

County Challenges State

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners are challenging a state regulation that requires the county to tax properties according to the value established on January 1, regardless if the property was destroyed by fire early in the tax year.

During their special

meeting Tuesday, April 2 held at Capitan Village Hall, on a move led by county commissioner Bill Schwettmann, the commissioners directed county manager Tom Stewart to send the commission's "strongly worded" letter to the governor and to Tom Garcia Jr., director of the property tax division of the

NM Tax and Rev Department, about the tax valuation situation.

The controversy arose when Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva announced the county would remove the 2002 tax valuation for residences and other improvements lost in the Kokopelli Fire of March 23. At the special Tues-

day meeting, Silva told county commissioners he received a letter from Garcia stating he as assessor had no authority under state law to provide relief for loss of homes from fire after the January 1 valuation date. "You have no choice but to value the property as it existed as of Jan. 1, 2002," Garcia wrote. "If the

house is not rebuilt and the lot remains vacant as of Jan. 1, 2003, then you may remove any structure from the tax roll for

the tax year 2003."


"The only recourse at this time for taxpayers affected by the fire is to pay the tax under protest and file for refund in district court," Garcia con-

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Vacancies Go Unfilled At Law Enforcement Agencies

By Doris Cherry

The lack of qualified recruits to law enforcement and emergency response agencies has led to the lack of personnel in the field.

New Mexico State Police Major Louie Medina addressed staffing problems with the Lincoln County Commission at its meeting March 21 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Medina, who is in charge of 12 state police districts in New Mexico, said he was there to address the problems with Highway 70.

State Police District 3 includes Highway 70 from Roswell to Ruidoso. Six officers now cover this District, with one

vacancy, one officer who was injured in the field who works as clerical and one on military leave, according to District 3 Captain John Senna.

County commissioner Rick Simpson, who requested the discussion, commented on speeding as a factor in the accidents on Highway 70 and the need for more state police enforcement of speed limits to send out a message especially to the commercial trucks. "What do we do to get more state police representation on Highway 70?" Simpson asked.

Medina said Department of Public Safety (state police) has funds for 605 officers statewide, but only has 545 officers employed at this time. The problem is recruiting. "No one wants to be a police officer, even though we are starting them at \$32,000 a year," he added.

The vacancies in state police are expected to continue because the number of recruits graduating out of the state police academy will not cover the open vacancies. Medina said the recruitment problem is not unique to state police as law enforcement agencies statewide are having trouble recruiting. Fair Labor Act constraints on the number of hours worked also make problems for staff-

ing. Then there is the time officers have to spend in court with challenged traffic citations, Senna said.

The Department of Public Safety keeps statistics on the accidents and citations given along the highway. "Yes they speed," Medina said of the motorists on Highway 70.

But of the recent fatal accidents on Highway 70, Medina said they were not necessarily the result of speeding. "One was alcohol involved and the other was driver inattention," he added.

Captain Senna said the majority of the Highway 70 accidents were caused by animals and driver error. Of recent accidents, 29 were animal caused, 10 were from speeding, 14 equipment failure, and seven from debris on the roadway. "The best way to curb driver error is awareness education," Senna said.

In 2001, state police gave out 1,838 citations to motorists on Highway 70. The department conducted special projects during the peak tourist season from May to September. From July to December 2001, there were 46 accidents without injuries, 20 with injuries, four fatal accidents with eight deaths, four DWI related.

Senna said state police are working closely with

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More Training & More Cameras Needed At Jail

By Doris Cherry

Smoking is no longer allowed in the one-year-old Lincoln County Detention Center. And more training of detention officers and additional security cameras would be a big help in controlling the inmate population.

Bill Garrison, president of Corrections Systems Inc. (CSI) the private company that operates the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC), reported to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their regular meeting March 21 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Garrison was present to explain what his company had done at the detention center since the March 10 incident where inmates set fire to mattresses and broke windows causing about \$1,000 worth of damage. In addition six inmates were transported by ambulance to the hospital in Ruidoso for smoke inhalation, all at cost to the county.

When Garrison said the actual loss was insignificant, county commissioner Ray Nunley said the cost for law enforcement to respond was significant.

Nunley recommended CSI increase the number of staff and provide additional training to avoid future problems. Garrison said the staffing numbers are "appropriate" but

Sen. Domenici Staff To Visit County Tuesday

Staff members of the U.S. Senator Pete Domenici will be present from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 9 at the Lincoln County Commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Anyone experiencing difficulty with a federal agency who would like Senator Domenici's assistance is welcome to visit with the Senator's staff.

Also anyone wishing to convey an opinion to the Senator is welcome to do.

training is an ongoing issue.

Nunley also questioned where cigarette lighters came from since the county commission voted years ago to make the detention center a smoke free facility. "I heard it (smoking) was going on inside the jail, not just on the sally port," Nunley added.

Also concerned about the mix of regular county inmates with federal prisoners, Nunley said he wanted no such mix of inmates. "A lot went wrong that needs to be fixed," Nunley said. "I hope you are sincere," he said to Garrison.

Garrison said the smoking on the sally port has been addressed. But Nunley said nowhere at the facility is smoking appropriate.

County commissioner Leo Martinez questioned who paid for the additional security during the incident. County manager Tom Stewart said which ever agency responded will pay for the additional hours. Garrison said everyone was involved with the public safety. When asked about who will pay for additional security cameras, Garrison said the detention center is the county's building.

Martinez further questioned why smoking was used as a reward system inside the detention center. He also commented that the detention center, which opened a year ago, is considered a "neal" place to go because of the privileges.

Garrison said they try to treat people with respect and dignity and his company complies with federal rules about commissaries and meals.

Commission chairman Rex Wilson asked if the smoking issue had been addressed. Garrison said it has been and jail administrator Mike Borrego needed time to work with the inmates.

County commissioner Rick Simpson asked why there has to be a commissary in the jail and why the inmates were rewarded with a hot meal.

Self-employed, Simpson said he does not get mad and set his bed on fire if his food is sometimes cold.

"It does look ridiculous," Garrison acknowledged. "But people don't get arrested and sent to jail because they make good decisions."

"Wanting immediate gratification is a pattern for most people there," Garrison continued. "And a large majority of those in the detention center have not been convicted." Also the commissary rights for inmates were ordered by the courts.

Jerry Carroll said the citizen militia has intelligence that alcohol was inside the detention center and inmates were being allowed to watch soft porno over the cable TV. Wilson later told Carroll to meet with Garrison to provide the information on the alcohol inside the detention center.

Garrison said there are no porno channels on the cable TVs in the detention center which inmates pay for the cable TV through the commissary. Garrison said TV is a management tool inside the detention center. "We can entertain them or fight them," Garrison said of inmates. "I love to entertain them, because I don't find anything I like about fighting them."

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County Democrats To Meet In Ruidoso Saturday, April 13

Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13 at K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso.

Guest speakers will be Doris Cherry, Democratic candidate for NM House District 57, and other Democratic local and state candidates.

Everyone interested in hearing these Democratic candidates is invited to attend.

Lunch can be ordered from the menu.

For more information call 354-2673.

County Challenges

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County Will Adjust 2002 Tax Values For Burned Homes, Regardless of State Regulations

tinued in the letter. "Refunds should be based on the value of the structure and not include any tax based on the value of the land."

Silva said the letter concluded with a recommendation Silva talk with Los Alamos County officials about how they dealt with homes lost in the Cerro Grande Fire of 2000.

"Kokopelli Fire was different than the Cerro Grande Fire. The (Kokopelli) fire happened just as we were sending out the notices of valuation," Silva added. Cerro

Grande Fire occurred later in the year.

Property owners will have an opportunity to protest the values reflected on the tax notice, Silva added. However, he said it will be hard for his office to defend in court the value of the houses without pictures of them. "I don't think any court in New Mexico will not consider the loss," Silva said.

"The problem is the law, NM statute section 7-38.7 and its regulations," Silva continued.

With that county commissioners began to question why they had to follow these regulations, which county attorney Alan Morel considered

"pure bureaucracy." Silva said the regulations under the tax valuation laws need to be changed to allow county assessors to pro rate property values for homes lost early in the tax year. "I think this is a glitch in the law," he added.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said this is a county issue, not a bureaucratic issue. "That is why I believe in local government and not the state directing local government," Wilson said. "It is only common sense to call for such remedies up front."

Stewart said he was working on a thank you letter from the county commission to the governor thanking him for coming to the fire area and activating resources, etc. when the letter from Garcia arrived. He said he quickly added comments that "common sense is sorely lacking in our state tax and rev department."

The letter county commissioners authorized to be sent to the governor stated; "While it is true that those (properties) covered by insurance will be made as whole as possible through private resource, the bureaucracy which is the state's Tax and Revenue Department seems to violate every rule of common sense....In this case, homeowners had their properties for less than three months and yet they will owe on the full year....Under the circumstances the County would like to in some way prorate the valuation of the property to provide a fairer outcome for its citizens, but the system precludes assistance in any form. This is simply unfair and we hope some mediation can be applied to the situation."

State Rep. Dub Williams who attended the meeting added his endorsement to the letter and offered to meet with the governor on this issue. He said the letter to the governor now is appropriate in terms of what to do for these properties now. "The legislature (in January 2003) seems too far off," Williams added.

Williams also said interpretations of laws are often different than how the laws were written.

Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park said she called Tax and Rev with questions about the second half of the 2001 property taxes which are due on May 10. "Property owners who lost homes were calling and asking if they had to pay the second half taxes," Park said. "I had a hard time making them understand the second half taxes are for 2001 and they are still owed."

In trying to explain to property owners the assessor's announcement about removing the tax values for homes lost to fire for the 2002 tax year, Park said she contacted Tax and Rev for their stand on the issue. "That is what led to this (the letter from Garcia)," Park added.

Williams said the law that requires valuations to be set by January 1 of the tax year. "This is a good law," she added.

establish value." Park admitted it is a regulation of the law that says the property is bound to the value set on January 1.

County Commissioner Bill Schwettmann then asked Morel to research the county commission's power to delay tax payments. "Even if we are wrong, can't we waive these payments, postpone them? I don't want these property owners to have to go through court," Schwettmann said. He did admit the tax valuation was like a car payment, due regardless if the car was wrecked.

Morel said it was sad the property owners will have to go through a protest process, which he said the county could help them do. "I recommend the property owners pay the first half taxes, file a protest for refund through the courts," Morel added.

Silva said he wanted to avoid the protest process by giving the property owners some relief now. But he said the problem is Tax and Rev Dept. can take over the assessor's

and treasurer's offices if the offices are violating state law.

"Imagine the Albuquerque Journal," Wilson commented. "Garcia Goes After Lincoln County For Not Collecting Tax on Fire Lost Homes."

After more comments, Morel said in this instance, especially since it involves a regulation which he considered pure bureaucracy, he would recommend the commission take on this issue. He suggested that property owners who lost homes should protest the notices of 2002 property values that indicate full pre-fire values. Then authorize Silva to modify the value based on the fire loss. "If we have to we can go to district court to justify this," Morel said.

In response to a question from county commissioner Leo Martinez about who has authority to suspend regulations, Morel said the governor and secretary of the department. He recommended the county meet

with the governor and secretary about the issue.

