

State \$\$\$ Won't Fund Very Much

by Doris Cherry

Representatives of most of the local governments within Lincoln County presented their wish lists for state funding at a meeting January 3 that was attended only by Rep. Dub Williams, District 56.

Williams presided over the meeting held in the Lincoln County Commissioners chambers in the

Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo and arranged by Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) director Tony Elias as a way for the local governments to submit their funding requests prior to the start of the state legislature.

Elias said the forecast of funding available for capi-

tal projects is \$8 to \$15 million, with an expected billion dollars in requests.

(Editor's note: While the \$8-15 million available for capital projects is being predicted, an Associated Press report in the Tuesday Santa Fe New Mexican stated lawmakers will debate on whether to draw down the state reserves to five percent, or keep them at the current eight per-

cent. If the five percent draw down is approved it could result in \$173 million available for capital spending.)

Capital outlay appropriations are for "bricks and mortar" type projects, and cannot be used for salaries or operational costs of programs.

Representatives from the Village of Capitan, Town of Carrizozo, Village of Co-

rona, Hondo School District, Village of Ruidoso Downs, County of Lincoln, Village of Tularosa, and other organizations presented request packets to

Williams and Elias at the meeting January 3. State Senators Pete Campos and Dianna Duran had been invited but did not attend the meeting so Elias said he would submit the information to the proper senator.

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IN NEW DIGS Capitan Board of Trustees Debra Ingle, John Whitaker, Mayor Norm Renfro, trustees Leroy Montes and Benny Coker held their first meeting of 2002 in the new meeting room in the new Capitan Village hall addition on January 8. The old part of village hall are now offices for the water and street departments.

Capitan Approves Bird Watching Area

by Doris Cherry

Coming back with concept plans for a bird watching platform at the Capitan wetlands, the Lincoln County Birdwatchers Association gained village approval for the project.

During their meeting Tuesday, January 8 in their new meeting room in village hall, Capitan trustees approved concept plans for a bird watching area at the east end of the wetlands facility.

Richard Carlson, a landscape architect with the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, presented

concept plans for a parking area and bird watching platform. Carlson donated his time to draft the concept plan.

Anita Powell, president of the birdwatchers group, reminded trustees they had given their tentative approval for the watching area in March of 2001. At that time, trustees had directed the group to come back with plans. "Tonight we're here," Powell said.

Carlson showed his concept plans that feature a loop drive with four regular parking spaces and bus parking and one handicapped space next to the

raised viewing platform with railing. The parking and platform area would be fenced from the wetlands lake, with a gate at the highway entrance so the area could be closed off. Carlson said he hoped the area would become a benefit to the community by attracting bird watching visitors.

Village attorney Don Dutton suggested the village notify its insurance carrier to find out if there will be any additional liabilities with the area. "There is an exception in the state tort claims act for impounding

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Cynthia Morales Resigns As Carrizozo Town Trustee

by JEFF HAMMOND

A letter from Carrizozo Trustee Cynthia Morales was read during the Tuesday night meeting of the town council. Morales stated in her letter that due to her recent marriage and subsequent move to Capitan it was "with the deepest regret" she found it necessary to resign her post as trustee for the Town of Carrizozo. Morales went on to say that during her time as trustee she has furthered her awareness of town functions, and has appreciated being a part of the decision making process of the town's direction now and

for the future. Morales signed the letter with her newly acquired married name Cynthia Morales Brazeal.

Trustee Eileen Lovelace asked the mayor if he was going to appoint someone to fill the position vacated by Morales. He replied that since elections were due in less than two months that he would just leave the position open and allow the voters to put in who they wanted.

Other business addressed by the council included a discussion and approval to revise the Infrastructure Capitol Improvements Plan (ICIP) for

2002. The revision included adding a proposal to assist the upgrading of the 911 emergency dispatch for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department (LCSD). Currently the LCSD dispatches emergency calls for Carrizozo emergency, fire and police services after regular business hours.

There was a discussion about costs of Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas.

Trustees approved a public hearing to adopt the new uniform traffic ordinance. No date was set.

Police chief Angelo Vega requested and received

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Candidates File For Municipal Offices

by Doris Cherry

The five municipalities in Lincoln County will have lively campaigns as many candidates filed on Tuesday, January 8 for the various municipal offices to be elected on March 5.

Municipal Election day - Tuesday, March 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day. Contact your respective municipal clerk for location of your voting poll.

Voter registration for the March 5 election closes at 5 p.m. February 5. Applications for absentee ballots can be obtained and submitted now through February 28. Absentee ballots will be mailed to applicants beginning January 29. In person early voting begins

February 13 and ends at 5 p.m. March 1.

Contact your municipal clerk for more information on voting and voter registration. Only individuals whose affidavits of voter registration show their physical address as being within the municipality are eligible to vote in the municipal elections.

Candidates who filed Tuesday, January 8 for the March 5 election

Capitan

Mayor for four year term, Debra L. Ingle (currently serving as trustee), Steven Sederwall and Norman C. Renfro (incumbent mayor).
Municipal Judge for four year term, Jack E. Johnson (incumbent), Tennie M. Swanner, Carrol A. Durbin,

Lilly M. Wood, Michael R. Chowning, Cynthia A. Brazeal.

Two trustee positions for four year terms: Donald L. Brothers, Benny Coker (incumbent), George W. Tippin (the younger), Julia Cano, Henry Gallegos Cobos, Bobbi S. Shearer, Joel Crossano, Alex D. Trujillo, Richard Hall, and Ronnie Montes.

Carrizozo

Mayor for four year term, Gary Stout, Norman R. VanGorder, Glenn E. Mochel, and the incumbent mayor filed for the position.

Two trustees, four year terms: David LaFave, Eileen Martinez Lovelace (appointed trustee), Dennis J. Dunnum, Lloyd Nickerson, Richard H. Vega, LeeRoy Zamora.

Corona

Mayor for four year term; Gilbert Stewart (incumbent) and Alvin James.

Position 2 Trustee for four year term, Robert Burroughs (incumbent) unopposed.

Position 3 Trustee for four year term; Ernest D. (Danny) Lueras (incumbent) unopposed.

Position 4 Trustee for two year term; Marcus Johnson (incumbent) and Dickie Winchester.

Ruidoso

Mayor for four year term; Robert P. Donaldson (incumbent), E. Leon Eggleston (currently serving council term).

Municipal Judge for four year term; Michael S. Line, incumbent, unopposed for the second time.

Three councilors, each with four year terms; L. Ray Nunley (currently a county commissioner at term limits), Jules B. Videau, Ronald D. Harde-man, Bill G. Chance (incumbent), Deborah Marcum-Byars.

Ruidoso Downs

Two trustees each with four year terms: Bonnie B. Richardson (incumbent), Jacqueline M. Branum, Rene G. Olivo, Margie R. Morales (incumbent).

One trustee with two year term; Susan J. Garrett (incumbent), Camille Johnson.

The Fort Stanton Report Available

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart has finally received a copy of the Kells and Craig Fort Stanton Report.

Stewart told *THE NEWS* he received the copy on Wednesday, although he had requested it from the Property Control Division of the state General Services Department before the holidays. The copy of the study is available for

viewing at his office during regular business hours in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

In a quick review, Stewart said the preferred use options for Fort Stanton as identified in the study are a "Public Mixed Use" and a "Public Trust."

"The most preferred option is to have the state

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ASKING FOR STATE MONEY. Village of Ruidoso Downs Administrator John Waters (right) and village clerk Carol Virden submit their requests for state legislative funding at a meeting held with Rep. Dub Williams on January 3, in the Lincoln County Commissioners chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

State \$\$\$ Won't Fund

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Most of the local governments had at least one appropriation request to re-submit. Several projects had been approved for funding in the 2001 legislature, but were vetoed by the governor who did not get his desired tax cuts.

Williams gave a brief report on the state legislative redistricting, which was going to court on January 7 in Albuquerque. Williams said the proposal that went to court would split Lincoln County into three state representative dis-

tricts. "I am frustrated the legislature couldn't do its job," Williams said of the failure of the special legislative session to produce new districts acceptable to the governor.

"You can point your fingers," Williams said. "Now the courts will get it done."

Under the redistricting proposal being considered in district court in Albuquerque, the current District 56 will represent only a small portion of Lincoln and Otero Counties, the other two districts would

be Districts 57 and 59, both of which include the northern areas of Roswell and Chaves County. As for the senate district, the current District 8, represented by Pete Campos, will be moved north out of Lincoln County. Instead, Lincoln County will be split between Districts 33 and District 42. Currently District 33 is held by Sen. Rod Adair, Republican, also from Roswell. (Sen. Adair was hired by the Lincoln County Commission to formulate the new county commission districts.) District 42 is now held by Sen. Shirley Bailey, Republican, from Hobbs.

"There will be no opportunity for Lincoln County as you had in the past," Elias said. "The elected officials' major concerns will be where the voters are in Roswell and Hobbs."

Redistricting is a major challenge every year to adjust district boundaries to a changing population. The Governor, Gov. Jeff Guadalupe, has asked the Legislature to hold a special session to deal with the issue. The Public Population Commission is currently working on the proposal. The Legislature is expected to meet in the coming months to deal with the proposal. The commission is expected to meet in the coming months to deal with the proposal.

