lot of criminal complaints from people who do not want their names used on a complaint, because they do not want to cause problems with their neighbors.

But school isn't about fun, school is about learning. Fun is nice; learning is essential. Advancement isn't properly based on age; it is based on achievement. So it is also in the real world.

In today's America, freedom or slavery is not determined by race or heritage, it is determined by reading. The gap between rich and poor is not based in race, it is based in reading. Our children must learn to read, and read well. Their level of reading will determine their level of thinking, earning, freedom, and happiness.

Our children are our future; please get involved in your future.

JOHN C. TATE Carrizozo, New Mexico

EDITOR: The only cost for unlimited money to destroy a country like the United States is the price of the ink for the bank ledger. As long as the people of the world accept bank notes without value, we are nothing more than pawns in a chess game being played by the families who own the world banks. They have absolute control over world Politics and are totally without principles or scruples.

We in Lincoln County can lead the way back to our constitution. It's time to say NO to the united nation. If you have a computer and live in the out back of Lincoln County please help the Public Land Use Advisory Committee to collect information to present to the County Commissioners.

NORMAN R. VAN GORDER Carrizozo, New Mexico

Notice Of Property

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On the back side of the notice, red print highlights important information. All other print is black, no longer the hard to read gray print. The back page has general instructions and information about protest.

Also on the back page is information about manufactured homes which must obtain a property tax sticker from the assessor's office. If you do not have a permanent manufactured home sticker, contact the assessor's office no later than the last day of February each tax year.

Instructions are also given for personal property, and exemptions. This year there is a new exemption, a property valuation limitation for low income or property owners over 65. Also the Veteran and Disabled Veteran Exemptions were expanded to include anyone who was in active service during the Grenada and Desert Storm conflicts, whether or not that property owner saw actual combat, Silva said.

The new low income valuation limitation is for those with total household annual incomes of \$18,000 or less. "This freezes the value of their property," Silva said of the new limitation. "We cannot increase the value. But this exemption must be applied for each year."

Applications for this new exemption are available by calling or stopping by the assessor's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The assessor's number is 649-2306. Property owners who apply for the income limitation must submit a copy of their IRS tax returns to prove their income and those over 65 must submit a copy of a photo identification card for proof of age.

To qualify for the expanded veteran's exemption, the property owner must obtain and complete an application form available from the assessor's office. This form is mailed to Santa Fe for final approval.

Other allowed exemptions are for Head of Family, church or charitable/educational.

The notice will include a detachable "Manufactured Home Report" form to be filled out by the owner. It also has instructions for agricultural lands and livestock. Added to the list of livestock in the "Livestock Owner's Report" are alpacas under "S" sheep category, llama under "H" horses, and raites (ostriches or emus) under "B" for bison.

Notice of Value forms will be mailed before the end of April.

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Fort Stanton Public Input Meeting Is Successful

by Doris Cherry

From an elder hostel, to a national historic monument, to a camp for inner city youth, many ideas poured out of the group of interested individuals who gathered to give their ideas of what to do with Fort Stanton.

The only public input

meeting for the state commissioned Fort Stanton Re-use Study being conducted by architectural firm of Kells and Craig was held at the Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo on Wednesday, April 4.

About 40 people attended the meeting where they

were split off into three smaller groups to discuss ideas for use, and how to facilitate these ideas.

As an introduction architect Steve Kells said the purpose of the study is three fold-to identify, evaluate and recommend uses. He said this study will not deal specifically with ownership at this time, just uses of the facilities. He said the next step in the study is to evaluate the ideas from the meeting.

THE NEWS asked Kells why they were holding just one meeting, when at his presentation for the request for proposals committee he indicated he would hold more than one meeting for input. Kells said he did say there would be more than one meeting, but that was when he did not know how much funding would be available for the study.

Once the study contract was finalized there was less funding so the scope of the study was scaled back to just one meeting, Kells



IDEAS FOR THE FORT. Participants in the April 4 public meeting to take input for the Kells and Craig Architects Fort Stanton Re-Use study held in the Lincoln County Courthouse broke into small groups to discuss possible uses for Fort Stanton. Ideas from the groups ranged from a conference center living history museum, preservation college or art academy to a nudist camp. Kells and Craig continues to take written comment.

said. Kells said his firm will take written comments from citizens who were unable to attend the Wednesday meeting. Comments can be mailed to Kells-Craig Architect, 400 Gold SW, Suite 800, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Comments can also be faxed to 505-842-5804, or e-mailed to kelcraig@nmia.com.

