

County Zoning Issue Rages On

by DORIS CHERRY

Zoning is expensive in terms of the cost to administer it properly, and in the cost in loss of property rights. So said Dr. Alex Thal, the author of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), to the Lincoln County Commissioner during the county commission meeting April 19 in their chambers

in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County commissioners were in discussion about zoning, which county attorney Alan Morel had requested. Dr. Thal, director of the South West Center of Resource Analysis at Western New Mexico University in Silver City, has been working in land use planning for about 30 years.

Morel opened the discus-

sion on zoning saying he asked for the agenda item because there is talk of a petition circulating demanding the county be

zoned. (No signed petition was presented at the meeting.) Morel said by state law the county commissioners are mandated to zone process if they receive a petition for zoning signed by qualified registered Lincoln County voters, in numbers

representing at least 25 percent of the qualified registered voters who voted in the last governor's election. Morel said it would take at least 1,400 qualified signatures on a petition to be forced to zone the county, county wide.

At the last Lincoln County Planning Commission meeting on April 3, that board voted to recommend the county provide the

board options on growth planning along the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways corridor and not consider zoning countywide. "There's one problem, it takes unanimous consent from the county commission to put such a corridor plan into effect," Morel said. "I do not believe we can get that unanimous vote."

County commission chair-

man Rex Wilson then introduced Dr. Thal. Dr. Thal said he only served as scribe on the CLUP which contained information compiled from public input and research by the volunteer board that helped draft the document. He was at the meeting to help define the CLUP and how it applies to

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Forest Fire Near Corona Started By A Campfire

County Commission Declares Emergency

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Commissioners approved a Disaster Declaration for the Pinatosa Fire during an emergency meeting held April 24 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

This is the second emergency meeting commissioners have held this year to approve an emergency declaration because of forest fire. The disaster declaration gives authority to the county under the New Mexico Civil Preparedness Act to exercise necessary emergency powers and the expenditure of available resources. It also opens the process for the county to request assistance and relief programs and funds available from the state.

The Pinatosa fire started in Pinatosa Canyon near Red Cloud Campground on Saturday, April 21. High winds Saturday and Sunday rapidly spread the fire to 4,000 acres by Monday. By Wednesday, April 25, the Pinatosa Fire had burned more than 4,400 acres of Ponderosa Pine and pinon-juniper forest, destroyed

Red Cloud Campground and two summer homes about eight miles southwest of Corona.

According to information from Corona area residents the forest fire started from a campfire near Red Cloud Campground off Forest Road 99.

U.S. Forest Service press releases reported the fire was 75 percent contained on Wednesday morning with hopes of having the fire 85 percent contained by nightfall.

According to records at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) dispatch center in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, Phillip Lueras called from the Erramouspe Ranch at 1:04 p.m. April 21 to report the fire. LCSO notified the Cibola National Forest, Lincoln National Forest and New Mexico State Forestry. LCSO officers Ken Jones and Dave Thomas also responded to help man the incident command center set up at the Cedarvale Community Center and to provide assistance in case evacuations were needed. Nearby ranches were advised to evacuate. The fire never was a threat to the Village of Corona.

Fire crews with 225

firefighters, 12 fire engines, Sandia helicopter 312, two bulldozers and the Smokey Bear Hot Shots responded to the fire on Saturday. Two air tankers from Alamogordo were able to dump slurry on the fire after winds had died down on Monday.

By Wednesday 10 remaining fire crews and four engines had started to demobilize. A number of firefighters were to remain on the scene to continue suppression activities. Rehabilitation of the burned area also began with con-

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Lincoln County Democrats To Meet Sat., April 28

Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at K-Bob's Restaurant on Highway 70 in Ruidoso.

Business will include call for precinct meetings and election of precinct chairs, appointment of committees and report on the state central committee meeting and election of state party officers.

The restaurant has a breakfast buffet available. For more information call 354-2673.

Capitan School Principals Did Meet With Coach Terry

In the April 19 issue of THE NEWS, in the article about Capitan School Board terminating teacher/coach Cindy Terry it was stated Terry told THE NEWS that Capitan High School principal Darrel Stierwalt just handed her a letter of concern and did not have a meeting with her.

Stierwalt said he and middle school principal Dale Jackson had several meetings with Terry about their concerns. Stierwalt also said he did present the letter of his concerns to Terry in his office.

Also in the same article, parent Jana Townsend was quoted saying she spoke with school board member Ervin Aldaz. Townsend told THE NEWS she did not speak with Aldaz, rather with board member Grant Dean who also was not at the April 12 board meeting.



HAZED OUT SUN.

Dust and dirt from a severe wind storm and smoke from the Pinatosa fire on Saturday, April 21 so filled the air that at sunset the sun appeared only as a bright disk in a sky that was brown.



LCCM ADMINISTRATOR

Jim Gibson gives his monthly report to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting Thursday, April 19 in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Gibson, employed by Presbyterian Health Services which leases Lincoln County Medical Center from the county was questioned during a long discussion on the hospital lease.

Carrizozo Says To Clean Up or Pay Up

The new county jail in Carrizozo may soon be filled with local residents who are law-breakers by not cleaning their property.

The Carrizozo Police Department is busy sending out notices of code enforcement, town ordinance 87-133 to property owners. The notice states: A recent inspection was made of your property, with the address, and one of the following items checked: Excessive weeds need to be cut; Trash and debris need to be cleaned (Potential habitat for skunks, rodents and snakes); Dangerous structure needs to be stabilized /removed; Outdoor vehicle storage/Junk cars Trailers /MobileHome (if applicable).

The notice also states: In order to avoid further action, you have ten (10) days after receipt of this notice to correct this violation. If you feel that this Notice was incorrectly issued, or if you have any question, please feel free to call me at (505) 648-2351. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The notice is signed by Ted Zamora, Code Enforcement, Carrizozo Police Department. His actions are under the direction of the police chief Angelo Vega and the mayor.

Police Chief Angelo Vega encourages individual efforts in the ongoing beautification of Carrizozo.

Carrizozo town ordinance #87-133, under 6-6-14 Penalth, states: Any person who shall fail and neglect to cut the weeds and grass and remove the cuttings or any accumulation of weeds and grass as provided in this Section or who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of any Sections or of any notice herein provided for, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this Section whatsoever or who shall resist or obstruct the Town Foreman or his authorized representative in the cutting of weeds and grass or the removal of cuttings or the removal of accumulation of the weeds and grass shall, upon conviction hereof, be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days or both; and each day of which such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Several people who have receive notices have complained that it costs them \$20 to dump the trash, much of which has either blown onto their property or been thrown onto their property.

One person told The News, "if the town wants property cleaned, they should help by providing somewhere to dump the trash at a reasonable cost."

Questions about the beautification and/or Notice of violation should be directed to the mayor at 648-2371 or Vega at 648-2351.

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Increased Lease Cost Could Raise Hospital Rates

by DORIS CHERRY

Any increase in the cost for Presbyterian Health Services to lease Lincoln County Medical Center could affect the cost to patients.

So said Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Jim Gibson to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting Thursday, April 12 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Lincoln County has been advised in an opinion from the New Mexico Attorney General Office the county must have a fair market appraisal done of the hospital in order to determine the cost of the an-

nual lease with Presbyterian Health Services (PHS).

Despite the possibility of lawsuit filed by the AG's office against the county, Lincoln County Commissioners voted four to one to wait until the county is required to seek a fair market valuation. County commissioner Leo Martinez voted no.