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said in dealing with the secretary of state and Bureau of Elections over regulations, she was always told the final line is what the county attorney allows.


"Hey let's just do it," Schwettmann said. "We owe it to our people."

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan asked about, and learned, that violating the state tax regulations is a misdemeanor.

Stewart said the county will continue to pay the assessor's salary if the state takes over the department because of the dispute over valuations.

County commissioners authorized the letter be sent to the governor, secretary of tax and revenue. State Rep. Dub Williams also penned his name to the letter.

County commissioners will take formal action about the issue at their regular April 18 meeting in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.



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the Motor Transportation Division to patrol Highway 70. "We try to be out there best we can," Senna said. But with a two county district and too few officers in the field, state police could use the help of the sheriff's office, and he had talked with Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan.

Brian Cordova, lieutenant for District 6 which includes Lincoln, Otero, Dona Ana and Sierra Counties, said he too is concerned for Highway 70, yet there are only six officers to cover two counties.

Cordova said three of the four accidents on Highway 70 involved a commercial motor vehicle and a private owned vehicle. "We must educate drivers of private vehicles they must give these commercial vehicles a wide berth," Cordova added.

In 2000, of the 17 accidents that involved

commercial vehicles, 11 were unavoidable, involving animals and weather factors such as ice.

"We need help to focus on these commercial vehicles," Cordova continued. "And we need to stop the private vehicles."

County commission chairman Rex Wilson thanked the state police officers for attending the meeting. "There is no value in pointing fingers," Wilson said. "This is a good discussion." He said part of the public awareness includes such discussion which he encouraged to continue especially during the upcoming reconstruction of Highway 70 through Hondo Valley. Major Medina said he would continue to have Capt. Senna provide periodic reports to the county commission.

After more discussion, Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan said his


department would work with state police on the traffic issue, but his office has the same understaffing problems. He said if there is a need for police visibility, the county sheriff's vehicles are highly visible. However, if sheriff's deputies do traffic enforcement, they will not be able to respond to other calls in the county.

Ernesto Pinon, captain for District 3 from Roswell to Lincoln said District 3 is adding two positions to make four officers available for Highway 70 patrol.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann said the county and citizens need to get the legislature to appropriate more money for state police.

"We need to pound on this," Schwettmann said. "We need to make them (the legislature) aware of the situation and where we need the help most."

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WEDNESDAYS
 -AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo for children three years old through sixth grade.
 -AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo for children in grades 7 and 8.
 -Alcoholics Anonymous, 6-7 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center.
 -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 hour, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, doors open 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
 -Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Committee (PLUAC) 9 a.m. county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 -Village of Ruidoso Downs Parks and Recreation Committee, 6:30 p.m. village hall public room.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5
 -Lincoln County FCE Cultural Arts Show, Tinnie Fellowship Hall in Tinnie; entries taken at 8 a.m. show open to public after lunch.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
 -Trinity Site open all day for self guided tours through White Sands Missile Range Stallion Gate off Highway 380 about 5-1 miles west of Carrizozo; Guided tour leaves at 8 a.m. from Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo to the site of the first atomic bomb detonation.
 -Open House 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at West By Southwest Traders, 110 Central Ave. in Carrizozo. Refreshments provided by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.
 -Sugar Plum Fairy Garden Party, 1:30 p.m. Anderson-Freedman Visitor Center in Lincoln, free.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
 -Daylight Savings Time begins. Move clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

MONDAY, APRIL 8
 -Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee 5 p.m. village hall.
 -Ruidoso-Lincoln County ETZ Authority 6:30 p.m. village hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
 -Ruidoso Utility Council 9:30 a.m. Ruidoso village hall.
 -Carrizozo Municipal Schools \$1 million general obligation bond special election. Polls at Carrizozo School Administration building open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 -Corona Schools kindergarten registration for children who will be five by September 1 and pre-school screening for children birth to five years old at 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Corona Schools auditorium.
 -Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon Four Winds Restaurant.
 -Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.
 -Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
 -Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.
 -Corona Board of Education 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
 -Kindergarten registration and pre-school screening; 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Carrizozo Recreation Center.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
 -Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. village hall.
 -Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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| TUESDAY, APRIL 9 | |
| Corona Post Office | 12:30 - 2:30 |
| Carrizozo/Otero Electric | 4:00 - 6:30 |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | |
| Carrizozo/Otero Electric | 7:30 - 8:30 |
| Nogal Post Office | 8:45-9:00 |
| Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe | 10:00 - 11:30 |
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The only established campground now open on the Lincoln National Forest is Three Rivers Campground. Other established day use and picnic areas where charcoal is allowed in provided grills are Cedar Creek Picnic Area and

School House Park grounds by the Ruidoso municipal swimming pool.

All other campgrounds in the Lincoln National Forest open May 15.

Gas grills and stoves are still allowed everywhere on the Lincoln and Cibola National Forests.

Smoking is allowed only in an enclosed vehicle or building, developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is free of all flammable material.

Fireworks are always prohibited in the National Forest.

For more information about fire in the Lincoln National Forest call the Smokey Bear Ranger Station at 505-257-4095 or the Cibola National Forest at

505-346-3900 or view the website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fir>

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Capitan School Board Meets Thurs., April 11

Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 11 in the school administration building.

Items on the tentative agenda include the following. An official agenda is available from the office of the school superintendent by Wednesday, April 12.

-Organization reports and presentations from student senate; CACT, PTA

-Action to approve Blue Ribbon Week requested by teacher Becky Schultz

-Public Comment

-Consent Agenda athletics, cafeteria, activity accounts; bills paid, payroll, budget transfers.

-award bid for 1991 Chevy pickup

-presentations on elementary, middle school and high school textbook adoptions

-Action on resolution for after hour playground access

-Action on the 2002-03 school calendar

-Action on the 2002 annual technology report

-Action to set special board meeting April 25

-Enrollment update for 140th day, school superintendent Dr. Larry Miller

-Spring budget workshop report and budget input

-Utilities comparison

-Calendar of events update

-Reading lists presented by principals

-Curriculum checklists

-Graduation

-Quality of Education survey status

-Village of Capitan meeting report by Dr. Miller

Executive Session for Limited Personnel Matter; Employee Growth Plans

-Action on re-employment of certified personnel

For a copy of the agenda or for assistance or other information call the office of the school superintendent at 354-2239.

Stories Needed About People Struggling With Health Crisis

FRIENDS, a New Mexico group, is requesting stories from and about New Mexicans who are struggling with a major health crisis and are successfully rehabilitating themselves through personal courage and determination.

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A six member selection committee will examine each letter individually and select these individuals. All submissions will be read and considered on an individual basis. All submissions must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2002. The recipient's stories will be publicly announced on or

near the grant date of June 28, 2002.

Please send stories to: FRIENDS, PO Box 2820, Corrales, NM 87048

Lopez Earns Achievement Award

Carrizozo Tino Lopez, Jr., was presented with another Los Alamos National Laboratory Achievement Award on April 1, for his exceptional contribution as building manager for the Pueblo Complex (TA-0, SM-1237). Tino was cited for the development of the Building Emergency Plan for the Complex, maintaining a working knowledge of the BEP, and the training he co-ordinates for tenant representatives regarding emergency and evacuation procedures. At the end of the Cerro Grande fire, the Pueblo complex was one of the first buildings to reopen after going through well-planned environment, safety, and health efforts by Tino.

The award is designed to recognize exceptional contributions and noteworthy achievements.

THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What is the true cost?

By Ruth Hammond

Frequently we ask questions that some people don't want to answer. It always makes us wonder what the big secret is and why public officials are unwilling to answer questions about how public money is being spent. Once again we have some questions that we would like to have answered. Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) plans to request a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority in the amount of \$417,015 with that money to be used to expand and improve CCNG's distribution system. The Carrizozo Town Council approved a resolution on March 12 that would enable CCNG to authorize the loan agreement. Now all that is needed is for the Capitan Village Trustees to approve a similar resolution. Capitan tabled taking any action on their resolution at their March 12 meeting and they may consider approving the resolution next Tuesday.

If a loan of \$417,015 would solve all the distribution problems, it would be great. However, we wonder if the entire situation has been explained to the actual owners of CCNG, namely the residents of Capitan and Carrizozo. Has the public been informed about the true costs for installing a pipeline three miles in length? Has the public been informed about how much Zia Gas will charge for CCNG to tap into the Zia line at another location? Has the public been informed as to the cost for CCNG to obtain easement across private property to install the pipeline? Has the public been informed as to the length of time and the cost involved in conducting all necessary studies that might be required before such a pipeline could be built?

Not all distribution problems can be remedied with a simple loan of \$417,015 because there could be other costs that must be planned in connection with the venture. The question of liability should be a major concern. When a trustee in Carrizozo asked if the town would be liable for the amount of the loan if CCNG were to be sold, the answer was that the proceeds of the sale would be used to pay off the loan first. There was no mention about liability to the town or village, and it seems that as equal owners both municipalities would have some amount of liability.

Another question would be about engineer reports. Will there be a need for engineer reports and any kind of state approval before installing a gas pipeline? CCNG is owned by two municipalities and is supposedly a municipal utility, but will any state department require further studies and/or reports before allowing gas to flow through that pipeline?

Not everyone is glib enough to believe that three miles of pipeline can be installed, connected, inspected, and all those other necessary requirements for the fee of about \$133,000 a mile. State fees will probably be about one third of that amount, and even if CCNG employees do the work, other people would have to be hired to do the work the regular employees usually do on a daily basis.

Construction costs increase every day, every month and every year. It would have to cost more this year than it would have cost a couple of years ago when CCNG was going to request a loan. But the amount remains the same. Eventually we may get some answers to our questions.

Just tell us the truth



SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE -- Much has been said about Gov. Gary Johnson's legacy. It wasn't his idea, but he gets asked about it constantly by the media. The reason may be that this is the end of the Johnson years. Unlike every other public official, he says he won't be back.

Most writers weighing in on the subject, thus far, have concluded this governor doesn't have much of a legacy other than obstructing programs with vetoes and proposing initiatives that fall because he doesn't work well with others.

That's partially true, but it ignores some significant effects Gov. Johnson has had on the state and on everyday New Mexicans who care little about government.

This governor has had more of an impact on New Mexico than any in our history. Part of that is because he has enjoyed a privilege accorded no other governor -- eight consecutive years in office. A constitutional amendment we approved in 1990 gave former Gov. Bruce King first crack at two consecutive four-year terms, but Johnson put a stop to that with a victory out of nowhere in 1994.

Johnson's impact on the state also has come from being the most unconventional governor in memory. He ran as a non-politician and will leave as a non-politician. A large majority of New Mexicans love him for that. They feel they finally have someone just like them up here in Santa Fe.

Although Johnson's resume includes a degree in political science, he arrived in Santa Fe with

little understanding about how government works and seemingly little desire to learn or adapt. He was convinced government was bad, especially the co-equal legislative and judicial branches, and he leaves with his feelings unchanged. Most New Mexicans love him for that also.

But despite his insistence that everything be done his way in a system designed by our founders to thwart unilateral action, Johnson still managed to have an impact. The following list, in no particular order, is a first go at compiling the Johnson legacy.