In answer to a question, Kells also said that his firm would accept any ideas from any meeting called by the Lincoln County Commission.

Fort Stanton is on the state register of cultural properties and on the national register of historic places, said Dorothy Victor, state preservation officer. She said under these designations the state has an obligation and responsibility to maintain Fort Stanton.

Kells, who is a member of the governor-appointed Cultural Properties Review Committee, said the committee has gotten a lot of encouragement from the National Park Service for long term management of Fort Stanton as a very historical place in New Mexico.

"There are eyes outside of the state keeping a close watch to preserve Fort Stanton," Kells added.

Joan Zagone, director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, said there has been conflict and frustration in Lincoln County because of the governor's and General Services Department attitudes about Fort Stanton being a "cash cow." "We hear one thing and are told another," she said.

Lincoln resident Lynda Sanchez said high level state officials need to ask Congress and other federal officials for help with Fort Stanton.

Three groups were formed for a morning break out session. Groups were asked to focus on creating ideas for Fort Stanton re-use.

Kells presented a proposed re-use criteria list for the groups to consider. The criteria was divided into four areas-economic, historic, cultural and environmental.

Under economic uses must provide direct positive economic impact to Lincoln County, secondary economic impact to the state, development costs must have acceptable period of return, costs be recovered or needed to meet a need, multi-uses to ensure economic diversity.

Under historic criteria the integrity of historical buildings must be preserved by uses as close to original as possible, new uses require as little modification as possible, and full range of the site's history is preserved. The history of the site must be available for interpretation to the public. And the historic continuity between Fort Stanton, Lincoln and the Mesalero Apache Tribe

be preserved and enhanced. Cultural uses should enhance and reinforce existing cultural resources and institutions of the region, state and area. Uses must be compatible with existing cultural resources.

Environmentally, the beauty of the site and surrounding area must be preserved. Uses should complement and enhance existing recreational resources of the surrounding BLM lands. Uses must be compatible with existing resources, especially water. Uses do not place excessive demands on the existing highway and utility infrastructure.

Some ideas presented by the groups after their break out sessions were a living museum, outdoor amphitheater, art academy, elder hostel, movie studio, old western movie museum, interpretive trails, nature trails, bed and breakfast, RV and camping area, living history museum like Fort Robinson in Nebraska, equestrian uses, inner city at risk youth camp, workshop management center, think tank, sell excess water to neighbors to help sustain operations at the Fort, use water rights for ponds for fishing, lease water rights, adopt a building, adopt a termite for professional exterminators.

Other ideas were music institute, corporate retreat, preservation college like University of Pennsylvania, education facility with UNM or NMSU, residential living for veterans, spelunking, supervised archeological digs and restoration of old golf course with sand greens and natural vegetation and invite Tiger Woods to come play.

And still more ideas were presented. Some ideas were self-sufficient tree farm, native plant nursery, fire school, using the mobile home sites for RV hook ups, use the water rights to irrigate the Merchant Marine cemetery, bottle the water and sell it, fish ponds, rebuild the farm for a xeriscape pilot project, nudist camp, wildlife refuge, horse trails, craft school, cavalry corps work camp for youth, education center, BLM retirement home.

Everyone agreed publicity is needed to tell about Fort Stanton and its possibilities.

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce director Joan Zagone suggested a documentary be filmed about the Fort Stanton project.

"This will help us raise money and get more public exposure," Zagone said. "It also may educate other groups about this process."

Reginald Richie, president of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Committee, said his break out group suggested that the historic areas of Lincoln, Fort Stanton and White Oaks be linked. Then ownership of Fort Stanton be given to the federal government with monument status. Then the Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern be kept as a resort for what the west is known for, said Richie.

His group also suggested the cemetery be used as a new national cemetery, the facility be given permanent university status or season institute.

Richie said his group also made suggestions on how to make these things happen. They suggested Fort Stanton revert to the federal government that has the tools and money, and do less the need for individual profit making from the facility. "We need a board and an endowment," Richie added. "We're talking ownership, administration and management."

Another suggestion was to go to Wells Fargo Bank, Remington and other companies that were synonymous with the old west for corporate "adopt a buildings."

"This can happen," said Sally Burkhalter, a participant. "With partnership between the state and nation and with all of us working and planning together, this can happen."

In the final summary groups commented that a master plan is needed to implement the findings of the Kells and Craig study with cooperative agreements between the county, state and federal agencies. Once agreements are done, endowments from corporations and individuals should be established, to help sustain the cost of operations.

Other summaries suggested operations at Fort Stanton be nonprofit and not dependent on the cycles of tourism; focus on ecotourism of open spaces, educational programs in specialized fields, urban wild life, and adventure tourism.