During his presentation before the commissioner's action, Gibson said at the last LCMC board meeting, directors agreed and affirmed PHS would provide the fair market value appraisal; the appraisal cost is estimated to be \$25,000. "As my experience as a hospital administrator and a taxpayer, I ask if the present

arrangement provides high quality health care to all citizens of Lincoln County?" Gibson asked. "An unqualified yes!"

"Any change in our arrangement drives the price of patient care up," Gibson continued. While increased costs may not affect those on Medicare or Medicaid or certain insurance programs, it will affect self insured and self pay patients most. "I urge you to leave the lease arrangement alone," Gibson said.

Currently in patient care per day averages \$1,342, the lowest cost for hospitals in Roswell, Carlsbad, Alamogordo and Las Cruces, said county commissioner Rick Simpson who quoted figures from the 1999 audit of LCMC. The highest cost per day was at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell with a price of \$3,226.

"My only comment," Simpson said, "Is we have a real good thing going and I

don't think we should mess with it. Maybe the \$1 a year is too much, maybe it should be 50 cents."

County commissioner Ray Nunley said he "wholeheartedly agreed" with Simpson. "But if we don't charge a reasonable lease fee the AG will come for us. We have to establish a reasonable fee, and it may have to be 55 cents."

Ruidoso resident Tony Seno said the current arrangement of the hospital mill levy on property should be changed to gross receipt tax because everyone who spends money in Lincoln County would pay. "The property owners are getting soaked by the mill levy which is an unfair tax," Seno said.

As for the \$1 a year lease, Seno said he thought the county should get out of the health care business and go into the rental business. Then he asked Gibson if any of the county mill levy money to the hospital was used to settle a lawsuit against PHS because PHS employees were caught selling hospital drugs. Gibson said no one was caught selling drugs, and "not one dime of LCMC money was used." He said the Lincoln County hospital mill levy funds are kept in a separate account and are not sent to PHS. "The mill levy money stays under county control," Gibson said.

When Seno asked where PHS got the \$600,000 to pay off the lawsuit, Gibson said most of the PHS hospitals are owned by PHS. "And I resent Mr. Seno and his accusations," Gibson said.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said no Lincoln County mill levy was involved in that lawsuit.

County attorney Alan Morel also raised the issue of

the fair market appraisal being required by the AG's office. He said he was concerned the AG's office will file suit against the county, if the county does not set a fair market value in the lease. Morel said he had talked with the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) about what would be an acceptable lease fee. "I was told we need a market analysis to determine fair market value," Morel said. "It was a short conversation."

Any lease lasting longer than five years must have prior approval from DFA, Morel explained. DFA is willing to approve the lease if there is a fair market value appraisal and justification for the lease fee, Morel said. Another option would be to do leases that last less than five years, Morel added.

Wilson said the lease payment does not have to be cash, rather it could be an exchange of services or other similar arrangement.

Martinez has advocated the county soliciting a new request for proposals (rfp) for the lease of LCMC, and include in that a lease fee based on fair market value.

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Extremely high winds on Friday, Saturday and Sunday had red flags flying on all US Forest Service fire danger signs in Lincoln County.

High winds began on Friday and increased to gusts up to 65 miles per hour on Saturday. High winds on Saturday whipped a campfire at Red Cloud Campground into a major forest fire in the Gallinas Mountains near Corona. Smoke from that fire, and thick dirt and dust from the Tularosa Basin and the White Sands obscured the sun for most of Lincoln County on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, while winds had subsided some, the haze was so thick at sunset the sun appeared only as a bright disc.

Clouds and colder temperatures moved in with the winds on Sunday, and many areas had frost Monday and Tuesday mornings. The cool nights and warming days with lower winds continued through Wednesday.

Wednesday, winds were breezy and a slow warming trend began for the rest of this week.

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

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo Valley and lower elevations of Lincoln County:
Today, Thursday, April 26:

Partly cloudy and mild with southwest winds 5-15 miler per hour. High temperature in Carrizozo 79. No chance for precipitation. Tonight low of 48.

Friday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 1:

Partly cloudy and mild. Highs in the mid 70s to 80s, lows in the mid 50s.

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

Today, Thursday, April 26: Partly cloudy with southwest winds 5-15 miles per hour. High temperature in Ruidoso of 73. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, low of 34.

Friday, April 27 through Tuesday, May 1:

Partly cloudy with southwest winds 5-15 miles per hour. Highs in the 60s to mid 70s, low in the 20s to lower 40s.



SMOKEY WELCOME banners are now up in Capitan. The welcome banners were purchased with money from a New Mexico Tourism Grant applied for by the village in cooperation with Friends of Smokey-Capitan. The grant provides 50 percent of the cost of the banners, with the remaining 50 percent to be paid by the village and from Friends of Smokey donations. Among the donors were Pat Huey, D&D Western Wear, Guthrie's Cutting Corral, Farmer's Country Market, Smokey Bear Motel, Smokey Bear Restaurant, CCNG, and Ancestral Framing. Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. donated the installation of ten of the bright green banners printed with yellow letters in various locations around the village. Forty banners were purchased, with 10 featuring the July 4 Smokey Bear Stampede.

Forest Fire

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struction of water bars to minimize erosion, and bull dozer lines are being reseeded.

Forest officials estimated all closed roads in the burn area, except Forest Road 99 will reopen to the public by the weekend.

The Pinatosa Fire burned in a mosaic pattern with some areas having burned intensely while other areas remained unburned.

While forest service and local officials have not officially banned open campfires on forest and county lands, all visitors and residents need to be especially cautious with fire on windy days. The best advice with fire is not to start one if there is any wind.

At this time the state environment department will not issue burn permits to do controlled burns within Lincoln County.

REDTT Meets May 14

The Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) council meets at 10 a.m. Monday, May 14, at Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.

The 2001-2002 grant proposal will be written at this meeting. Organizations wishing to have their activity considered in the grant proposal process must be represented at all meetings on a continuing basis.

For more information call Betty McCreight at 648-2311 or by email by bmcCreight@nmsu.edu.

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Sale of Carrizozo/Capitan Bank Branches Completed

First Federal Bank signs went up in Carrizozo and Capitan last week as First Federal Bank, headquartered in Roswell, closed its purchase of the Ruidoso State Bank branch banks in Capitan and Carrizozo on April 20.

Ruidoso State Bank transferred about \$12 million in deposits to First Federal and about \$4 million in loans in conjunction with this transaction.

Aubrey L. Dunn, Jr. president of First Federal, said the two banks will work closely to ensure the transition is orderly.

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In case you haven't noticed, there's a new bank in town. For residents in Capitan and Carrizozo, that's good news. First Federal Bank (formerly Ruidoso State Bank) provides great service and superior banking products, and with offices in cities across New Mexico and El Paso, you'll never stray far from a First Federal branch.

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Hammond To Defend Street Stock Car Title

by DORIS CHERRY

Josh Hammond of Carrizozo will be defending his championship title at the stock car races this year at Sertoma Speedway, 40 miles south of Carrizozo on Highway 54.

Hammond won the street stock division of stock car races at Sertoma Speedway during the 2000 season. He had the most overall points, the most adjusted points, and won the most main e-

vents for the 2000 season in street stock car racing. Stock car races begin at Sertoma Speedway, 40 miles south of Carrizozo on Highway 54, this Friday, April 27 at 7:45 p.m.

