

Two New Mayors Elected Tuesday

by Doris Cherry

Election night was an upset for two incumbent mayors in Lincoln County who were voted out of office on March 5. According to the canvassed results from the Village of Capitan, former councilor Leon Eggleston will be the new mayor of Ruidoso. He

received a total of 895 votes for the office, defeating incumbent mayor Robert Donaldson who received 629 total votes. According to the canvassed results from the Village of Capitan, challenger Steven Sederwall received 277 votes to defeat incumbent mayor Norman Renfro who received a

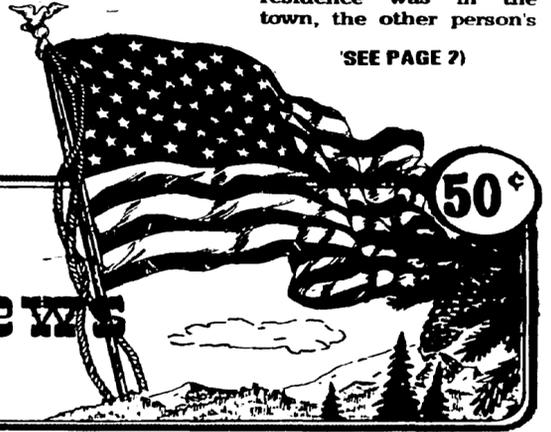
total of 208 votes. In Corona, according to the unofficial, uncanvassed tallies, incumbent mayor Gilbert Stewart retained his position with 48 votes to challenger Alvin D. James who received 33 votes. In Carrizozo, according to the canvassed returns, the incumbent mayor

retained his position. Voter turn out was more than 50 percent in Capitan, Ruidoso Downs, Carrizozo and Corona. According to the municipal clerks there were no problems with the voting machines. However, in Carrizozo two individuals came to vote whose names were not on the voting lists.

Carrizozo town clerk Leeann Weihbrecht said the two people were not on the voter list because of errors in the voter

registrations in the Lincoln County Clerk's office. One person was listed as living in the county when the person's residence was in the town, the other person's

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Questions Asked About C'zozo School Policies

by Doris Cherry

Some concerned parents attended the Carrizozo Board of Education meeting to express concerns about the stability of staff, Out of School Suspension (OSS) and disclosure of confidential evaluation records.

During the February 19 Carrizozo School Board meeting, grandparent Barbara Ward asked why the district has OSS instead of in-school punishments. "You talk about suspension as a tool," Ward said. "But sending them home is a vacation. This needs changed."

School board member Lisa Shivers said the school district does have in-school suspension but did agree with Ward about OSS. "If a student has discipline problems they are probably struggling with school, then three days out and no grades," Shivers commented. "This just knocks them back when they need the most help."

Principal Steve Barron said suspension depends on the infraction. And now they have started sending most students with infractions to Saturday school.

Shivers said they are trying an ISS (In School Suspension) at lunch.

Ward also asked about tutoring for students and wanted assurance that the Saturday school tutoring classes are available for all students, not just those with discipline problems.

Parent Brian Serna said he wanted clarification on the consistency of enforcing the school athletics policies. He asked the school board to investigate claims of a fraudulent grade given to keep a student eligible for sports. He then asked for the name of the school district's law firm which is the Cuddy Firm in Santa Fe.

Angelo Vega, parent of

three children in Carrizozo Schools, wanted to know the policies about transferring student records from another school district and if these records are available for anyone to review. He also was concerned about staff discussion about his child's confidential evaluations.

The Family Education Right Act gives parents access to their children's records for children under 18 years old, it also gives access to student records to faculty and staff with interest in the child. Otherwise all student information is only available with approval by the student or a subpoena by the courts.

Vega said that is a very good policy. But he was not so pleased about the violation of confidentiality.

School superintendent Rick Cogdill said the school has no policy to allow staff to divulge confidential information without a release from the parent or guardian.