Judge Allen said the districts as they are now could never present a united front.

And by the time the legislative session ends, the candidates will come knocking at your door," Elias added.

Elias praised Williams for being one of the most effective legislators in Santa Fe, who is highly respected by members of both parties. "It is a pleasure to work with Rep. Williams, and call him my friend," Elias added.

After the reports, Williams and Elias discussed the status of state funding. Elias said the proposed state budget is flat, with no increases proposed in any

departments. Williams said the funding for capital outlay projects is down because severance tax revenues from the oil and gas and mining industries are down. Project appropriations are funded from the general fund, and bonds sold on the severance tax revenues.

Trying to keep a realistic picture, Elias said he expects the governor to veto capital outlay appropriations again this year. However, he recommended local governments submit their most needed and top priority projects for funding.

Williams said most of the projects requested in his district are for basic needs, such as water and sewer systems, which most small communities cannot afford.

Village of Capitan, represented by mayor Norman Renfro, village clerk Kathryn Griffin and volunteer project scientist Dr. Bernhard Remmann requested their 2001 project for \$300,000 for the wetlands wastewater treatment facility be resubmitted in 2002 at the same amount. Remmann presented information about the needs for an additional trench and wastewater screen to improve efficiency.

Capitan also requested \$25,000 which will go to support the 911 emergency system operated by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Village police are dispatched from the sheriff's office. The last request for Capitan was \$392,000 to chip seal about six miles of subdivision roads that are school bus routes. Renfro said the chip sealing is a health and safety issue because of the dust now generated on the gravel road.

Renfro said the village gets low gross receipt revenues because of the limited commercial business there. He said the village has also applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help with the wetlands funding.

Town of Carrizozo trustee Eileen Lovelace and town

clerk Lecann Wiebrecht presented the town's request for \$500,000 to continue the next phase of the town wastewater treatment facility upgrade, estimated to cost about \$1.2 million. Wiebrecht said the town has applied for a New Mexico Finance Authority loan for the wastewater treatment project. She said the \$500,000 would help with the project. Wiebrecht said the wastewater facility upgrade is the town's top priority, needed to put the town wastewater facility back into compliance.

Next Carrizozo requested \$250,000 to renovate town hall, a 20 year old building with no back exit. Carrizozo police chief Angelo Vega also made a request on behalf of the Lincoln County Sheriff's 911 emergency dispatch center, which provides dispatch services for the town.

Williams asked Lovelace how the town is doing with water. Lovelace said the town's water situation is "excellent."

Williams also said he hoped to put upgrades to Highway 54 close to the top of his priority list, because of the dangerous condition of the highway between Tularosa and through Lincoln County.

Village of Corona clerk Cathy Perez requested the \$100,000 appropriation for water system upgrades vetoed last year be again requested. She said the village needs additional storage to better utilize a well donated by the El Paso Natural Gas Company. Perez commended Williams for his "excellent job for Corona and the Corona Schools."

Hondo Valley School District was represented by school superintendent John McCallum. He requested funding to relocate the current campus entrance and driveway and playground, to coordinate with improvements to Highway 70. He also made a request, on behalf of the Hondo Valley Schools Board of Education, for funding for a multi-purpose field and track.

Village of Ruidoso Downs village administrator John Waters and clerk Carol Virden presented requests for \$250,000 for Phase 1 of a multi-phase \$1.03 million upgrade to the village water system and \$75,000 to recoat the metal water reservoirs. When asked by Williams, Waters said the Village of Ruidoso Downs is in need of additional 143 acre feet of water rights over the next 40 years.

Lincoln County was represented by county manager Tom Stewart who reflected the average salary of a county employee is \$21,571 and a state employee is \$31,570.

Other organizations represented were High Sierra Water Association requesting \$96,000 to finish a water system improvement for 33 permanent residences, and to install fire hydrants for fire safety.

Dr. Jim Miller from Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Learning Center requested \$140,000 to re-roof the ENMU-Ruidoso building on Mechem Drive.

Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. requested reconsideration of the proposal to eliminate the second magistrate judge division in the county. Judge Dean said his division one court alone generated \$128,270 last fiscal year, with \$55,251 generated since July 1, 2001. He said he



Unusually mild temperatures this week ushered in with westerly breezes brought a thaw to Lincoln County with very warm days on Monday and Tuesday. High thin clouds moved into the county Wednesday, lowering temperatures in advance of another storm that could leave snow in the higher elevations today, Thursday, January 10.

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, January 10:

Partly cloudy to cloudy and much cooler. Slight chance of showers. Winds becoming northeast 10-20 miles per hour with gusts up to 30 miles per hour through the passes. High in Carrizozo of 53. Chance for precipitation 10 percent. Tonight cloudy, and colder with a chance for snow showers. Low of 20.

Friday, January 11: Decreasing cloudiness with high of 53, low in the high 20s.

Saturday to Tuesday, January 12 to 15:

Clear to partly cloudy. Breezy at times. Highs to 60, lows to 30.

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

Today, Thursday, January 10:

Partly cloudy to cloudy and much cooler. Slight chance of mountain snow showers. Winds becoming northeast 10 to 20 miles per hour with gusts to 30 miles per hour through the passes. High in Ruidoso of 45. Tonight cloudy and colder with chance of snow showers. Low of 19. Chance for precipitation 20 percent.

Friday, January 11: Decreasing cloudiness with highs from 43, lows in the teens.

Saturday to Tuesday, January 12 to 15:

Clear to partly cloudy. Breezy at times. Highs mid-40s to 50s. Lows teens to 20s.

Carrizozo School Receives Discount On Internet Service

Carrizozo Municipal Schools are among five districts in the state to receive discounts on their Internet service from the federal E-Rate program.

According to a press release from U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, Carrizozo Schools will receive \$18,878 in discounts for its Internet service. The E-Rate program was created as part of the 1996 Telecommunications Act to enable schools and libraries to find the ongoing costs of providing Internet service.

The funds provide discounts of 40 to 90 percent on telecommunication service, Internet access and internal connections. The money comes from the Universal Service Fund, an account supported by payments from telecommunications service providers. This same fund enabled the creation of a national telephone network in the early 20th century.

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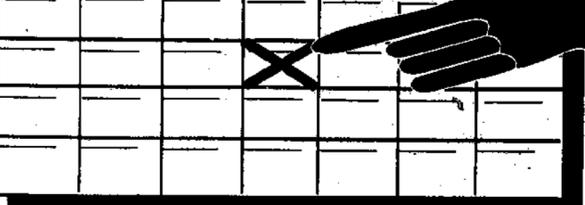
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FIRST MONDAYS
 --Republican Party of Lincoln County. Call 354-4230 for time and locations.

SECOND MONDAYS
 --Kairos Outside and Emmams Community meeting, 6:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Parsonage on E. Ave. Carrizozo.

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.

WEDNESDAYS
 --AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo for children three years old through sixth grade.
 --AWAMA club meeting 6-8 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo for children in grades 7 and 8.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS
 --Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 --Pre-school reading for infants, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
 --Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. administration building.
 --Corona Village Trustees 7 p.m.
 --Capitan v. Carrizozo in girls and boys basketball, starting at 4 p.m. at Capitan High School.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
 --Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District board of directors annual meeting, 10 a.m. ENMU-Roswell Campus Union Bldg. in Roswell.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
 --Democratic Party of Lincoln County, "Second Saturday" meeting, 11 a.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso. Order from the menu.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14
 --Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee 5 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
 --Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zone Authority 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15
 --Carrizozo Action Team, 9 a.m. NRCS offices on Central Ave.
 --Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board of directors 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs. Public is invited.
 --Ruidoso Planning and Zoning commission 2 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
 --Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. school library.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16
 --Food commodities for seniors and children under five, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Carrizozo City Hall conference room.
 --Ruidoso Business Regulatory Task Force, 12 noon Ruidoso Village Hall.
 --Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
 --Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas board of directors meeting, 6 p.m. CCNG office in Capitan.
 --Lincoln County Fair Association board 7 p.m. Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17
 --Lincoln County Commissioners 8 a.m. commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 --Food commodities for seniors and children under five, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carrizozo City Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21
 --Most public offices closed Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

JANUARY 30
 --Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee meets 10 a.m. Watson House in Lincoln.



Cynthia Morales Resigns (Continued From Page 1)

approval for the addition of extra hours, making the animal control officer a full-time position. A new job description for the animal control officer, Ted Zamora, was also approved. The duties now include Zamora attending the planning and zoning meetings to coordinate with code enforcement ordinances.

Vega stated in his letter to the council that Zamora has been employed since September 2000, and that Zamora has "more than fulfilled our expectations as the animal control officer as the position specified" and "always has been a dedicated and loyal employee". Zamora not only handles his duties of animal control, but is willing to help with building maintenance of the police department complex, kennel maintenance, grounds maintenance, auto maintenance, Christmas decorating and clean up day, and whatever other tasks he is called upon to perform.

Vega also said police officer Eddie O'Brien failed the Riddie portion at the police academy.

The council tabled approval for the final design plans for city hall, and for the airport. The plans for city hall have been ongoing for three years, and the action plan for the airport six to seven years.