1.) Using the bully pulpit. Johnson would like to be remembered for taking on the issues needing attention regardless of political consequences. Often he couldn't produce change, but he surely created awareness.

2.) Being the people's governor. Many promise this, but become part of the system. Johnson fought it the whole way. He left office still behaving like one of the people.

3.) Fighting the War on Drugs. Johnson called it reform. Others called it liberalization. He had few successes, but he put the issue in the national spotlight.

4.) Legalizing casino gaming. Johnson called it recognition of Indian sovereignty, but history is likely to see it as opening the door to big time gambling.

His predecessors, Garrey Carruthers and Bruce King, did everything in their power to assure this was not their legacy.

5.) Building roads and prisons. Despite legislative resistance, Johnson

was determined to fulfill these two major campaign promises and did it with a controversial borrow-and-spend approach he called "creative financing."

6.) Managing Medicaid. During his first few years in office, Johnson worked at taming the Medicaid monster by introducing managed care. Costs are out of control again, but they would have been much worse.

7.) Privatizing government. From private prisons to service contracts in almost every agency, Johnson has turned over many government functions to the private sector.

8.) Setting veto records. Various called "Gov. No." Johnson used the veto as an offensive weapon to get what he wanted. In the process, he created comfortable surpluses, killed good and bad legislation and made many enemies.

9.) Spreading the libertarian word. Johnson would not have been such a surprise the past seven years if we all would have understood the libertarian philosophy of government not imposing restrictions on business or individuals. He's been such a good advocate that the national Libertarian Party wants to run him for president.

NM Watershed Coalition Meets

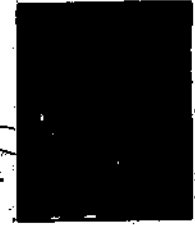
New Mexico Watershed Coalition is holding its 5th annual meeting Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6 at Ranchers Steakhouse in Socorro.

The Coalition serves as a forum for watershed and water resource issues, advocates for improved watershed health and provides assistance to those working on small watershed improvement projects in their local areas.

Keynote speaker will be State Land Commission Ray Powell Jr. at the Friday night dinner. A tour of Bosque Del Apache Wildlife Refuge is planned for Saturday.

There is a registration fee. For more information contact Dick Smith at 505-823-9722 or Bob Bishop at 505-430-2200.

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Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19)
Your world will be hazy. Feel your way around with the faith you have inside. It's best to stand still & listen, then to walk out in the unknown.

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20)
Don't let anger be your guide! Keep your feelings in check! You'll think better without negative feelings. Turn to the love inside to heal you & others.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20)
Watch what others do, so you'll know what to do next! Listen with your Eyscs, Talk with your Ears! Your actions will tell others without a word!

Cancer: (June 21 - July 22)
Slowly you will understand what this is all about. It's not up to you to fix anything, just be there for the ones that need you most. Open up your heart.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22)
Things could be a little out of control, if you don't watch what is going on in Your life. Don't expect someone else to keep your back, when they can't!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
You may have to go into debt, to get out of debt! Use the extra money to make more money! Start a savings plan, so you can make money!

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
"Get out of Town!" It's time you have some fun! Don't worry, what was, will be no more! What it is, is what you make it! Start over now.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You'll have to spell it out for someone who doesn't understand the real you! The question is, is it worth all the trouble for you to explain it??

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21)
You will see yourself in a good light, once you turn on the gift inside of you! Let the light shine brightly! Share what you have to offer, It's Healing.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Once you find out what you really want to do, it will only be a matter of time getting it off the ground! Don't fret! Give it all you got, don't worry!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Listen to others, they mean well. Then think it over, talk to yourself, throw out the stuff you don't need, and start a new clean life with Love.

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20)
Don't over do! Others can't tell when you have had enough until you're gone for good! Let them know what you want and need! You'll be happier.

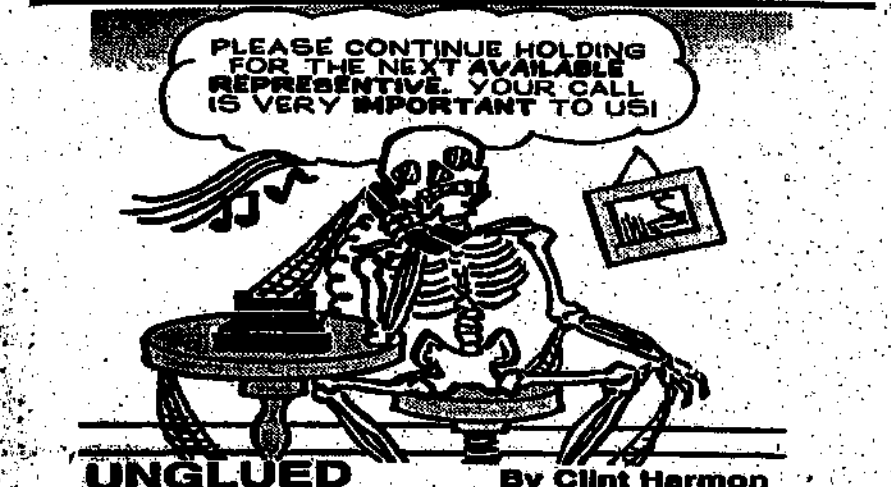


EDITOR: My son is multi-disabled from Cytomegalovirus at birth and suffers Chronic Paranoid Schizophrenia, which makes him severely disabled, who is on Medicaid. Recently I read an article in the New Mexico Business Weekly. The article stated what Gov. Gary Johnson wants to do with Medicaid. Cut back funding and program's eligibility levels. As a mother of a son who needs those programs so desperate, my first reaction was how can I provide what my son needs without programs from Medicaid? I want my son home with me and not in some prison or institution, where this would cost taxpayers more. By cutting back funding from a 60 million increase, to Gov. Gary Johnson's proposed 10 million, would hurt families with children who need services from Medicaid and wouldn't get proper care, and this money is needed for the care providers.

Everyone needs to get involved to keep Medicaid for our children. By telephone calls or letters to Gov. Gary Johnson. This is not a compassionate conservative position stated by President George W. Bush, time and time again. Or does not go with his agenda that "NO CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND." Children are the seeds of our future. How can they be, if they are not given the chance to live to their fullest potential?

The greatest of any country or government depends on how well they take care of those individuals that can not take care of themselves.

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'Knowing the Candidates' Politicos Announce



Butts Candidate For Magistrate Judge

William "Bill" Butts is a candidate for re-election for the Magistrate Judge Division II position. He has been Magistrate Judge for nine years. He is a life long resident of New Mexico, graduated from Portales High School, and received an AA degree from South Plains Jr. College in Levelland. He also attended Eastern New Mexico University.

Butts began working for the New Mexico State Police in 1964. He retired in 1988 after having served as a diver with search and recovery, and a weapons instructor at the State Police pistol team. As a State Police officer he completed the criminal justice program at the New Mexico Military Institute, graduating with honors.

Butts and his wife, Roxane, have a small horse ranch near Capitan.



Biggs is Candidate For Magistrate Judge Div. I

James B. "Jim" Biggs has announced his candidacy for Magistrate Judge Div. II in the June 4 Republican primary.

Biggs, a 25 year resident of Lincoln County, is serving his 14th year with the Ruidoso Police Department, eighth year as a detective with more than 1,300 hours of advanced training, and thousands of hours of investigation, case preparation and testimony, in municipal, magistrate, district and federal courts.

He is past president of the 12th Judicial Law Enforcement Association, adjunct instructor for the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe, defensive driver instructor for Lincoln County Courts, and in his third year as guest instructor for Peoples Law course at Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

He is past president of Ruidoso/Lincoln County CrimeStoppers, former member of Village of Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, past president of Lincoln County EMT Association and volunteer EMT-IV for years, First Aid/CPR instructor for area law enforcement and

service organizations, and an active volunteer for Special Olympics and guest speaker at area schools, civic and service organizations, and past president/coach/head referee for Ruidoso Youth Soccer League.

Biggs and his wife Jolene live in Ruidoso.

Foley Announces For Re-election State Rep. Dist. 57

Daniel Foley, State Representative District 57, has announced that he will run for re-election. After re-districting, District 57 includes portions of Chaves, Lincoln and Otero counties.

Foley is no stranger to these areas, he went to high school in Cloudercroft, and is now a small business owner living in Roswell with his wife Deborah and their four children.

"I feel my long history in southern New Mexico has helped me keep in tune to what is important to the people of this district," Foley said.

Foley has been in the state legislature for four years. During his first year as a State Representative, the Republican Party of New Mexico named him Legislator of the Year.

Foley took the lead on passing Megan's Law, a law that now protects children from convicted child molesters, and he was instrumental in passing legislation to protect water rights along the Pecos River.

Foley indicates he will be visiting with as many residents as possible over the next few months. "It is always a pleasure to visit fellow residents to discuss issues that are important to us all. I would encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact me at my home 625-9528 or during the day at my office 624-0608," he said.



Reynaldo Valcarcel is Candidate For County Commissioner Dist. 5

Reynaldo Valcarcel has announced his candidacy for Lincoln County Commissioner District 5.

Valcarcel worked in computer sciences for the last 30 years, including for the government of Inyo County in California and as manager of the data processing department for the Gillette Company/Papermate Division, and for the last 12 years within the direct mail industry.

Valcarcel moved to Lincoln County in 1996. He is a local businessman and a member of the Extraterritorial Zoning Commission.

Valcarcel said he is seeking the county commission position in order to return administrative oversight to county departments, budgets and county resources. He said, "A return to real oversight will reduce waste and permit more services with less taxpayer dollars."

Valcarcel and his wife of 24 years, Candace, and their son live in Ruidoso Downs.

Higgins Candidate For Commissioner Dist. 4

Francis "Frank" Higgins has announced his candidacy for Lincoln County Commissioner

District 4.

Higgins earned his BBA at Texas Tech, MBA Program at Florida International University, and Master of Education Program at University of New Orleans.

He worked 29 years in the international oil and gas business, the first 19 years as a negotiator and the last 10 years as general manager of overseas operations in Australia and Venezuela. He negotiated contracts in more than 20 countries primarily in the Far East and South America, managing annual budgets in excess of \$25 million.

Higgins currently serves on the ETZ Commission.

Higgins' concerns for Lincoln County are uncertain water supply and the population growth trend that will more than double the full time population in the next 15

years. He says the increased population will require additional water, schools, hospitals, fire protection, waste disposal, etc.

Higgins and his wife of 32 years, Karen, live in Alto.



Johnson Candidate For Commissioner Dist. 4

Bob E. Johnson of Alto is a candidate for Lincoln County Commission Dis-

trict 4 in the Republican primary.

Johnson's family first came to Lincoln County in 1916 and has stayed continuously been property owners in Lincoln County since 1920. Johnson has been a resident of county commission district 4 since 1997.

Johnson earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from New Mexico State University. He has been an active farmer, rancher and businessman in eastern New Mexico and was employed by the New Mexico State Land Office until he retired in 1997.

Johnson served as State Representative in the late 1960s and early 1970s, and was chair of the Curry County Republican Party and later chair of the Roosevelt County Republican Party.

Johnson feels that his experience in land and people resources and in the state legislature will help him guide Lincoln County into this new century.