Vega said he was willing to investigate any violations of the confidential records. "I know this small community and I can rule out a lot of nonsense," Vega said. "But when it comes to an innocent child bringing stories of teachers, principals and staff really upsets me."

Vega also said he was not happy his child comes home and tells about the issues of the teachers and other staff. "Stability of staff is very important," Vega continued. "With stability children learn responsibilities and work ethic and don't sell dope and party all the time."

School board member Eldon Offutt said he also hates to see rumors, especially told to children. "If we get specifics we try to nip it in the bud," Offutt added.

Shivers said no one cares

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OUTGOING RUIDOSO councilor Linda Flack gets a big hug from then mayor Robert Donaldson at the February 25 Ruidoso Village Council meeting. Donaldson lost his bid for re-election to former councilor Leon Eggleston.

State Auctions Four Properties In Tax Sale

New Mexico State Tax and Revenue, Property Tax Division auctioned four properties located in Lincoln County with delinquent taxes for a total of \$18,000 during the Delinquent Property Tax Sale on Tuesday, March 5 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

According to Lincoln County deputy treasurer Beverly Calaway, originally there were 47 properties with delinquent taxes listed on the delinquent tax sale. "The treasurer's office worked diligently to collect the delinquent taxes and get properties off the list," Callaway told *THE NEWS*.

By tax sale day on Tuesday, only four properties went to auction for the 43 bidders who attended.

Calaway said all four properties sold were vacant land with no residences, with all properties owned by people who live out of state.

Every three years the NM Tax and Rev. Property Tax Division holds a delinquent tax sale. Calaway said the Lincoln

County Treasurer's office works with delinquent property owners to make arrangements to pay their back taxes. However, once the property with delinquent taxes is put on the delinquent tax list with the state, the back

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Ruidoso Will Continue Fire Hazard Abatement

by Doris Cherry

This summer there will be additional funds to continue a program of thinning heavily forested private properties in and around Ruidoso in order to reduce the chance for wild fire.

At the February 26 Ruidoso Village Council meeting, councilors unanimously approved a government services agreement with the NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, State Forestry, which will provide \$185,089 to continue fire hazard abate on private properties in Upper Canyon, Sun Valley and the Dude Mesa. The project is a continuation of the cost share program started last fiscal year. Under the cost sharing, the state will provide 70 percent, and the village will provide 30 percent of the total cost. The Ruidoso Village Urban Forester will administer the project which has enough funds to treat about 150 acres of private land.

Under the project, private land owners whose projects are accepted by the village can hire the work done, or do it themselves at a value of \$15.97 an hour, then submit documentation of the work to the village for reimbursement.

The village will then contact the state forestry to request reimbursement for the state funds. "The land owner will get paid after the work is done and inspected," said village forester Rick Delaco.

Delaco said he has a long list of people who signed up for the program last fiscal year. "The demand for the help is way more than the money available," Delaco added.

The village's share of the cost will be about \$18,509 for which the village will provide administrative services as an "in-kind" match.

Councilor Bill Chance said the Upper Canyon should be a real priority area for fire abatement. "Before this year's fire season gets started we need to put this program in action," he added.

Councilors unanimously approved the agreement to continue the fire hazard abatement program for private lands.

For more information on the fire abatement program and its guidelines contact Ruidoso Village Urban Forester Rick Delaco at 258-4343.

Village manager Alan Briley also reported the village was scheduled for a water quality control hearing.

