Capitan Ousts Old Gas Board

by Doris Cherry

Capitan's new mayor Steve Sederwall ousted all the former Capitan members on the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board directors.

During the regular Capitan village trustees meeting on Tuesday, April 9, Sederwall said he

was appointing three new members to the CCNG board for the village. To do this he had requested and received resignations former from board members trustee John Whitaker and former mayor Norman Renfro. Sederwall had not received a resignation from the last member Wayne Mason who had been

appointed to fill the position held by trustee Leroy Montes.

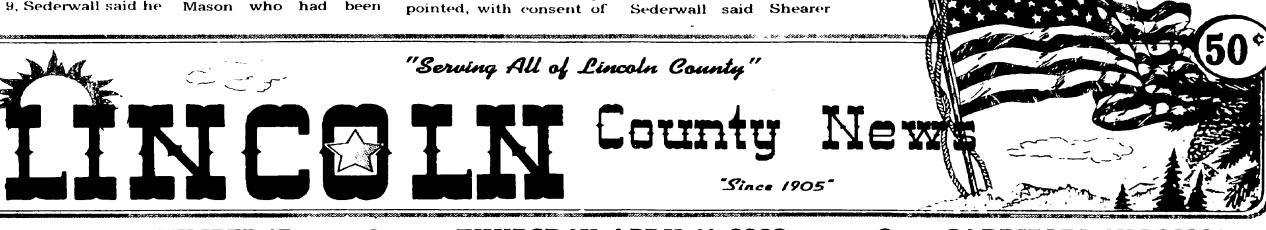
Whitaker asked if the CCNG board members had any say on who was to be on the board. But Sederwall, supported by comments from village attorney Don Dutton, said he thought he was the only one who apthe trustees, to boards. Dutton said the mayor has the right to appoint, under advice and consent of the trustees.

With that Sederwall appointed new trustee Bobbi Shearer as the elected official required by the CCNG bylaws and joint powers agreement with Town of Carrizozo.

has a firm grasp of the CCNG situation and a good legal background to help with the CCNG board's decisions.

Shearer's appointment was unanimously approved by the trustees. Next appointment by the mayor was Cliff Smith, a

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Absentee Voting Begins April 25 For Primary

by Dorls Cherry

Absentee voting begin-April 25 for the June 4 pm mary election.

Beginning April 25, the Lancoln County Clerk's Office will start mailing out ballots requested by registered voters. In orderto be counted in the primary election, absentee. ballots must be mailed or hand returned to the lancoln County Clerk's office. in the lancoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo before 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, which is election.

To receive an absentce. ballet the registered voter. must request an application for the aboutee ballot. Requests can ! made. in person in the clerk's office in the courthouse, or requested in a letter signed by the voter and mailed to the Office of the Lincoln County Clerk; P.O. Box 338, Carrizozo, NM 88301 Or registered

voters can make a request by calling the county clerk's office at 505.648.

Applications for absentee ballot will be returned to the voter by mail or if the voter is making a request in person in the clerk's office the application will be given to the voter when the request is made. The voter must fill out the application, making cure to indicate which election and which political party the voter is registered under The voter must sign and date the application and return it to the clerk office as soon as possible

Voters do not have to state a reason for wanting the absentee ballot How ever, voters must make the request for absentee ballot, not a family member or friend.

According to Bureau of Elections clerk Sam

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BLUE RIBBON WEEK PROCLAMATION. Capitan mayor Steve Sederwall presents a proclamation adopted and signed by the Capitan Village Trustees making April 22-28 Blue Ribbon Week, to stamp out school violence. Fifth grade student mediators (from left) Hannah Judd, Sonya Bason and Carly Guler presented information about the week and the mediator program to Capitan Village Trustees the mayor and those in attendance at the Tuesday, April 9 meeting.

Only in Lincoln County

Four Injured In A Stagecoach Wreck

by Doris Charry

Several people were injured in a stagecoach wreck that occurred on Fort Stanton Cave road in Lincoln County on Sunday, April 6.

Lincoln County Undersheriff Rick Virden said stage coach owner and driver Edward Heimann of Lincoln and some of his customers were injured when his stagecoach overturned in a bar

According to the deputy's narrative, Heimann said the horses got excited and he was unable to keep them on the road, causing the stage to overturn in the soft dirt of the bar ditch. Daniel Castillo, 19 of El Paso was thrown out of the coach and pinned underneath. He was freed by members of Lincoln Volunteer Department who were the first to respond to the accident which was

reported at 3:28 p.m. Lincoln County Sheriffs deputies and a BLM ranger also responded.

Heimann was thrown from the stagecoach when it overturned. Also injured was William Cronney, 59 of Roswell.

Capitan ambulance and Ruidoso ALS transported the injured to Lincoln **County Medical Center in** Ruidoso.

Also in the stagecoach accident were William Bradshaw, 46, Hannah Bradshaw 11, Zach Bradshaw 12, all of Roswell, and Cole Heimann, 14 of Lincoln.

Virden said there were no citations given for the accident because there are no statutes for stagecoach accidents.



No Tax Relief For Fire Losses This Tax Year

by Doris Cherry

There will be no special tax relief for properties destroyed after January 1, 2002

"As of this Monday, all properties will be taxed according to the laws of New Mexico with the values set on January 1, 2002, anid Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva to THE NEWS on Tuesday, April 9.

"But I will get one more shot at asking for relief when I meet with Jim Burleson, (NM Tax and Rev Deputy Secretary) this coming Sunday," Silva added.

After the Kokopelli fire of March 23, Silva had announced his office would be removing the tax values of the homes lost in the Kokopelli Fire. Within a week of his announcement, Silva was informed by the State Taxation and Revenue Department, Property Tax Division, that according to state laws, the assessor's office cannot remove from the tax roles any property destroyed after January 1.

2002 Notices of Property Values had been mailed to property owners just before the Kokopelli Fire. Silva said in the emotional days following the

event that destroyed 28

houses he wanted to give the property owners with losses some kind of relief, which was why he made the announcement.

But since then, Silva said he spoke with the Los Alamos Assessor's of fice to find how they dealt with losses from the Cerro Grande Fire of 2000. Silva said Los Alamos also wanted to help their property cowners who lost homes to fire, but also realized its city/county government there could not afford to lose that tax base. Also in small counties in the state, such as Catron, if a fire consumed Reserve, or Union and Harding counties with only one community as a tax base, they cannot afford to lose any tax base due to natural or man caused disas-

Property owners whose properties were destroyed can protest the property values listed on the "2002 notice of value". However, the assessor's office will have to go by values established on January 1, 2002, Silva said.

Property owners who believe there is an error in the notice of value, or who want to challenge the values listed must request, a Protest Form

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Carrizozo School **Bond Is Approved**

Carrizozo school district sage of the bond issue voters approved a \$1 million bond issue election held Tuesday, April 9.

The unofficial vote was 187 for and 55 against, according to Sam Chavez, Lincoln County Bureau of Elections clerk. Of the total, 209 people voted on machine on election day and 33 voted absentee. Election totals will be canvassed at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, April 11, by Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. in the new Magistrate Court complex on 11th Street in Carrizozo.

Carrizozo School Superintendent Rick Cogdill told THE NEWS with paselection, Carrizozo Schools continue to qualify for the state Public

Schools Critical Capital Outlay funding. funding, available to districts which have at least 65 percent bonded indebtedness, is for classroom construction, ADA compliance and for health, welfare and safety issues.

The Carrizozo Board of Education will begin the bond process by passing a resolution at its regular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 in the school library. The resolution authorizes the first issu-

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BEAUTIFUL NEW COURT. Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. (abobe) shows the NEWS his new courtroom, just opened Monday to business. The new facility is located at 310 Eleventh Street in Carrizozo, behind the courthouse. Judge Dean said going from the previous 900 square foot space to the more than 2,300 square feet in the new facility is pure luxury. Below, Hoot Gibson and Melody Gaines help magistrate clerk Barbie Roper unpack new furniture that arrived at the new magistrate court complex on Monday.



Capitan Ousts Old-

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business man. Sederwall said Smith was from Houston and has a background in oil and gas industry. Smith also was accepted unanimously by trustees.

The last appointment, of Sheriff Tom Sullivan, resulted in a split vote that Sederwall broke in favor of Sullivan. Sederwall said he was appointing Sullivan because of rumors he has heard about CCNG since he first came to Capitan. "There are rumors about CCNG everywhere," Sederwall said. "The community has elected Tom four times so they must believe he is an honest man who can dispel rumors about CCNG."

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these rumors are going on," Sederwall added. "But the board has to go in and ask some serious questions about CCNG. That's why I am

appointing Tom." While Shearer made the to motion accept Sullivan's appointment, and new trustee George Tippin seconded the motion, trustees Whitaker and Montes voted no. With the vote at Shearer and Tippin for and Whitaker and Montes against, Sederwall broke the tie in favor of Sullivan.

Sederwall said his asking Wayne Mason to resign from the CCNG board had no reflection on the abilities of Mason.

"He's a good man, but I

want him to be on the Cemetery Board," Sederwall added.