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'Knowing the Candidates' (Continued from Page 5)



Robin Rafkin is Candidate For County Clerk

Robin Rafkin, an 11 year resident of Lincoln County, has announced her candidacy for the office of Lincoln County Clerk.

Rafkin is employed as a certified court monitor in the 12th Judicial District in Carrizozo. She was previously employed by the Lincoln County Clerk's office. Prior work experience includes the legal field, real estate and property management, substitute teaching, and as a graduate assistant at New Mexico State University. She obtained her BBA from NMSU in June 1994 and her MBA from NMSU in December 1995.

Rafkin said one of the primary functions as county clerk is maintaining the integrity of the election process. She intends to continue the process that is now in place but would like to see more security during early voting and absentee voting. She would also like to educate the public of the importance of registering to vote.

Rafkin and her husband, Adam, and daughter live in Cedar Creek.

ments. Chance served in the US Navy and is a Vietnam veteran. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

Chance's concerns for Lincoln County include uncontrolled growth, property owner rights, quality affordable health care, continued support of programs for senior citizens and homebound citizens, making commission meetings accessible, prudent spending of taxpayer money, and the Lincoln County Detention Center.

"I am committed to protect and preserve the natural resources, our cultural environment, and improve the economic and social well being of the region," Chance said, and added, "I am committed to help make Lincoln County a safer and better place to live and raise our families."

Chance has lived in the Ruidoso area for 11 years. He and his wife Crista have three children.

ers, Election Officials and Treasurers, New Mexico Association of Counties, National Association of County Recorders & Clerks and National Association County Officials.

Proctor was awarded the Jeweled Elephant Award which is given to the "most valuable elected official in the State of New Mexico" by the Federated Republican Women of New Mexico.

Proctor is a lifelong resident of Lincoln County, spending most of her life involved in the family ranching business in the Hondo Valley. She has three children and three grandchildren. She has been 4-H leader, Cub Scout leader, and is member of the Lincoln County Historical Society, Corriente CowBelles, the Carrizozo Woman's Club, and the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

Proctor feels she can serve the public well as Magistrate Judge because she has the knowledge and experience in interpreting the statutes and laws.



Martha Proctor is Candidate For Magistrate Judge

Martha McKnight Proctor is a Republican candidate for Magistrate Judge Division I.

Proctor was elected Lincoln County Clerk in 1989 and has been elected for five consecutive years, three two-year terms and two four-year terms. She is presently serving in the 14th consecutive year as county clerk. This is the longest term in the history of any elected official in Lincoln County.

She has attended NMSU, ENMU-Ruidoso and UNM-CE as well as completing various courses associated with her duties as county clerk, including a number of classes on historical records.

Proctor serves as chairman of the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Advisory Board, Lincoln County Enhanced 911 Committee, and was appointed by Gov. Caruthers to serve on the Open Records Task Force.

Proctor served as member of the board of directors of New Mexico First, New Mexico Association of Counties board of directors, New Mexico Women's Foundation board of directors, and presently is the first vice-president of the New Mexico County Clerk's Affiliate.

Proctor was a member of the Election Law Revision Committee for several years. She is a member of International Association of Clerks, Record-



Tammie Maddox is Candidate For County Clerk

Tammie J. Maddox has announced her candidacy for Lincoln County Clerk.

Maddox has served as city clerk for the Village of Ruidoso for the past 14 years. She has conducted 12 elections for the Village of Ruidoso successfully and efficiently. She has also provided minute taking at the Village of Ruidoso Council meetings for 15 years with an accurate record of the proceedings. She has been involved with local government for 17 1/2 years.

Maddox has served on the executive board of the New Mexico Municipal Clerks and Finance Officer's Association for four years. She was president of the Association and in that capacity she served on the New Mexico Municipal League board of directors.

Maddox was designated Certified Municipal Clerk in 1989 and is currently in the second level of Master Municipal Clerk academy status.

Maddox said she has had a great experience at the Village of Ruidoso and she hopes to bring this expertise and professionalism to the county clerk's office.

Maddox said she knows the importance of working closely and cooperatively with the municipal clerks locally and statewide, adding,

"Cooperation between the municipal clerks and

county clerks provides for efficient operation of both offices."

Maddox and her husband of 20 years, Lanny, have lived in Lincoln County for 18 years.



Videau Candidate For County Treasurer

Jules B. Videau of Ruidoso has announced his candidacy for the office of Lincoln County Treasurer.

Videau is secretary/treasurer of the Lincoln County Lodgers Association, member of Rotary International, and this year's chairman of the Ruidoso Valley Festival of Light.

He has a BS degree in electrical engineering from Louisiana State University, a MS degree in electrical engineering from Ga. Institute of Technology, and MBA from the University of Utah.

Videau served as a Captain in the US Air Force, held a career in the oil business and took early retirement in 1996.

Videau is also an attorney and licensed in Texas. He is a business owner and operator in Ruidoso.

Videau said as an oil executive he is very familiar with cash flows, budgets, business projections and project evaluations.

Videau and his wife, Dorothy, live in Ruidoso.

the Lincoln County Road Review Commission, and is a member of the Ruidoso Downs/Lincoln County Extraterritorial Commission. As a volunteer serving in these commissions, he has seen and dealt with county problems. Most recently he was instrumental in addressing problems with the emergency response system in Hondo Valley and in helping organize the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the county and valley. He also wants to make sure the concerns of the District 5 people are heard in the implementing of improvements to Highway 70, and that the improvements will result in a safe and attractive road that preserves the historic and scenic value of the valley.

Romero is a graduate of Hondo High School and has taken classes at Eastern New Mexico University and Western New Mexico University in law enforcement and management.

Romero is a veteran and has served 16 years in law enforcement and seven years as state purchasing agent. He owned and operated business for 20 years and managed a ranch for 30 years.

Romero feels he has the knowledge, management skills and ability to address the problems and seek the best solutions for all of Lincoln County as well as residents in District 5.



Maurice St. John Announces For County Commissioner Dist. 2

Maurice "Maury" St. John has announced as a candidate for Lincoln County Commissioner District 2.

Maury and her husband, Don, moved to Lincoln County in August 1995. St. John said they left the corporate world behind and decided to live out their lives in the cool pines of Lincoln County.

St. John said she would like to preserve the things for which they moved here. "I believe I can be an honest, fair and stubborn commissioner to stand up for the rights and wishes of my constituents," she said.

St. John and her husband have three grown sons and two grandchildren.



Ralph Romero is Candidate for Commission Dist. 5

Ralph R. Romero has announced he will be seeking election as Lincoln County Commissioner District 5.

Romero, a lifetime resident of Lincoln County, lives in the Biscuit Hill section of District 5 with his wife of 43 years, Mary.

Romero has served as Lincoln County Under-sheriff, which gave him insight into law enforcement problems.

Romero has been a member and chair of the Lincoln County Planning Commission, was chair of



Bill Chance Announces For Commissioner Dist. 2

Bill Chance is a candidate for Lincoln County Commissioner District 2.

Chance served six years on the Ruidoso Village Council, two years as chair of the Village of Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, seven years on the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee, and was co-chair of the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee. He was on the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce board of directors for six years, chair of the Public Information

Committee for Lincoln County LEPC, chair of the Village of Ruidoso Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee, and was on the DWI Committee for Lincoln County. He also was on the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee, vice-president of New Mexico Rural Electric Member Services Association, and was on the Southeastern NM Economic Development District Council of Govern-

A Good Friday rain and snow shower brought needed moisture to the mountains and high plains of Lincoln County. Six inches of snow fell on Sierra Blanca with three to four inches reported in the Alto area, and up to 3/4 of an inch of rain reported in the Capitan area.

Spring weather brought a beautiful warm Easter Day with warm temperatures and light winds.

Hazy skies on Tuesday came from a dust storm that hit China on March 22. The dust was caught up in the low pressure front that came down the east side of New Mexico on Tuesday. Cool fog shrouded the highlands on Wednesday morning, with hints of possible showers today and Friday.

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

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

Today, Thursday, April 4: Partly cloudy and warmer with high of 75. South winds 10 to 20 mph. No chance for precipitation. Tonight partly cloudy with low of 43.

Friday, April 5: Partly cloudy, warmer and breezy with highs to 82 and lows to 44.

Saturday, April 6: Mostly cloudy and breezy with windy with a slight chance of showers. Highs to 76, lows to 43.

Sunday - Tuesday, April 7-9: Clear to partly cloudy with highs to 79 and lows to 40.

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

Today, Thursday, April 4: Partly cloudy and warmer with isolated mountain showers. High of 65. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight partly cloudy with isolated mountain snow showers. Low of 33.

Friday, April 5: Partly cloudy and breezy with highs to 70, lows to 32.

Saturday, April 6: Mostly cloudy and breezy with windy with a slight chance of showers. Highs to 66, lows to 34.

Sunday - Tuesday, April 7-9: Clear to partly cloudy with highs to 64 and lows to 29.

Kindergarten, Head Start Registration Child Screening Underway

Kindergarten and Head Start registration and developmental screening for pre-school children under age 5 begins next week.

On Tuesday, April 9 in Corona registration for kindergarten and screening will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Corona Schools Auditorium.

On Wednesday, April 10 in Carrizozo, registration for kindergarten and Head Start and preschool

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Carrizozo FFA Competes

On Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, the Carrizozo FFA traveled to Socorro to compete with schools around the state. The FFA members did rather well in all categories and may have a chance for sweepstakes. Sweepstakes is an award given to the best team overall.

The Crops team placed first, and Whitney Whittaker, Marybeth Shivers, and Bernice Sambrano placed first through third in the overall individuals. The Entomology team also placed first and had the top scores. Alena Borowski was first high individual and Jesse Ortiz was fourth. The FBM team, Farm Business Management, placed second with Kayla Martin-Burd placing fourth in the individual category. The Horse team placed third overall, and Lane Dixon placed second along with his little brother Brent who came in fourth in the individual. The Land team came in fifth place. Livestock team placed third overall, and Brent Dixon placed second in the individual. The Wildlife team placed second overall and had Matt Offutt come in second and right behind him was Adrian Goad who came in third. The Wool team placed fourth overall.

All of these teams will be competing at the state level on April 3rd-5th in Las Cruces.

John Serna



Entomology
Alena Borowski



Eighth Graders Judging Wildlife
Ryan Gaines, KC Hendricks



Farm Business Management
Kayla Martin-Burd

School Bond Would Help Ag Department

On April 9 the community will enter the ballot box with a decision facing them concerning the school in Carrizozo. As you may have heard, Carrizozo Municipal School is trying to obtain a bond of one million dollars, to be used for some renovations on campus. If granted, the money will be used to build a new track and redesign the building containing the new gym and the Agricultural Education complex.

As a long-time member of the Ag Department, I am very enthusiastic about that aspect of the proposition. I have spent the last six years watching a top-quality Ag Department thrive in substandard conditions. If granted the gift of a high-quality facility, I feel that there is nothing this department can't accomplish.

If this bond is passed, there would be a new Ag building possibly built over the parking lot on the north side of the new gym, and it would consolidate the wood shop and the metal shop in that facility. The space that is now the metal shop will be divided to encompass a space for eating snacks during sporting events and a weight-room.