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CAPITAN HEADSTART students did a ground breaking on Tuesday, March 5 for a new storage shed and bike path on their classroom playground in Capitan. Students include Jordan Deane, Sebastian Rueda, Angel Whitlock, Lauren Bason, Wendy Hull, Collins Parks, Justin Boss, Wyatt Farris, Shaylee Cruz, P.J. Drury, Robert Miller, Justice Johnson, Jake Devine, Diego Rueda and Micah Hamilton with teachers Gloria Griego, Janis York, all around good guy Louis Padilla and Lincoln County HeadStart Program Director Melina Atencio. The county HeadStart program now has seven classrooms county wide with one in Capitan, one in Carrizozo one in Hondo and four in Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Will Continue Fire Hazard

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ing, concerning the sewer treatment plant discharge, on March 12 in Santa Fe. Under the new regulations for sewer discharge, the Ruidoso waste water plant will not meet minimum

phosphate levels. Briley said the village is seeking to get a time extension to study whether phosphate is creating the nuisance algae growth in the Rio Ruidoso below the waste

water plant. Briley said it may not be phosphorous causing the algae because there is nuisance algae in the river above the sewer plant. "We need to prove this before we consider doing a \$10 million expansion on the sewer plant just to remove phosphorous," Briley said.

"It's amazing how these unfunded mandates affect us," commented mayor Robert Donaldson. He said the village has considered going to the New Mexico congressional delegate to get the time extension but decided to go through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) instead.

Briley also reported "our people in Washington" want the village to commit to a 60-40 cost share grant program with \$1.35 million available for the village sewer system. Briley said the village share will be about \$900,000. Plans are to expand the village sewer system in three phases with new sewer lines to connect Town and Country, Airport West, Paradise Heights, and Wingfield Homestead 2nd Addition. In another report, Briley said the state highway de-

partment has offered to install a traffic light at the corner of Sudderth and Sutton (by Subway) when the department reconstructs the Highway 70-State Road 48 (Sudderth Drive) intersection. In exchange, Gavilan Canyon Road would be closed off where it intersects with Highway 70.

After councilors and some in the audience responded positively to the offer, Briley said he would write the highway department and advise the village would help with the project. Briley said the village could budget funds next fiscal year (which begins July 1, 2002) to help pay for a traffic light. Donaldson said he is opposed to closing off Gavilan Canyon (off Hwy 70). Briley said he also expressed concerns about doing this.

Outgoing councilor Linda Flack said a light at the intersection is very important because Sutton is a very important artery, used more and more.

Attorney Don Dutton, who was at the meeting for another matter, said a traf-

fic light at Sutton and Sudderth would stop the traffic going through Walgreen's (parking lot).

Councilors also:

-Approved a new wine-growers license for Viva New Mexico, Inc. at 2811 Sudderth Drive, with additional approval of a waiver because a church is within 300 feet of the proposed location.

-Approved a request for vacation of right of way for Lot 3, Block 7, Wingfield Homestead, 2nd Addition. Carlos C. Acosta applicant to pay a total of \$60 for the right of way vacated; because existing mobile home encroaches four feet into a right of way on Drooping Juniper which has low traffic volume and is presently paved. Village Planning and Zoning unanimously recommended the request.

-Accepted a preliminary and final plats for Lot 7, Gavilan Hills Subdivision. Paul Jewell applicant to create two lots from one, in the subdivision located in the county within the one mile Ruidoso planning jurisdiction zone. Agent Tim Collins said the lot was part of the Gavilan Hills Subdivision developed in 1970. The lots will be 3.57 acres and 1.10 acres.

-Approved a preliminary and final plats for The Don Miner Tract, part of NW/4, Section 25, T 10 S, R 13 E; Don Miner applicant to create two tracts from an existing metes and bounds tract with Tract 1 to have 3 acres and Tract 2 will have 4.05 acres. The subdivision is in the county within the one mile zone and the plat was unanimously recommended by Ruidoso P&Z.

-Adopted Resolution 2002-04 which amends the council agenda policy to give members of the public, who are not on the agenda, time to speak at the end of each meeting. Flack said she asked for this resolution and in her opinion it will be "first come first served" when allowing the public to comment. Jules Videau, a council candidate, suggested all commentary from the public be relevant and citizens should be allowed to speak early in the meeting. Councilor Bob Sterchi said he preferred the end because sometimes people have hired expert counsel such as attorneys to make presentations at the meeting. "And their meters are running," Sterchi said.