All agreed Fort Stanton should be under state monuments or the national park service and all interested entities should collaborate.

Fort Stanton FACTS and FICTION

by BETTY LOU JOINER

The meeting about Fort Stanton at the county commissioners office seemed to be a very good one. Groups broke up into different ones and it seemed the majority was they favored a university could maybe come in.

This would be an excellent thing, with a library, greenhouse, cafeteria, houses for students, fire department, computer building, nurses quarters, and many more things that could be taught from a university angle.

The person doing the study for the Fort was impressed with the large turnout of people. So many more would have been there if it had been at a later hour. Hopefully there will be another meeting.

Agatha Rogers started as a PMR for Willie Hobbs on Saturday. Willie has had a tough time finding someone to work few hours for little pay.

Agatha seems to like her job so far and we sure hope she stays. I will also be using her a lot for all the times I need off.

The Lincoln County Sheriff Posse is once again gaining many new members from many different towns. The Posse is very busy having fun with the trail rides, planning the August ride, having general meetings and doing all kinds of other things, such as bowling, dancing and helping out the junior posse members.

Sunday there was a parade practice at the arena, with Joe Smith leading the group through some drills. 4-H was going on in the kitchen. Their Easter Egg Hunt will be April 14, at the Carrizozo Country Club. They will have a garage sale on May 5, will help with the ranch rodeo on May 26. If possible some will attend the memorial at the Fort Stanton Merchant Marine Cemetery on May 26 in the afternoon.

Too many graduations were interfering with the morning schedule. Willie hopes to have her special cancellation for this that we have been doing since 1992. How time flies.

On April 3, Caroline McCoy and Bob Woodard took nearly thirty riders on a four hour ride from just south of Baca Camp. Weather cooperated and the group had a great ride. Next ride will be from the O Bar O with Billy Winkler head of this one.

Two of the Pony Express meetings have been well attended with 30 members plus attending. Helen Hyatt will be our artist this year. The posters will be ready very soon.

Everyone needs to visit the new library. It is so good to have such a large and spacious building for Capitan. These volunteers have done a super job.

I will be having my annual Smokey Bear special Cancellation on May 9. I will be at the library on that day as long as they are open. Come and buy a cachet, the proceeds will

The border collie dogs are having a hard time keeping meat on their bones. Trixie and Chia had 11 little babies between them. It takes all three of us working over time to feed them.

The post office was dog heaven on Friday

when several came to pick out their choice. The big problem was the majority were males. Only three little girls are in this big litter.

Hopefully they will be running the barrel, poles and flag race by next year, competing with the LCRC members. The first clinic was held on April 3 at the fairgrounds with lots of ropers, team ropers, barrel racers, flaggers, goat tyers, and pole benders. The season is here and everyone loves to ride their horses and compete for those belt buckles, saddles, blankets, bits and other prizes.

Thanks to this group of new officers, Gibbs, Halls, and parents and grandparents. This has always been my favorite activity to watch these little ones perform.

Many attended the memorial service for Ernesto McDaniels on

Saturday. People who had worked for Ernest many years ago, local people and his family said an emotional goodbye at his home in Glencoe.

I had delivered many pieces of mail to Susan Anderson who had taken care of Ernest for the past 10 years. She and Cody were two of the ones who will miss him the most.

Stories of his knowledge and good humor were told by several friends. His nephew and niece will decide what

will happen with Ernest's place in the days to come.

R.W. Hampton and son were visitors at the Methodist churches in Capitan and Carrizozo on April 8. He gave us an hour of beautiful music. Some of the songs he sang made the whole congregation find some hankies.

R.W. said he had lived here 20 years ago when he worked for Ed Tinsley and Grady Eldridge. Sure didn't seem like that long ago.

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 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
 648-2588 (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 7:30 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (AIG)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
 Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186

Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

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

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

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM

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 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM.
 1-505-257-2326
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Clayton Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
 649-1402
 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

TOM WOODARD, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave. 648-2853 / 648-2846
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Sunday School (All Ages) 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:10 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
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 Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
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 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday Handmaids (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.