Drivers from Lincoln County planning to compete in stock car racing at Sertoma Speedway this year include street stock car drivers Keith Greer, Michael Williamson, Jeremy Richmond, Virgil Hall, Andy Willingham, Ken Landrum, Don Richmond and

Jeff Hammond; super street stock car drivers Mike Gaines, Nick Herrera, Danny Hoffer and Terry Bernard; and hobby stock car driver Tim Collins.

Hammond encourages anyone interested to "build a car and come out to play." During his winning season last year, Hammond shared his winning the main event with special gifts for children. Each of the seven times he won a main event, Hammond presented a trophy to a junior

spectator in the crowd who was seated and had been watching the races. The junior spectator trophies, a wood base with a stock car attached, had the car painted the colors of Hammond's car, orange and white, with his number 28 on the sides and top.

Hammond's #28 street stock car last year was sponsored by The LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS, Carrizozo Auction Company, Carrizozo Texaco, and Carrizozo Hardware.

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

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

WEDNESDAYS
--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 26
--Lincoln County Conservation Day for county fifth graders, Cedar Creek Campground.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27
--New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers International Fiddle Contest, today through Sunday, at the Ralph Edwards Auditorium in Truth or Consequences.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
--Call in program for free legal advice. Call 1-800-876-6227 between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County 9:30 a.m. K-Bob's Restaurant on Highway 70 in Ruidoso. Breakfast buffet available. Business includes appointment of committees and report on State Central Committee meeting and election of state officers.

--District Track Meet hosted by Capitan Schools, Tiger Field.
--Sierra Blanca Goat Tracks group 1 p.m. Christ Community Church in Capitan, for people who raise goats. Call Cindy at 354-2846 for more information.
--Capitan Public Library new building dedication ceremony and reception 2-6 p.m. refreshments.

TUESDAY, MAY 1
--Ruidoso Village Council special budget workshop 4 p.m. village hall.
--Capitan Schools Staff Awards Program 6 p.m. Traylor Gym.

--Lincoln County Planning Commission 6 p.m. Lincoln County Commission meeting room in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
--Butaud School of Dance recital, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo School old gym. Boys and girls performing ballet, tap, jazz and folk dance.
--American Legion Post #57 in Capitan 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
--Workshop on Africanized honeybees, 1 p.m. Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Free. Sponsored by the Lincoln County FCE clubs.

THURSDAY, MAY 3
--Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. Ruidoso Convention Center. Tickets \$10 each. Call 257-4651 or 257-9057 for information.
--Ag Day for Capitan students, exhibits in the Lincoln County Fair Building.

FRIDAY, MAY 4
--No class for all students at Capitan Schools, staff inservice day.
--State track meet begins in Albuquerque.
--The Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Artist Concert, 7 p.m. Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. Free admission. Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY, MAY 5
--Opening reception for "Paintbrush Travels" art show at Ruidoso Public Library, 12 noon through 2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6
--ENMU-Ruidoso College Choirs Spring Concert, 3:30 p.m. at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. There is a cost for tickets available from ENMU-Ruidoso office or choir members.

TUESDAY, MAY 8
--ENMU-Ruidoso Community Orchestra Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. Spencer Theater. No charge, but tickets required. Tickets available from ENMU office, Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce or Spencer Theater ticket office.
--Capitan FFA Banquet, 6 p.m. Traylor Gym.



Habitat For Life Is Theme Of 2001 S&W Stewardship Week

The Upper Hondo and Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in conjunction with 3,000 other soil and water conservation districts in the nation, will be celebrating Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 29th through May 6th.

The focus of this year's national observance is on the personal responsibility each citizen has to be a good steward of the land, water, wildlife, and other natural resources which enhance our quality of life.

The goal for districts is to increase community awareness of the need to care for natural resources which make up the habitat that sustains all of us. Humankind has a special responsibility to sustain a healthy balance of all living elements that make up our surroundings.

It is common to think about people losing their homes and the quality of their living environments as being something that happens to someone else, or in some other place. That may not always be the case. As we see sprawling growth take valuable farmland, read about a town's drinking water being polluted by a chemical spill, or watch helplessly as a flood wipes out farms and towns, we are witnessing a steady loss of the habitat for life that is needed by all people and

other living things. The districts have distributed educational information to teachers and students in all schools in the county, and have also distributed guides and bulletin inserts to churches in the area.

Please take time to think about our environment and what you can do to help make it better - not only for today, but for the generations to come.

Conservation Day For Many Fifth Grade Students Is Today

New Mexico State Forestry is sponsoring the 10th Lincoln County Conservation Day today, Thursday, April 26, at Cedar Creek Campground near Ruidoso.

The all day event for fifth grade students from Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo and Hondo schools begins at 9 a.m. and ends by 2:30 p.m. Students will visit different "stations" where they will get information on wildlife conservation, soil conservation, archeology, forest health, raptors.

Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast In Ruidoso May 3

All of the elected officials in Lincoln County and Mescalero will be the honored guests at the third annual Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3 at Ruidoso Convention Center.

The general public is also invited to attend the breakfast, which costs \$10 a person. Tickets are available in area banks and chamber of commerce offices in the area communities.

Main speaker is The Honorable Richard Capen, Jr. former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and former publisher of the Miami Herald. Capen's best selling book "Finish Strong" offers practical advice on how to balance careers with personal priorities and key values essential to a meaningful life.

Tom Battin will be master of ceremonies. Special music will be provided by the Flying J Wranglers.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are also requested.

The purpose of the breakfast is to ask God's blessing of wisdom on all elected officials and reach individuals with the message of Christ.

For more information call Fred Gerth at 257-4651 or James Paxton at 257-9057.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Learn from the past

By Ruth Hammond

Corona escaped the forest fire that was in the Cibola Forest this past weekend. Two summer cabins did not escape the devastation that destroyed more than 4,400 acres in Lincoln County and Torrance County. Apparently the fire season is starting early this year, with two of the three first fires of the season being in Lincoln County and the third at the edge of Lincoln County. We do hope that these first three fires are not the start of an extra busy fire season. All fires may be banned in the entire state soon.

Learning from past events may help. Smokey Bear became the national symbol for fire prevention in 1944, even though fire prevention posters were printed as early as 1939. The first living symbol of Smokey Bear was the burned bear cub that was rescued from a fire in the Lincoln National Forest near Capitan in May 1950 that destroyed 1,700 acres and filled the air above Capitan Gap with smoke. Promoting fire safety is as important now as it was then, and everyone should practice fire safety everywhere.

Even though fire dangers fluctuate, it is wise to develop a long term attitude toward fire protection and fire hazard reduction. Designing fire safety into new homes, adapting older homes to be fire safe, and planning an escape route in the event of a fire are all necessary. Regular fire drills should be held by all family members because of changes that may happen over time. Neighborhoods should have an evacuation plan in place in the event of a fire. Defensible space needs to be created between structures and the surrounding areas, especially in heavily forested areas.

All the publicity about fire safety should be a reminder that everyone must work together to prevent forest fires to help preserve our forests for future generations. All areas of the Lincoln National Forest not reserved for a specific use are available for a wide variety of recreation activities including picnicking, camping, hiking, horseback riding, and sightseeing. Campgrounds and picnic areas are scattered throughout the forest. The forest also includes hundreds of miles of trails. A large variety of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians make their home in the Lincoln National Forest. Other animals that may be seen in the Lincoln National Forest are deer, elk, bear, and turkey as well as small animals. A fire could destroy these animals' homes.