Montes then asked Dutton whether CCNG board had any say about who was ousted. Dutton said the CCNG board has no such say. Under the CCNG joint agreement powers between Capitan and Carrizozo the municipalities have power to appoint members to the CCNG board and to provide oversight to the CCNG CCNG budget. "The board has no right to determine its members," Dutton added. entities serve at the pleasure of the mayor and trustees."

Also the newest appointments supersede the appointments of a previous administration, Dutton said. "The CCNG Board members don't control who is on the board, the mayor does," he added.

Shearer then brought up that the CCNG board members needed to be appointed on a staggered basis. With that the appointments were amended to make Shearer's term for three years, Smith's term for two years and Sullivan's for one year.

Immediately after the appointments to the CCNG board, trustees discussed and again tabled a request from CCNG to pass a resolution authorizing CCNG to begin a process of obtaining a \$400,000 loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority to construct a transmission pipeline. CCNG attorney Bob Beauvais had previously said such a pipeline would eliminate the current tariff imposed on CCNG by Zia Natural Gas which owns the major gas transmission pipeline.

said in Sederwall letter from the NMFA it CCNG provide various engineering documents and reports about the proposed pipeline project before the loan will be closed. Sederwall also said he spoke with Beauvais who advised about the CCNG litigation about the tariff, which if won could make the loan a "moot issue."

However Shearer said that on March 25, CCNG had a hearing before the



40 YEARS TOGETHER. Marvin and Margie Peacock of Nogal recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. The Peacocks were married on Feb. 15, 1941 by the Rev. Rodger Sherman in Negal. Margie graduated from school in Solano, NM. Marvin attended school in Hagerman, Nogal and Carrizozo. He served in WWII overseas as a medic and returned home to his job with Southern Pacific Railroad in water service. The Peacocks have two daughters and three sons.

state Public Regulation Commission (PRC) that clearly indicates that CCNG will be subject to the entire \$2.08 tariff rate imposed by Zia at least for 10 more years. Shearer said CCNG accepted the 20 year gas transport agreement with Zin Gas in 1992 and was fully aware the tariff would be imposed in 2001. Because of this Shearer said she did not see how CCNG building a pipeline would

remove or lower the tariff. Dutton said the loan for the pipeline could raise the gas rates.

Shearer agreed saying gas rates the customers could be 20 percent higher.

Tippin said he sees the distribution fee not going

Dutton also said CCNG signed off on a court order last year requiring Zia to increase the gas pressure to Carrizozo. However, part of the agreement is CCNG will take responsibility if any

from the assessor's office,

fill it out and return it to

the assessor's office by

the deadline of 5 p.m.

Monday, April 29. Silva

said his office will accept

protest forms that are

postmarked April 29. The

assessor's office will not

accept a faxed form, un-

less the actual signed

form is forwarded to the

assessor's office by 5 p.m.

April 29, or if mailed, is postmarked by April 29. Several property owners

have challenged the notices of value, and have tried to claim the head of

Silva said. Property own-

ers need to be aware that

they can take the Head of

only one time, he added.

The Veteran's exemp-

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just once and for just one

location in New Mexico.

Silva asks that veterans

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every two years to keep it

Spouses of recently de-

ceased veterans should

contact the assessor's of-

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the NM Taxation and

Department,

Silva said he plans to

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problems result from the increased pressure. Dutton then said he would discuss the CCNG litigation in executive session which was held specially to discuss litigation with CCNG and water rights issues.

Based on the discussion. Shearer made the motion to not accept the resolution until the trustees meeting in May.

Mason then said CCNG was not obligated to go through with the loan, even if the trustees passed the resolution.

Shearer said if trustees pass the resolution it indicates the village is taking the position it supports going forward with the line. "We can't do it," Shearer said of the pipeline project. "It will be a \$400,000 liability."

Shearer got no second for her motion to not accept the resolution.

Tippin made a motion to table the resolution until the May meeting. With roll call vote, all trustees voted for tabling,

this coming weekend

about the property values

issue. Burleson will be in

Ruidoso to attend the

New Mexico Association

A few more rain showers dampened the county last week, with only slight traces of precipitation recorded. Rain showers are predicted to continue through this week, with higher humidity helping to reduce fire danger which is still rated at ôvery highō in all US Forest Service locations.

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 11: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers or hunderstorms. Southwest winds 10-20 mph. High of 76 in Carrizozo. Chance for precipitation 10 percent. Tonight, partly cloudy with low of 45.

Friday, April 12: Partly cloudy and a little cooler. Very slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs 75, lows in the low

Saturday, April 13: Partly cloudy warmer. Highs to 82, lows to 44.

Sunday & Monday, April 14 & 15:

Partly cloudy and cooler with daytime breezes. Highs to 73, lows

Tuesday, April 16: Partly cloudy breezy in the afternoon. Highs to 72 and lows to

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

Today, Thursday,

April 11: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon showers or thun-Southwest derstorms. winds 10-20 mph. High of 74 in Ruidoso. Chance for precipitation 20 percent. Tonight. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms with low of 34.

Friday, April 12: Partly cloudy and a little cooler with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs to 65 and lows to lower 30s.

Saturday, April 13: Partly cloudy with a

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of grief.

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Gonzalez - father).

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Corona "Singin" **April 21 At School** Auditorium At 1 p.m.

"A Singin" at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 21 at the Corona School Auditorium.

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

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, each Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso.

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, I p.m. at Capitan Public Library. -- Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, doors open 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

-Capitan Board of Euducation meets at 6 p.m. --Highway 70 Advisory Task Porce meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Glencoe Feed Store on Highway 70 in Glencoe. The public is invited.

-- Corona Village Trustees 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

-Carrizozo Junior Class enchilada dinner: 4-7 p.m. Carrizozo School Cafeteria: \$5 a plate.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

-Lincoln County Democratic Party 11:30 a.m. K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. Order from monu: Candidates invited to spicak. 354-2673.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

-- Corona School Junior Class sponsored Turkey Shoot at Cougar Mountain Ranch headquarters. Call 849-1911 or 849-2999 for information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs. Public invited. -Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee 2:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village

--Carrizozo Board of Education 7 p.m. school library.

-Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, 7 p.m. Community Church in Lincoln.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

-Combined FCE meeting, 11 a.m. at home of Edith Malcolm in Capitan.

-Food commodities delivery, for seniors and families with children under five who do not get WIC, at 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. at Carrizozo Town Hall conference room. Bring proof of income from previous month and bags or boxes to carry food.

--LEPC emergency planning committee meets 1:30 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall. All interested are invited.

-- Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas (CCNG) board of directors meets at 6 p.m. Wells Fargo Bank community room in Carrizozo.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

--Lincoln County Commission 8 a.m. Lincoln County

Courthouse in Carrizozo. -- Food commodities delivery, for low income families, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carrizozo Town Hall conference room. Bring proof of

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

income and residency, and containers to carry food.

--Ruidogo River Cleanup Day, Bank Challenge. Meet at 8 a.m. at Three Rivers Park in Ruidoso. Lunch provided.

APRIL 24

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

-- Capitan Planning Commission 6:30 p.m. Capitan village hall.

JUNIOR CLASS **ENCHILADA DINNER**

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Men's Bowling Association 25th Championship Tourney Results

The Lincoln County Men's Bowling Association held its 25th annual championship tournament March 2 and 3 at **Ruidoso Bowling Center** and March 9 and 10 at Carrizozo Recreation Center.

There were 21 five-man teams, with 58 sets of doubles and 106 singles.

Ruidoso Bowl team was the first place scratch team with a score of Team members 2,938. were Manuel Blackmon. David Blackmon, David Cecil, Kevin Reed, Alex Cecil.

Weazels team was first place team with handicap with score of 3,273. Team members were Tate Pru-Tiger Stanbrough, McElhaney, Tom Jim Robert Whitte-Jones. more.

Second place team handicap was Ruidoso Bowl with score of 3,237. Team members were Manuel Blackmon, David Blackmon, David Cecil, Kevin Reed, Alex Cecil.

Third place team handicap was Mo's Miscues with score of 3,173. Team members were Ted King, Larry Grasmick, Harry Allwein, Donnie Newman and Ken Mosely.

First place doubles scratch was won by Richard Guevara and Jim McGarvey with a score of

First place doubles handicap was won by Charis' Barela and Stephen J. Ortiz with score of 1,374.

Second place doubles handicap was won by David C. King and Donny J. Shafer with score of 1.364.

Third place doubles handicap was won by Wes Jackson and Jason McCann with score of 1,359.

First place singles scratch was won by Jim McGarvey with score of

First place singles handicap was won by

ENMU-NMJC Choirs Perform April 21st At Spencer Theater

ENMU-Ruidoso College Choir will be joined by the New Mexico Junior College Choir (from Hobbs) at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21 at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts in Alto.

The combined 110 voice choir will perform the joint benefit concert featuring "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois, a cantata for soloists, chorus and orchestra. Several ENMU orchestra members and instrumentalists: from Hobbs and other communities will provide the orchestral accompaniment.

There is an admission fee which will go to the Choral Scholarship fund or guests can donate a child's coat to benefit the Ruidoso Optimist Club

'Coats for Kids" program. For more information call Danny Flores at 258-4943 or Jim Miller at 257-2120 or toll freé 1-800-934. Johnny Beltran score of 753.

Second place singles handicap was won by Korvus Kurilik, with score of 725.