Jack Ward asked trustees to consider leasing the 12 acres on Highway 380 west by Means Motors. Ward stated that he owns the property next to Means Motors, and that he would like to lease the 12 acres as a storage unit for his log business. Ward cuts trees to be used in rough cut lumber, and strips the bark off of some for resale as vigas, the natural wood beams used in construction of southwestern style homes. Trustees approved a five year lease, with no amount announced, with the stipulation requested by Ward that he be allowed first option to renew the lease at no more than three times the proposed original amount. The site has been used in the past by Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) as a roll-off dumpster and collection site, and for baling old tires, and that there are still white goods (refrigerators, stoves, appliances and various pieces of furniture) that needed to be hauled off. Ward said that he has been in contact with Debra Ingle of LCSWA, and that if he receives the lease that LCSWA will provide roll-off dumpsters to be placed, and the remainder of the white goods will be loaded by Ward's workers into the dumpsters, and LCSWA will haul off the dumpsters when they are filled.

Approved was a request for the town lodger's tax money to be used to pay the water and telephone bills for the Caboose. The chamber had previously been paying those bills.

Air Force NEWS

Air Force Senior Airman Peter W.E. Hegre IV graduated from Airman Leadership School at Cannon Air Force Base at Clovis. Hegre's wife Kamme, is the daughter of Jim and Stephany Jensen of Ruidoso.

Resolutions were approved for the town to apply for funding from the New Mexico Finance Authority for the waste water treatment plant and the water system.

Three renewal business registrations and one new business registration were approved.

Also approved was a joint powers agreement/resolution allowing the town to provide billing and collection of trash removal services by LCSWA for the town's trash pickup. The town will receive 10 cents per billing.

Near the end of the meeting town clerk Leann Wehbrecht read the names of the persons who had filed candidacy for the mayor's and the two trustee positions coming up for election in March.

For the mayor position the following people filed: Glenn Mochel, Norman Van Gorder, and Gary Stout. The current mayor also filed for the position. Candidates for the two trustee positions: appointee Eileen Lovelace, Dennis Eilenum, LeRoy Zamora, Dave LaFave, Richard Vega and Lloyd Nickerson.

No action was taken after executive session

The Fort Stanton (Cont From Page 1)

keep Fort Stanton," Stewart said.

The study estimates it will cost \$22,698,185 in a two phase project with the first to do remedial repairs to prevent further decay, new utility infrastructure, site development and landscaping and phase 2 adaptive reuse development of buildings. Phase 1 is estimated to cost \$9,265,170 and phase 2 estimate is \$13,433,015.

The study states, "Restoration will be considerably more expensive than adaptive re-use." Stricter restoration could raise the estimated costs.

Recommended further actions in the study are as follows:

--Institute a program of immediate stabilization repairs to the buildings to limit further preventable deterioration.

--Continue to occupy and utilize the buildings to the greatest extent possible until a reuse plan is adopted, including having residents on site. Maintain an adequate maintenance staff.

--Undertake a second-phase study to determine the potential levels of support and visitation that could be expected to sustain a multi-use cultural and recreational use of Fort Stanton.

--Designate a lead agency in State Government to take the role of developing and implementing potential uses and programs at Fort Stanton. Because the General Services Division's responsibilities are directed solely towards providing and maintaining facilities, it is essential that a lead agency be designated to take the role of the "client" or "user agency."

--Formally identify and contact all entities that might become involved in the project at the state, federal, local and tribal government levels. Deter-

concerning the requests from Margaret LaBelle and Rosemary Gallegos, town employees for salary increases.

Also tabled was the discussion and possible approval of the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) bid process.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Ask questions before voting

By Ruth Hammond

We encourage everyone to try to get informed about the issues before voting in the municipal elections that will be held March 5. Don't assume that any candidate will do what you believe to be right. Ask questions and insist on getting answers. Candidates should be willing to talk to each and every voter. Candidates should be honest when they answer questions. Candidates should be striving to do what is best for the community they will be serving, that is if they get elected. Yes, candidates should do all these things but it will be up to you to determine if they do their best as elected officials. The most important thing is to not take anything for granted. Ask candidates what their priorities will be, and get a definite answer, not double talk.

And as much as we all love elections, it can be stressful for voters as well as candidates. If you ask about paving or refinishing streets, don't be fooled by an answer about water. If you ask about snow removal, don't be fooled by an answer about sewage disposal systems. Any question you ask is important and should be answered, not shuffled aside as if it were trivial. Several years ago we asked a candidate whether he planned to retain a certain employee if elected. His answer started with how he wanted to do what was best, and how the entire team of elected officials had to work together to do what was best, and that he had high hopes for what they could accomplish. Not once did he refer to the employee, and we asked the question again before we got any kind of answer. His answer was what we expected, it was, "We will have to determine that later."

Considering that his responses were interesting, and that his responses could have been used for ANY question asked about anything, it made us realize that more people need to be careful when listening, especially to candidates and to elected officials. When former governor Toney Anaya visited Lincoln County umpteen years ago and was asked whether Fort Stanton would be closed, he talked about loyalty to state employees, dedication to do what was best for the residents of the state, and the importance of fiscal responsibility for continuing state government.

He never did answer the question but most people thought he did. His speech would have been sufficient for an answer to any question he was asked, whether it was about Fort Stanton or whether it was about building roads. When you ask a candidate a question, make certain your question is answered, not be a canned speech that would answer any question asked, about anything at any time.

Instead of voting for the "good old guy or gal" that you have known for years, make informed choices as to which candidates will do the best job. Don't consider whether the candidates are penguins or ostriches, because nationally has nothing to do with effective governmental decisions.

There are all kinds of arguments as to why you should vote for certain candidates but the only worthwhile reason is that the candidate of your choice will work to make your community a better place to live. Don't be fooled by double talk, ask questions, and listen to the answers they give.

Who will do the best job?

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estimated the Division 1 court operation is \$90,000 a year. "We're showing a profit," Dean said. Also, Dean said he sentences offenders to more than 600 hours of community services, especially in the senior citizens centers, with a value of about \$38,000.

Judge Dean also gave figures on how the two magistrate courts in Lincoln County had more than 4,600 pending cases last year. "I am asking you to mostly alert the representatives about the proposal to close one of our magistrate courts," Dean added. "One court is too tremendous of a load, and the county is too spread out and it would total up to injustice for the citizens and travelers in Lincoln County."

Elias said there is an awareness of the proposal to close magistrate courts, and there are concerns among legislators.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan made some requests for legislation—to prohibit the carrying of firearms, except by a certified law enforcement officer, in public meetings, and the second to update the existing state law that requires the sheriff to attend all county commission meetings and sessions of the district court. Sullivan's request is that language be changed to allow the sheriff to send a representative.

Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva made a request on behalf of the statewide assessor's affiliate to modify language in state laws

about industrial revenue bonds to include real property being subject to property tax. Also the assessor affiliates want changes to the disclosure laws that would require disclosure of real estate sales amounts, to help determine real estate values.

Collin Mulligan, chief of Glencoe Fire Department, requested the state consider providing health insurance to volunteer fire fighters in order to attract more and younger volunteers.

The Village of Tularosa requested help to release an old CDBG project so the village can complete the public safety facility. Their other requests were for the fire department building, little league field parking and senior center building.

Richie Sanchez Enlists in NM Air National Guard

The New Mexico Air National Guard 150th Fighter Wing announces the enlistment of Senior Airman Richie M. Sanchez of Capitan. SRA Sanchez will be an F-16 jet engine mechanic in the engine shop of the fighter wing. He is the son of Alfred Sanchez of Capitan.

Memorial Service For Peggy Holden Saturday, Jan. 12

Memorial services for Peggy Holden of Oscura will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 12, at the First Baptist Church of Carrizozo.

Mrs. Holden died January 8.



SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL
by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - Get ready for a world of hurt when the 2002 Legislature convenes next week. And it doesn't have anything to do with a blind-side attack from Manny Aragon or Gov. Gary Johnson's veto pen. The villain this time is a precipitous drop in state revenues caused by a steep decline in oil and gas prices and an economy that has fallen into recession. If you had any fantasies about a tax cut, a new community center in town or a step up in any state service, forget about it. The \$514 million in excess revenue lawmakers played with last year has shrunk to a projected \$8 million for next year.

Unfortunately, \$8 million won't begin to make a dent in normal growth demands of a \$4 billion budget, much less the skyrocketing costs of Medicaid and prisons. Gov. Johnson says we're going to stay within our income and budget for only a two-tenths of one percent increase next year.

The Legislative Finance Committee wants to spend some of our reserves plus some tobacco settlement money in order to finance a full one-percent increase of \$40 million dollars. A one-percent increase will come nowhere near meeting growth and inflationary pressures, to say nothing of the \$60 million more Medicaid is projected to cost next year or the \$15 million increase Gov. Johnson wants for the Corrections Department.

Get the picture? We're going to see massive cuts all over the place. We may see a few top-priority projects from that \$269 million pork bill Johnson vetoed last April because they can be financed with

general obligation bonds or severance tax bonds but there is no general fund surplus left over to finance the bulk of requests.

Many lawmakers, including Republicans, lament Johnson's veto of the pork bill because it would have financed construction projects around the state and pumped some money into the economy at a crucial time. The governor now says he won't hold those projects hostage until he gets a tax cut bill he likes, but he says he'll still line-item veto projects he doesn't like.