Currently, the Ag mechanics shop is small, poorly lit, and pretty cluttered. It is in need of things like a new ventilation system, new welders, and more space for working on larger projects. The Ag classroom is also in sad condition. It too is small, cluttered, and somewhat poorly equipped. It doesn't have Internet access and the computer that is in the class is terribly outdated.

But, despite these conditions, the Carrizozo FFA is one of the best in the state, the meat processing facilities draw in respect and revenue from the outdoorsman crowd, and the students in our program are often known on a national level. It would be nice to have a top-notch facility for a top-notch program.

Matt Offutt

School Bond Would Help Repair Track

Carrizozo Municipal Schools is proposing a bond for up to \$1,000,000. The bond will be used for improvements to facilities in the district. The district has identified and prioritized the following projects that still need to be completed:

Priority I Projects:
New Industrial Arts/ Health Complex
Track Renovation
Restroom/ Locker Room Renovation

Priority II Projects:
Music Room Renovation
Early Childhood Center
Site Improvements
Technology Additions

If the bond passes, taxes are figured according to the value of property. For example, if the full value of a family's property is \$30,000, their net taxable value will be \$10,000 (1/3 of the full value). Passage of this bond will increase annual taxes on this particular property by \$13.80, which averages to \$1.15 per month. However, the higher a family's value of property, the more the tax increases per month.

As a student, my only two questions were, how much is this going to cost my parents, and is this something we really need? As a student athlete, the renovation of a track will be beneficial. One benefit is the health of our athletes. In the three years I have participated in track/field, my team and I have experienced injuries, the most being chin splints and chronic fatigue, due to poor track conditions. Consequently, a lot of our training is done on the football field.

Since Coach Pat Ventura has taken over the track program, there has been a large increase in participants. At present, there are more than 45 students, 7th -12th grade, participating in this sport. In 1996, 1997, and 1998 there was a total of 8 participants during these three years. In 1999, 2000, and 2001 the track program has averaged 36 athletes a year. In the last three years both boys and girls have won 3 District Championships. The girls have finished 8th, 3rd, and 1st at state, respectively. Last year, the girl's track team captured the only State Track Championship in the history of Carrizozo High School. The renovation of the track will not only benefit the health and success of present athletes but of future athletes as well.

This renovation will also enable Carrizozo Schools to host track meets, particularly the District Track Meet. Because of very poor conditions and illegal size, when it is Carrizozo's year to host the District Track Meet, other facilities must be rented or borrowed. This year, as did two years ago, Carrizozo will use Capitan facilities and assume all responsibilities and liabilities. With our own track we can earn our successes at home, bringing pride to our school. Hopefully, this will also bring revenue to our community.

These are just a few of the proposed improvements. There are other projects that will greatly benefit not only athletes, but the student body population as a whole. An election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, to decide whether or not the bond will pass. Please vote in favor of the bond and support our school and students.

Bianca Baca

Three Carrizozo Teachers Receive Performance Awards

Three Carrizozo School teachers have been recognized for their outstanding performance in reading education.

Teachers Kellie Gallacher, Phoebe Cogdill and Rima Davis were awarded "Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Level 1 Certification" by the Renaissance Learning, Inc. a Madison, WI based company. Model classroom certification indicates that their efforts to adopt Reading Renaissance methods have resulted in measurable increases in student reading performance.

"The teachers exemplify the kind of commitment to the success of every

student that is at the heart of effective teaching," said Renaissance Learning president Don Peek.

To receive the Reading Renaissance Model Classroom certification a teacher must demonstrate their students receive a minimum of 60 minutes of reading practice time daily.

In addition to national recognition, Carrizozo Schools will receive a merchandise certificate for \$50 for each teacher.

Renaissance Learning provides school improvement programs through software products, teacher training and consulting.

Local Students Enrolled At ENMU This Spring

A total of 54 graduates of schools in Lincoln County are enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales this spring.

The 11 graduates of Carrizozo High School and their majors are: Maryann E. Bingerman, general studies; Melody K. Gaines, non-degree seeking; Monica M. Gillihan, human resource management; Christopher D. Gonzales, undeclared; Robert E. Hemphill, non-degree seeking; Joanie M. Lueras, child development; Nathan L. Portillo, physical education; Barbara Allen Roper, non-degree seeking.

The three graduates of Corona High School and their majors are: Shannon D. Lightfoot, elementary education; Logan Grant Marshall, business administration; and Kathy M. Palomarez, general studies.

The 40 graduates of Capitan High School and their majors are: Joseph Cecil Allen, non-degree seeking; Truman Richard Armstrong, criminal justice; Michael Joe Brazel, undeclared; Rhonda K. Burrows, non-degree seeking; Joyce Ann Cardone, general studies; Ashlee Lynn Garner, non-degree seeking; Angela Dawn Carpenter, criminal justice; Donna M. Cox, non-degree seeking; Stacy G. Cox, general studies; Vanessa Anne Cox, undeclared; Shana L. Crandall, non-degree seeking;

Tara Jill Morris, general studies; Billy Page, general studies; Coye L. Robbins, general studies; Angela A. Romero, non-degree seeking; Victoria M. Sedillo, English; Dylan L. Smith, undeclared; Lara Renee Smith, non-degree seeking; Willa Marie Stone, non-degree seeking; Jessica L. Trujillo, special education; Mickie Lynn Vega, general studies; Patrick Britten Ventura, non-degree seeking; Sonya Marie Wood, biology; and Jesse Lee Wright, art.

ENMU, with an enrollment of approximately 3,500 on the main campus in Portales, has a branch campus in Roswell and an instruction center in Ruidoso. ENMU-Portales offers 60 undergraduate and graduate programs.

Journalism Workshop

New Mexico high school sophomores and juniors who are interested in journalism are invited to participate in the 22nd High School Journalism Workshop June 2-7 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

The workshop is co-hosted by NMSU and New Mexico Press Association. The workshop is a six-day intensive journalism immersion program.

The workshop is designed for youth who are considering careers in journalism. Currently newspapers are having difficulty in finding young people for entry level journalism positions, and the number of students enrolled in New Mexico journalism programs has been shrinking for two decades.

Deadline for registration is May 10. Students must have sponsorship of their journalism instructor or advisor. There is a fee, with a limited number of scholarships available from NM Press Association.

For more information please contact Catherine Ullett at 505-275-1377 or nmjpress@earthlink.net.

Michael J. Dixon, agricultural business; Michael A. Flanagan, undeclared; Anna Marie Friberg, general studies; Anthony Raymond Garcia, undeclared; Dustie L. Garcia, general studies; Casey L. Graham, agricultural education; Sonia Marie herd, general studies; Kara L. Hutchison, business administration; Monica Jean Johnson, physical education; Johnathan Lee LaMay, undeclared; Lori M. Lamay, general studies; Clay Allen Layher, university studies; Lucy Ann McCasland, education; Beth K. Miller, university studies; Thomas Clase Montes, agricultural education; Yvonne A. Montes-Rich, education;

Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo:

March 26:
8:15 a.m. domestic on Goodnight Loving Trail in Rancho Ruidoso.

3:22 p.m. Bonito Fire Chief reported ash dumping on Highway 48. The responding deputy advised the white that looked like coals was salt from the water softener.

4:20 p.m. possible domestic on Santiago Drive in Ranches of Sonterra. The responding deputy took a subject to a safe house.

7:12 p.m. vehicle smoking on Highway 48. Bonito Fire Department notified.

7:34 p.m. request for deputy at the county detention center for an inmate who was assaulted while passing out meds.

March 27:
8:03 a.m. 911 report of accident with injuries, at mile-marker 112 on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance responded but was refused.

8:50 a.m. smoke in Rancho Ruidoso. Forest Service notified.

4 p.m. dogs being a nuisance in Palo Verde Slopes Animal Control Officer (ACO) responded.

4:43 p.m. trespassing in Hondo. "Joe wants to report trespassing by Orlando, Orlando wants to report trespassing by Joe," wrote the dispatcher. Deputy responded.

March 28:
1:40 a.m. report of two 16 year old girls missing since the previous day.

7:51 a.m. deputy advised of follow up.

11:42 a.m. request for ambulance at Carrizozo clinic. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

2:16 p.m. request for ambulance at location on Aspen. Carrizozo ambulance transported to hospital in Alamogordo.

4:31 p.m. request for ambulance at location on High Sierra in Angus, a neighbor collapsed. Med 1 responded.

7:30 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service.

7:43 p.m. possible burn violation on Sonora Drive in Cedar Creek; the neighbor was burning every night. Deputy responded.

7:55 p.m. fight in progress of parking lot of business in Alto.

9:18 p.m. request for medical assistance for subject in 18 wheeler. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

March 29:
5:08 a.m. request for ambulance at county detention center for 37 year old male inmate with chest pain. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

8:09 a.m. accident with injuries, 18 wheeler roll over at mile marker 140 on Highway 54 south. Carrizozo ambulance and fire department, deputies and state police responded.

10:14 a.m. request for ambulance at doctor's office. Capitan ambulance responded.

12:31 a.m. request for ambulance near intersection of State Roads 220 and 48, for male who was down. Med 3 ambulance transported two to LCMC.

1:10 a.m. drunken pedestrian/battery on Highway 48 in Alto. Deputy responded.

2:43 p.m. smoke and fireworks on E008 in San Pat-

ricio.
4:04 p.m. dumpster fire on Wagon Trail in Fawn Ridge. Bonito Fire Department notified.

5:33 p.m. charcoal fire, someone on Twin Tree off High Mesa Road in Alto had a charcoal fire on the deck. Deputy assigned.

6:26 p.m. BBQ fire at lodge in Alto area. Ruidoso Police requested a deputy check it out.

6:49 p.m. tree fire on Stahl Road in Alto. Bonito Fire and State Forestry responded.

8:01 p.m. accident without injuries at Gavilan Canyon Road, vehicle ran off road through fence.

March 30:
12:37 a.m. tamper alarm sounded at ATM at business in Alto.

7:55 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) referral for neglect in Lincoln. Deputy assigned.

9:48 a.m. possible trespassers on Aspen in Little Creek.

1:11 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run. Med 1 responded.

4 p.m. 911 report of one-truck roll over west of Carrizozo on Highway 380. Socorro ambulance transported the injured.

5:28 p.m. 911 request for ambulance to Bonito Lake area where woman had possible broken leg from four-wheeler accident in Mineral Farm Trail in Bonito Canyon. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support, Bonito Fire Department responded.

March 31:
2:57 P.M. request to deliver emergency message to family at Bible ranch near Capitan.

4:17 p.m. motorcycle down at intersection of Highways 380 and 54 in Carrizozo. Deputy and wrecker responded.

7:07 p.m. accident on Gavilan Canyon Road.

April 1:
8 a.m. deputy advised he did warrant service.

12 noon attempt to locate an Otero County Sheriff's Deputy at Bonito Lake.

2:17 p.m. traffic control requested on Highway 70 by telecommunications company.

2:20 p.m. illegal burning at milemarker 44 on Highway 246, West Pine Lodge Road.

2:36 p.m. request for ambulance at location in Lincoln. Capitan ambulance responded Code 1, to LCMC.