Third place singles handicap was won by Pat E. Montes with score of

First place in all events. with first appearance in team, doubles and singles, in scratch was won by Jim McGarvey with score of 1.910.

First place in all events handicap was won by LeeRoy Zamora Sr. with score of 2,029.

Second place in all events handicap was won by David Blackmon with score of 2.000.

Third place in all events handicap was won by Tom Jones with score of 1.961.

Association organizers appreciated everyone who participated and helped with the tournament which had a very good turn out.

Rabies Vaccination Clinics To Be Held **April 20 In County**

Rabies vaccination clinics will be held at several locations in Lincoln County Saturday, April 20. All pets should be on a leash or in a carrier.

Veterinarian Mary Jane Ferguson-Cooper will offer the rabies clinic at Nogal post office from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Carrizozo Fire Station from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., White Oaks turn-off on Highway 54 from 11:45 a.m. to 12 noon, and at Ancho from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Veterinarian Becky Washburn will offer a rabies clinic at the Corona Fire Station from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other rabies clinics and times: Lincoln Fire Station 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; Capitan Fire Station 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; old Hondo post office 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon; tennis court fire station in Ruidoso 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; White Mountain Dr. fire station in Ruidoso 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Ruidoso Downs Fire Station 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rabies vaccinations will cost \$5 per animal. Other vaccines are available at reduced prices.



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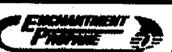
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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Change and new growth

By Ruth Hammond

Now that the municipal elections have been held and there are some new people in office in some places, there seems to be an indication there will be a few changes made. We can only hope the changes will be for the better and that information that should be public does become public. We can only hope that questions that are being asked will be answered. People do have a right to know.

Every spring there is new growth. Trees are budding and many trees are fully clothed in their greenery, a sure sign that it is a new beginning. Apparently the same thing is happening in other areas also and it might help people to believe that there is life after a cold harsh winter, or a cold indifferent regime. And some situations may cause people to wonder how things happened the way they did, or why.
When the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas (CGNG)

board of directors suggested getting a loan, it was not fully explained as to what stipulations would be made for the repayment of that loan. The New Mexico Finance Authority sent a letter to the board of trustees, Village of Capitan, board of trustees. Town of Carrizozo, and to the board of directors, Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas on April 5 that summarized the loan structure and the closing conditions.

Getting a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) is not quite as easy as it sounds. The NMFA has certain requirements which must be satisfied prior to the closing of a loan. NMFA would need to know final project costs and verification of the availability of funds needed to complete the project in addition to the NMFA loan funds.

Really, that doesn't seem like much, but there have been no actual figures as to what it would cost to build a three mile long pipeline, pay for easements, and to pay the supplier to tap into their line. NMFA will probably want the accurate costs. One thing NMFA would require concerns the rate being charged for gas. We have heard that as a municipal utility CCNG is not allowed to make a profit and

only charges what it pays for gas. Sound like a good deal.
Oops, there is a problem. If CCNG can only charge the same amount it pays for gas, where does all the extra money come from to pay several hundred dollars for each board member to attend a two hour meeting each month? And where does the money come from to pay employees salaries and vehicle expense and building maintenance?

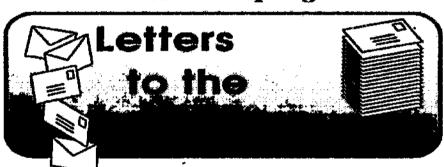
When these questions are asked there are no answers. And it makes people wonder exactly how rates are set. NMFA would require that CCNG charge rates sufficient to pay the cost of operating and maintaining the gas system. PLUS an additional 130 percent of the annual debt service

due under the loan agreement. That could mean CCNG rates for gas could be increased by a tremendous amount.

The people have a right to know and they should be told any and all conditions before a loan is made. It should

not be a dark secret, because it is a publicly owned utility. However, not everyone agrees that an informed public is a happier public. As nature continues an annual rebirth this spring, and changes are being made, hopefully for the better, please take time to stop and smell the fresh illacs.

Rebirth in Spring



EDITOR: This week we lost our dog, and my heart was broken. Knowing how friendly she is and her love of "going" I feel sure that she was picked up by someone. She has tags with her name and our number so locating us would not be a problem

Since Monday when she disappeared, I have driven every single street and alley in Carrizozo and what I have seen is appalling. And I wish someone would enlighten me as to why people are so cruel as to have their dogs chained chained up? You need to drive around and see this travesty. Per capita Carrizozo probably has more dogs chained than any other town its size. Not only are these dogs chained up but looked to me like they had only had water and food when it was convenient and some without any protection from the elements. At some homes there aren't just one dog, there are several. Some dogs, you could tell, wanted some attention so badly. I saw dogs chained up in perfectly good yards where there were fences.

For the life of me I can't figure out why people would do that, why treat an animal like that, they wouldn't do it to you, I saw a sign one day that said . . . "I wish I was as good a person as my dog thought I was". You need to treat your animals the way you would like to be treated. If you can't afford to have a fence or treat them properly, get rid of them or better than that never get one in the first place, they deserve better than that.

Taking a chance that you just might come back to this life again, you better not come back as a dog, wouldn't it be awful to spend your entire life on a chain?

LINDA GIBSON Carrizozo, New Mexico





SANTA FE INSIDE THE CAPITOL **BU JAY MILLED**

SANTA FE - This intrepid reporter set out last week to look into the basis of Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez's strong message to the University of Texas that it should back off its attempts to manage Sandia National Laboratory in the Duke City.

Chavez was not without good reason for doing so even though he incurred some criticism. Martin Marietta, which through merger has become Lockheed Martin, pays taxes, which the University of Texas wouldn't. The Department of Energy says the present contractor is doing a good job and there is no need to rebid, but Texas Sen. Kay Bailou Hutchinson is twisting Provident Bailey Hutchinson is twisting President Bush's arm to reopen the bidding.

Texas says UT's strong research abilities would be a hand-in-glove fit, but Sandia's primary mission is not research, it is taking the research from the Los Alamos and Livermore national laboratories and making it into weapons. A defense contractor, such as Lockheed Martin, might actually be a better fit and it reportedly has been receiving better grades on its performance reviews than Los Alamos or Liv-

Could there be other unstated reasons? Maybe so. After all Texas hasn't always had the most honorable motives toward our fair state. It invaded us in 1841, planning to extend its border to the Rio Grande. The New Mexico militia met them at Anton Chico and marched their captives to Mexico City.

Texas invaded again in 1862 and managed to take over the state as far north as Santa Fe, flying the Confederate flag over our state capital for a brief time, until we headed them off at Glorietta and sent them packing back down the Rio Grande. But not before they had declared the Confederate state of Arizona, with its capital at Mesilla. south of Las Cruces.

Before it would approve of New Mexico becoming a state, Texas got away with insisting that an incorrect boundary, a half mile west of the 103rd meridian, be recognized as the official boundary, this giving the greedy Texans another half million acres of land.

Legend has it that the owners of the XIT Ranch, whose property extended to the New Mexico border, expressed their appreciation to the state of Texas by building it the magnificent capitol building, which still stands in Austin.

Many New Mexicans also speak of other instances in which Texas cowboys crossed the border to terrorize southern New Mexico, ending in a losing battle with the legendary New Mexican, Elfego Baca.

Maybe Mayor Chavez had some of these atrocities in the back of his mind when he told the University of Texas to stay out of New Mexico. To determine whether Texas has a legitimate side to these charges. I set out for the Lone Star State. It also corresponded with a long-promised Texas tour with my wife's mother, Genevieve Duncan, of Ruidoso.

After visiting a half dozen public and private Texas history museums around the state, a story emerged. After winning its independence from Mexico in 1836, Texas was having trouble extending its border eastward because of marauding plains Indians but figured the Mexican territory to the west would be easy pickings. So in 1841, it set out to extend its boundary to the Rio Grande, which it thought would be a great west-

ern boundary.
The Civil War incursion was ordered by the Confederacy

It seems the compact between the independent Republic of Texas and the United States, which brought Texas into the union, contained a number of guarantees that no other state enjoyed. I haven't read the document, but it apparently gave Texas the right to set its borders. It already had declared the Rio Grande as its western border so it tried to enforce that, but the Compromise of 1850, engineered by our hero, Millard Fillmore, put a stop to the effort.

Texas had to settle for the surveying mistake, granted when New Mexico became a state, because the land was part of the parcel it sold to the XIT Ranch in order to raise the money to build its capitol.

The debate will continue as to the legitimacy of our grievances.



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Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19) You'll be able to see better days now! A good time to take some time off, if you can. You'll be too busy later. Start a new way of life to live

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Don't Jet anyone push your buttons! You're in control now! Let them know it with a smile! You'll feel even better once you let love inside.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) A new way of life is just around the corners if you want it! Take the time to study every way possible that can make your life a little better! Enjoy!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) Your thoughts are your own! If you want to say something to someone, istep up to the plate! You can't hit the ball, until you pick up the bat! "Four."

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) When everyone around you wants something different than what you want, you have to ask yourself, am I in the right place? Is it time for a change?

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You may find yourself making a hard decision! You have to do for you first! In the long run it will be better for everyone in question! It will be Okay!