The \$107 million increase the state Board of Education has requested for public schools is dead in its tracks. Johnson says no new money for schools. The University of New Mexico's \$15 million requested increase will also be left in the starting blocks. Johnson wants to cut higher education appropriations.

Gov. Johnson is asking several of his cabinet departments to operate on two percent less money next year and he says his office will do the same. The one advantage Johnson has over his departments is that he can "borrow" employees from them to serve on his staff, with the cost still assessed to the department.

The governor is asking every department to limit its in-state travel and completely eliminate out-of-state travel unless it is essential for public health and safety. Some wags are wondering if that is a loophole for Johnson to fund the travel of his security detail when he flies around the country speaking about his drug ideas. Johnson charges his expenses to the

group that invites him, but taxpayers foot the bill for his security.

Medicaid will be an extremely hot topic this year. While the state was flush with money, the Democrat-led Legislature increased eligibility and services tremendously. According to a poverty-based formula, every dollar New Mexico spends on Medicaid is matched by about three dollars from the federal government. Gov. Johnson wants to cut \$50 million from Medicaid, which means another \$150 million that won't come in from the feds to the state medical community.

State and education employees can banish any ideas of raises from their minds, but they don't have to worry about falling behind employees in other states, because they are having similar problems, or worse. Over half the states had to go into special sessions last year to avoid year-end deficits.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



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Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You may feel like you're falling behind, you're not! You'll have to go around something that stands in your way! Keep a cool head, and it'll be good!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Your health is in question! Start the new year eating right! You will need all the brain power you can get! Sleep is another thing you need to do good!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) Too much lip service is going around! Listen to your spirit, not what others might say! You're changing very fast now, you can only keep up with Faith!

Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19) Ask yourself if what you're about to do, is right for just you, or for everyone in question! Look at the situation, sleep on it so you don't get burned!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Now is a good time to tell someone what you want them to know! Think it out first, talk from the heart! Don't expect anything except a clear mind!

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) You're on your way to a new life (if you want one!) The window of opportunity is open! But for how long? Don't assume you can come this way again!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) Someone might tell you one thing and mean a total different thing! Make sure you heard what they want you to know, not what you wanted to hear!

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) Sometimes others just don't get it! You will try to say things to make them understand, but your words go on closed ears! Love them with all your heart!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Watch out now! You may feel a feeling that you haven't felt in a long time! Could this be love? It's your call! Let the sun fill you with Love!

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You may hear from someone you have not talked to in awhile! Keep an open mind while hearing what they have to say, you might just learn something!

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You're getting no where fast! It's best to do it yourself! Keep your thoughts to yourself, then you won't have to explain to anyone how you feel!

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) Stop, think about where you'll end up in the next few weeks! Don't assume anyone will take care of you! You take care of you! Changes Ahead!

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Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch files in the Lincoln County Dispatch Office in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

January 1, 2002:
 12:03 a.m. roll over with no injuries on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. Deputy and state police responded.
 2:41 a.m. drunk/unruly. A family with kids staying in a lodge in the Alto area requested an officer for a drunk and unruly subject who couldn't be controlled. No weapons were involved. Deputy responded with state police backup.
 3:42 a.m. battery at location on Boothill Court, a female was beaten and thrown from a vehicle. Ruidoso Advance Life Support (RALS) ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
 6:47 a.m. brush fire, pine needles burning, at location east of Ruidoso Downs. Glencoe Fire Department responded with a water tanker.
 8 a.m. accident without injuries north of Carrizozo.
 9:20 a.m. trespassing on Forest Road 139 near White Oaks.
 9:29 a.m. hunters on Gavilan Canyon.
 10:25 a.m. vehicle fire on Sunny Loop. Bonito Fire Department responded, deputy evacuated neighbors.
 12:24 p.m. request for ambulance at location on 1st Street for patient having difficulty breathing. Carrizozo ambulance responded.
 1 p.m. explosives reported at some cabins.
 2:01 p.m. 911 cell phone report of accident with injuries on Highway 70. Glencoe Fire Department and RALS responded but the ambulance was refused.

2:09 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Screaming Eagle for patient with possible stroke. Ruidoso Med 3 ambulance responded but was refused.
 3:43 p.m. request for ambulance for ill male at location on Deer Park. Med 2 ambulance transported to LCMC.
 January 2:
 12:48 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Little Creek Road for possible heart attack patient. RALS transported to LCMC.
 1:15 a.m. burglary at condos in Alto.
 11:48 a.m. request for ambulance on Chaparral. Med 3 ambulance transported patient to LCMC.
 1 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police Department (RDPD) advised of a 16 year old juvenile runaway.
 1:05 p.m. deputy advised he made a warrant arrest at location on Vienna Terrace in Ruidoso.
 1:12 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for 14 year old with head injury. Med 3 transported to LCMC.
 1:38 p.m. deputy advised of a case of fraud in Hondo.
 2:08 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for patient with broken leg. Med 1 ambulance transported to LCMC.
 2:45 p.m. request for deputy as civil standby at house on Highway 54.
 4:35 p.m. request for ambulance at location in Angus for a 65 year old man who fell and broke his leg. Med 1 responded.
 10:50 p.m. fire on Highway 70, a tree was fully engulfed east of Ruidoso Downs. Deputy and Glencoe Fire Department responded.
 January 3:
 8:20 a.m. dogs at large in Valley Heights Subdivision.
 9:54 a.m. request for deputy to serve civil standby

at location on Dean Road.
 10:25 a.m. domestic disturbance at location on B. Ave. Deputy responded.
 1:30 p.m. harassment at ranch west of Carrizozo. Caller advised of an ongoing problem with a nearby neighbor, who that day accused the caller's children of phone harassment. The caller advised he had discussed the situation with a deputy, but did not know if a report was completed. The assigned deputy was given a copy of the report.
 1:12 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 4:11 p.m. illegal parking, cars blocking the roadway, in Agua Fria.
 5:59 p.m. suspicious vehicle in upper Gavilan.
 6:31 p.m. dumpster fire on Cedar Creek Road. Bonito Fire Department responded.
 January 4:
 4:55 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Franklin Street for man who fell. Corona ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.
 7:03 a.m. hot spot from previous fire at the location east of Ruidoso Downs. Glencoe Fire Department responded.
 7:16 a.m. a caller reported harassment in Ruidoso. The caller advised that a drunken man showed a badge and was making verbal profanity about a county commissioner. Deputy responded.
 12:25 p.m. request for ambulance to make patient transfer from the residence on 12th Street to the hospital in Roswell. Carrizozo ambulance responded.
 1:35 p.m. state employee reported breaking and entering at Fort Stanton. Deputy responded.
 1:36 p.m. request for ambulance. Corona ambulance transported to LCMC.
 January 5:
 6:55 a.m. Capitan police request agency assistance with two break-ins in Capitan. Deputy responded. Capitan police are continuing the investigation into the break ins at two village business establishments.
 9:19 a.m. funeral home advised of an unattended death at residence in Enchanted Forest.
 12:02 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski run for 35 year old male with knee injury and possible fracture. RALS responded.
 1:05 p.m. business owner reported larceny in Capitan. Deputy assigned.
 1:39 p.m. RALS requested traffic stop on the Ski Run Road. Deputy responded.
 2:22 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Brentwood for diabetic patient. Med 1 transported to LCMC.
 7:28 p.m. harassment at Corona school grounds. The caller advised that three small subjects were harassing his wife with foul mouths. The responding deputy advised he met with the three males.
 7:30 p.m. suspicious vehicle on Blue Bell Lane. The responding deputy advised the vehicle with elderly passengers was stuck and he was going to assist them.
 9:33 p.m. fire embers reported at guest ranch in the Sun Valley area. Bonito Fire Department was notified.
 January 6:
 10:27 a.m. deputy advised he was going to do a civil

standby.

5:42 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Lava Loop. The caller hung up, and dispatch called back. The woman said she had been burgled on the face with a lighter. Carrizozo ambulance responded but was refused.

10:10 p.m. request to talk to deputy about a breaking and entering in Corona.

January 7:
 1:38 a.m. request for ambulance for 60 year old diabetic female. Capitan ambulance responded but was refused.

2:21 a.m. RDPD request for assistance for caller on E002 who reported that a neighbor plays loud music late at night.

Carrizozo Senior Center Adopts School Closure Policy

During inclement weather situations which cause Carrizozo Municipal Schools to be delayed, or to be closed, the Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center will also delay or close.

When stormy weather occurs, seniors need to tune into the local radio or TV stations to find out about delays and closures. Seniors can call the center at 648-2121 and talk with LeeRoy Zamora Jr. about this policy.

Zia Senior Citizens Centers will be closed on Monday, January 21 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Scholarships Available

Applications for an ENMR-Plateau Telecommunications Education Foundation scholarship are now available to eligible seniors who will attend college in the 2002-2003 academic year.

Scholarship winners will be introduced at the ENMR-Plateau Telecommunications Cooperative annual membership meeting in Ft. Sumner on April 20.

Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Eligible students must be in the immediate family, or a dependent of, an active

ENMR Cooperative member who is receiving land-line telephone service from the cooperative. Cellular phone service does not qualify for scholarship eligibility.

Students must have at least a 2.6 grade point average, two letters of recommendation, and a hand written essay.