5:50 p.m. lost/stolen dog in Alamo Canyon. ACO assigned.

5:55 p.m. cat bite at location Highway 54 south. ACO assigned.

10:25 p.m. accident with injuries rollover on Bonito Lake Road, five juveniles involved.

April 2:
1:20 a.m. CYFD referral for sexual abuse.

8:44 a.m. shots fired heard on Sierra Blanca in Kokopelli. At 9:04 a.m. responding deputy advised he went the entire length of Alto and made no contact. At 9:22 a.m. the deputy advised he found the culprit-someone was nailing gutter at a location on old Fort Stanton Road.

9:04 a.m. deputy advised 12:07 p.m. lost cell phone in Nogal.

5:51 p.m. 911 request for ambulance for four wheeler accident in Capitan where a woman was injured. Capitan ambulance responded.



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mulkey, Clovis, are the parents of 7 pound 12 1/2 ounce Steven Aubrey, born Sunday night March 24. The baby has a brother, Ruben, and a sister, Kaylee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey took their grandson Caleb, who is visiting, and went to see the new baby Monday. Kaylee came home with them for a few days.

The FFA judging teams with their sponsor, Jerry Sharp have been busy. They are in Portales this week. In Moriarty, the wool team, Dal Frost, Shaline Lopez, Rachel Lueras, Stacy Merritt and Tara Seeley, won second place with Shaline 5th high. The horse team, Jared Arnold, Stacy Merritt, Jordan Muncy, J.R. Shafer won fourth place.

The livestock team, Dal Frost, Keith Shafer, Opal Greer, Jordan Muncy and J.R. Shafer placed sixth. Other teams judging were Ag Mechanics, Kyle Davis and Keith Shafer, poultry, Michael Alirez,

Patrick Palomares, and Opal Greer, wildlife, Michael Alirez, Shaline Lopez, Rachel Lueras, Patrick Palomares, and Tara Seeley.

At the FFA District judging in Socorro, March 22 & 23, the wool team, Shaline Lopez, 3rd, Rachel Lueras, 1st, Stacy Merritt, and Tara Seeley 5th won first place. The horse team, Stacy Merritt, Jordan Muncy 5th, J.R. Shafer and Keith Shafer placed second. Livestock team, Opal Greer, Jordan Muncy, J.R. Shafer and Keith Shafer won fourth place and Ag Mechanics, Keith Shafer, placed second. The teams are look-

ing forward to the state judging contest next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey, Caleb, Dorothy Donoho, and Nettie Bradley were weekend guests of Donna James and daughter, Mikki. Donna has bought a home in Gallup and is busy on renovations. She works in the field of education as a diagnostician.

Mary Smith visited her daughter, Heidi, in San Diego, during spring break.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dee James have returned from a plane trip to Anchorage, Alaska, where they visited his five month old granddaughter, Shannon Rene Luna. Shannon is the daughter of Scott and Tana of Eagle River. Tana is a stay at home mom and Scott works for the Anchorage

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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 / 648-2021
 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
 648-2968 (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 (AIG)

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 6:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 11:00 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 4:00 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. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 1-505-257-2356
 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 / 336-4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 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

GAL 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

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency

Obituaries

VIRGIL L. PETERS

Virgil L. Peters, 90, of Owosso, MI died March 26. He was a long time resident of Lincoln County and Tularosa. He was born May 14, 1911 in Lueders, TX.

He was a graduate of Carrizozo High School and was class valedictorian. He married Hazel Gertrude Storey in Carrizozo in 1940. She preceded him in death in 1992.

Mr. Peters worked for the New Mexico State Highway Dept., the US Forestry Service and the Bureau of Land Management, retiring as a district maintenance supervisor in 1978 after 32 years with the state of New Mexico.

Survivors include son Robert Peters and wife Peggy of Cloudercroft, NM; daughter Rhonda Doan and husband Larry of Owosso, MI; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services were held March 30 in Owosso with Rev. Grant R. Lobb and Rev. Eric Kieb officiating. Cremation has taken place and his final resting place will be next to his wife of 52 years at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

GUY H. "JOHNNY" MARTIN

Guy H. "Johnny" Martin died March 28 at the family ranch north of Capitan. He was born Oc-

tober 10, 1915 in Pride, TX.

He married Wilma Louise Sowell Oct. 14, 1937 at Hot Springs, NM. They had one daughter, Patricia Gayle Parting, June 6, 1940, their only child. Both wife and daughter preceded Mr. Martin in death.

Survivors include his four grandchildren, Johnny Coz and family of Capitan, Vicki Taylor and family of Albuquerque, James Cox and family of Alto, and Lily Duran and family of Albuquerque, and seven great grandchildren.

BETTY JEAN BURNS

A memorial service for Betty Jean Burns will be held Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m. at Angus Community Center. Dr. Lowell Swisher will officiate.

Betty Jean Burns, 76, died March 25 at her home in Alamogordo.

She is survived by two daughters, Sara Hartin and husband Steven of Copperas Cove, TX and Susan McKinney and husband Don of Alamogordo; a brother-in-law Willie Burns and wife Patricia of Deer Park, TX; four grandsons; two aunts, Margaret Means of Alamogordo and Mozelle Harkey of Carrizozo; two step grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; cousin Howard Harkey of Carrizozo; and numerous nephews and cousins.

Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

What a beautiful Easter Sunday day. There was a good attendance at church. Annalise Haussler sang a couple of special songs, which we always enjoy.

We are happy to report that Don Redditt is home, now and doing great. A neighbor built a ramp for him and he was able to walk into the house.

Accolades to all the firefighters who worked so hard on the recent fires in Lincoln County. Lincoln Volunteer Firefighters who helped on the Kokopelli fire were: Murray Arrowsmith, Julie Jones, Bennie Dutchoder, Ira Rabke, James Sanchez, Steve Sanchez and Brad Thorn. They were really brave and appreciated. Thanks to whoever sent me this information.

Rosina Locke is in the Eastern NM Hospital. She will undergo surgery this morning (Monday).

Shawna Shreengost was visiting family and friends during her spring break. She is attending Texas Tech but plans on transferring to Portales in the fall.

Bob Hart and daughter Beth were Lincoln visitors Friday. Beth is working on

a Girl Scout project. We missed seeing them as we went to Roswell to visit Rosina and then to Portales to check on my mother.

My mother is doing great and is doing well by herself. Maybe now I will finally get back into a regular routine at home. (if I ever have one)

Lincoln received over 1/2 inch of rain over the weekend. They had an inch and half of snow in the fire area. This was so much better than rain as there wasn't the run off that is associated with rain. This was our Easter storm.

I hope everyone had a great Easter. And no April Fool jokes except fun ones. My oldest brother's birthday is on April Fool's day and my other brother's April 2nd.

Free Barbie Exhibit And Garden Tea Party April 6 In Lincoln

Join the Hubbard Museum of the American West in celebrating spring at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, for a free "A Sugar Plum Fairy Garden Party" in the courtyard of the Anderson-Freeman Visitor's Center and Museum in Lincoln.

The event begins with a showcase of classic Barbies owned by Clouderoff resident Betty Woten. Other events include a video showing of the "Sugar Plum Fairy" at 1:30 p.m. and a doll tea party in the courtyard at 3 p.m.

Bring your favorite doll, and your hats and gloves for the tea party. Refreshments will be provided. There is no charge for the event.

For more information call the Museum in Lincoln at 505-653-4025 or Elizabeth Becker in Ruidoso at 378-4142.

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO NOTICE OF MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION

The County of Lincoln, New Mexico, hereby gives notice of its regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the County Courthouse, 300 Central Carrizozo, New Mexico. At such meeting, the County will hold a public hearing concerning and will consider for adoption a proposed ordinance and resolution relating to the authorization and issuance of its Lincoln County Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002. Complete copies of the proposed ordinance and resolution are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the County Clerk, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

The title of the proposed Ordinance is substantially as follows:
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LINCOLN COUNTY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,250,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST OF REFUNDING, REFINANCING, PAYING AND DISCHARGING THE COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING LOAN FROM THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LOAN AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2000 WITH THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE PREPAYMENT OF ALL ITS OUTSTANDING LOAN OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT; PROVIDING THAT THE BONDS WILL BE PAYABLE AND COLLECTIBLE FROM THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FIRST 1/8TH OF 1% OF THE COUNTY'S GROSS RECEIPTS TAX WHICH IS LEVIED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1999-06 (ADOPTED AUGUST 19, 1999) AND THIS ORDINANCE AND PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 7-20E-1 THROUGH 7-20E-11, NMSA 1978 AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM SAID TAX PROCEEDS; PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING SAID BONDS AND SAID TAX PROCEEDS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND THE FORM, TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND MANNER OF EXECUTION OF SAID BONDS AND CONCERNING THE PROJECT; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1999-06; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A general summary of the ordinances is contained in the foregoing title. This notice constitutes compliance with 4-37-7, NMSA, 1978.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Lincoln, New Mexico, this 21st day of March, 2002.

/s/ Martha M. Proctor
County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-01-299

CENDANT MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
BEN I. AGUILAR and
BRITTANY A. AGUILAR
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of May, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, sell all of

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 18, 2002, Martha W. Chavez, P.O. Box 597, Alto, NM 88312, filed application No. H-962 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place of use of 14.3 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from shallow wells H-962 and H-962-S, both located in the NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 4.4 acres of land located in part of the W1/2-NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. The applicant proposes to commence the use of the following existing shallow wells:

| WELL NO. | SUBDIVISION | SECTION | TOWNSHIP | RANGE |
|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------|
| H-1713 | SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4 | 14 | 10S | 13E |
| H-1714 | NW1/4SW1/4NE1/4 | 14 | 10S | 13E |

for the diversion of 14.3 acre-foot per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 4.4 acres of land described as follows:

| SUBDIVISION | SECTION | TOWNSHIP | RANGE | ACRES |
|----------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| Pt. NE1/4NE1/4 | 15 | 10S | 13E | |
| Pt. NW1/4 | 14 | 10S | 13E | 4.4 |

The move-from wells are located approximately 1/4 mile northwest of Angus, New Mexico. The move-to wells are located approximately one mile east of Angus, New Mexico.

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

cc: Same Fe

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the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 119 Big Bear Rd., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 24, Block 6, ALPINE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, (sometimes referred to as Unit 2), Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, March 10, 1964, in Tube No. 18.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes.

Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a Foreclosure Judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$154,202.77, and the same bears interest at 7.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$31.69 per diem, commencing on April 1, 2002, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendants Ben I. Aguilar and Brittany A. Aguilar for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$154,202.77, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,014.08 for a total judgment plus interest of \$155,216.85. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 2002.

Peter Baca
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
505-648-9925

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-01-267, DIV. III

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
Plaintiff,

v.
JAMES R. PORTIO, THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JAMES R. PORTIO,
DEBORAH J. PORTIO AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF DEBORAH J. PORTIO,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on May 8, 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 3, Block 2, WHITE MOUNTAIN

ESTATES, Unit 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, February 16, 1979, in Tube No. 652.

The address of the real property is 204 White Mountain Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 21, 2002, 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 \$75,356.42, plus interest from March 22, 2002 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.75% per annum, or \$12.53 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, 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: 4/2/02.