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Capitan Church of Christ

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NRCS office in Carrizozo at 648-2941 or the Soil Conservation Office in Capitan at 354-2220 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Lincoln County Commission meeting, 9 a.m. commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

State Forestry Division public hearing on proposed changes to commercial timber harvest on non-federal, non-Indian lands, 8-9 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall council chambers. Proposed regulations are available on the Forestry Division website at www.nmforestry.com or by calling 354-2231.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 20 & 21

Fire Wise Communities workshops, 7:30-11:30 a.m. morning session on defensible planning, 1:5 p.m. afternoon session on "Fire Wise Planning". Session same on both days. At Ruidoso Convention Center. For information or to register call Thomas Chavez at 258-4343. No charge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Capitan Community Cleanup, 40-yard roll off container at village yard on Yard Road available by 8 a.m. Camp Sierra Blanca youths to pick up bagged clean-up items set out on the street curbs in front of homes that morning.

Rabies Clinics 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Carrizozo Fire Station, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Nogal Post Office, 12:45 p.m. to 1 p.m. at White Oaks turn off on Highway 54 and 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. at Ancho, 4-5 p.m. Corona Fire Station.

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'News' remembers Lalone & Lacey families

Lucille Lacey Waite, of Escondido, CA, a former resident of Carrizozo, visited the area recently. Her family had lived in White Oaks and moved to Carrizozo in 1902. Mrs. Waite was born in Carrizozo in 1909. She wanted to visit places she remembered from her youth. Mrs. Waite had attended Carrizozo School. The family moved to Texas in 1919.

Mrs. Waite and her grandson Martin Bittner of Redwood, CA arrived in Carrizozo March 21 for a week's stay. They researched old newspapers, talked with old-timers, shared memories of time long gone by, and drove to surrounding areas. They visited White Oaks, Nogal, Capitan, Lincoln, the Block Ranch north of Capitan and other places. While touring the old White Oaks School, Mrs. Waite found her sister's name with her grades listed.

During their research into family history while in Carrizozo, they found newspaper clippings of activities the family had participated in while living in this area. Mrs. Waite said they lived in a small house in Carrizozo and during the summer months the family would camp on the Bonito and the Ruidoso where it was cool. They found one newspaper article about two of their outings to the Bonito and the Ruidoso.

Mrs. Waite brought with her a photo album with photos of her family and copies of newspaper clippings. The four photos on this page are from Mrs. Waite's album and help tell the story of her family's life in Lincoln County. One photo was dated in the late 1800's.

Our thanks to Mrs. Waite for sharing these photos with THE NEWS readers.



WHITE OAKS WEDDING December 14, 1898. Fannie Lalone married Peter "Doc" Lacey in White Oaks. This photo was taken of Mrs. Waite's parents on their wedding day. The high neck and form fitting bodice of the wedding gown was quite popular at that time. Doc Lacey is wearing a double breasted suit and bow tie.



FAMILY PHOTO: Mrs. Waite's maternal grandparents and their six children, all born in Nogal. Front from left: Estanislada Padilla Lalone, Theophilus "Tiofilo" Lalone, and daughter Rebecca who was married to Dave Tinnon, foreman of the Old Abe Mine in White Oaks. Back row from left are children, Fannie (Mrs. Waite's mother), Carrie, Fred, Louis and Addie.



LINCOLN COUNTY COWBOYS Louis Lalone (left) and Benino Gallegos. Louis Lalone was Mrs. Waite's uncle. Benino is the ancestor of many of the Gallegos family in this area. Picture was probably taken some time between 1910 and 1915.

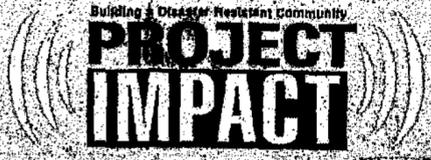


BLOCK RANCH CHUCK WAGON out on roundup in the 1890's: The man in the center of the picture with the v above him was Peter Elijah "Doc" Lacey, father of Mrs. Waite. Doc Lacey was in charge of the outfit. The photo shows the chuck wagons, Dutch ovens, and several men eating. Note their plates on their laps and cups nearby. This photo was taken in the 1890s.



FREE WORKSHOPS

FIREWISE COMMUNITIES



APRIL 20th & 21st

7:30 - 11:30

MORNING SESSION

"DEFENSIBLE PLANNING"

1:00 - 5:00

AFTERNOON SESSION

"FIREWISE PLANNING"

WHERE:

RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER

WHY:

FOR COMMUNITY AWARENESS

THROUGH DYNAMIC PRESENTATIONS AND SUCH WORKSHOPS AS STATE-OF-THE-ART MAPPING AND WILDFIRE SIMULATION PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN HOW TO:

- recognize interface fire hazards and create defensible space
- design firewise homes and landscapes
- deliver fire education
- and incorporate firewise planning into business and developing areas of communities

Why Should You Attend the Firewise Workshops!