Necessary precautions must be taken in the forest, and especially with campfires. When campfires are allowed, they should be confined to developed camp sites or in well built campfire rings with ample clearances (bare minimum soil) separating the fire from surrounding vegetation. A campfire should never ever be left unattended. Water should be kept nearby to protect against escaped embers.

Using common sense is the most important thing about preventing fires. Don't build a fire near vegetation and when leaving put the fire dead out. Douse with water, stir and douse again with water or smother with dirt, real dirt, not dirt with pine needles, twigs, etc. and stir once again.

Practice extreme caution with fire and maybe Lincoln County will escape having another forest fire this year.

Always practice fire safety



EDITOR: I am writing this letter to clarify the article titled Capitan Village Cleanup Set for April 21, which was in the April 12 issue of your paper. The clarification is in regards to my complaint about the noise ordinance in Capitan, specifically dog barking. First, our Animal Control Officer (Mr. John Fish) stopped by and asked us to be more aware of our puppy's barking -- no warning was issued. We advised him at that time that we had ordered a bark collar for Sammi which we received a few days later and have consistently used to train her to stop barking. We had no further contact with Mr. Fish until March 6 (nearly six weeks later), when we received a Criminal Summons in the mail for prolonged dog barking -- the prolonged barking was one incident of approximately 5 to 7 minutes, which he videotaped. Further, the video was allegedly made from Mr. Fish's front porch and he lives the equivalent of 3 to 4 city blocks from us. We made the mistake of pleading guilty at the summons because of the video and did not give Judge Johnson a chance to make a ruling. After thinking it over we decided to approach the village council for clarification of the noise ordinance.

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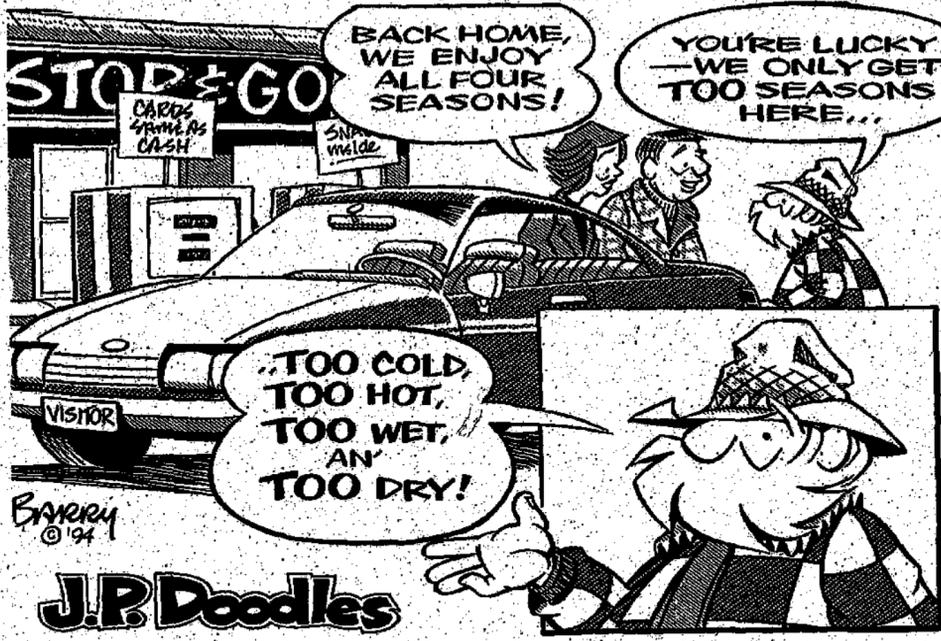
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SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL
BY JOY MILLER

SANTA FE - Be proud America, in these days of cynicism, bear markets and non-existent presidential honeymoons, it might help to be reminded of perhaps the most gracious tribute ever paid to America by a foreigner.

On June 5, 1973, Gordon Sinclair, Canada's best known radio commentator for four decades, awoke to the news that the United States had pulled out of Vietnam. Newspapers carried stinging criticisms of our nation from countries throughout the world. Our stock market was tumbling as a world-wide sell-off of American investments placed our economy in trouble.

Disgusted at the verbal beating we were taking from around the world, Sinclair quickly dashed off two pages of comments for his five minute radio show. He bluntly delivered his tirade and stalked out of his office, dropping the script on his secretary's desk for filing.

But that script didn't stay filed very long. His comments spread through our country like wildfire. Performers composed songs, congressmen read it into the Congressional Record, governors invited him to their states to make him an honorary citizen and it is now all over the Internet.

Here are those words that made Americans feel good about themselves again.

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

"Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

"When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When distant cities are hit by earthquakes, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

"The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into dis-

couraged countries. Now, newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans. I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the U.S. dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar or the Douglas L10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the international lines, except Russia, fly American planes?"

"Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy and you find men on the moon, not once but several times, and safely home again. You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to see.

Underage Tobacco Sales Compliance Checks Will Be Held

The Counseling Center, under contract with the New Mexico Department of Health, Behavioral Health Services Division, is participating in a program to combat the sale of tobacco products to minors.

Under the federal Public Health Service Act, known as the "Synar Amendment", states that receive substance abuse prevention and treatment funding must demonstrate a measurable reduction in tobacco sales to minors.

In the next few months there will be unannounced Synar tobacco sales compliance checks. Local merchants who sell tobacco products have been called to see if they need employee training materials, "We Card" signs, or copies of the law regarding tobacco sales to minors.

By state law, merchants are required to ask for a picture ID of anyone attempting to purchase tobacco product who appears to be under 27 years old. Failure to comply with the state law may result in the merchant being fined up to \$1,000.

In New Mexico, one in five 14 year olds is addicted to tobacco and smokes regularly. Daily, tobacco companies spend an estimated

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



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Week of Apr. 26 - May 3, 2001

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Someone has plans for you. Take your own life back. It's okay to share your life with others, but don't lose it altogether.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) All fun and no work doesn't get the bills paid. Tomorrow never comes and yesterday is dead and gone. DO IT TODAY and get it over with.

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Your main concern is what you're eating and what's eating at you. Both are not good for your health and mental outlook. Start changing your habits.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) As usual, you may be trying to burn the candle at both ends. You will be the only one to be burned when this is all through. WATCH OUT!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Clean Sailing! Don't rock the boat or take on more than you're willing to do by yourself. Others will try to help but may not always be around.

Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) When you think you have it all figured out, someone changes all the rules of the game. This is a business in pleasure. It's time to play hardball.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You'll find it may be in your best interests and all of those around you, for you to watch carefully before you speak out. Get all the data first.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) It can't be said enough about good eating habits and exercise. Without outside stress to boot! Get up! Get out! Get with it! - or lose it all.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You need a change, but the cost could be too great. Not just money, but your feelings as well. Plan your life on paper and weigh out the consequences.

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Everyone could have you running everywhere all at once. Stop the insanity by just saying NO! You'll wonder why it took you so long to say it.

Pisces: (Feb.19- March 20) Lighten up and don't take what others say so seriously. You'll only make yourself crazy. What other people think of us, is not our concern.

Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) You need a break - Even from yourself! Take in a movie, call an old friend, or just do nothing for awhile. If you DON'T - you're going to OVERLOAD!