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) Now that things are in a better light, you'll see just what needs to be done first! Make a list, take one day at a time. Don't be so hard on yourself. A-OK!

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You're getting a second chance, this could be the last chance for this to happen! Think about what you can do, not what you can't! You Can

Sagittarius: (Nov 22- Dec 21) Hold on to your hat! What ever you want to happen can happen now! Question is: Are you sure of What you want, because you just might get it!

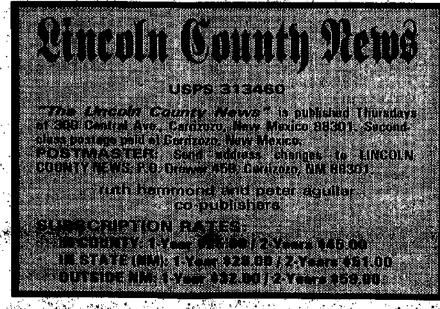
Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You could start feeling better once you do what you know needs to be done! You're on your own kid, you're the only one that can do it now!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) A day trip could do you good, a few hours alone even better! You'll find once you know what makes you happy then you can share it.

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) You're about to find out justwhere you're supposed to be! Your home is in your heart, not a person or a place! Live for today before it's gone.

Psychic Judith Christopher Ruidogo NM

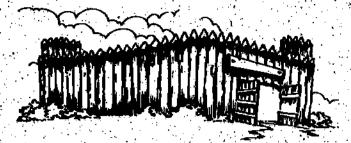
www.ruidoso.net/psychic e-mail.... judithchristopher@hormail.com



Weatherization Assistance is Now Available

The Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico is accepting application for the weatherization program. The program is for low: income, elderly and disabled people.

Those interested may get an application by writing to Weatherization Assistance Program 1907 Drawer 2227, Roswell, NM 88202-2227 or calling 1-888-624-1660.



by Betty Lou loiner

The rain was such a blessing. Even though it was only a little over an inch, everything seems so much brighter.

The LC Sheriff Posse met on Sunday the 7th and the first words spoken were the trail ride is filled. We had decided to only allow 60 riders for this year. Committee chairman Barbara told trail boss Jim Tharp, we are full and still a lot of people we know will want ride . haven't committed.

He told her she has to tell them NO. Because of responsibility of that many riders, parking in Lincoln and just the work it takes to feed this many people, the posse chose to do this.

The poster and envelopes are available and the poster committee traveled to T or C on Monday to interview the artist who is Holley Humprey and have tier sign several posters. The picture is another good one and the NEW 50 state stamps make the envelope very attractive. A new pictorial cancella-tion will be applied this year also.

The sponsor committee has been out asking for sponsorships and has already doubled the previous year's responses. Beautiful plaques made by the committee have been handed out with a poster and envelope. The insert for the envelope is being designed and sales of these items are ready for the many events just around the corner.

The posse plans to ride in the Cinco de Mayo arade in Carrizozo, the Miner's Day Parade ⊷in White Oaks on June 1 and many more that have come about shortly.

The posse will be

Kegistration April 15 to 17 For GED Test

Pre-registration pointments will take place April 15-17 at ENMU-Ruidoso for Lincoln County individuals seeking to take the GED exam on April 19.

Students must now reregister to be able to take the GED test. Students may no longer walk in the same day as the exam.

Pre-registration pointments are available at 3-4, p.m. Monday, April 15; 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 16; 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

Interested students who need to make an appointment may call or stop by the ENMU-Ruidoso office at 709 Mechem Drive in the Sierra Mall. Students must bring a valid drivers' license, social security card, the test fee, and a signed underage permission form if required for pre-registration.

For more information call Cheri LaCounte at 257-2120 or toll free at 1-800-934-3668.

Facts & Fiction

helping with the Ag Day planned at the fairgrounds on May 11 and 12, A garage sale will be held at L&L Drilling location on main street on the 12th. The Easter Egg hunt on March 30 was considered a success with lots of eggs hidden. A smaller crowd due to our lack of proper publicity. Many of the posse members enjoyed Lucille Smith's birthday

ter egg hunt. The social committee had a lot of food for the potluck on Sunday. Mary-lyn was serenaded with Happy Birthday while Carrie was cleaning up the dishes.

party held at Cindy and

Wes Smiths after the Eas-

The breakfast held at the Spencer's in White Oaks on April 27 had a large crowd attending with over 25 riders starting to mark the trails. The posse had volunteered to help the BLM mark trails for a five day equestrian event coming in July. The weekend of 4th, 5th and 6th and the 25th thru the 28th had over fifteen posse members helping out with marking trails with ribbons, making signs, hauling chips and removing lots of old wire.

Terese Ray has been a big help in organizing this group and helping out the BLM bunch. Several practices for parade riding are planned at the arena Susanne Manning, parade chairman, if the arena can be used.

Lots of new rules develop each day, making it really a struggle to do a lot of things on the spur of the moment. Treasurer Francine Murtaugh re-ported we have 101 paid members for 2002. Enforcing the February deadline for dues really helped the members pay up. The new directory found Mr. Allen making sure all the addresses were correct and current for each member. Andrew Murtaugh was sworn in as an adult. He had been a Jr. Posse member for several years. Mike several years. Mike Peterson and Cynthia Morales were the other new members sworn in. A day at Fort Stanton, Fiber fest day in Lincoln, The Blues Festival, and many committee meetings will find the posse very busy.

The fair board meeting had a large turnout with the CowBelles asking where they could erect a couple of flag poles.
Nolene Lovelace and Kathleen Hellman along with the fairboard members decided to put them close to the highway. Curtis Payne will be doing some rockwork around them. A marque is still in the plans and may be close to these poles also. Three officers of the LCRC Rodeo club were present to make sure they could use the arena for their upcoming rodeos. Insurance was purchased

for this large group.

Velma Hobbs is the person in charge of the fair grounds now and is cleaning up inside and out and making sure things are in örder.

The pens where the ing a spot we hung three pigs and sheep have been

kept at fair time will be others. removed real soon, so a new barn will constructed in this area. Hopefully the contractors will be able to finish this project before August.

Velma Hobbs and Lisa Daniels are 4-H leaders of one of the 4-H clubs in Capitan. I attended the last one and took Kersti. She is only eight but can join the club. With this being the 100th year celebration of 4-H I hope she will enjoy many years of 4-H. She immediately learned the 4-H Pledge and could recite it to mom and dad when she arrived home.

Vice president Tanner secretary Toot Woodard were about the only two 4-Her's I knew. A lot of new people everywhere, enjoying the domonstrations given at the meeting which were: making a bird feeder, handling a gun, and showing rabbits. Project books were handed out and refreshments served.

A New Mexico 4-H celebration on April 27 in Santa Fe and Lamy will have a send off of a train from Santa Fe to Lamy. Scating is limited on the train so delegates were selected to join the NM Foundation Board, officer team and NMSU CES officials. Kallic will represent the Capitan 4-H

I received my pictorial cancellation stamp for the Smokey stamp I will be using to commemorate his birthday and 4-H on May

Hope to have a special day on May 9 at the school or post office. I hope to have another postcard available by then

Gov. Johnson recognizes the Centennial Anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program on April 27, 2002, with a proclamation stating that the NM clubs have grown to over 50,000 annual participants ranging from 5-19 years of age.

4-H sponsors clubs in the rural and urban areas and offers agricultural, information technology and general life skill programs, offers trips, scholarships, and teaches the YOUTH about all things. 100 years!! What a great organization!! Thanks to all leaders and parents who had and have had a part in 4-H!!!!!

Back in February one of my customers came in and asked me if I would consider showing my quilts at the library or senior citizens buildings. I thought about it and said oh maybe. He asked me again and I went to the library where the photography show was. I could see there wouldn't be enough room so I stopped in at the senior citizens place in Ruidoso. Looking around I decided "IF" I did this, I could place

them on the staircase.

Last Friday found me at the senior citizens with Lincoln County Onlite Lee Countail and the Rodrey of the Wastern Prince waiting to help me. Find-

and displayed several

Trying to write a little about how I got into his, etc. I was amazed at how many of you who will read this are involved with me. An average of people who have signed most of these quilts is 30. I wish I could count exactly how many and name all who have helped me in this accomplishment.

Fort Stanton workers. graders. postmasters, senior citizens from Capitan and San Patricio, riders on the trail ride from Roswell to Lincoln, Smokey Bear's Friends, Camp Sierra Blanca officers, Ruidoso Woman's club members, LC Sheriff Posse mem-bers, LCRC members, Capitan Library personnel, and all of my customers and friends, are just a few involved.

A little ashamed of the. actual sewing and quil-ting, I am still happy to show my quilts and I thank you all whe have been part of this. The history alone would not be found anywhere else. Even if you don't want to see the quilts, stop by the center and see what they offer. I wish I was retired ... so I could go, especially on Thursday's to quilt with the group. Pool playing, good food, cards, and many other activities are available for all sen-

Also stop in at the Village Hall to see Marceal Reeves work as, a painter -- and at the Püblic Library to see Jordan Torres's works -- Lee Van Pelt's works and James Mack's works. We are the ones showing for the Rui-doso Arts Commission thru April and May

Glencoe is full of so many who paint, draw, decoupage, make bird houses, take photographs and do so many other artistic things I find I am really intimidated. But through it all Delia Bonnell, Dee Westcott and myself have found a really good tool in our copy machines. It is unreal what copying in different ways presents itself into artwork. GET one and try it -- you will like IT!!