Applications are available at the Corona High School guidance office, or on the web at www.enmr.com or by calling 505-389-4241.

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Court Calendar

12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT DIVISION III

District Court Calendar for the week of January 7, for District Judge Karen L. Parsons, whose courtroom is located in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Monday, January 7:
 8:15 a.m. Foley v. Vigil; CV-2001-82 (Rupp/C.Hawthorne) (Motion to dismiss).
 9 a.m. SNM v. Ronald Stephens; CR-2001-86 (Thompson/Mitchell) (Fugitive complaint).
 1 p.m. SNM v. Wayne Flanagan; cR-99-121 (Thompson/Rafkin) (motions).
 Tuesday, January 8:
 8:30 a.m. Bedrock v. Warren; CV-2001-149 (Joynes/D. Overstreet) (schedule conference).
 3 p.m. JQ-2001-06 (custody hearing).
 Wednesday, January 9:
 Judge Parsons attends Children's Law Institute in Albuquerque for the remainder of the week. Judge Darrell Brantley will hear cases.
 10 a.m. Nancy Adams v. Mark Steen; DV-2001-114 (two hours).
 1 p.m. Laurel McKenna v. Shane Watts DV-00-122.
 1:30 p.m. Robin Hall v. Shane Garner; DV-2002-01.
 Friday, January 11:
 12 p.m. Tribal consortium.

UNGLUED By Clint Harmon

It was ironic indeed, that Ed should...

...run into two old flames in the same day!

Church Directory

MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
 BILL SEBRING, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

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

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
 648-2988 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/B)

JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
 Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186
 Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 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.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANDON JOHN PENN, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 1-505-257-2358
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church

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

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2846
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on
 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:
 Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)
 514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 335-4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 AWANA Sunday 4:00-6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

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Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler
Stearns Insurance Agency



SWEETLY THANKFUL. Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to Susan Lockhart for providing baked goodies to county commission meetings.

plaque in recognition of the retirement of Ronald J. Beltran for his 25 years of service. Beltran retired at the end of December after attaining the position of Appraiser IV in the Lincoln County Assessor's Office. The plaque read: "In recognition of 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Lincoln County, November 1976 to December 2001."

Stewart also presented a certificate of appreciation to Susan Lockhart. "Susan has been providing baked goods for county commission meetings for at least the last six months," said Stewart. "We all appreciate her unsolicited effort."

With that Stewart read the certificate: "May it be known that this certificate has been presented to Susan Lockhart by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in appreciation for her voluntary, thoughtful, and most appreciated provision of culinary delights for the Citizens of Lincoln County at Board of County Commission meetings. Presented this 20th day of December 2001."

Lockhart is not a county

employee, but does work in the county clerk's office for a title company. She also made decorations for the large Christmas tree placed in the Lincoln County Courthouse hall in 2001.

County commissioners also made a proclamation for Joan Zagone for her years of service with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"Whereas ten years ago, Joan Zagone was hired as Executive Director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. It is believed that at the time, Joan admitted to having little experience with being an Executive Director. In spite of her perception of her experience, the chamber Board of Directors made the correct selection because Joan became an outstanding director and she took the Chamber to new heights of efficiency and effectiveness. In short, she became known for singularly outstanding performance in whatever task the chamber or she sought to accomplish; and"

"Whereas her boundless enthusiasm and energy for promoting the Village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County activities and businesses led to unprecedented awareness of the importance of, and an appreciation for, our mountain community with thousands of visitors and residents; and"

"Whereas, Joan always contributed her full measure to any effort, and she was always ready to take the lead in coordinating any number of activities, she gained the loyalty, support and cooperation of a diverse association of entities and the citizens of Lincoln County."

"Now, therefore, we, the board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, on the occasion of Joan's last day of work as Executive Director on November 30, 2001, thank Joan for her dedicated efforts to improve tourism and businesses in all of Lincoln County."



Information On Grants Available This Month At Ruidoso Library

Does your non-profit organization need money? It may qualify for a grant.

The Foundation Center Traveling Collection of reference books on grant writing is available at the Ruidoso Public Library during the month of January. The materials will provide information on who, what and where the funding is for non-profit organizations.

The collection is available for in-library use only. The materials include information on grants for the arts, individuals, aid for women, children, education, information technology, and animal welfare as well as many other topics.

For more information about the collection of reference books call Ruidoso Public Library at 258-3704 or visit the library located at 107 Kansas City Road between the Ruidoso Administration Center and the Lincoln County Sub-office.

Livestock Trade Seminar Jan. 11 In Albuquerque

A Livestock Trade Seminar will be presented at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 11, at the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association office in Albuquerque.

Dennis McDonald, trade committee chairman for the R-CALF/United Stockgrowers of America, will present "Let's Talk Trade". McDonald has been R-CALF representative on trade issues nationally and internationally. R-CALF is a national organization representing livestock producers, and recently affiliated with New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMCGA).

NMCGA offices are located at 2231 Rio Grande Blvd. in Albuquerque. For more details call NMCGA at 505-247-0584.

County Appreciates Employee-Volunteers

by Daris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners during their meet-

ing December 20 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo expressed their

gratitude to a retiring employee and two volunteers. Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart presented a

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Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the citizens of our community for allowing my participation in our town government for the past four years.

It is an honor to have served with my fellow council members under the leadership of the mayor. I will cherish the experience and always wish the best for the community of Carrizozo.

Thank you again,
Cynthia Morales Brazeal

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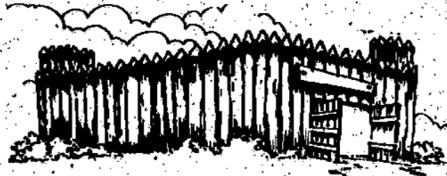
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Early "Hard Rock"



Fort Stanton Facts & Fiction

by Betty Lou Joiner

Another year gone by and I am just about six months behind. This is nearly old news, but I would like to have a little bit of our 100th celebration for the Glencoe Post Office in the paper for later history.

On November 14, a friend and I hung up about forty quilts outside the post office on trees, fences, etc. Karen Stout, my clerk had made up a couple of 100th anniversary signs for the road and the post office. Mail was delivered down Devil's Canyon by anyone who was going that way, for many years until the first post office was

opened at Coe Ranch in 1910.

Tully's had the post office in different buildings with it finally ending up in the present place. Cake, cookies, candy, coffee, tea and lemonade were enjoyed by many of the box holders and our friends. Several wanted copies of the pictures on the bulletin board showing the different locations of the post offices in this hundred year span.

Wynema Tully let me make copies of several of her photographs of these post offices. It is interesting to note that one man and myself who have been Postmasters, were the only ones not kin to the

Coe family.

Gladys Nosker, Della Bonnell and I were all three present for this 100th year big day. Was so glad many of the Corriente Cowbells came by after their meeting at the Silver Dollar to have some refreshments and had their picture made. I made up several envelopes from photographs for my customers and stamped them with the pictorial cancellation we had made. The quilt stamps added to the cachet envelopes and the insert taken from the LC Postmasters History book made for fun keepsakes.

The station for the cancellation was Devil's Canyon, the dates are Nov. 14, 1901 to Nov. 14, 2001, and the picture was the state of NM with a quilt design in the middle. To all that came, thanks for everything and to all my customers and friends, I would like to thank you for such a wonderful three years.

Corona Post Office will be celebrating its 100th year soon, and Alto just celebrated theirs in 2001 too. It is definitely time for another update to the post office history books with all the changes and years going by.

Ron and Teresa Joiner are the proud new parents of a beautiful baby girl named "Zoe". We traveled to Dalhart on December 26 to see this new addition to our family. Ron and Teresa went through "Buckner Adoption" to become parents and are both overjoyed. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz., never lost any weight, has lots of dark hair, long little fingers and toes. She already has Big Daddy Ron wrapped around those little fingers.

The joy she brought these two for Christmas, is indescribable and know she will have all the love she will ever need. Cousins Kersti and Jace think she is hopefully going to get bigger so they can romp and play with her.

Eddie and Audrey were with them in Houston when she was born; they visited Ruth Davis and family in Brownwood and then checked on the new family on their way home. Teresa resigned from her teaching posi-

tions in Dalhart and will get to enjoy every new day with the new baby.

The LCSP had their first meeting of the New Year on Sunday the 6th of January. Dave Spencer, Dave Scott, Marcia Mixon, and Francine Murtaugh, lead the group as the new officers for 2002. Dave Spencer gave the invocation and Dave Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

The fair building kitchen room was full of many of the members and new committee chairmen were recognized by the new president. The Community Relations chairman is Richard Rhump, Parade Unit is Susanne Manning, Trail Chairman is Dave Thomas, Pony Express is Barbara Spencer, Jr., Posse is Dwayne Vinson, membership is Ruth Birdsong, Handbook designer is Bob LaRue, long term goals is Dave Scott, Posse Store is

Donna Willoughby, and Social Committee is Marylin Chewning.

Joe Jaramillo was the new member sworn in. Joe gave us a little history of his life and he has done a little of everything and stated he enjoys the posse functions very much. Known as Jalapena Joe, one and all welcomed him. His sponsor was Ab Lucero, another fun member.