Windy spring like weather will dominate this coming week, bringing clouds and cooler temperatures and a chance for precipitation on Friday.

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

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

Today, Thursday, March 7:

Warmer with mostly high clouds and windy. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 35 mph in the afternoon. High of 70 in Carrizozo. Tonight partly to mostly cloudy with low of 35. Chance of precipitation less than five percent.

Friday, March 8:

Partly to mostly cloudy. Windy and turning cooler with a slight chance for showers. Highs 69, lows in the 30s.

Saturday, March 9:

Partly cloudy, windy and cooler. Highs to 62, lows to 30.

Sunday, March 10:

Partly cloudy, with highs to 63 and lows to 28.

Monday, March 11:

Partly cloudy and windy. High to 68, low to 37.

Tuesday, March 12:

Decreasing clouds with highs to 70 and lows to 42.

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

Today, Thursday, March 7:

Variable but mostly high clouds and windy. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph, especially on the ridges. Gusts to 35 mph in the afternoon. High of 60 in Ruidoso. Tonight partly to mostly cloudy. Low of 28. A slight chance for showers.

Friday, March 8:

Partly to mostly cloudy. Windy and turning cooler with a slight chance for showers. High of 50. Lows in the 20s.

Saturday, March 9:

Partly cloudy. Windy and cooler. Lows 15 to 20s. Highs from 48.

Sunday, March 10:

Partly cloudy with highs from 48, lows 12 to mid 20s.

Monday, March 11:

Partly cloudy and windy. Highs from 52, lows from 21.

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name had erroneously removed from the voter registration lists.

Weihbrecht said once the county clerk's office verified the errors, the two people were allowed to vote after they signed "certificates of eligibility

to vote".

Other polls reported individuals who were turned away because they had registered to vote too late for the municipal election, and others had moved into the village and had not re-registered with their new physical residence.

THE NEWS reporter was asked to leave the Capitan voting polls on election day. Election poll judge Edith Dobbins asked THE NEWS to leave because she was concerned there would be questions of impropriety. Bona fide members of the news media are by law allowed to be present at the polls during election hours. THE NEWS left the polls without complaint out of courtesy to the poll workers.

THE NEWS was present after the Capitan polls closed at 7 p.m. while the poll workers tallied the results, as allowed by law. THE NEWS also attended the canvass of the Capitan election results with Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. on Wednesday, March 6 in his office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Election returns for each office in each municipality are as follows (all returns have been canvassed and certified except Corona):

Capitan:

With 597 out of 1113 registered voters casting ballots in Capitan, the village had a 53.6 percent turn out.

Mayor:

Norman C. Renfro-208 total votes; of that 11 were absentee ballots, 76 early votes, and 121 votes cast on the two electronic voting machines on election day.

Debra L. Ingle-68 total votes; one absentee, seven early vote and 58 on the two machines election day.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS
 -Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2035 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 -Pre-school reading hour, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.

SECOND SATURDAYS
 -Democratic Party of Lincoln County, 11 a.m. locations TBA. No meeting in March. Call 354-2673.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
 -REDTT's Stary Night in Lincoln, 7 p.m. free. Call 1-800-653-0400 for information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
 -Malpais Colts 4-H Club 2 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office.

MONDAY, MARCH 11
 -Lincoln County REDTT monthly meeting 10 a.m. Richards Ranch north of Capitan. Call 849-1115 for directions.
 -Keep Ruidoso Beautiful committee 5 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
 -Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
 -Ruidoso Village Council organizational meeting 7 p.m. newly elected officials sworn in.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
 -Carrizozo Utility Council at 9:30 a.m. village hall.
 -Carrizozo School PFK meeting 3:30 p.m. school library.
 -Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.
 -Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.
 -Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.
 -Corona Board of Education 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
 -Carrizozo School report card day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
 -Capitan School Board 6 p.m.
 -Carrizozo Woman's Club 7 p.m.
 -Ruidoso Arts Commission 4 p.m. village hall.