(SEE PAGE 9)

by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class Sarah Ball, Instructor *

Carrizozo Competes At State FFA

The Carrizozo FFA teams traveled to Las Cruces for the State Judging Contest on April 3-7 and proudly represented the school and the chap-

The Horse team finished 3rd out of 41 teams. As individuals, Bent Dixon placed 5th, Patrick Hightower 17th and Lane Dixon 34th out of 154 individuals. The Horse team has won the privilege to compete in The World Paint Horse Judging contest in Fort Worth, Texas, in July,

The Livestock team, who earned 7th place out of 48 teams, had two individuals that did rather well. Patrick Hightower won 4th and Brent Dixon won 21st out of 181 individuals.

Land placed 8th out of 32 teams, and Cecilia Alvarez placed 2nd out of 124 individuals in the contest.

This was the end of all state competitions and with Carrizozo FFA chapter finishing strong. John Serna

Sheepherder's First Essay Contest To Focus On Water

The first Sheepherder's Essay Contest will focus on water, one of the most controversial topics facing New Mexico. The contest is sponsored by the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. and several different individuals.

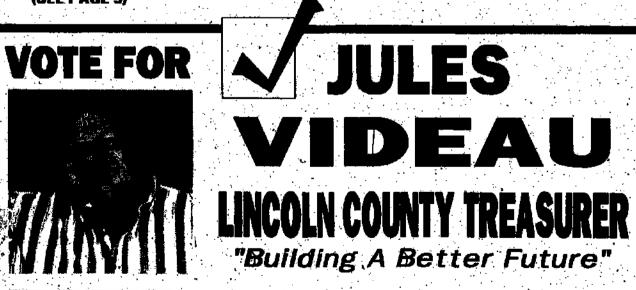
The winning essay will receive a \$1,000 prize and be published in the New Mexico Stockman magazine. Second place will receive \$500 and third place will receive \$250.

Contest requirements include: applicants must be high school juniors or seniors, entries must be postmarked by June 15. 2002, essays must be documented and

searched and include a bibliography with a minimum of five resources, essays should be between 3,000 and 3,500 words in length, entries must be typed and double spaced and include a title page with entrant's name and address.

Essays should mailed to PO Box 4455, Albuquerque, NM 87196 by June 15, 2002. For more information, call the NMWGI office at 505-247-0584.





- * Lincoln County land owner for over twenty-five years...
- Active Duty, Captain United States Air Force six years.
- Retired Exxon Mobil Manager (Crude Oil Marketing).
- Secretary/Treasurer Lincoln County Lodgers' Association. Small Business Owner since 1994.
- B.S., M.S. Electrical Engineering; M.B.A. (Finance). *Attorney-at-Law (licensed in Texas).

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Jules Videau; Rence McAlister, Tressurer

Harold Mansell Announces As. Magistrate Judge Candidate



Harrold R. Mansell is a candidate for Magistrate Judge Division II in the Republican primary.

Mansell has been Municipal Judge for the Village of Ruidoso Downs for the last 15 years. Prior to that he served as Ruidoso Downs Village Trustee for 10 years during which time he also served as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mansell is one of the few municipal judges in the state who holds night court. "I hold night court for the benefit of working people so they don't lose time from their jobs to attend court," Mansell said.

In his 15 years as municipal judge Mansell has received 450 hours of judicial training in New Mexico. He has served as president, first vicepresident and second vice-president and director of the Municipal Judges Association, and was responsible for bringing the 2002 judicial training to Ruidoso.

Mansell has owned several private businesses

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

TWELFTH JUDICIAL

NO. CV-01-267, DIV. III

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

JAMES R. PORTIO, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES R. PORTIO,

SPOUSE OF DEBORAH J. PORTIO.

Plaintiff.

Defendant(s).

said County and State:

AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT,

DEBORAH J. PORTIO and THE UNKNOWN

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

ESTATES, Unit 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County,

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

Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Dated: 4/2/02.

Published in the Lincoln County News on April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2002.

At the date and time stated above, the Special

Peter Baca

Special Master

(505) 648-9925

Carrizozo, NM 88301

P.O. Box 215

purchase price in lieu of cash.

New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio

Lot 3, Block 2, WHITE MOUNTAIN

DISTRICT COURT .

NEW MEXICO

and has worked for several businesses in and around Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. He is a member of Masonic Lodge and Elks Club in Ruidoso, served in several capacities for the Lions Club and was nominated as an Outstanding Young Oklahoman in

Mansell holds a BS degree in business from

Oklahoma State University, and completed 168 college hours from Central Missouri State and George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with a 3.5 grade point average.

Mansell has two grown daughters. "Magistrate Courts are

designed to be a people's court, where an individual has the choice of having an attorney for such matters as traffic citations and suits against other individuals."

"In the Ruidoso area a Magistrate Judge must have a strong background in the construction industries, landlordtenant cases and traffic

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Kokopelli Fire Gets No Disaster Declaration

No federal funds will be released to reimburse private losses from the March 23 Kokopelli Fire. However New Mexico State Forestry Division and the Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide technical assistance to land owners. .

Because the Kokopelli Fire was on private land, no county infrastructure was damaged, only three of the residences lost were uninsured and many were second homes there was no presidential disaster declaration, said Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart at the special Lincoln County Commission meeting Tuesday, April 2 at Capitan Village Hall meeting room. Without such a federal declaration the county can only apply for 75 percent reimbursement for emergency response overtime and use of resources not reimbursed by New Mexico

State Forestry Division.

Stewart said on March 27 the US Forest Service Southwest Area Incident Management Team provided an After Action Review (AAR) with the New Mexico Office of Emergency Services and Security, which performed a preliminary damage assessment of the Kokopelli fire site. Stewart and Village of Ruidoso Emergency Services Coordinator Tomas Chavez also attended the AAR.

"The Incident Management Team was extremely pleased with local and state support of the effort to contain the fire," Stewart said. "They deemed the effort remarkable."

There was considerable discussion about misinformation provided by a variety of unofficial sources and subsequent media reporting, Stewart continued. "Some of the reporting was deemed misleading and just flat irresponsible." Stewart said.

As for reimbursement for the costs for emergency personnel, Stewart said he is researching other programs for assis tance to private property owners.

Bill Duemling from NM State Forestry Division (NMSF) and Greg Hausler from the NRCS said being in the burn area was "like walking on the moon." Duemling said there was complete vegetation loss on 336.5 acres of the 985 acre fire. Hausler said the vegetation loss makes for an increase of potential for flooding from rain run off, with the biggest concern for the private sewage treatment plant in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates.

Duemling said State Forestry help ends with suppression and the only rehabilitation work done by his agency will be on the bulldozed fire line built around the fire. "We are not statutorily able to do anything for private properties," Duemling said.

Hausler said the north facing slopes in Ponderosa Pine were most severely burned. He thought most of the native grasses in the canyon bottoms will come back but the "moonscape" of the severely burned area will need work. Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District is considering purchase of grass seed to give to affected land owners. Hausler said.

NRCS will meet with land owners for technical advice and recommenda-

tions on dealing with trees, such as felling burned trees. Because the burn area was in private land, the owners can deal with trees as they wish, Hausler added.

NMSF regional forester Barbara Luna said there is no state money for rehabilitation on private lands. However the state forestry office is getting lots of calls from people seeking help with their forested properties, she added. Duemling said the private developer who owned the largest tract in the burn area is wanting to do re-hab work to improve the aesthetics of the land. Both said they are encouraged by the response from land owners who want to improve their forested properties.

Forest Service Smokey Bear Ranger Station told THE NEWS that they are getting lots of calls from land owners wanting help with forested lots. The forest service has no programs or funding to assist private land owners with forested lots. Private land owners should contact the New Mexico State Forestry Division in Capitan at 354-2311, the NRCS office in Capitan at 354-2220 or Village of Ruidoso Urban Forester Rick De-Iaco at 258-4343.

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ance of \$550,000 in bonds, the highest amount to be sold without affecting this year's property tax rates.

The remaining bonds will be sold in issues in 2003 and 2004.

Cogdill said the public is invited to make comments at the beginning of the meeting to help the school board determine which building projects should have priority for construction with the bond money. Cogdill said the school board plans to review what funding it can get from the Capital Outlay program, then figure what direction to take.

The board will also take input from staff and community on what projects will take priority.