Art Show Opens May 5 At Ruidoso Public Library

A "Private Art in Public Places" show, entitled "Paintbrush Travels" will open on Saturday, May 5 at Ruidoso Public Library. An opening reception will be held from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. with a performance of Celtic Harp by Mack Geisler of Boulder, CO.

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County Zoning Issue

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urban areas and to help address some of the expressed issues that are having people call for county wide zoning.

Lincoln County land use issues now are urban sprawl, ways to control growth, zoning, discussions of highway aesthetics and scenic byway regulations, land use planning and regulation alternatives, and the costs associated with implementing zoning and regulations.

"We have a plethora of regulations from the federal and state levels," Thal said. "And state statutes that enable counties to zone to protect 'the health, safety and morals of the general welfare of the citizens.'"

"Zoning is an exercise of police powers," Thal said. "It is a use of coercive powers, like law enforcement. This is serious stuff that can cause people to go to jail for not complying."

"It is serious stuff when we use police powers against our neighbors," Thal added.

In his outline of issues, Thal said some of the expressed issues by the public were population increases, threats to property rights, roadside aesthetics, affordable housing, costs of infrastructure, present citizens versus future citizens, local decisions versus county-wide decisions and control

and overall strains to the county government programs and budget.

Thal said the population growth percentages from the 2000 Census can be deceptive, because the actual population numbers are not so big. He also said there are many myths about growth, especially urban sprawl and smart growth. He said research has found that it is not true that urban sprawl leads to urban blight and congestion. "Smart growth puts more people in already high density areas," Thal said. "Yet the highest polluted areas are the big cities. The definition of urban sprawl is not appropriate to Lincoln County."

Thal said the county already has regulations and a variety of existing citizens committees to oversee the rules and regulations. "This county commission already handles land use on a case by case basis," Thal said.

Other existing plans and regulations are property contract agreements (which include covenants, restrictions, conservation easements, homeowners associations), the Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance, CLUP, ordinances for litter, solid waste and nuisances, building and landscaping codes, water rights, soil and water conservation, extra-territorial zoning, historic preservation ordinance and

market forces that reflect the real estate market values.

"There is no need for county wide regulations called zoning when you do not have growth," Thal added. "The Subdivision Act goes a long way in addressing concerns about growth."

In specifically addressing the CLUP, Thal said it addresses several issues. He said the intent of the CLUP was to get governmental agencies to coordinate for the good of the county, including growth management. He said while drafting the CLUP the intent was also to acknowledge civil rights and property rights. "The Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) is a guide for direction," Thal said. "If you want to keep out of court and legal battles, then you better recognize the protection of property rights."

The CLUP also addresses custom and culture which often deals with problems with "common law." "Law books nor zoning will not solve problems," he added.

As for zoning, he said there are many different types of growth regulations; performance zoning, the Euclidian zoning such as commercial, residential, etc., transferable development rights regulations, impact and user fees and scenic byways.

Finally Thal got to the costs to implement a zoning regulation. He estimated the total cost to implement zoning to be \$365,000 to \$800,000, and the annual cost to administer and operate the zoning to be \$153,000 to \$300,000 a year.

Along with the actual dollar costs are the social costs. Thal said the cost to administer the planning office and zoning program will require increasing county taxes, or cutting of other county programs. In addition there will be the increased costs of litigation. In addition there are the social costs associated with the loss of property rights and the loss of affordable housing.

Thal said the market forces in the Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs areas will correct inefficiencies in land use planning. "The market forces will correct those unsightly warts," Thal said.

As for aesthetic values versus property rights, Thal said this is an ongoing de-

bate and is not about health, safety and welfare. "The problem is in the definition of welfare," Thal said. "Zoning is circumventing property rights under the guise of welfare for all."

"It's welfare for people who invested in a shopping center," Thal added which brought some applause from the audience.

"The political cost of zoning has to be weighed," Thal said. "In the 70s we talked of the failures of the market place. By the 90s we saw the failures of government intervention into society."

After Thal completed his presentation, Charles Rennick, chair of the Lincoln County Planning Commission, said the Planning Commission does not have a petition calling for county zoning. Rennick said the planning commission has primary responsibility for reviewing and recommending proposed subdivisions. But the commission had been finding a great deal of discussions about concerns for unplanned growth in the county. Rennick said he called for the public hearings on planning in the airport area, which is undergoing great growth.

The county planning commission held three public hearings, during which they heard from many people in the Alto area. Rennick said many who spoke at the hearings were unable to attend the day time county commission meeting. Rennick said the outcome of the public hearings was a request to focus any growth planning along the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byways corridor of Highways 70, 380 and 48, and the airport road. "By the end of the third hearing we requested the county attorney advise us of our options to protect the byways and not address county wide zoning," Rennick said.

Rennick said the planning commission would like to invite Dr. Thal to speak on the CLUP and have Morel present at the meeting.

Wilson said the issue is very emotional and he questioned what aesthetics the county should protect. He said the county has ordinances and regulations to address questions. "I don't want to start another Lincoln County War over regulating sprawl and growth, and I don't want to extend the extraterritorial zoning idea further," Wilson said.

Rennick said the planning commission agrees there is no need for growth planning in the areas of the county where those issues are not present. Rennick said one reason to focus on the byways corridor is partly because of aesthetics, but mostly to look at how the land affects the tourism economy. Rennick defended his referral to the land use between Alamogordo and Tularosa as "blight". But Wilson said that was different topography, sand dunes not the "beautiful mountains." Rennick said he thought the sand dunes were beautiful.

Rennick said the county planning commission had no specific plan, rather was holding hearings for the public to be heard. He said when the county administered the ETZ nearly every issue was neighbor complaints after the fact. "This is time to be proactive to take care of problems before they become neighbor problems," Rennick said.

Rennick then said the planning commission wants to hold more hearings with Morel and Dr. Thal.

Wilson said the concept of just the byways loop and

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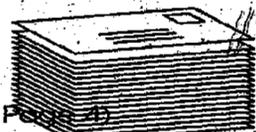
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Second we knew the complaint came from Mr. Fish and were not attempting to find out who had complained. Third, the reason we are wanting a clarification of this section of the ordinance is the fact that we live on 3 acres, in a subdivision which is very rural with no immediate neighbor like you would have in downtown Capitan or Carrizozo.

When we received the summons we were very frustrated that we had not received a warning and were issued a Criminal Summons for one instance of barking in a 6-week period. The barking was at 2:00 in the afternoon. Sammi does not bark to bark - she only barks when there is something or someone around that does not belong. We work very closely with our dog to prevent unwanted and unnecessary barking and do not allow her to bark for no reason. Furthermore, she does not go out after dark unless accompanied so does not add to the frequent nighttime barking in our neighborhood.

These are the reasons we requested a hearing at the village meeting and requested that they clarify the noise ordinance and what prolonged barking should constitute.

MARY BROTHERS
Capitan, New Mexico

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the airport road is "the foot in the door." He asked how the property owners along the loop were involved with the establishment of the byways loop. "And now we're threatening their property rights," Wilson said.

Rennick said he could not answer that and did not know the process that created the byways loop.

Ruidoso resident Tony Seno asked if anyone could own a view.

Rennick said he did not know, Rennick, an attorney, then had to leave for court before the discussions were over.