Guests were BLM representative and Kathleen Phillips, Cowbelle president. She was requesting the Posse's help with Ag Day in May, Arts in the Orchard for 2002, and Fiber Day in Lincoln, a new activity that will be taking place.

Rosemary LaRue has been hard at work and already had the transparency of the new poster ready as well as an outline of everything that will need to be done in 2002. She will be taking the transparency to the printer very soon, which is amazing to have things done so early in the year. She was definitely a big help to president Bob and the entire posse. Keep up the great work Rosemary.

The library sent their thanks to all who rode in

the parade on December 22. A report was made that over 100 received bags from Santa. This horse drawn parade is something new to Capitan and everyone seems to enjoy it more and more each year. The posse had donated money to help with the goodies and I understand there were a lot of nice ones.

The posse voted to pay thirty dollars to copyright their logo.

Door prizes were drawn for and the meeting was adjourned.

Two o'clock on Saturday, January 5, many of Shirlene Roberts family and friends surprised her with a retirement party at the senior citizens in Ruidoso Downs. It was wonderful to meet new friends, see old friends and postmasters.

Les Rogers and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller from Kansas, Bill Hickman, Judy Beavers, Edna Conley, John Roark, Patsy Racher, Judy Henry, Chip Clemmons, Dave and Della Bonnell, Rosafec Patterson, Gladys and Lowell Nosker, Willie

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 17, 2002, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following items:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, RECOMPILING AND REENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-13, WHICH REGULATES ROAD CUTS; REQUIRING PERSONS TO GIVE NOTICE PRIOR TO EXCAVATION IN RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY EXCAVATION, REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS IN COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACCESS; SETTING FEES; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
- B. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, REPEALING, AND REENACTING SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 2001-12

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. PB 02-01

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD MARION BRADLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RICHARD MARION BRADLEY, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREIN AFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Verified Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representatives filed by the undersigned Petitioners will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the 14th day of February, 2002, at 8:00 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge. Your are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the Petitioners that the Court:

1. Find that the decedent died testate and formally admit the decedent's Last Will and Testament dated March 7, 2000 to probate;
2. Determine the heirs and devisees of the decedent;
3. Appoint Benjamin Bruce Bradley and Barbara Ann Bradley as Joint Personal Representatives to the Estate of RICHARD MARION BRADLEY, deceased, to serve without bond in an unsupervised administration; and
4. Enter such other and further orders this Court deems proper.

A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 45-1-401, notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

DATED: 1/7, 2002.

Attorney for Petitioners:
Archie A. Witham
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 83
Nogal, NM 88341
(505) 3543-2698

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Public Meeting Announcement

The Bureau of Land Management will be hosting five public scoping meetings to identify issues for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Equilon Pipeline Project. The proposed project would transport a variety of petroleum products from Odessa, Texas to Bloomfield, New Mexico using an existing pipeline and proposed new underground pipeline segments.

Public Meeting Dates, Time and Place

January 15, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m. Open House with Equilon -- 5:00 p.m.
Moriarty Civic Center
201 Broadway
Moriarty, NM 87035

January 16, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m. Open House with Equilon -- 5:00 p.m.
Placitas Elementary School
5 Calle De Carbon
Placitas, NM 87043

January 17, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m.
Bloomfield Cultural complex
333 South First Street
Bloomfield, NM 87413

January 22, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m. Open House with Equilon -- 5:00 p.m.
Woolworth Community Library
3rd and Utah Street
Jal, NM 88252

January 23, 2002 -- 7:00 p.m.
Ector County Library
321 West 5th Street
Odessa, TX 79763

Meetings in Bloomfield and Odessa will consist of an open house hosted by the Bureau of Land Management. Comments will be solicited from the public during the open houses. Meetings in Moriarty, Placitas and Jal will consist of an open house followed by a formal meeting. The meetings will begin with a presentation on the proposed project and the environmental process by the Bureau of Land Management and Equilon Pipeline Company representatives. The presentation will be followed by an informal discussion where the public can provide input.

Further Contact and Additional Information

For more information contact: Joe Jaramillo, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management 505-761-8779.

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WHEN IT'S YOUR HEALTH, YOU CALL THE SHOTS.

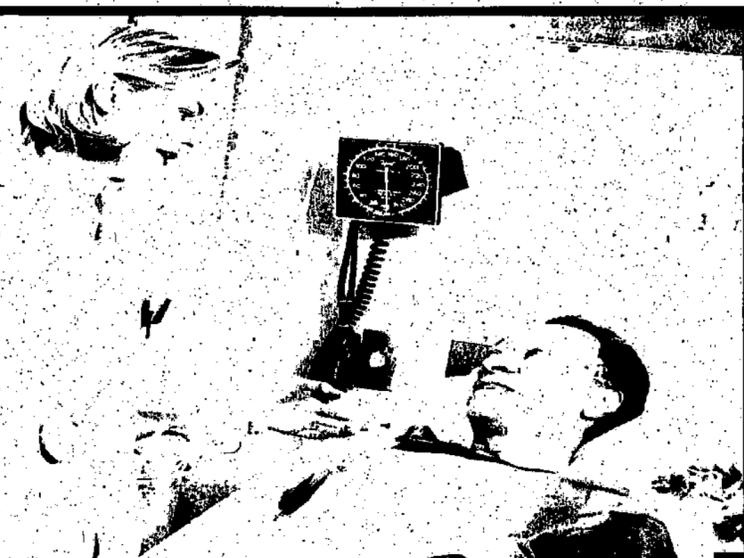
If you have a chronic illness, remember that your doctor, nurses, and therapists all have one thing in common: they all work for you. Your providers are there to listen, answer your questions, and help you understand your illness and your treatments.

A smarter patient is a stronger patient. So read up on your condition and your treatment. Search the Internet. Talk with others who have your illness.

You are the captain of your health care team. If you want to replace one of your providers, you can. To bring out the best from your team, you don't have to be the doctor. You need to be the boss.

It's your health. You call the shots.

NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL
For assistance or more information, visit www.NationalHealthCouncil.org or write, the National Health Council at 1730 "M" Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036-4505



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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV 01-216
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN,
Plaintiff,
v.
JIMMY R MCEUEN and THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JIMMY R MCEUEN.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned
Special Master will, on January 29, 2002, at 10:00
a.m., at the main entrance of the Lincoln County
Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and
convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right,
title and interest of the above-named defendants in
and to the following described real estate located in
said County and State:

Lot 8, Block 1 of MORRIS ADDITION,
Captain, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as
shown by the plat thereof filed in the office
of the County Clerk of Lincoln County,
April 4, 1933

The address of the real property is 415 West 3rd
Street, Captain, New Mexico. Said sale will be
made pursuant to the Decree of foreclosure entered
on December 11, 2001, in the above entitled and
numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a
note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and
wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien
against the above-described real estate in the sum of
\$40,058.45 plus interest from December 12, 2001
to the date of sale at the rate of 12.99% per annum,
or \$12.59 per day, the costs of sale, including the
Special Master's fee of \$300.00, publication costs,
and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or
keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has
the right to bid at such sale 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.

At the date and time stated above, the Special
Master may postpone the sale to such later date and
time as the Special Master may specify.

Dated: 12/28/01
Peter Baca
Special Master
Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln
County Judges Tax Committee will hold its
regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 30,
2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Watson House in
Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the January 30, 2002,
meeting will be available at the office of the County
Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request;
please contact Maria 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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Thursday, January 10, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 3, 2001,
Arthur Trujillo, P.O. Box 134, San Patricio, NM
88348, filed application No. 0746 with the STATE
ENGINEER for permit to change partial point of
diversion of 20.16 acre-feet per annum of surface
waters of the Rio Ruidoso via the Sanchez Ditch,
which diverts at a point in the NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of
Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 16 East,
N.M.P.M., by commencing the use of existing
shallow well H-635 located in the NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4
of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East,
N.M.P.M., for the irrigation of 6.3 acres of land
located in part of the West 3/4 of Section 27,
Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

The points of diversion are located approximately
one mile west of San Patricio, along Highway 70,
Lincoln County New Mexico, N.M.P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 27, 2001, Caprock Pipe and Supply Company, P.O. Box 1535,
Lincoln, NM 88360, filed application No. H-98-A with the STATE ENGINEER for
permit to change location of well and place of use of 35.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater by
ceasing the diversion of said waters from shallow well H-98-A located in the SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4 of Section
15, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 10.0 acres of land
described as follows:

Table with 5 columns: SUBDIVISION, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE, ACRES. Rows include SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4.

The applicant proposes to drill a well 14 inches in diameter and approximately 600 feet in depth at a point
in the NE1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of 35.0 acre-
feet per annum of shallow groundwater, for the irrigation of 10.0 acres of land located in part of the NE1/4
of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The move-from well and acreage are located approximately one mile southwest of Timine, off of the Alamo
Canyon Road, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. The move-to well and acreage are located approxi-
mately three miles west of Alto, off of the High Mesa Road, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M.