. Other business on the agenda of the April 16. meeting includes selection of valedictorian and salutatorian and employment of certified person-





PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Primary Election Law of the State of New Mexico, I., Martha McKnight Proctor, Lincoln County Clerk of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following

That the Primary Election be, and the same is hereby called to be, held throughout the State of New Mexico in the County of Lincoln and precincts thereof, on the 4th day of June, 2002;

That the Primary Election shall be applicable to the following political parties, to wit: the Democrafic Party, and the Republican Party; and

That the Primary Election shall be for the purpose of permitting the Democratic Party, and the Republican Party, to nominate candidates for the following

Federal Offices

ONE UNITED STATES SENATOR-SIX-YEAR TERM

State, District and Metropolitan Offices

ONE GOVERNOR-FOUR-YEAR TERM ONE LT. GOVERNOR-FOUR-YEAR TERM ONE SECRETARY OF STATE-FOUR-YEAR TERM ONE STATE AUDITOR-FOUR-YEAR TERM ONE STATE TREASURER-POUR-YEAR TERM ONE ATTORNEY GENERAL-FOUR-YEAR TERM ONE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS-FOUR ONE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS-EIGHT. YEAR TERM ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES-DISTRICT 56,57 & 59-TWO-YEAR

TWO Public regulation commissioners-DISTRICTS 2 & 5-FOUR-YEAR TERMS

County Offices

Three county commissioners DISTRICT 2-FOUR-YEAR TERM DISTRICT 4-FOUR-YEAR TERM DISTRICT 5-FOUR-YEAR TERM ONE COUNTY CLERK-FOUR-YEAR TERM ONE COUNTY TREASURER-FOUR-YEAR TERM TWO MAGISTRATE JUDGES DIVISION I-FOUR-YEAR TERM DIVISION 2-FOUR-YEAR TERM

DONE AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2002. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF . LINCOLN.

Martha McKnight Proctor Lincoln County Clerk

Published fit the Lincoln County News on April 11 and April 18, 2002.

PROCLAMACION DE LA ELECCION PRIMARIA

Conforme a la Ley de Eleccion Primaria, yo, Martha McKnight Proctor, Escribana del Condado de Lincoln. Nuevo Mexico, en virtud de la antoridad que la ley me otorga, por medio del presente anuncio la siguiente : Proclamacion:

Que una eleccion primaria se lleve a cabo, y que por medio del presente sea convocada, por todo el Estado de Nuevo Mexico y en candado de Lincoln y el dia 4 de junio de 2002;

Que la Eleccion Primaria sea aplicable a los sigulentes partidos políticos, a saber: el Partido Democrata y el Partido Republicano; y

Que la Eleccion Primaria se lleve a cabo con el proposito de permitir que el Partido Democrata y el Partido Republicano nominan candidatos a los siguientes cargos:

Cargos Federales

UN(A) SENADO DE LOS ESTADO UNIDOS - PLAZO DE SEIS ANOS

> Cargos En El Estado, Los Distrito, Y Los Areas Metropolitanos

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Martha McKnight Proctor

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Sheriff's Renat

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo:

April 2:

5 p.m. smoke/possible fire in Deer Valley Court. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised it was a small brush fire from the Kokopelli fire.

5:17 p.m. suspicious black pickup at an RV court in Alpine Village; deputy assigned.

11:36 p.m. domestic vioat location on lence Spring Road, deputy responded.

April 3:

9:20 a.m. trespassing at location on Picacho Road in Ranches of Sonterra. Owner who lives in Michigan advised he got a letter from the neighbors about a fence being cut and traffic crossing his property.

12:54 p.m. careless driving at mile marker 101 on Highway 54. A red minivan was running people off the roadway. A deputy responded.

2:09 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service on Valley View Court. 3:26 p.m. out of town property owners reported trespass and criminal damage at location on Sierra Road.

7:15 p.m. request for Agua Fria. ambulance at Lincoln **County Detention Center** (LCDC) for stabbed inmate. Carrizozo ambulance transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

7:24 p.m. detention center requested a deputy for battery on an inmate. Deputy responded.

7:38 p.m. larceny at business on Highway 48 in Alto.

April 4:

4:45 a.m. 911 cell phone report of accident without injuries, one vehicle roll over at mile marker 129 on Highway 54.

7:31 a.m. trespassing: someone built a shanty on the property in Sierra Vista Estates and the owner talked with the people, who said they would take the shanty down: the caller wanted a deputy to go with him to make sure the people did. Deputy responded.

9:01 a.m. theft in Deer Park in Alto. A person took equipment and was holding it until someone else finishes the job. Deputy assigned.

9:25 a.m. deputy advised he was doing an escort in San Patricio.

11:15 a.m. harassing phone calls at location in

Judge Karen L. Parsons

District Court Calendar

The following cases will go before District Judge Karen Parsons in the courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo:

Monday, April 8: 9 a.m. jury trial SNM v. James Doran; CR-2001-136 & CR-2001-170 (Thompson/Rafkin)

Tuesday, April 9: 9 a.m. Jury Trial continued

Wednesday, April 10:

8:50 a.m. teleconference Amers

32 (Leverick/Rafkin) (motions)

a.m. SNM v. Hammond; CR-2001-130

(Dobbs/Atkins) (bond hearing) 1:30 p.m. Durbin v. Durbin; DM-2001-126 & DV-2001-101

Before Judge Darrel N. Brantley:

10 a.m. Judy Davis v. Richard Niederstadt; DV-2002-17 (motions)

Millie Lynch v. Kenneth Lynch; DV-2002-30 Brandy Otero v. Denise Marlin, Connie Saiz and

April Marlin; DV-2002-31 11 a.m. Vikki Ramirez v. Tommy Rager; DV-2002-32 11:30 a.m. Helen Lujan v. Marcia Underwood and

Kim Conner: DV-2002-33 Thursday, April 11:

8:30 a.m. teleconference Herd v. Melton; CV-00-144 & CV-00-181 (Hyer/Sabin) (pre-trial)

9 a.m. teleconference Starboard v. First National; DV-00-209 (Hakanson/R. Hawthorne) (schedule conference)

11 a.m. teleconference Brazel v. Brazel; DM-00-80 (C.Hawthorne/Martwick) (motions)

11:30 a.m. Knox v. RHC; CV-2001-276 (Rafkin/C.Hawthorne) (motions

1 p.m. Camp Sierra Blanca graduation

Friday, April 12: 8:30 a.m.

Rick Aldridge; CR-2002-12 (first appearance) Freddy Baca; CR-2002-10 (plea) Kenneth Chavez; CR-2001-91 (plea) Dwaine Chavez; CR-2001-91 (pretrial) Larry Cearley; CR-2001-68 (sentencing) Justin Zinn; CR-2001-174 (sentencing) Jennifer Romero; CR-2001-174 (sentencing) William Gardner; CR-2002-23 (first appearance) Glynda Duke; CR-93-84 (USD) Marcello Silva; CR-2002-31 (first appearance) Matthew Cook; CR-978-186 (merits) Barron Doug Gray; CR-2001-07 (plea) Walter Gass; CR-2001-128 (plea) Bobby Baker; CR-2001-51 (motions/plea) Todd Dentler; CR-99-120 (merits) 10 a.m. Justin Slaughter; JR-2001-30 (merits) 11 am. Jonathan Warren; JR-98-02 & Jr-00-33 (OTSC)

1:30 p.m. SNM v. Tony Seno; CR-2001-111 (appeal)

1:30 p.m. Plea Conferences John Harlacker: CR-2002-18 Johnny Fierro; CR-2001-139 Kateri Hicks; CR-2001-185 Jose Martinez; CR-2002-08

1:51 p.m. eviction and heavy traffic at location in a trailer court. Deputy responded.

April 5:

7:11 a.m. vehicle vandalism, caller left vehicle on the side of the road last night with a flat tire and the vehicle was vandalized, Deputy sponded.

10:03 a.m. stray dog at lodge in Alto area. Ani-Control Officer (ACO) assigned.

4:28 p.m. careless driver in Cedar Creek.

April 6:

12:30 a.m. prowler on Grand Road in Rancho Ruidoso Estates: the caller heard noises, possibly someone or something outside of the house, possibly a bear; request officer to check because the caller was house sitting and alone. Deputy responded.

11:34 a.m. fire in Alto area. Bonito fire department responded and advised it was a stump burning which was put out by 12:10 p.m.

3:13 p.m. deputy reported grass fire at mile marker 93 on Highway 380. Lincoln Fire Department paged.

3:28 p.m. stage coach roll over on Fort Stanton Cave road. Capitan ambulance and Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) both responded transported and LCMC.

3:30 p.m. suspicious persons at Bonito Lake. 3:13 p.m. grass fire at

mile marker 93 on Highway 380.

April 7:

2:08 p.m. hot ashes on Carrizo Canyon.

5:13 p.m. request for assistance at wood lot in Corona.

10:17 p.m. possible structure fire on Juniper Springs Road; there was a possible fire in the basement. Dispatch advised the people to evacuate the house. Nogal Fire Department responded and returned to their station by 11:10

April 8:

9:44 a.m. vandalism at location on Screaming Eagle in Enchanted For-

9:48 a.m. ACO advised of loose dogs on Tomahawk Trail in Fawn Ridge.

Apply Now For Wool Growers Scholarship

May 15, 2002 is the deadline to apply for the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. (NMWGI) annual scholarship.

4-H and FFA members graduating from New Mexico high schools this year are eligible to apply for the annual \$750 scholarship. Applicants must be graduating highschool seniors planning to major in an agricultural field at New Mexico State University.

The scholarship will be awarded during the NMWGI annual convention July 18-20 in Ruidoso. Scholarship applications are available at all County Extension officers, from FFA advisors, and at the NMWGI office. For more information call the NMWGI office at 505-247-0584.

LCSWA To Provide Free Roll Off Services

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCWSA) is providing free roll off services on the following days and locations in the county through May 18.