The Firewise Communities Workshops were created to help you with the work you do every day --- and to make it better. You will be able to apply your new knowledge immediately, in the following ways:

- Architects** - Offer your clients value-added features related to wildland fire protection. Determine the best site and materials for new construction and the retrofits that are best suited to homes in fire prone settings.
- Bankers** - Protect your investment and associated community stability. Analyze lending packages for homes to be built in fire prone areas with an eye to their susceptibility to wildland fire loss.
- Builders and Developers** - Make your projects safer and more attractive to customers, and know the reasons why. Let fire and other officials hear about your projects' requirements.
- Chambers of Commerce** - Implement changes into the planning process, which is designed to lessen the community's probability of wildland fire loss.
- Elected Officials** - Make simple changes to the community's infrastructure that will provide big savings should wildland fire threaten. Add another safeguard to community stability and security.
- Emergency Managers** - Incorporate wildland fire mitigation into other natural hazard mitigation strategies.
- Extension Agents** - Advise constituents about proper construction and landscaping techniques, which will reduce the risk of wildland fire loss.
- Landscape Architects and Arborists** - Create landscaping opportunities in public planning projects. Plan and maintain landscape designs in both private and public areas in a manner which will minimize the spread of a wildland fire.
- Planners** - Incorporate GIS themes in Firewise planning along with other natural hazard mitigation. Add wildland fire protection concepts to community development planning.
- Realtors** - Identify Firewise developments and individual features as benefits for prospective buyers.

Other Benefits . . .

- . . . Earn CEUs from the National Fire Protection Association.
- . . . AIA members will receive credit for hours of Health/Safety & Welfare Course work.
- . . . Receive Firewise planning and building information.
- . . . Access additional post-conference training in Firewise Communities planning via the Internet.

WORKSHOP PARTNERS / PARTICIPANTS

- The following organizations are supporting these workshops:
- National Building Group
 - National Fire Protection Association
 - National Association of Public Officials
 - National Association of Fire Chiefs
 - National Association of Fire Marshals
 - National Association of Fire Insurance Association
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 - Congressional Fire Services Institute
 - Institute for Business and Home Safety
 - National Association of Home Builders
 - American Society of Landscape Architects
 - International Fire Marshal Association
 - National Volunteer Fire Council
 - National Association of County of County Officials
 - American Red Cross
 - American Banking Industry
 - Wildland Firefighter Magazine
 - State Farm Insurance
 - Insurance Services Office (ISO)
 - Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)
 - FEMA Project Impact

Registration Form

Name: _____ Last Name: _____
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 Day you want to attend: 20th 21st

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Banking/Finance	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

HOW!

Call Thomas for info. or Fax, Email, Mail to Rick by 4/17/2001.

Thomas E Chavez, Emergency Manger
Rick Delaco, Urban Forester
 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345
 Phone # (505) 258 - 4343
 Fax # (505) 258 - 1627
 E-Mail: voruf@zianet.com



APRIL 22 2001

LEGALS

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 of June 1, 1999, relating to Fremont Home Loan Owner Trust 1999-2,

Plaintiff, vs. JAIMEN 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, Recorded in 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 \$57,679.88, 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 advertised 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 \$57,679.88, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,325.94 for a total judgment plus interest of \$59,005.82. 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) 439-0494 (505) 439-0493 Fax

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Captain Municipal Schools at the Administration Building (P.O. Box 278 Captain, NM 88316), until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 26, 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.

School Vehicle Sealed Bid

The District is requesting a bid on a 1999, 4WD, 8 or 9 passenger Suburban with less than 35,000 miles.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope. The sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Vehicle Bid" on the outside. The Captain Board of Education will review the bids and make their final determination during the Special 6:00 PM Board meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at the Captain Municipal Schools, Administration Building, Board Room.

The Captain Municipal Schools reserve the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of the Captain Municipal Schools.

DIANA BILLINGSLEY Superintendent Captain Municipal Schools

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 5, 2001, Paul Van Gulck, P.O. Box 173, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, filed application No. H-1343 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to supplement existing shallow well H-1343 located in the SW1/4NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., by using the North Hale Ditch, a tributary of the Rio Ruidoso, which has a point of diversion located in the SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., for the continued diversion of up to 13.44 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater and supplemental surface water for the irrigation of 4.2 acres of land located in part of the S1/2NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M.