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

cc: Santa Fe
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required information and be in a form that may
be obtained from the Assessor's office, Section
7-38-8 (A)(B), N.M.S.A. 1978.
3. If you have made improvements to real property
during 2001 and the improvements cost more
than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the
improvements must be reported to the Assessor
no later than February 28, 2002. The information
required and the form of the report may be
obtained from the Assessor's office, Section 7-
38-8 (C), N.M.S.A. 1978.
4. If you believe that you or your real property is
entitled to exemption from property taxation,
you must apply to the Assessor for exempt
status no later than February 28, 2002, in order
to be entitled to exemption from taxation in 2002.
Exemption: If an exemption from taxation was
in effect for 2001 and the basis of the exempt
status or use is unchanged from that year, applica-
tion for exemption need not be made for
2002. If required, application for exemption
must contain certain required information and
must be in a form that may be obtained from the
Assessor's office, Section 7-38-17, N.M.S.A.
1978.
5. If you or your real property was exempt from
taxation in 2001, but the basis of the exempt
status has changed during 2001 so that there is
no longer eligibility for exemption, you must
report that fact to the Assessor no later than
February 28, 2002. The report must contain
certain required information and must be in a
form that may be obtained from the Assessor's
Section 7-38-17, N.M.S.A. 1978.
6. If you claim "residential" status for your real
property, you must declare this status to the
Assessor no later than February 28, 2002 unless
the property was classified as "residential" by
the Assessor in 2001. In the event that the pre-
dominant use of your real property has changed
from "residential" to "non-residential" during
2001, that fact must contain certain required
information and must be in a form that may be
obtained from the Assessor's office, Sections 7-
38-17.1 and 7-36-2.1, N.M.S.A. 1978.
7. If you own property that has decreased in value
during 2001, and that property is subject to valua-
tion for property taxation purposes, you must
report the decrease in value to the Assessor no
later than February 28, 2002. The report must
contain certain required information and must
be in a form that may be obtained from the
Assessor's office, Section 7-38-13, N.M.S.A.
1978.
8. If your land was valued in 2001 in accor-
dance with the special method of valuation for
land used primarily for agricultural purposes,
and the land is still used primarily for agricul-
tural purposes, you need not reapply for that
special method of valuation in 2002. If your
land was not valued in accordance with that
method of valuation in 2001, and it is now used
primarily for agricultural purposes, you must
make application to the Assessor in order to
obtain that valuation method in 2002. If your
land was valued in accordance with that special
method of valuation in 2001, but it is no longer
used primarily for agricultural purposes, you
must report that fact to the Assessor no later
than February 28, 2002, and must obtain certain
required information and be in forms that may
be obtained from the Assessor's office, Section
7-36-30, N.M.S.A. 1978.
9. If you own "livestock" that are subject to valua-
tion for property taxation purposes, you must
report such livestock to the Assessor. All such
livestock that are present in the county on Janu-
ary 1, 2002 must be reported to the Assessor
no later than February 28, 2002. If the livestock
are transported into the county after January 1,
2002, they must be reported to the Assessor
no later than the first day of the month following
the first month in which the livestock have been
present in the county for twenty (20) days. The
required reports must contain certain required
information and must be in forms that may be
obtained from the Assessor's office, Section 7-
36-21, N.M.S.A. 1978.
10. If you own a "manufactured home" and it was
present in the county on January 1, 2002, you
must report it to the Assessor by February 28,
2002. The report must contain certain required
information and must be in a form that may be
obtained from the Assessor's office, Section 7-
36-26, N.M.S.A. 1978.
11. Certain mineral property and personal property
of contractors operating in more than one
county are required to be reported to the State
of New Mexico, Taxation and Revenue
Department-Property Tax Division in Santa Fe.
Information about property to be reported to the
Taxation and Revenue Department, Property
Tax Division, can be obtained from the County
Assessor or the State Assessed Property Bureau,
P.O. Box 25126, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-
5126. Phone: (505) 827-0893.

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF LINCOLN COUNTY
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CAUSE NO. PB-01-47
DIVISION III

In the Matter of the Estate of
JIMMIE EDWARD SAMPLE,
Deceased

NOTICE OF CREDITORS

DOROTHY LEE SAMPLE has been appointed
Personal Representative of the Estate of JIMMIE
EDWARD SAMPLE, Deceased. All persons having
claims against this Estate are required to present
their claims within two (2) months after the date of
the first publication of this Notice or the claims will
be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the
Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line,
Attorney at Law, Box 519, Ruidoso, New Mexico,
or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County,
New Mexico.

DOROTHY LEE SAMPLE

Michael S. Line
Attorney at Law
Box 519
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355
(505) 258-4636.
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ary 10 and 17, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

LINCOLN COUNTY ASSESSOR
NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS
TO REPORT CERTAIN MATTERS
RELATING TO PROPERTY VALUATION
AND FOR CLAIMING EXEMPTION
FROM PROPERTY TAXATION

Rick Silva, Lincoln County Assessor, hereby
publishes notice to property owners, pursuant to
Section 7-38-18, N.M.S.A. 1978, as follows:

- 1. If you or your spouse are 65 years old, or if
either of you will become 65 years old in 2002,
and if your "modified gross income" was not
greater than \$18,600 in 2001, you may be eligible
for a limitation on the taxable value of your
residence. If you think you are eligible, you
must apply to the Assessor no later than 30 days
after the Assessor mails the notice of value for
your residence. The application must contain
certain required information and must be in a
form that may be obtained from the Assessor's
office, Section 7-36-21.3, N.M.S.A. 1978.
2. If you own real property not valued by the
Assessor in 2001 for property taxation
purposes, it must be reported to the Assessor no
later than February 28, 2002, unless it is not
subject to valuation for property taxation pur-
poses in 2002. The report must contain certain

LEGAL NOTICE

THIS NOTICE is only a brief statement of the
provisions of Sections 7-36-21.3, 7-38-3, 7-38-8,
7-38-13, 7-38-17.1, 7-36-2.1, 7-36-20, 7-36-21,
and 7-36-26, N.M.S.A. 1978, and related Taxation
and Revenue Department regulations. It is not
intended to reflect the full contents of these
provisions, which may be examined at the office of
the County Assessor.

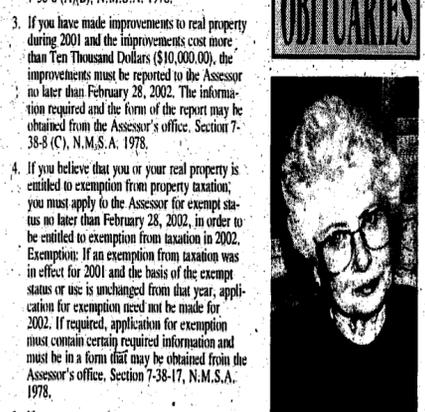
RICK SILVA
Lincoln County Assessor
P.O. Box 38
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

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ary 10, 17 and 24, 2002.

Coy Dictson Named
Livestock Inspector
Of The Year For 2001

Coy Dictson, of Roswell
was named the 2001 Live-
stock Inspector of the Year
by the New Mexico Cattle
Growers Association
(NMCGA) and AZ's Cattle
Company of Hereford, Tex-
as, during the recent Joint
Stockmen's Convention.
Dictson has been a New
Mexico livestock inspector
for four years.

OBITUARIES



VIOLET McDANIEL
CARDIN

Violet McDaniel Car-
din, 80, of Cottonwood,
AZ died December 19,
Mrs. Cardin was born on
the family homestead near
Carrizozo on July 18,
1921.

She was raised in
Nogal, where she atten-
ded school, and was a
graduate of Carrizozo
High School. Violet
moved to Flagstaff, AZ in
1942.

She was an avid tour-
nament bridge player and
won several trophies for
her exceptional card
playing. She was an
active member of the First
Baptist Church in
Flagstaff, and the Verde
Baptist church in
Cottonwood.

She is survived by
brothers Dee and Snooks
McDaniel of Carrizozo
and Homedale McDaniel
of Florida; sisters Lois
Chapman of Cottonwood
and Nancy Cronin of Alto;
four grandchildren; and
many nieces and
nephews.

A memorial service
will be held at 1:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 12 at
the Nogal Presbyterian
Church with reception
following the service.

MINNIE FREELAND
JAMES

Graveside services
were held January 4 at
White Oaks Cemetery for
Minnie Freeland James,
age 94, of Roswell who
died January 1 at a nurs-
ing home. Rev. Don
Freeland of Weed, NM
conducted the service.

Minnie was born April
7, 1907 in Farwell, TX.
Her parents preceded her
in death, as well as a son,
Dude Harrington, and a
daughter, Nellie Poi-
nexter.

Ms. Freeland married
Herbert W. James on
October 10, 1950 in
Albuquerque. He died in
1968.

Survivors include three
daughters, Alyce Morris
of Roswell, Bonnie
Rogers of Captain, and
Joyce Merrill of Clovis,
NM; 15 grandchildren
and numerous great
grandchildren.

Mrs. James had been a
nurses aide, and had
worked at Fort Stanton
Hospital. She had been a
resident of Roswell since
1977. She was a Seventh
Day Adventist.

Arrangements were under
the direction of
LaGrone Funeral Chapel
and Crematory.

Ruidoso Arts
Commission

The regularly scheduled
January meeting of the
Ruidoso Arts Commission
has been canceled.
The arts commission
next meets at 4 p.m. Febru-
ary 14.