On Saturday, April 13, the 40-yard roll off containers will be located at Cedar Creek to take yard waste and other large items.

On Saturday, April 20. the roll off containers will be at the Nogal Fire Station.

Roll off containers will be located at the Alto Maintenance Yard from Monday, April 22 to Friday, April 26.

On Saturday, May 4, the free roll offs will be at the fenced roll off area in Capitan on Yard Road.

On Saturday, May 11, the roll offs will be at Glencoe Palo Verde fire station.

On Saturday, May 18, the roll offs will be at the Lincoln Fire Station.

There will be no charge to dump large items or yard waste at these locations on the specified days.

LCSWA operating manager Debra Ingle suggested residents utilize the roll offs early in the day because they tend to fill quickly.

LCSWA will provide

special pick up services of yard and other waste items for a fee.

No household trash, or hazardous waste such as paint and batteries,

may be dumped into the roll off containers.

For more information about the free roll off: services call LCSWA at 378-4697.

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By Clint Harmon



Uh, oh! Ed's been Downsized!



Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

BIL	gai Presbyi L SEBRING, Sunday Sc Worship	Pastor hoof	 10:00	á.m.
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Anche Community Presbyterian Church: SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024

Corona Presbyterian Church: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship11:00 am.

F1	irst Baptist Church
H	AYDEN SMITH, Pastor
3	14 10th Ave., Carnzozo, NM
6	48-296B (Church) or 648-2107
	Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
	Worship Service
	Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
*	Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
	Wednesday Bible Study

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

	HNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor	
Cor	rner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186	
	Children's Church 10:30 a.	n.
•	Worship Service 10:30 a.r	n.
	Wednesday Bible Study	m.
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Santa Rita Catholic Community

R. DAVE BERGS, Pastor 13 Rirch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-28	53
Capitan Sacred Heart	5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:	
Capitan Sacred Reart	9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita	11:00 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa	4:00 p.m.
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	13 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-28 SATURDAY:* Capitan Sacred Heart Carrizozo Santa Rita SUNDAY: Capitan Sacred Heart Carrizozo Santa Rita Corona St. Theresa

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.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister 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 unday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m. Chor 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. Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister 5th & Lincoln / 336-4627 Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

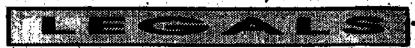
Phone 354-2044 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. AWANA Sunday 4:00-6:00 p.m.-

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Dinner1st Sunday of Month

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS, HEREBY GIVEN THAT NOGAL MOWCA WATER SYSTEM DID NOT REPORT THE REQUIRED TURBITY SAMPLING DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2002. THE NOGAL MDWCA WATER SYSTEM ALSO DID NOT REPORT ENTRY POINT DIS-INFECTANT MEASUREMENTS THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2002, YOUR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THESE REPORTS UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO WATER SUPPLY ATTOMICS. PLY REGULATIONS.

AS A RESULT, THE QUALITY OF THE WATER WAS UNDETERMINED FOR THE PERIOD SHOWN ABOVE.

The violation resulted from: The lack of sub-

mission of the proper paperwork to EID.

The Nogal MDWCA has taken the following

actions: Submitted the proper paperwork to EID.

Mike Lagg, (505) 354-4**206** Operator/Manager & Plante

Becky Crown or James Edwards, (505) 258-3272 NMED Representative & Phone

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2002 by the Highway 70 Advisory Task Force. The meeting will be held at the Glencoe Feed Store on Highway 70, Glencoe, New Mexico, beginning at 6:30 P.M.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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

No. PB-02-11 Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

BETTY H. CROWN, also known as Margaret Elizabeth Crown, Deceased. **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned

Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court within and for the County of Lincoln at the following address: Post Office Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301-0725.

DATED: March 29, 2002.

FRANCES ELIZABETH CROWN SIMS 2520 Fairway Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida 33712 (727) 867-4032

Alan P. Morel ALAN P. MOREL, P.A. Post Office Box 1030 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030

Attorney for Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. CV-02-01

CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION. Plaintiff,

BRIAN CUNNINGHAM a/k/a Brian James Cunningham and DEBORAH B. CUNNINGHAM a/k/a Deborah Barbara Cunningham, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of May, 2002, at the hour of 11:30 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 the rights, title and interest of the above named Defendance in and to the hereinafter 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 4&5 Boothill Road, Alto, New Mexico 88312, and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 4A, BLOCK 28, OF RANCHO RUI-DOSO VALLEY ESTATES, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOTS 4 AND 5. BLOCK 28, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON MAY 4, 1998, IN CABINET G. SLIDE NO. 99,

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

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 sat-

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 8, 2002, Joe T. Phillips, P.O. Box 790, Midland, TX 79702, filed application No. 01919-A with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion of 16.25 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Bonito by ceasing the diversion of said waters via the F. Chavez Ditch, which diverts from the Emil Fritz Ditch at a point in the NE1/45E1/45W1/4 of Section 34. Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and commencing the use of the Rio Bonito at a new point of diversion located in the NE1/45E1/45W1/4 of Section 34. Township 9 South, Range 16 East. N.M.P.M., for the continued diversion of 16.25 acre-feet per annum of surface waters for the irrigation of

5.0 scres of land desc	ribed as follows:	•			
SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES	
Pt. SE1/4SE1/4	34	98	16E)		

The move-from and move-to points of diversion are located approximately 1-12 miles southeast of Lincoln.

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.

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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-feet 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 company the use of the following existing shallow wells:

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

for the diversion of 14.3 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 4.4 acres of land

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE ACRE	s
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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 tro 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 G. 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: Sante Fe

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isty an in rem Foreclosure Judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered case, heing an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$114,858.04, and the same bears interest at 6.8750% per annum, which ascrues at the rate of \$21.63 per diem, commencing on April 1, 2002, with the Court reserving entry of final in rein judgment against said Defendants Brian Cunningham, a/k/a Brian James Cunningham, and Deborah B. Cunningham, a/k/a Deborah Barbara Cunningham. 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 eash 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 \$114,858.04, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$800.31 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$115,658.35. 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 STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-01-299 CENDANT MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

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 the rights, title and the test of the ablive Madded Manufacture of the above of the Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for eash. 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 amum, which accrues at the rate of \$31.69 per diem, commencing on April I, 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

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;

and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plain-

tiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be

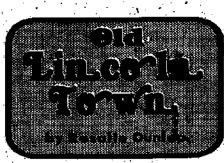
postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the

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 adulged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional roots and attorney's fees 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 judment 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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The museums are all open now for the summer season. The Dr. Woods home and the Tunstall Store along with the other museums are open from 8:30 to 4:30. * * *

The La Cocina was the setting for the 80th birthcelebration, of C. The party, hosted by his daughter Willa Dakin, was attended by over 30 relatives, and friends Customers who came in were invited to participate in the celebration. The guests came from Portales, Carls-Portales. bad, Ruidoso, Tularosa, Capitan, Roswell and White Oaks.

One of Johnny's nephews took him "Çasino hopping" while he was here. He thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Harriet McGinnia, for-merly of Lincoln and now lives in Big Spring, TX, also celebrated her 90th birthday recently. Her party was held at the home her daughter. Nancy in Hobbs.

Isn't it amazing what a little rain will do? The grass turned greeji over night. The fruit trees are blooming but the apricot trees got frozen. Our forsythia in front of the La Placita are beautiful this year.

New employees at the La Cocina are Shane Coleman and Phoebe-** Taylor. Shane is the son σf the Andy Colemans. He is working on weekends and goes to school during the week. .

The Lincoln County Sheriffs Posse held their meeting at the Capitan Fairgrounds Sunday.

The home of Kay and Lee Rucker was the scene of a small family reunion Easter Sunday. They had over 17 family members present.

The Lincoln area has been the scene of a couple of accidents the past week. The Stagecoach turned over near: Torres Ranch. There was also a small fire at the same

Rosina Locke Will come home today from the Roswell Hospital.

Don Redditt is doing great. Isn't it wonderful how quickly all our "patients", are recovering from surgeries and injuries? . W 38: .

Those who attended the NASCAR race in Dallas were disappointed as it was rained out Sunday. Hopefully it will run today (Monday). ij,

The Lincoln Spinning Bees will meet at the La Placita April 20:02

risidi . The Lincolnb bCounty Historical Society will be meeting April 20 at the Hubbard Museum in Ruidoso at 7:00 p.m. Karl Lumbaugh will, be the guest speaker. Hig



County Commission Meets Thurs., April 18

Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 18 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Items can be added to the agenda up to 24 hours 40. prior to the meeting. The official agenda will be available by Wednesday, April 17, from the office of the county manager in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Items on the tentative agenda for the meeting include the following:

Two public hearings are scheduled at 9 a.m. The first hearing is on an ordinance authorizing the refinancing of the New Mexico Finance Authority loan for the new county jail.

The second hearing will be on changes to the county subdivision ordinance.

The public will be given opportunity to speak during the hearings. Proposed ordinances will be available from the county manager.

Other tentative agenda items:

-Minutes of the Feb. 21, March 21, March 25 and April 2 regular and special meetings,

-Consent agenda of finance; treasurer report; sole community provider and indigent health care claims.

-Managers project report.

-Lincoln County Medical Center/ health clinic operations report from Jim Gibson, administrator.