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Feb. 19 Was Tristan Gail Day In Ruidoso

February 19 was "Tristan Gail Day" in Ruidoso, in honor of Ruidoso's "daughter" Olympic Gold Medalist winner Tristan Gail.

Ruidoso mayor Robert Donaldson proclaimed February 19 in Gail's honor at the beginning of the February 26 Ruidoso Village Council meeting. A plaque with the proclamation to Gail will be sent to the Olympic champion in the women's skeleton sled event. Donaldson said Gail is an inspiration to the youth of the community.

"It was really neat for her to win," Donaldson said. "It has really inspired the local kids."

February 26 was also the last council meeting for councilor Linda Flack who chose not to run for re-election. The council presented her a bouquet of flowers.

"I thank the community for giving me the time to serve," Flack said. "There has been the easiest job. The people in the village are unbelievable."

"I want to thank the staff of the city, they take a lot of hard hits," Flack continued. "But they are the most absolutely wonderful staff I ever made it so easy to be a councilor."

Flack commended village manager Alan Briley, village attorney John Underwood and assistant Chay Rennick. "I don't think the community knows how fortunate we are to have them," she added.

Flack also thanked former planning director Cleatus Richards. "You have been a good influence in this community," Flack said. "And you too have taken lots of

hits." In closing Flack thanked her fellow councilors, "you too Bill (Chance)".

"I will not go away," Flack said. "I've been a volunteer before, I'll be a volunteer again."

Also noted at the meeting were the winners of the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful quarterly award. Susan Lutterman, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful committee chair, presented the trophy to Texas New Mexico Power's Charley Moore for the volunteer Christmas tree chipping for mulch program. Linemen Tom Lutterman and Tommy Reynolds also accepted gifts for their help with the chipping project.

After the pleasant opening, village manager Alan Briley reported the village had its best December ever in terms of gross receipt revenues. December 2001 gross receipt revenues of \$671,657 were 20 percent more than December 2000 gross receipt revenues, an eight percent higher than any of the last five years. Briley said the December revenues made up the shortfall in the general fund prior to December. "We made up a 50 percent deficit in one check (of total revenues from the state)," Briley said. "I'm optimistic about the next few months."

Last month only 70 percent of the gross receipt taxes, which Briley said had concerned him. "This month 1,200 filed," he added. "Tax revenues vary because some businesses file quarterly and other businesses come in

then out. "It looks very good for the general fund," Briley concluded.

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Inside The Outdoors

Habitat Stamp \$\$\$ Is Used Effectively
 by Ben Hanson

Back in 1991, the New Mexico State Game Commission recognized that wildlife habitat is the key to increased wildlife populations and approved the statewide implementation of the Habitat Stamp Program. Finally, thanks to sportsmen from whom a mandatory \$5 fee is collected, there have been substantial funds available for wildlife habitat improvement. Every year sportsmen purchase approximately \$900 thousand dollars worth of Habitat Stamp validations before they go afield to hunt, fish, or trap on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or U.S. Forest Service (USFS) lands in New Mexico.

Since New Mexico has many dry areas, the creation of additional sources of water for wildlife has been a top priority. A total of 324 trick tanks, spring developments, earthen tanks, and wells costing \$1.2 million have been constructed around

the state. In the 15-year life of the program, 1,147 wildlife habitat projects have been funded at a level of \$9.4 million.

Those of us within the Department of Game and Fish, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management want to wholeheartedly thank you for your financial and volunteer support of New Mexico's wildlife habitats. We hope we have met your expectations. The New Mexico Habitat Stamp Program is helping wildlife where it counts ... where wildlife lives!

State Auctions

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taxes must be paid in full or the property goes to auction. Calaway said all delinquent taxes must be paid in full to keep the property out of the tax sale.

"We were very pleased we had such a good sale to the benefit of property owners," Calaway said. "We worked very hard to collect the back taxes and keep the properties off the tax sales list."