The two points of diversion are located approximately four miles east of Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting to the granting of the application will be deemed to have waived its right to object to the granting of the application by the State Engineer. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting to the granting of the application will be deemed to have waived its right to object to the granting of the application by the State Engineer. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting to the granting of the application will be deemed to have waived its right to object to the granting of the application by the State Engineer.

cc: Santa Fe

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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, April 25, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the April 25, 2001 meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

P.T.D. ORDER NO. 01-15 March 27, 2001

ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN DEADLINES LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Pursuant to my authority under Section 7-38-25 NMSA 1978, I hereby extend the following deadline found in Section 7-38-20 of the Property Tax Code with respect to the 2001-tax year only:

1) The deadline for the Lincoln County Assessor to mail Notices of Value from April 1, 2001 to no later than May 1, 2001.

Done this 27th day of March 2001.

Tom Garcia, Jr., Director Property Tax Division

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID No. 00-01-034

INSTALLATION OF A WATER SOFTENING SYSTEM IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Due: Wednesday, May 2, 2001, 2:00 p.m.

The County of Lincoln is issuing an Invitation to Bid to furnish and install a water softening system in the Lincoln County Detention Center, 200 Airport Road, Carrizozo, N.M.

There will be a pre-proposal conference and site evaluation on Thursday, April 26, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Detention Center. This will be your only opportunity to evaluate the needs of the facility.

Copies of the Invitation to Bid can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave. Carrizozo, NM 88301 or will be mailed upon written or telephonic request for Jane Williams at 505-648-2385.

Bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave. (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at which time and place the bids will be opened. Bids received after that time and date will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

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.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular 9:00 a.m. County Commission meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2001 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

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

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

JANE WILLIAMS Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO No. PB 2001-02

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD FRANKLIN THOMPSON, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of this Estate. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to Jim Frank Thompson, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Franklin Thompson, 4532 Curry, Marvell, Texas 77578, Bruce L. Thompson, Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Franklin Thompson, P.O. Box 60016, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73146-0016, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, County of Lincoln, New Mexico.

DATED: February 27, 2001.

Jim Frank Thompson, Co-Personal Representative Of the Estate of Richard Franklin Thompson, Deceased 4532 Curry Marvell, Texas 77578

Bruce L. Thompson, Co-Personal Representative Of the Estate of Richard Franklin Thompson, Deceased P.O. Box 60016 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73146-0016

David M. Stevens, Attorney at Law, P.C. 106 Rio Street Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-0777 Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives of The Estate of Richard Franklin Thompson

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BOB YORK

Graveside service for Bob York, 78, of Alto was April 4 at the Fort Stanton Cemetery with Rev. John Penn officiating.

Bob died March 29 in Albuquerque. He was born December 8, 1922 at Mineral Wells, TX. He served in the Army during WWII, was a former member of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces. He was a longtime New Mexico rancher.

He married Melba L. Schlosser on July 4, 1944 in San Antonio, TX. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Melba of Alto; a son, Lee York and his wife Janie of Capitan; a daughter, Sharqit Gentry and her husband Paul of Albuquerque; and a brother, Leon York of San Angelo, TX; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

Register Now For Summer Classes At ENMU / Ruidoso

Registration for summer classes at Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso began Monday, April 9 during regular college office hours.

Summer session begins May 28. Limited financial aid is available for summer courses.

Website registration is available for continuing ENMU students attending any ENMU campus.

Registration can be completed by phone, fax, in person or by mail.

Special tuition rates will be offered for Texas residents.

For more information, contact the Ruidoso Center office at 257-2120 or toll free at 1-800-934-8668.

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

WARD GAMEL THOMPSON

A funeral service was April 4 at Presbyterian Church in Corona for Ward Gamel Thompson of Roswell who died April 1 at a Roswell nursing home. Rev. Scott King of The Presbyterian Church in Corona officiated. Burial followed at the Corona Cemetery.

Ward was born on December 25, 1913 in Lometa, TX. In 1935 Ward married Nora Bell Cape in Corona. She preceded him in death as well as both parents and one brother, Chancey Thompson.

Before his retirement Ward worked as a school bus driver for the Corona school district.

Survivors include his sons, Darrell Thompson of Roswell; daughter Kathy Hanson and her husband Warren of Artesia; brother Aubrey Thomas of Alamogordo; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Ballard Funeral Home.



Old Lincoln Town by Rosalie Dunlap

Another busy weekend has come and gone. It seems there are so many activities going on at the same time.

It is great seeing the youngsters getting interested. They can really get the albums done. They are so imaginative and I love to read the stories that they write about their photos. What a treasure they will have to share with their families and friends.

The youngsters participating were Justin and Kendall Wilson, DeMarquis Tchernesoff, Evan and Jessica Woodard.