-Resolution certifying road mileagé.

--Potential appeal of indigent health care claim denied.

-Flow on Eagle Creek discussion by Bill Midkiff. -Dispatch and deputy sheriff staffing.

Communications provement plan. --Discussion on endan-

gered species. --Discussion about the

liability for using the fairgrounds area. -Proposed volunteer de-

fensible space program, "Operation Save Lincoln County." -Fire Department initia-

tives for training authority; automatic mutual aid; 2002 Fire Protection Fund listribution applications. -Discussion on ter/forest health issues.

-- Juvenile Probation Office move. -Renewal of Fire Restrictions Resolution 2001-

--Resolution 2001-41, retention of livestock grazing on federal and state managed lands.

-Lincoln County Detention Center progress report.

-- Proposed evacuation routes,

--Authorization schedule public hearings to consider other outdated County Lincoln ordinances.

--New and other business from commissioners officials. elected Items for discussion only.

Fort Stanton (Con't From Pg. 5)

Della's latest project is helping Paul with artwork for the envelopes, news-letters and other things for the senior center that will open in Albuquerque. It is called the Manzano Multigenerational Center and I found out apple is manzano in Spanish.

Soccer practice has begun in Ruidoso' with Jace so Kersti and excited. They were very happy that Audrey, their mom, and Nicki Bowen were one set of coaches that helped out with the basketbáll league Capitan jast, monili.

For four Saturdays, the ym was full of these players with many helping out. Kent McGinnes was. one of the full-time referees and Crystal Griego was head of the whole show. To one and all this was a lot of fun and to watch some of them it makes your day!!! Just wish I could list all who were there helping with the practices and games. हिमर मह मह भर मह मह मह मह म

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Absentee Voting (Continued From Page 1)

Chavez the clerk's office has been receiving many requests for absentee ballot applications, some from last year. The clerk's office will begin mailing absentee ballots to verified applicants on April 25.

Chavez recommended that voters who want to vote by Absentee Ballot should request applications for absentee ballot by May, 10, if the applications are to be mailed. The last day the clerk's office will mail out absentee ballots is May 27. Chavez suggests voters make their applications soon, then return their absentee ballots soon after receiving them because of the uncertainty of the mail de-

Early voting begins May

15. Registered voters can vote any time during the regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The last day to early vote will be Saturday, June 1. A satellite early voting poll will be located in the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center on Sudderth Drive (the old Ruidoso library by the swimming pool). Hours' will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning May 15.

Voter registration for the June 4 primary election closes at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

For more information call Lincoln County Clerk's 505-648-2394.

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REA Building in Carrizozo, April 13 & 14. Starts at 8:00 a.m. 1tp/Apr. 11

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for RECORDS COODINATOR in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must have skills in bookkeeping, use of personal computer and records maintenance. Employment will be condition upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Obtain applications and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. Monday, April 22, 2002. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A. 2tc/Apr. 11 & 18

All proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the RFP number Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor techicalities and award the proposal to best serve the interest of Lincoln County. JANE WILLIAMS Purchasing agent April 9, 2002 Published in the Lincoln County, on Thursday,

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O.

Box 711 (300 Central Ave) Carrizozo, NM 88301 until 2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, May 8,

2002. Any proposals received after that date and time will be returned unopened.

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during their regular commission meeting scheduled

for 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2002.

Proposal requirements are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Counthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Jane Williams at 505-648-2385.

Auditor to respond to this Request for Proposal.

You must be an independent public account

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners



The Mothers and Daughters of the First **Baptist Church of Corona** are having a Hats off to Mom dinner at the Corona School Recreation room on May 10 at 6:30. The event will be catered by, Beth Sisk, and Rhonda Tully. There will be contests for middle school and younger for the "baddest" hat, coolest hat, and craziest hat. The high school and adult contests will be for the classiest hat, most original hat and most outrageous hat.

The cost of the meal is \$5.00 a plate. You will need to RSVP by April 30 by calling Cathy Yancey at 849-5266.

Corona's new postmaster is Matilda Graves. Matilda is the daughter of Jim and Enid Miller of Ancho. She attended school at Corona and graduated in 1986. She also attended New Mexico State University and received her BS degree in 1993. In 1995 she began working for the post office in Roswell.

 Mrs. Graves is married to Larry Graves and has a three year old son, Tyler. They reside in Estancia.

Alexis - Stewart gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Angelica Alexis. Angelica was born March 20 and weighed in at 6 pounds 15.9 ounces, and 20 inches long,

Lisa and Larry Meier were blessed with a baby girl on April 5. Jessica Esther Meier weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Lisa is the daughter of Jerry Rasak of Corona. The Meiers live in Cedar Lake, Indiana.

The Corona Schools would like to extend sincere gratitude to the parents, staff, and community members for their support of our first blood drive. United Blood Services was at Corona Schools on Tuesday, April 2 for the blood drive.

Our elementary students participated in the "Be a Hero" program. The program was designed to teach students about the physical function of blood, how blood is used for sick or injured people, and how children and their parents can become heroes by participating in blood drives.

The children become heroes by finding adults to donate, and the adults become heroes by giving blood. Our school and community are full of heroes and we would like to

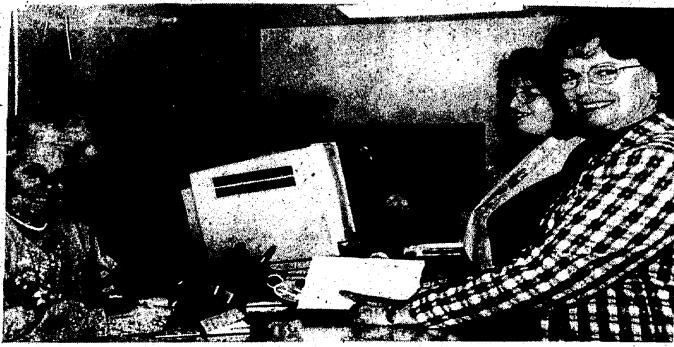
THANK YOU!!! Please watch for dates for upcoming United Blood Services blood drives. Also, thanks to the staff form the United Services for their excellent work!

The results of the Corona School reading bee are: First grade- 1st Ramon Jaramillo, 2nd Allysanne Huey; Second grade-1st Taylor Huey, 2nd John Hartung; Third grade- 1st Jordan Huey, 2nd Alicia Palomarez; Fourth grade-1st Kylen Straley, 2nd Elizabeth McConnell; Fifth grade-1st Dulcie Sultemeier, 2nd Luanne Jebens; Sixth grade-1st Randa Miller, 2nd Ashley Vigilante ·

The judges were Sue Widner, Jimmie Gonzales and Sissy Othick from Albuquerque and Linda Greer the Corona pre-school teacher. Sue Widner comes to Corona every year and is the storyteller for the kids.

The Corona High School track team attended the Rose Relays Invitational at Tularosa last Thursday afternoon. The results are as follows: Victoria Rossi. mile - 3rd place, long jump - 4th place; Francesca Rossi, 800 - 4th: mile medley eeam - 3rd, Victoria Rossi, Francesca Rossi, Estee Holman, and Elyssa Winchester.

The Corona FFA chapter traveled to Las Cruces for state judging last week. The wool judging team consisting of Dal Frost, Shaline Lopez, Tara Seely, and Rachel Lucras



SECOND HALF TAXES ARE DUE, says Lincoln County Deputy Treasurer Beverly Calaway to taxpayer Terry Brazie who came into the treasurer's office to pay her taxes. Treasurer's clerk Mary Castaneda is helping at the computer. The second half of the 2001 property taxes became due on April 10, and become delinquent on May 10. The treasurer's office will accept 2001 second half tax payments postmarked on May 10. For more information about the second half 2001 property taxes call the treasurer's office at 648-2397.

placed 4th in the competition.

Shaline Lopez was 5th high individual. Congratulations!!

All those wonderful clouds over the weekend gave us sleet and raindrops for a total of 0.1 of moisture.

According to the dictionary, Jubilate Sunday is the third Sunday after Easter. Therefore, a time of jubilation or "A Singin" will be held in the Corona Schools Auditorium, Sunday, April 21, 2002 at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join in the jubilee of singing favorite hymns, old and new.

Corona FFA members were in Las Cruces last week for state competi-

Congratulations to the wool team, Dal Frost, Shaline Lopez (4th high individual), Rachel Lueras and Tara Seely for their fourth place win. The livestock team, Dal Frost, Opal Greer, Keith Shafer and J.R. Shafer placed 13th out of approximately 60 teams.

Victor Perez and his partner, Neil Trammel, Alamogordo, won second in a team roping at Moriarty over the weekend.

Jordan Muncy won the all-around buckle at the Socorro MS Rodeo last weekend by placing in the top four in her events.

The NMRA Membership Rodeo at Las Vegas this weekend with 180 entries for the separate rodeos Saturday and Sunday promises to be a big one.

Mr. and Mrs. Rand Perkins attended the dinner meeting at the Heritage Museum in Las Cruces, Saturday evening, marking 60 years of rodeo at NMSU. Four of the five members from the original team were present. Profits from the dinner and silent auction went to rodeo scholarships.



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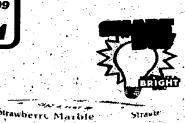




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