After Rennick left, county resident Ralph Romero disputed the comment that there is no petition for zoning. He said Rennick him-

self, at the second public hearing held in Ruidoso, suggested Lincoln County draw a petition and present it to the county commission. Romero said Rennick also told about the numbers of signatures needed for such a petition.

(At the planning commission meeting to which Romero referred, Rennick presented information on all options, including how a petition signed with 25 percent of the number of voters in the last governor's election could force the county to zone. Rennick told *THE NEWS* he was not advocating or supporting the zoning petition, rather he wanted the planning commission members to know all options for growth management.)

County commissioner Rick Simpson said the Hondo Valley is along the byways. He was concerned about maintaining the mix of small properties with large prosperously developed properties. "To impose restrictions on these people from an outside source,

they will not accept," Simpson said.

County citizen Gary Tausan, who had spoken at the planning meetings, said most people do not know the function of zoning. Also he said the amount of regulation with zoning is up to the people who implement it. "Lincoln County is impacted greatly by out of control growth," Tausan said. He said if the county had zoning it would have less road damage, and more road improvement. "Zoning is coming," Tausan said. "It's not something we have control over, so we need education on how to use it."

Wilson said the idea that day was to get the discussion on the table and identify needs. Tausan said the county should not "shut its eyes on zoning and what it can do for everyone, not just the elite, and how it can take care of all if it is looked at right."

Lester Hayes, from Otero County, said the estimated costs was a lot of money for a county the size of Lincoln to deal with. He recommended the county encourage deed restrictions and other options. "Just look at who is pushing for zoning," Hayes said. "Let the realtors pay for it." Hayes said zoning is a taking as it reduces rights. "And we need to be compensated for this loss," he added.

Carl Kelly, general contractor who lives in Lincoln County, said he has first hand experience in dealing with zoning in Ruidoso and the Ruidoso ETZ. "It is so messed up in Ruidoso and so far out of hand, that Ruidoso Downs will double in size as people move there."

"I don't want Ruidoso zoning or extraterritorial zoning under any circumstances," Kelly said.

Oscuro citizen Jerry Carroll related stories of zoning in Dallas which was why he and his wife left that city. "We need some planning for social growth," Carroll said. "Zoning is not it."

Carroll also said an irony of zoning is the city is immune from its own zoning regulations. "Blight has nothing to do with zoning," Carroll continued. "In some cases, zoning creates blight."

"Most can't fight city hall, and the same with the little people in Lincoln County," Carroll added. "I'd hate to seem them trampled for a view."

Ron Andrews from Ruidoso told of his experiences with the Ruidoso ETZ where he had property he would like to develop into an RV park. Despite such uses in the ETZ there are no specific listing for RV parks in the ETZ ordinance, so he was denied his request for conditional use variance for his RV park. "There is no perfect law," Andrews said.

Ken Nosker, a Hondo valley resident, said because Highway 70 is on the byways, property owners can no longer put up or rent a space for a sign. "We lost a private property right to rent property to put up a sign," Nosker said. He said the byways planning would just be a foot in the door for more regulations. "This is becoming an emotional issue at the property owners expense."

Maury St. John of Cedar Creek said any growth planning is not worth doing if it will change the very diversity of old and poor next to new and rich which she likes. "Keeping the diversity is important," she said.

Wilson said the roads issue needs to be taken up with the state highway commission and has nothing to do with zoning.

Barbara Willard, a Ruidoso realtor, said she had op-

portunity to sign a petition demanding zoning, but she refused to sign. "I believe in long term planning and growth," Willard said. "I somewhat believe in zoning, but I would like to see a comprehensive plan." She said it is now hard to represent property to buyers when everyone is unsure of what will happen.

After more discussion, Morel said he would take the blame because he put the item on the agenda. He said the issues need to be addressed by the county commission. "You need to

know what is coming," Morel said. "Twenty five percent can force zoning, and the byways planning without unanimous vote is not an option."

County commissioner Ray Nunley said he would prefer they direct the planning commission to put its energies into planning and not zoning.

Wilson said he wanted the planning commission to continue to review and recommend changes to the county subdivision ordinance.

Commentary by Doris Cherry

Commission Meetings Are Much Too Long

The meetings of the Lincoln County Commission are too long.

Commissioners, who make an average \$1,200 a month to serve as our county elected representatives, have only one regular meeting a month.

Consistently, these once a month regular meetings have an average of 35 agenda items, some of which are highly controversial and have a lot of discussion. These very long agendas lead to very long meetings. At the last regular county commission meeting, on April 19, commissioners went well past 5 p.m. to finish their business which they started at 9 a.m.

This reporter has over the years asked the county commissioners to meet twice a month. Over the years they have consistently denied this request.

This reporter believes the commission needs to meet twice a month. They could hold their first meeting on the morning of the first Thursday of each month in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to conduct business that requires county staff to be on hand to answer questions and provide documentation. This day time meeting could be limited to a four hour morning session, unless it is a budget or other type workshop that could extend into the afternoon.

The second meeting of the month could be held on the third Thursday of each month, in the evening starting at 7 p.m. This could be reserved for public hearings on proposed ordinances and for discussion on controversial issues or vital information that might affect county residents and property owners. The commission could chose to hold some of these night meetings in other areas of the county, especially for issues that affect particular areas.

County commissioners are about the only people this reporter knows who make more than \$1,000 for their one day of public meeting work. Granted, commissioners do other county business other days, such as signing checks and meeting with their constituents.

But an eight-hour plus meeting is too long. It is a disservice to the citizens and property owners of Lincoln County. Except for the public hearings, which are publicized at a specific hour, people who attend commission meetings have no real idea when commissioners will get to a specific agenda item. Commissioners do not always stick to the order of items on the agenda, sometimes they hop around to items because someone is from out of town, or someone must get back to a business or whatever.

It seems the commissioners are more willing to accommodate those other interests more than their own county citizens who cannot attend meetings during the day.

If one meeting a month was held at night more people, especially those who live outside of Carrizozo, would have better opportunity to attend. As it is now, people who live outside of Carrizozo who want to address the county commission must stay for the entire meeting because of the uncertainty of when the board will get to certain agenda items. This requires an entire day devoted to being away from business and work.

This once a month arrangement also results in numerous special meetings.

Commissioners receive a salary to act as our county representatives. They need to earn this money fairly by providing their public meetings in a forum that is more accessible to more of our county citizens. By having two meetings a month, one of which is at night, commissioners would open a wider opportunity for the citizens to participate directly in county government.

Commissioners, go to two meetings a month, and stop these counterproductive and excessively long once a month meetings.

Editor's Note: The opinions voiced in the above article are those of reporter Doris Cherry and do not reflect the opinions of *The NEWS*.

County commission meetings many years ago were held every third Tuesday, which might seem a difficult schedule to follow but there were few complaints. Those meetings started at 10:00 a.m. and seldom lasted longer than noon. The same amount of business was conducted as is now, with much less dissension and controversy.

The main advantage of the meetings being held every third Tuesday was that county business could be conducted efficiently without a substantial list of items that had been waiting a month.

Another advantage of the meetings being held every third Tuesday was the meetings lasted usually only two hours and the public as well as the commission did not get extremely tired from an all-day sit-a-thon during the commission meeting.

When the county commission began evening meetings in 1989 we noticed that fewer people attended the evening meetings and many items had to be tabled because necessary information was not available because county offices were closed. We definitely did not like evening meetings.