Kendall didn't stay the full time as he went skiing with his father Rex. They had a great time together.

Jessica is a great little artist. She would draw a picture on her plastic plate with her fork, and then fill it with food. She sat next to me, so I got to see (carefully) what she drew. Her other says that she loves to draw.

Another group of young people at the Fort was the Cadet Girl Scout Troop #5009 from Belen. The scouts were Emily and Hannah Hoswell, Victoria and Kelsey Cline, and Vanessa and Christina Garcia. The leaders were Ann Marie Cline and Charline Cline.

The girls had a great time hiking, archery, rock climbing, hay rides and campfire, a scavenger hunt and other activities. Their scavenger hunt had some unusual items to find. They had to look for leaves, flowers, hay, different colored rocks, balloons (or pieces of a balloon), foam cups, bark, etc. In spite of the wind they were able to find most of the items.

The Boses west of Lincoln have been doing a lot of yard work on their property. They removed some trees from their front yard and planted grass. You can see their lovely home from the highway now.

There have been a lot of accolades on the new library location in Capitan. It took an enormous amount of volunteer hours to get the building ready and then to move all the books etc., from the old library building to the new one. A big thanks to an anonymous donor which was greatly appreciated by the volunteers.

Dick Kuns has been in Lincoln for a few days on business. He was a guest of his nephew, John Shreengost.

The Lincoln Pageant and Festivals met at the Community Church on Sunday night. Due to lack of communication not too many attended.

There was a meeting on the future of Fort Stanton last week. They really do need more support from the citizens of Lincoln County if we are to save this historic site. So let our legislature know we are behind it 100%. And especially let the Fort Stanton volunteers know you are ready to help.

The Creative Memories group held their quarterly

FAST ACTION Lincoln County News CLASSIFIED ADS CALL: (505) 648-2333

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354-7000 or 430-5557 8tp-March 8-April 26

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Village of Capitan is seeking applications for a full-time police officer. Must be New Mexico Certified or Non-Certified. Uniform allowance and benefits. Must reside in Capitan. Applications are available at the Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316. Phone (505) 354-2247. Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 20, 2001.

/s/ Kathryn Griffin Village Clerk Village of Capitan

1tc/Apr. 12

Planning To

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county needs is to control density. "We can't do this through subdivision regulations," Sanchez said. "Zoning is a forum to control density."

Realtor Linda Smith said her concerns about zoning property is the effect on future uses of investment properties bought without zoning.

In summary planning commission member Wayne Negley said the county needs management, if the county commission will back it.

Member Van Shamblin said there needs to be some type of management especially for water and density. "I'm not for strict controls, as I am an independent person. But we need to plan for growth," she said.

Member Jim Crouse said he thinks the county can control growth through the subdivision laws. "To me zoning always hurts the little man and increases property taxes," Crouse said. "When I see someone less fortunate trying to struggle along with their property, I say if you don't like it, buy it."

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said the planning commission needs to include the county commis-

STEARNS INSURANCE AGENCY CARRIZOZO (505) 648-2911

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BUILDING MATERIALS and CONSTRUCTION

STEEL BUILDING, 40x24 WAS \$5,770 MUST SELL \$2,982 800-292-0111 ASK FOR JIM 1tp-April 12

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of PART TIME DISPATCHER in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and must be able to obtain a New Mexico Dispatcher Certification within one year from date of hire and N.C.I.C. Certification within six months of hire. Obtain applications at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., Monday, April 16, 2001. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A. 2tc/Apr. 5 & 12

Rattlesnake Roundup & Craft Fair

Zero Fairgrounds Alamogordo Sat, April 21 9-6 Sun, April 22 9-5 505-437-7116 Educational Exciting Collectibles Snake Meat & More

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FOR RENT in Carrizozo, 2 BR partly furnished apt. 648-2776 648-2660 648-2333 2tc-March 29 & April 5

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FOUND in Ruidoso Bracelet - call to identify. 505-687-9301 1tc-April 12

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PCS, a leader in providing call service to correctional facilities has an immediate need for site administrator at private detention center in Carrizozo. Inmate phone system Dept and inmate PIN administration, troubleshoot problems with inmate phones, dispatch technician for repair, good computer skills required. Some experience with computer hardware/software a plus. P/T. Start \$8-\$10/hr. Fax/email resume to: jasmine.papazian@teamsup.com (310) 954-2116. EOE 2tc/Apr. 12 & 19

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Planning To Focus

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Alamogordo and Tularosa to point out what can happen in Lincoln County.