Peter Baca
Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
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Judge Karen L. Parsons District Court Calendar

The following will appear before District Judge Karen Parsons in court in Carrizozo:

April 1:

8:15 a.m. Tucker Change of name; CV-2002-56
8:30 a.m. teleconference Andrews v. Sanchez;
CV-2001-02 (Babbington/Rupp)
9 a.m.

Gutierrez v. Gutierrez; DV-98-61
Miller v. Gutierrez; DV-98-71 (judicial inquiry and status)
1:15 p.m. teleconference Sothen v. Willowtree; CV 99-160

Tuesday, April 2:

8:30 a.m. Pq-2001-05 (Dutton/R. Hawthorne) (judicial inquiry)
9 a.m. Hall v. Hall; DM-2002-20 (C.Hawthorne) (TRO)
2 p.m. Welch v. Grienwahn; DM-2001-152 (Lay) (OTSC)
3 p.m. Earl v. Brecher; CV-2001-167 (Pruett/ProSe) (motion for sanctions and default)

Wednesday, April 3:

8:30 a.m. teleconference Payne v. McDougal; CV-99-208 (Beauvais/R.Hawthorne) (judicial inquiry)
9 a.m. Sanchez v. Peterson; CV-00-147 (McKelvey/Grusauskas) (pretrial and motions)
10 a.m. Lara v. Lara; DM-2002-19 (Dutton/Beauvais) (motions)
11 a.m. Lopez v. Cash; CV-00-228 (Rafkin/Stevens) (pretrial)
1:30 p.m. Smith v. Wepfer; CV-2001-191 (Rafkin/Beauvais) (merits)
Before District Judge Darrell N. Brantley on April 3: 10 a.m.
Carol Tremblay v. Scott Tremblay; DV-2002-23
Dana Salas v. Frank Peckenpaugh; DV-2001-55 (motions)
Maria Martinez v. Micheal Gonzales; DV-2002-24

11 a.m.

Joyce Walker v. Lee Walker; DV-2002-25
Sonya Lackey v. Edward Lackey; DV-2002-28
Olga Rangle v. Constantino Rangel; DV-2002-27
1 p.m. Goldberg v. Goldberg; DM 2001-64 (Kraft/Brownfield)

Thursday, April 4, Before Judge Parsons
8:30 a.m. teleconference Gibson v. Messer; CV-00-136 (Underwood/Wade/Griffin) (schedule conference)
9 a.m. Farus v. Farus; DM-2001-123 (R.Hawthorne/ProSe) (custody/property issues)
11 a.m. White v. Hassler; DV-2001-284 (ProSe/PrSe) (appeal)
1:30 p.m. Iverson v. Iverson; DM-98-111 (Brownfield/Rupp)

Friday, April 5: 8:30 a.m.

Brandon Belin; CR-2001-66 (sentencing)
Heladio Valadez; CR-2001-43 (sentencing)
Michael Conner; CR-2001-118 (sentencing)
James Fender; CR-2001-183 & 184 (sentencing)
Freddy Baca; CR-2001-100 (sentencing)
Jerry Gutierrez; CR-2001-160 (plea)
Knollin McDaniel; CR-00-71 (motions)
Ritchie Hosetosavit; CR-2001-50 (judicial inquiry)
Sidney Cook; CR-2001-41 (sentencing)
Johannie Williams; CR-2002-32 (first appearance)
Manuel Carrasco; CR-2002-33 (first appearance)
Dale Mullen; CR-2001-132 (first appearance amended and grand jury indictment)
Allen Smith; CR-2001-158 (first appearance)
1:30 p.m. Rene Miranda; CR-2001-44 (Key/Torrez) (sentencing)

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

CV-99-76

GREENWICH CAPITAL FINANCIAL
PRODUCTS, INC.
Plaintiff,

vs.
SHARON ANN NIX,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 100 Jack Little Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 8, WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 4, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 16, 1979, IN NO. 652.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 9, 2002, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment of Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc.

Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc., was awarded a Third Amended Judgment on February 28, 2002 in the principal sum \$3,907.56, plus outstanding interest through January 31, 2002 in the amount of \$11,657.51 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$29.81 per day, plus selected fees and expenses of \$3,955.56, plus late charges of \$1,504.00, plus an escrow balance of \$4,908.89, plus attorneys fees through January 31, 2002, in the sum of \$750.00 and costs through January 31, 2002, in the sum of \$434.61, with interest on the late charges, attorney's fees and costs from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 11.490% per annum.

The sale is subject to a one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

NICK VEGA
Special Master
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
(505) 648-2217

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-01-229 Div. III

CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE
CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JOSE ANGEL ZEPEDA, ROBIN MARIE
ZEPEDA, and GMAC MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, d/b/a dltech.com.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of April, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3 Goodnight Loving Trail, Alto, New Mexico 88312 and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 10, of RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slides Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes.

Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$92,503.89, and the same bears interest at 8.2500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$20.91 per diem, commencing on February 1, 2002, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against said Defendants, Jose Angel Zepeda and Robin Marie Zepeda, for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the

adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the in rem judgment due is \$92,503.89, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,568.25, for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$94,072.14. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

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LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMACION DE A
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION
CARRIZOZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 7
APRIL 9, 2002

WHEREAS, I, Martha McKnight Proctor, County Clerk, in the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, have determined that, a Special School District Election is to be held on April 9, 2002, pursuant to section 1-24-1 through 1-24-4, NMSA 1978;

AND WHEREAS, under and by virtue of Article 24, Special Election Procedures, provision is made for the holding of a Special School District Elections throughout the State of New Mexico and in each County and each School District thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby proclaimed and public notice given of a Special School District Election to be held in the Carrizozo Municipal School District Number 7, on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. and seven o'clock p.m. on said day, in the manner provided by law for holding such election. As such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District,

GENERAL OBLIGATION
BOND QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$1,000,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?"

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Judges of Election and the Clerks of Election have been appointed in said School District and Public Notice is hereby given of the place designated where the said election is to be held:

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Consisting of all Lincoln County and Socorro County general election precincts that are wholly or partially within the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 07.

POLLING PLACE:

Carrizozo Municipal School
Administration Building
800 D Avenue
Carrizozo, New Mexico

ABSENTEE VOTERS PRECINCTS:

For voters who are absent from any precinct within Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7.

POLLING PLACE:

Office of the Lincoln County Clerk
Lincoln County Courthouse
Carrizozo, New Mexico.

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Carol L. Zumwalt
Election Judge: Margo Lindsay
Election Clerk: Leann K. Jarrard
Election Clerk: Donald Means

ABSENTEE VOTERS PRECINCT:

Presiding Judge: Carol L. Zumwalt
Election Judge: Margo Lindsay
Election Clerk: Douglas L. Jarrard
Election Clerk: Leann K. Weibrecht
Election Clerk: Donald Means

DONE IN THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH 2002.
WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF LINCOLN COUNTY.
/s/ MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION
ESPECIAL DE BONOS ESCOLARES
DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPIO
NUMERO 7 DE CARRIZOZO
9 DE ABRIL 2002

POR CUANTO, YO, Martha McKnight Proctor, Escribana de Condado, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Especial del Distrito Escolar el 9 de Abril de 2002, conforme a las secciones 1-24-1 a 1-24-4 NMSA. 1978:

Y POR CUANTO, debajo y por virtud de Articulo 24, ley de Eleccion de escuela provision esta hecho para detener Elecciones Especial del Distrito por todo del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, y en cada Condado y en cada Distrito de Escuela de Esto;

AHORA POR ESTO, sera proclamado y por esta noticia publica donde de la Eleccion de Distrito de Escuela que sera detenida en Municipio Numero 7 de Carrizozo, en distrito de escuela consolidado en martes, dia 9 abril 2002, entre medio de las horas de 7:00 a.m. y 7:00 p.m. de tal dia, en la manera prevenido por ley para detener tal Eleccion. En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y estan habilitados:

CUESTION DE BONOS DE
OBLIGACION GENERAL.

"Se le conceder la autorizacion a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipio Num. 7 de Carrizozo, Condados de Lincoln y Socorro, Estado de Nuevo Mexico a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$1,000,000, con el fin de construir, remodelar, agregar anexos y amueblar a los edificios escolares y comprar o mejorar terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas o una combinacion de estos propositos, los dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emitiran y se vendiran en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los terminos y condiciones que la Junta determine?"

ADEMAS PROCLAMADO Y NOTICIA ESTA POR ESTO DADO, que los jueces de la Eleccion y las Escribanas de Eleccion fueron apunadas en tal distrito de escuela y noticia publica y por esto se la dado el lugar designado donde tal Eleccion sera detenido;

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO ÚNO:

Consistiendo de todos los precinctos de Eleccion general del Condado de Lincoln que estan enteramente o parcialmente dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Carrizozo Numero 07.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Oficina Administrativa de la
Escuela Municipal de Carrizozo
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico

PRECINTO DE
VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Para votantes que estan ausentes para cualquier precincto dentro del Distrito Escolar Municipal de Carrizozo Numero. 07.

PARAJE DE VOTACION:

Oficina de Escribana
Casa Corte del Condado de Lincoln
Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO:

Juez Presidendo: Carol L. Zumwalt
Juez de Eleccion: Margo Lindsay
Juez de Eleccion: Douglas L. Jarrard
Escribana de Eleccion: Leann K. Weibrecht
Escribana de Eleccion: Donald Means

PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES:

Juez Presidendo: Carol L. Zumwalt
Juez de Eleccion: Margo Lindsay
Juez de Eleccion: Douglas L. Jarrard
Escribana de Eleccion: Leann K. Weibrecht
Escribana de Eleccion: Donald Means

Expedida en la oficina de la escribana del Condado este 22 dia de marzo 2002. En fe de lo cual pongo mi rubrica y sello del Condado de Lincoln.
/s/ Martha McKnight Proctor
Escribana de Condado Lincoln

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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, April 18, 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 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LINCOLN COUNTY GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,250,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST OF REFUNDING, REFINANCING, PAYING AND DISCHARGING THE COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING LOAN FROM THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LOAN AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2000 WITH THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY, ETC.
B. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AMENDING, REPEALING, AND REENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-12.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances 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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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Watson House in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the April 24, 2002, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the April 16, 2002, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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EARL C.
"Pop" ROPER

Earl C. "Pop" Roper, 87, of Tularosa, died March 30 in Alamogordo. Pop was born February 20, 1915 in Nocona, TX. He married Aleen Willingham in Carrizozo on December 24, 1940, and they settled in Corona.

In his life, Pop was a rancher and farmer, bus driver and blade operator for the State of NM Highway Dept., an the Lincoln County Road Dept. from which he retired.

He built the three-bedroom family home in his spare time. He was a nominee for Who's Who of America. Pop served on the Corona Town Council for many years, served on many committees, and helped build the arch, plant trees and maintain the Corona Cemetery.

Pop was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, six brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Earline Holmgren and Corine Wechunt of Tularosa; two sons, Joe Roper and his wife Teri, all of Farmington; seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in the Hamilton-O'Dell Chapel with Clarence "Yunk" Griffin officiating. Committal services followed at the Corona Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home of Alamogordo.