It would be nice if the commission meetings did not last as long as they do now. There must be a compromise. County business is OUR business and should be conducted when it is convenient for us, not for a select few.

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Capitan Teacher Shanks Is Golden Apple Recipient

by DORIS CHERRY

Capitan Second Grade Teacher Mary Shanks is one of five New Mexico teachers to be named as a Golden Apple Fellow of 2001. Mrs. Shanks and the other four recipients will be honored at the Golden Apple Awards Ceremony on May 12. The ceremony will be broadcast live by KNME public television Channel 5 from Albuquerque and on KENW public television Channel 3 from Portales.

Capitan elementary principal Dick Clevenger announced the honor at the Capitan Board of Education meeting on April 12 and introduced Marty Wilson, executive director of the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico. Wilson told board members about the Golden Apple Award which is presented each year to five teachers statewide who exemplify the best of the best in New Mexico public and private schools. The award includes a semester sabbatical for advanced study, a stipend, a donated computer, and membership in the Golden Apple Academy. Wilson also said the foundation rotates the award to the various school levels each year, such as next year will be for middle school teachers and the next for high school teachers.

Wilson said more than 300 elementary teachers statewide applied for the award this year. She said she visited 18 school districts to observe the applicant teacher in the classroom and to narrow the 18 finalists to the five winner teachers. Wilson read from Shanks' application on her strengths as a teacher. Some of Shanks' comments on her application included her ability to recognize each student as an individual and her ability to give students a sense of community and pride in themselves.

After the Golden Apple Award presentation, the school board welcomed Jim Stoddard from the Joan

Dale and R.D. Hubbard Education Foundation. Stoddard presented an \$8,000 grant from the Foundation to the Capitan Elementary School accelerated reading program. Elementary student Kanisha Zamora accepted the check on behalf of the elementary school. This is the third year the elementary school has received the \$8,000 grant for its reading program, which has enabled the school to purchase many books and other reading materials.

The school board proclaimed the week of April 17-20 as Blue Ribbon/Stamp Out Violence Week on behalf of the Capitan elementary and middle school student mediator programs. Each day was designated with a different activity, such as wearing sandals, sunglasses and caps, to signify a stand against violence. Student mediators presented blue ribbons to the board.

The board also hired certified staff for the 2001-02 school year. Elementary staff rehired are Betty Adcock, Kathy Bush, Wayne

Ellison, Stacey Hall, Leecha LaMay, Jason Hightower, Cindy Jackson, Ruby Johnson, Laura Jones, Tiffany Menik, Susan Owings, Betsy Peralta, Tamra Rice, Mary Shanks, Sandra Silva, Sandra Slaton, Sydney Tregembo, Linda Turnbow, Ginger Weems, James Weems. In the middle school, Michael Booty, Robin Cates, Linda Fuchs, Nancy Hall, Becky Schultz and Sandra Smith. In the high school Franci Bergener, Ric Berglund, Royce Brown, Nell Davis, Ed Davis, Grant Hambrick, Regina Lane, Marilyn McDaniel, Gerald Montes, Todd Proctor, Diane Riska, Mike Rogers, DuWayne Shaver, JoBeth Vinson, Frank Walston, Myrum Whitaker and Zale Woodward.

The school board accepted resignations effective the end of this school year from Debbie Anderson, Julian Romero, Sherri Cox, Sylvia Saldivar and Sandy Gilmore and effective April 24 Liz Montes. Also, the school board accepted the recommendation from the school superintendent. Diana

Billingsley to terminate the contract with teacher and coach Cindy Terry at the end of this school year.

During the comment period on the meeting agenda, parent Dick Dickerson said he thought Terry was set up for termination of Terry as a teacher and coach. Dickerson said this was another example of how Capitan Schools deals with academics. In another issue, Dickerson asked the board to make the high school year book class an elective that can receive four years of credit. Currently year book can be an elective credit for two years. He said his daughter would like to continue with year book as an elective credit. Dickerson asked high school principal Darrel Stierwalt why year book was only two credits when athletics get elective credits each year.

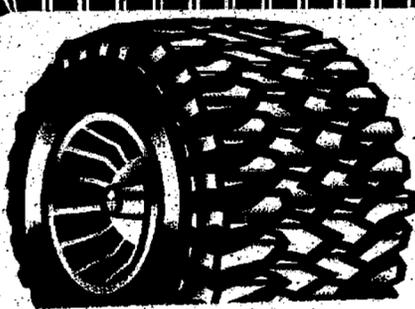
Stierwalt said four year electives must have a different curriculum each year. Then Dickerson asked how athletics change each year. "Is football or basketball different each year?"

Dickerson asked. Stierwalt said if yearbook does a four year curriculum it could

credits for each year. The school board also approved. (SEE PAGE 8)

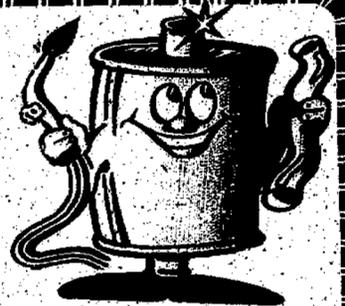


GOLDEN TEACHER. Capitan second grade teacher Mary Shanks (right) is congratulated by Marty Wilson executive director of the Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico during the Capitan School Board meeting on April 12. Wilson was at the meeting to announce that Shanks was one of five elementary teachers statewide selected for the Golden Apple Awards which will be presented at a ceremony in Albuquerque on May 12. That ceremony will be broadcast on public television out of Albuquerque and Portales.



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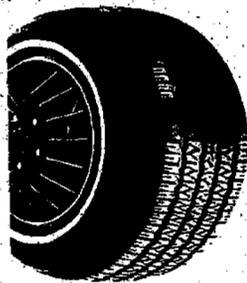


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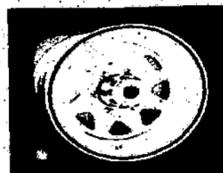
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OBITUARY

DOLA L. McMILLAN

Dola L. McMillan, 86, formerly of Alamogordo, died April 15 at Country Villa Wilshire Convalescent Hospital in Los Angeles.

Dola was born October 28, 1914 in Capitan, the eldest child of Ben and Lilly Mae (Burch) Leslie.

Survivors include a daughter, Gwendolyn Goad of Sun Valley, CA; two sons, Jerry Bonnell of Sun Valley, and Sherman McMillan of California; 11 grandchildren, numerous great and great great grandchildren; a brother, Ben Leslie, Jr. of Capitan; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Beulah Kent, and a daughter, Louann Martin.

Funeral services were conducted April 20 in the Hamilton-O'Dell Chapel with Dr. Wylie E. "Buff" Hearn officiating.

"Buff" Hearn officiating. Interment will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Capitan Cemetery. Friends may call Friday from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Hamilton-Odell Funeral Home, 1334 N. Scenic Drive, Alamogordo.

Capitan Teacher

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proved changes to board policy Section 3: dealing with employee time compensation; Section 5 providing for fiscal management procedures; Section 7 adding new rules for bus driv-

ers and staff who transport students in smaller school vehicles; Section 9, free/reduced lunch program to comply with federal law changes; Section 10 adding golf and cross country to the nondiscrimination policy; Section 12 changing wording in the child abuse/neglect reporting; Section 13 cleaning up language on purchases and property including a requirement the superintendent sign off on all purchase orders and requisitions; Section 14 adding requirement to inventory all school property; Section 15 on communicable diseases moved to the student policy section; Section 17, Drug Free Schools and Communities incorporated into Section 16, Substance Abuse Policy & Procedures.