White Oaks resident Walt Birdsong asked why there should be no junk yards or run down trailer sales lots. "That's why people buy out in the county," Birdsong said. "It sounds like you want to tell people what they can and can't do on their properties."

Townsend said the idea of corridors is to restrict properties along those corridors that have no controls over junk yards and other such uses. He said restrictions protect residents and their property values. "The main reason for restrictions is

bad maintenance," he said again.

"In other words, it hurts your eyes," Carroll responded.

Birdsong said protective covenants are there to protect properties.

Rennick said if everyone believes that what happens across the street will not affect them, then there is no need for growth control.

Ruidoso realtor Joe Zagone said a lot of people are struggling with the idea of growth control. He asked how people would feel if someone wanted to put a nuclear dump next door.

Long time realtor Bill Pippin said he was unsure if he

wanted someone saying what he can do with his property.

Realtor Carolyn Henson said people come to Lincoln County because they want to be rural, yet they want the conveniences of today.

"I don't want to tell people what they can do with their land, but I want it to look nice," she said.

Capitan resident Fred Cheney got off the subject of planning when he personally attacked planning commission member Jerry Wright, whom Cheney said tried to turn Lincoln County into a dump. Rennick said such comments were

unfair, as LCSWA is not a county agency. Cheney said he remembered piles of garbage when Wright was LCSWA manager. Rennick also reminded that the Scenic Overlook on Highway 48 south of Capitan had been a site for LCSWA dumpsters, but now is a show place because of the efforts of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways committee in obtaining funds for that project. Wright later defended his actions as LCSWA manager, saying Cheney had been fired.

During discussions Carroll challenged Rennick who said that under zoning all uses when zoning takes effect are "grandfathered." Carroll said that the grandfather statement is not true, because of "amortization" a method that makes property owners come into compliance over time.

Rennick, who legally represents the Village of Ruidoso, said the village has used no amortization.

"Sir you are a liar!" Carroll said in response.

This brought a negative response from the audience. Cindy Lynch then said it was her personal goal to have "healthy constructive conversation of what is happening to beautiful Lincoln County."

"I'm offended when I see some of the sites when I drive down Highway 48," Lynch said. "If we have no tourism, what do we have left?" She said a petition is circulating to ask the county commission to do something about planning along the corridors.

Lynch then presented

information from the association of Realtors about zoning ordinances in other counties. Currently only 11 counties out of 33 in New Mexico have zoning ordinances. "We need to wake up and take care of our problems before they are out of control," Lynch added.

Sanchez said he thought everyone was there to do something good for Lincoln County. "We need managed growth, especially with the water situation," Sanchez said. "We need to work with the county commission, because we cannot do much without their cooperation and involvement."

Frank Haynes of Alto said with the 59 percent growth in the last ten years in Lincoln County, we cannot say the growth is slow. "They folks are coming," he said. "It is healthy to open discussion on how to handle it." Haynes said a problem now is there is no legal footing. "We need a solid legal footing," he added.

Alto area resident Tom Billingsley asked if zoning would supersede existing deed restrictions, and if there are any zoning proposals for the corridors.

Rennick said that the stricter of the two, zoning or deed restrictions, would prevail, but the enforcement of the deed restrictions must be done by the property owners in civil court.

Harold Macaw, a county resident west of Capitan, asked the commission to use a little common sense, to do management that will allow people to give their kids a little property to build on. "Don't restrict because you don't like something. That is wrong," Macaw added. He also told of his experiences with the Las Cruces Extraterritorial

Zone (ETZ) that prohibited his daughter from building on their farm. Macaw also said most people coming to Lincoln County have no idea about the problems with water.

Glen Dunagan with property on Highway 70, asked if any county planning would affect the ETZ. Rennick said any new county planning regulations would affect properties outside an ETZ.

Pippin said he had told the county commission to make the county subdivision regulations stricter. "I'd like to see the county commission get on to developers (to comply with county subdivision regulations)," Pippin said. "The county commission should play a big part of planning. They should do it carefully with taste."

Referring to the 1988 Lincoln County Zoning Ordinance, Carroll said he is dead set against an overall zoning ordinance. "Don't trample on all our rights," Carroll said. "We need a good intelligent plan, with people friendly rules and regulations. We have very good subdivision regulations already, and a good Comprehensive Land Use Plan."

"Blanket zoning is a nightmare and will be a continuous fight from me," Carroll said. He also apologized for his outbreak but explained he had left Dallas to get away from zoning.

Rennick acknowledged the 1988 ordinance which is not enforceable because the zoning districts were never designated.

Finally the commission asked county planning officer Patsy Sanchez for her opinions. She said what the

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