Inside The Outdoors
Apply By Feb. 9 For
Depredation Hunts

by Ben Hanson

Forest Service, State Trust
Lands and private property
with the landowners writ-
ten permission. They may
not be used on White
Sands Missile Range,
Holloman Air Force Base,
Jornada Experimental
Range or Fort Bliss.
The second oryx popula-
tion reduction hunt is the
standard hunt that is used
when oryx cause problems
on White Sands Missile
Range, Holloman Air Force
Base, Jornada Experimen-
tal Range and Fort Bliss.

There will be 500 people
randomly selected for the
standard oryx population
reduction hunt, but that
does not mean that all 500
will be able to hunt oryx.
Hunters will only be called
if there is a problem that
requires a hunt. Those se-
lected will be numbered
and placed on a standby
list. When a hunt is needed
they will be contacted
starting at the top of the
list. If a hunter cannot par-
ticipate in a hunt or cannot
be contacted they will be
moved to the bottom of the
list. These hunts will nor-
mally be held on short no-
tice, involve small areas
and be limited to a few
hunters.

Fort Stanton
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Hobbs, Mike and Linda
Curry, Carole and Buck-
ley Zumwalt, Lisa Greer,
Cherie and Bobby Hobbs,
Wayne Bradley, and
many others I didn't
know, enjoyed the tales
her friends told about her.
Shirlene said she had
worked 41 and 1/2 years
and enjoyed every minute
of it. The post office had
given her so many good
friends and good times.
We will all be waiting
anxiously to know who
will be the new postmas-
ter at Ruidoso Downs.
Have fun Shirlene and
congratulations!

Capitan has so many
new buildings going up, it
is unbelievable. The new
bank for First Federal will
soon be finished, the new
City Hall was a beautiful
site with all the Christmas
decoration, Virgil Hall
Jr.'s shop is all done, the
New Rose Clinic that
opened in the old electric
building is doing great,
and now Danielle Trapp,
will have a beauty shop
next to the laundry real
soon. To have to wait
sometimes 10 or 15
minutes to get on to the
highways in Capitan or
here at the post office is
showing just how busy
our small towns have
become.

February 9, 2002 is
also the deadline to apply
for population reduction
hunts on deer, elk, javelina
and antelope. Hunts will
be held when these animals
feed on agricultural crops
or damage fences and
other property. If these
hunts are necessary, they
will be also held on
short notice, involve small
areas and be limited to a
few hunters. Most hunts
will be held in late winter
or early spring.

Only one person may
apply on each form for
depredation hunts. A sepa-
rate form must be used for
each species. Completed
forms must be mailed to
the Game Department of-
fice in Santa Fe. Applica-
tion costs for residents of
New Mexico including the
Depredation Damage
Stamp fee are \$109 for
oryx, \$68 for elk, \$39 for
antelope, \$49 for javelina
and \$8 for deer. Deer
hunters will also have to
purchase a deer license before
they are able to participate
in a population reduction
hunt.

Information sheets
and application Form 2001
for these hunts may be
picked up from all license
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The Fort Stanton
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mine their potential level
of interest and involve-
ment.
-Identify and contact, as
appropriate, private sector
parties that might partici-
pate as program and ser-
vice providers, for the pur-
pose of soliciting their in-
put into the potential
terms or conditions of their
participation.
-Make formal contact
with the Bureau of Land
Management to receive
their response to the pro-
posed plan, and to ascer-
tain their specific level of
interest in becoming in-
volved.

At the January 3 meeting
of local officials with State
Rep. Dub Williams in the
Lincoln County Court-
house in Carrizozo, Stewart
said he had made inquiries
into a rumor that the state
Property Control Division
was negotiating with an
un-named private party
that sought to purchase the
old adjudicated water
rights from Fort Stanton.

Stewart said once he made
the inquiries about the ne-
gotiations he was informed
that negotiations are no
longer being held.
Last year residents and
supporters of Fort Stanton
were successful in stop-

ping a bill in the state leg-
islature that would have
authorized the state to sell
Fort Stanton.
The Kells and Craig
study was financed with a
\$50,000 appropriation from
Governor Gary Johnson in
2000. Johnson ordered Fort
Stanton closed in January
1995 because he claimed it
was not cost effective to
operate. At that time the
facility was being con-
verted from a hospital and
training school for devel-
opmentally disabled adults
to a long term geriatric
care facility for low income
residents. The geriatric
care facility was never
completed.

Since 1995, the state has
tried to sell or lease the
Fort. Unable to do that, the
state temporarily located
women inmates at the fa-
cility, and now contracts to
provide a drug re-hab pro-
gram.
Dutton said it was inter-
esting in hearing about
tickets, because when the
village had an officer who
was willing to issue speed-
ing tickets he got flocks and
eventually left.

Cox then advised that
Main Road from State
Road 48 will soon be torn
up as the village begins the
RUS water line replace-
ment project in the subdivi-
sions. He said the project
should take about two
months.
Trustees also tabled a
request for funding for
school banners because the
requesters were not at the
meeting.
Renfro closed the meet-
ing by saying that Febru-
ary 5 is the last day for
voter registration for the
March 5 municipal elec-
tion.



By Clint Harmon

Capitan Approves

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or storage of water," Dutton said. "I don't see this as an increased risk."

Mayor Norm Renfro said such a bird watching area would not be unusual. He said last year while testifying for the legislative request for funding for the wetland he was asked if the village had a bird watching area on the pond.

Capitan Municipal Judge Jack Johnson, who is a member of the birdwatchers group, said they also

have tentative approval from the state highway department for a turnout at the area.

Powell said the group needed a letter of support from the village to assist the group in finding financing for the project. Carlson said the US Forest Service office in Alamogordo now has a person who deals with writing grants who could help.

Trustees unanimously approved the concept plan

for the bird watching area on the wetlands. "Press ahead," said trustee John Whitaker.

The proposed viewing area will not interfere with the plans to increase the wetlands. Last year, a \$350,000 state appropriation for the wetlands facility was approved by the legislature only to be vetoed by the governor.

Renfro said the village re-submitted the request for funding for the wet-

lands, and for chip sealing six miles of subdivision roads, to state Rep. Dub Williams during a meeting on January 3 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Renfro said the village will go back to the legislature for the same \$392,000 request to chip seal Main to Center, Long to Aspen, Valley View to Long Road, and Mount Capitan. He said the sealing of these roads is a health issue.

Dutton suggested the village representatives emphasize these are school bus routes when they testify on behalf of the requests.

Renfro said the village currently gets state highway department cooperative program funds each year to purchase gravel which spread thinly might take care of three roads.

In commenting on how much may be available for state appropriations, Renfro said he wants to know where is the money that was to go for the projects approved and vetoed last year, and where is the \$88 million from the gaming tribes and pueblos. "Where is it all?" Renfro asked, then commented that he had gotten no answers.

Renfro also reported he, clerk Kathryn Griffin, and Dr. Bernie Reimann attended the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) hearing held in Socorro on January 4.

The village submitted a regular CDBG application for \$280,000 for storm drainage in the downtown core area, and a "colonia"

CDBG application for \$350,000 for the wetlands facility.

Renfro said only three entities applied for a colonia CDBG this year, which could be favorable for Capitan. Awarding of CDBGs will be announced by next week, Renfro added.

Trustees also approved a request from village maintenance supervisor Terry Cox to purchase a utility pickup and backhoe for the water department. Cox said there were funds in the water department budget to cover the \$27,491 cost of the new F-350 extended cab pickup truck from state, purchasing. However, the water department budget had only \$50,000 for a backhoe and the price of the John Deere backhoe, with bucket accessories, from state purchasing was \$58,000. Cox said the additional \$8,000 needed for the backhoe could be taken from the \$12,000 budgeted for a chipper, which has not been purchased. Trustees authorized buying both vehicles from state purchasing and to allow the use of the funds for the chipper to be used to buy the backhoe.

Trustees also adopted the resolution requesting legislators not reduce the number of Magistrate Judges in Lincoln County. The resolution with the same request was also adopted by the Lincoln County Commissioners.

After recessing for 40 minutes in closed session to discuss personnel mat-

ters, trustees returned to open session and voted to re-advertise for another police officer. During comments to trustees, in response to an audience member question, Renfro said they were looking for another officer because one of the current officers will soon be attending a police academy. Renfro also said they had rejected the applications they received in the first advertisement.

Also as a result of personnel discussions, trustees unanimously approved making Sherry Holmes a permanent employee. Holmes works at the village owned Smokey Bear Museum and gift shop.

In comments to trustees and the mayor, resident Mollie Mason commented on how nice the new meeting room is.

Resident Don Brothers wanted to know when the street department was going to grade the subdivision roads again. Renfro said the street crews just needed a work order. Griffin said the village is very short funded for gravel this year. Resident Henry Cobos suggested the road crews use the gravel that gets pushed into the bar ditches.

Dutton suggested the village get as many residents to attend all hearings at the legislature on the requests for funding for roads. "Stress that these are school bus routes," Dutton said.

"The legislature is not so

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NEW CAPITAN VILLAGE HALL meeting room was officially broken in January 8 in the first meeting of 2002 for the Capitan Village Trustees. The addition was financed with a 2000 state legislative appropriation and was completed at the end of 2001. The addition features a new meeting room, private offices for the mayor, village clerk and municipal judge, and open offices for the water billing clerk, and Motor Vehicles Department.

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