The board also:
 -Approved the 2002 European Spring Break Tour, which will cost \$2,000 for each junior and senior student who attends.
 -Authorized out of state travel for the Capitan FFA team to compete in the national FFA conference in Oklahoma City.
 -Accepted the Language Arts textbooks purchase recommendations from the elementary, middle school and high school language arts teachers. Examples of the textbooks can be viewed at the school administration building.

OBITUARY

ELSIE WILLIAMS

Graveside services for Elsie Williams, 79, of Capitan were April 23 at the Capitan Cemetery with Rev. Wayne Joyce officiating.

Mrs. Williams died April 20 in Ruidoso. She was born April 15, 1922 at Temple, TX, moved to Capitan in 1976 from Austin, TX and was a homemaker. She married Tommy Williams in 1963 at Austin.

She is survived by her husband Tommy of Capitan; a daughter, Darlene Gajusky of Freeport, TX; a brother, Glyn Sullivan of Lampas, TX; five granddaughters, five great granddaughters, six great grandsons, and was preceded in death by her son Lonnie Wilkinson.

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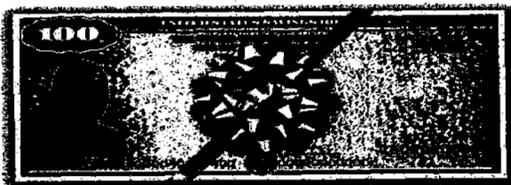
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3tp-April 26 & May 3 & 10

Email Message About Email Charges False

Email messages that urge people to vote no on Bill 602P are rumors.

Since 1999, email messages have been sent about "Federal Bill 602P" Five Cent per email sent surcharge, that supposedly would allow the federal government to charge five cents for each delivered email by billing Internet providers at source. Some email messages refer to "Congressional representative Tony Schnell (R)" who allegedly suggested a \$20-\$40 a month surcharge on all Internet Service. A quick search of congressional websites shows there is no congressional representative Tony Schnell.

Putting Federal Bill 602P in a search engine will bring up Congressman David Dreier's (California) website. The site tells if anyone receives one of these messages about Bill 602P, "please be assured that they are not true and do not forward them along.

This only perpetuates such false rumors."

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7tc/Apr. 5, 12, 19 & 26 and May 3, 10 & 17

VACANCY NOTICE

April 17, 2001

POSITION: Middle School / Math Teacher
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CONTRACT: As per 2001 - 2002 teacher salary schedule.

QUALIFICATIONS: Have or is eligible for New Mexico license. Ability to be a successful mentor. Excellent interpersonal skills.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until Filled. PROCEDURE: Call or write for application. Submit letter of interest, resume and application to:

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VACANCY NOTICE

April 21, 2001

POSITION: LIBRARIAN/MEDIA COORDINATOR (Secondary).

CONTRACT: As per 2001 - 2002 teacher salary schedule, plus 10 extended days.

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Increased Lease Cost

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He was against House Bill 322 that changed the state procurement code to exempt counties and municipalities that lease their hospitals. Martinez said his intent is to do what is best for the taxpayers. "This is a multi-million dollar building owned by the taxpayers of this county," Martinez said. "And PHS only gives back \$1 a year for the lease."

Martinez suggested the county sell the hospital and do the taxpayers a favor. "If we sell the hospital we can pay off the jail," he added. "I'll be convinced \$1 a year lease is a good deal if we see a monthly loss."

Cattle Growers Scholarship Deadline May 15

Two scholarships will be awarded to New Mexico students by the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association at the Association's summer quarterly meeting June 14-16. Deadline for applying for the scholarships is May 15.

The \$1,500 Young Cattleman's Leadership Committee graduate scholarship is awarded to students with agricultural background who are pursuing a post-graduate degree in a non-typical agricultural field. Applicants must be residents of New Mexico and the award must be applied toward post-graduate studies.

For applications call 505-247-0584.

Asking for a monthly financial report from LCMC, Gibson said he already provides copies of the annual LCMC audit and if the hospital board approves it he will provide monthly financial reports.

Then Martinez raised the issue about having no county commissioner on the hospital board.

Wilson diverted the discussion back to the market appraisal. He asked what the appraisal will include. Gibson said PHS was willing to pay for the appraisal and had already gotten quotes from three independent appraisal companies. "You commissioners can pick your choice," Gibson added. Morel said the companies are huge firms from New York and other locations out of this state.

Gibson said their interpretation is the appraisal would include the bricks and mortar value plus the value of operational/cash flows from the business.

Nunley said to him it was not appropriate to charge for the business generated at the hospital.

Martinez agreed he was concerned about requiring the appraisal to include anything more than the value of the facility.

After some more discussion about the appraisal, county commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked why the commission was taking the initiative. "Why are we taking the initiative to act on an opinion from the AG's office?" Schwettmann asked. "Why should we spend money before we are told to?"

Wilson read from the state Hospital Funding Act that allows county commissions to determine the appropriate lease fees. Morel said his interpretation of that state law and the AG's opinion differ.

Martinez suggested the county "go back to the lobbyists" to clean up the state law further. He also said he wanted to go for a fair market value appraisal and charge a lease fee that will fulfill the DFA and AG requirements.

But Schwettmann made a

Africanized Bee Workshop May 2

The public is invited to a workshop on Africanized honeybees at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. The workshop is sponsored by the Lincoln County Family Community Educators.

Dr. Carol Sutherland, Extension Entomologist NMSU will be the speaker. She is the foremost authority on Africanized bees in New Mexico.

These aggressive bees have become a concern in New Mexico recently and bee attack resulted in the death of a Carlsbad woman last year.

Questions about the program can be directed to the Lincoln County Extension Office at 648-2311.

Individuals with disabilities in need of auxiliary aids or service to participate in the meeting, should call the extension office.

motion to table the requests on the issue until they are advised they must respond to a mandate by the appropriate state agency. Nunley seconded the motion. Morel said if the commission waits to pursue the appraisal, the county may be in for a lawsuit. When the vote was taken, Martinez voted no.

Then Nunley made a motion to ask Morel to further pursue the issue with DFA, "to keep us out of a lawsuit." Martinez seconded the motion, which got a slim majority yes vote from Nunley, Martinez and Wilson. Schwettmann and Simpson voted no.

County commissioners also heard from Carrizozo Health Clinic physician's assistant Ernie Gonzales who asked if the commission would delay for 90 days its request for proposals (rfp) on the lease of the county health clinics. Gonzales said the clinic employees would like to become county employees, as it was years ago, so they would not have to respond to rfps every four years. "That would stabilize our personnel, because we have a good crew now," Gonzales said.

County commissioners voted unanimously to table the rfp.

County commissioners also authorized a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the county Indigent Health Care ordinance to include state changes to the health care provider definitions. The hearing will be held at the May county commission meeting.

LULAC State Convention In Ruidoso April 27-29

Ruidoso will host the 2001 state convention for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) April 27-29.

LULAC members from all over the state will convene at Cree Meadows Country Club at 301 Country Club Road for the convention themed "Networking for Success."

The main guest speaker

will be Lynn Scarlett, recent presidential appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are on sale at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Founded in 1929, LULAC is the oldest Hispanic civil rights organization in the U.S. New Mexico joined LULAC in 1933.

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