ARMANDO D.
QUINONES, JR.

Armando D. Quinones, Jr., 38, of Dallas and formerly of La Luz, died April 1 in Dallas.

Mr. Quinones was born May 23, 1963 in Houston, TX. Survivors include two daughters, Lauren Quinones of Excelsior Springs, MO, and Danielle Quinones of Las Cruces; his parents, Armando and Helen Quinones of La Luz; four sisters, Yvette Guilez and her husband Richard of Tularosa, Yvonne Salcido and her husband Chris of La Luz, Inez McLaughlin and her husband Paul of Ft. Meade, MD, and Priscilla Quinones of La Luz; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

The Rosary will be recited Friday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady of the Light Catholic Church in La Luz with Deacon Don Dickman officiating.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the church on Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. with Fr. Bruce Hausfeld, O.F.M. celebrant. Committal services will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Capitan Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home of Alamogordo.

REDTT Meets April 8
in San Patricio

Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) meets at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8 at the Senior Center in San Patricio.

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

More Training & More

(Continued From Page 1)

Carroll said it is inappropriate for inmates to watch even sexually oriented programs.

After Martinez said that inmates should get cold food and no special treatment after any incident, Garrison said he thought Borrego made a good decision in authorizing a commissary after the incident. "I don't want to work for you (county commissioners) in a prison with that kind of philosophy," Garrison said.

An area resident asked why detention center staff don't get more training, why safety equipment was not ready to use, why no safety equipment was in the booking room. "I think the board (county commissioners) should answer this," the resident said. "Because you control the money."

Wilson sent the resident out to talk with Garrison, saying "those are management questions."

Lincoln County con-

Kindergarten

(Cont From Pg. 6)

screening will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Carrizozo Recreation Center.

On Friday, April 12 in Hondo, registration for kindergarten and Head Start and preschool screening will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Hondo Valley Public Schools multipurpose room.

On Thursday, April 18 in Capitan, registration for kindergarten and Head Start and preschool screening will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Capitan Schools Cummins Gym.

On Friday, May 3 in Ruidoso, registration for kindergarten and Head Start and preschool screening will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nob Hill Early Education Center.

Parents registering children for Head Start must provide proof of income for the 12 months prior to registration, birth certificate, social security card, current immunization records and health insurance or Medicaid information. Parents registering children for kindergarten need birth certificate and current immunization records.

For more information call Dahn Freed at 257-2368 or your local school district.

Corona News

(Cont From Pg. 8)

Fire Department.

Mrs. Bob Bradford returned early Sunday from Palmer Lake, CO where she was called by the death of Bob's aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Basey, 89.

Services for Mrs. Basey were Saturday, March 16, at St. Mathias Episcopal Church in Monument with father Scott Campbell officiating.

Mrs. Basey was preceded in death by her husband, John. She is survived by one brother, Lester Vogel, Dayton, OH; a sister-in-law Winifred Simpson, Saratoga, CA; two nieces and four nephews.

tracts with CSI to manage the detention center. There are 19 CSI employees and nine county employees who staff the detention center on a shift basis. So far in 2002, Lincoln County has paid to CSI \$83,137.94 a month. According to Stewart this is about \$18,000 less than what the county was paying a month during the same time period in 2001.

In February, Lincoln County paid \$20,834 for installation of a fence with concrete footing around the detention holding areas of the new jail to keep people on the outside from smuggling contraband into the jail through holes in the windows.

Carrizozo Rotary Looking For Youth

Rotary Club of Carrizozo is searching for youth to attend the 28th annual district 5520 Rotary Youth Leadership Conference at Manzano Mountain Retreat July 14-26.

Lerry Bond, local committee chairman, said participants will be selected from youth who exhibit leadership abilities and who will be in their senior year in the fall.

The camp features workshops, speakers, discussions, sports, music and news reporting. Topics will focus on decision-making, critical thinking, communicating effectively, ethics, public service, contemporary problems and career development.

Participants will be under the guidance of professional counselors and educators.

Carrizozo Rotary Club is accepting scholarship applications from Carrizozo High School seniors. Contact Carrizozo School Superintendent Rick Cogdill for more information.

Anyone interested in more information about the youth summer conference should contact Scott King at 648-2024.

Youth Services Regional Meeting In Ruidoso April 13

Youth services—past and present—will be the focus of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force regional meeting from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at the First Christian Church at 1211 Hull Road in Ruidoso.

"Struggling to Survive" will commemorate the Week of the Young Child using a community problem solving approach to address the needs of children and youth in Lincoln County. Members of the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force will provide information on how to enhance services while making the best use of financial and human resources.

All interested are invited to attend the meeting and to stay afterwards for a cocktail courtesy of Ruidoso Police Department.

For more information call Frankie Jarrell at 805-258-4250.

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NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, Lincoln County, Extension Nutrition Educator, Carrizozo, NM. 30 hours per week, \$11,775.87 annually. High school diploma or equivalent GED certificate. Four years of experience and or further education in at least one and preferably two of the following areas: formal or non-formal education (adult or youth), nutrition, foods, clerical or any equivalent combination of education and experience. TB test and valid NM driver's license required. Prefer Bilingual (English-Spanish), position deals with Spanish-speaking persons. Must reside in county where employed. Experience with low-income audiences preferred. Personal auto required, reimbursed at 36.5 cents per mile. Position is contingent upon funding. Reply to: Betty McCreight, Program Director, Lincoln County Extension Office, P.O. Box 217, Carrizozo, NM 88301, (505) 648-2311. Deadline for applications: April 19, 2002. NMSU is an EEO/AA employer.
2tc/Apr. 4 & 11

BAKE SALE: Friday, April 5. Well Fargo Bank, 9:00 a.m. Carrizozo Woman's Club Historical Club House needs re-wiring.
1tp/Apr. 4

THE MENAGERIE is now re-open after 1-o-n-g family health problems! Stop by, even just to say hi! Tues-Sat, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 104 W. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan.
2tp/Mar. 28 & Apr. 4

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1tn-Jan. 24

YARD SALE: Saturday and Sunday, Apr. 5 & 6, 500 Birch St., Carrizozo -- across from New Fire Dept., if weather permits.
1tp/Apr. 4

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1tn/March 7

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CELLO PACK Carrots
1 LB. PKG.
2 \$1

LARGE EMO-WHITE Cauliflower
EACH
\$1 69

FRESH Yellow Squash
LB.
99¢

SWEET Yellow Corn
EARS
2 89¢

DOLE GREENER SELECTION Salad
12 OZ. PKG.
2 \$3

FRESH Broccoli Crowns
LB.
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FRESH Zucchini
LB.
99¢

SPICY HOT Jalapenos
LB.
99¢

COLORADO BAKING Potatoes
2 LB.
2 \$1

PREFERRED TMM BONELESS New York Steaks
LB.
5 99

SHURFINE CORN BEGS
3 LB. PKG. **4 99**
1 LB. PKG. **2 \$3**

PREFERRED TMM T-Bone Steaks
LB.
4 99

SHUR SAVING Baking Chips
12 OZ. PKG.
99¢

SHUR SAVING PREPARED
2 \$1

SHUR SAVING COOKING OIL
48 OZ. BTL.
\$1 29

SHUR SAVING SALTINES
79¢

PRE-CREAMED SHUR SAVING Shortening
99¢

SHUR SAVING CHOCOLATE FLAVORED Syrup
8 OZ. BTL.
99¢

PILGRIM'S PRIDE GRADE A Whole Fryers
LB.
49¢

NEW CROP Cantaloupe
2 LBS.
2 \$1

PREFERRED TMM BONELESS BEEF Bottom Round Roast
LB.
\$1 99

PREFERRED TMM BONELESS PORK chops
LB.
\$1 99

SHUR SAVING CORN BEGS
3 LB. PKG. **4 99**
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SHUR SAVING HOT COCOA MIX
10 CT. BOX
99¢

SHUR SAVING Baking Chips
12 OZ. PKG.
99¢

SHUR SAVING SALTINES
79¢

SHUR SAVING SALTINE Crackers
16 OZ. BOX
79¢

SHUR SAVING ASSORTED Sandwich Cookies
32 OZ. PKG.
2 \$3

SHUR SAVING ELBOW MACARONI OR Long Spaghetti
32 OZ. PKG.
79¢

SHUR SAVING 30 GALLON Trash Bags
20 CT. BOX
99¢

SHUR SAVING FRESH Mac & Cheese
7.25 OZ. BOX
4 \$1

PILGRIM'S PRIDE GRADE A Whole Fryers
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49¢

SUPER SELECT Cucumbers
2 FOR
2 \$1

LARGE GREEN Bell Peppers
2 FOR
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PREFERRED TMM BONELESS BEEF Rump Roast
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\$1 99

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SHUR SAVING CORN BEGS
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SHUR SAVING SALT
26 OZ. CTN.
3 \$1

SHUR SAVING LONG GRAIN Rice
2 LB. BAG
2 \$1

SHUR SAVING CREAMY OR CRUNCHY Peanut Spread
18 OZ. JAR
2 \$3

SHUR SAVING STRAWBERRY Preserves
32 OZ. JAR
\$1 49

SHUR SAVING SANDWICH BAGS
150 CT. BOX
79¢

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SHUR SAVING STANDARD Aluminum Foil
25 SQ. FT. ROLL
59¢

SHUR SAVING LEMON Dish Liquid
40 OZ. BTL.
99¢

SHUR SAVING RINSE Fabric Softener
128 OZ. BTL.
\$1 39

SHUR SAVING SHEETS Fabric Softener
40 CT. BOX
99¢

SHURFINE FROZEN Pie Crusts
9 INCH
2 \$3

SHURFINE ENGLISH Muffins
12 OZ. PKG.
2 \$1

SHURFINE RUBY RED Grapefruit Cocktail
12 OZ. CAN
79¢

SHURFINE POTATO Hash Browns
32 OZ. PKG.
99¢

SHURFINE FROZEN Grape Cocktail
12 OZ. CAN
99¢

SHURFINE ASSORTED Frozen Waffles
12-3 OZ. BOX
99¢

SHURFINE SANDWICH SINGLES
10.6 OZ. PKG.
99¢

SHURFINE FRUIT PUNCH, REG. OR Pink Lemonade
12 OZ. CAN
59¢

SHURFINE GARLIC SALT
20 OZ. JAR
99¢

SHURFINE BLACK Pepper
8 OZ. CAN
\$1 99

SHURFINE PANCAKE Syrup
32 OZ. BTL.
\$1 29

SHURFINE TROPICAL MANGOS
3 FOR
3 \$1

SHURFINE TEXAS 1015 SWEET Yellow Onions
LBS.
2 \$1

SHURFINE SWEET JUICY Tropical Mangos
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SHURFINE FRESH Red Ripe Tomatoes
LB.
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SHURFINE NUGGETS, PATTIES OR TENDERS Shurline Chicken
2 \$3

SHURFINE ORANGE DANISH OR Cinnamon Rolls
12 OZ. CAN
99¢

SHUR SAVING VEGETABLE OIL Soft Spread
32 OZ. TUB
99¢

SHUR SAVING WHITE Paper Napkins
100 CT. PKG.
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