Once a property is purchased at the delinquent tax auction the state issues a deed, but it is up to the buyer to file for a quiet title in order to clear the deed of all back liens. The state takes the delinquent taxes from the amount paid for the auctioned delinquent properties and returns these back taxes to the county. Keeps a small administrative fee and any amount left is returned to the property owner.

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thanks To The Candidates

By Ruth Hammond

Many people are rejoicing that their candidates won in the municipal elections held Tuesday while others are not quite as happy. That's the way it is with elections, some win and some lose. The only way to be sure of winning is to be the only candidate for an elected position. Now that there are some new people elected let's hope the bickering will stop, the accusations will cease, and everyone will make an effort to work together to do what is best. And we hope that all elected municipal board members will obey state laws. Actually some of the newly elected officials may be surprised as to what they are allowed to do. State laws are definite as to how meetings are to be held, and that all meetings are to be open to the public. All agenda items are to be listed on an agenda posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, and the only exception is the few things that may be discussed in closed sessions, and those items must be listed on the agenda instead of having an item listed only as "closed session for personnel matters."

As many of you know, some elected officials believe that they can do what they want the way they want. That is probably what happened in the past and was one of the main reasons for the state to establish the open meetings act. Apparently the state wanted to end the "good old boy" system of some elected officials making decisions without the public being informed. It is a shame that anyone would ignore their oath of office to do public business privately, but as you know it has happened. All elected officials should respect their office enough to comply with all state laws and conduct all public business as the state requires.

Yesterday was an interesting day. We heard of some candidates threatening to protest the election or call for a recount while other candidates were celebrating. Voters were also surprised at some of the election results and it is certain that the municipal elections in 2002 were the topic of conversation most of the day. Now that the final results are tallied, canvassing of the votes has been conducted or is scheduled to be conducted, swearing in ceremonies will be held and some people may be swearing at the winners.

Our thanks to the candidates for a clean election and we especially want to thank the candidates who preferred to inform the public about their candidacy through the media instead of relying on rumors on the street. Many people were impressed with the candidate's ads in *The NEWS*. The candidates were all pleasant to work with and we look forward to seeing each of them again. The new winners may not appreciate our involvement at times, but we want what is best for the people in the communities in Lincoln County and the only way to achieve the best is to do things properly and in accordance with New Mexico law.

Razzie-dazzle may fool some of the people, but doing public business in the open is more honest. Actually the majority of public business is dull and uninteresting, but when elected officials don't do public business in the open, it makes people wonder why. A comment made during the candidate forum should have been made a long time ago at a public meeting. It makes us wonder why it wasn't.

Thank You for Voting

Questions Asked About

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more for stability than the school board. She said the current board has worked very hard over the last five years to bring stability to the district and had done a good job. She said in these years only one person was not rehired. "Stability is extremely important," Shivers said. "We are trying to keep things stable because our kids deserve the best."

When Vega said most teachers who leave resign. "It hurts us when the teachers resign," Shivers answered.

In discussing the upcoming bond issue, Vega said he hoped the district does not plan to build new classrooms just for the kids to sit and watch videos.

"We need to look at that!" Shivers answered.

"If you fix that problem then it would be a positive move," Vega said.

School board president Steve Harkey then reported he was getting a committee together to list the specific needs for the bond issue election. He said the district needs work on the track, weight room and Ag shop. Harkey said the board elected to go for a \$1 million bond issue which will keep the school district above 65 percent bonded, which makes it eligible to apply for Public School Critical Capital Outlay funds from

the state.

Shivers said taxes will not go up any higher for the \$1 million bond issue than for a \$450,000 bond issue which will make the district go out of 65 percent bonded in 2007.

Shivers said the bond issue will raise taxes about \$35 a year for a house worth \$75,000.

Harkey said the bond counsel firm will prepare flyers for the bond issue.

He said the school district has received \$3.5 million in recent years for various remodeling projects, including the elementary school.

The school board also:

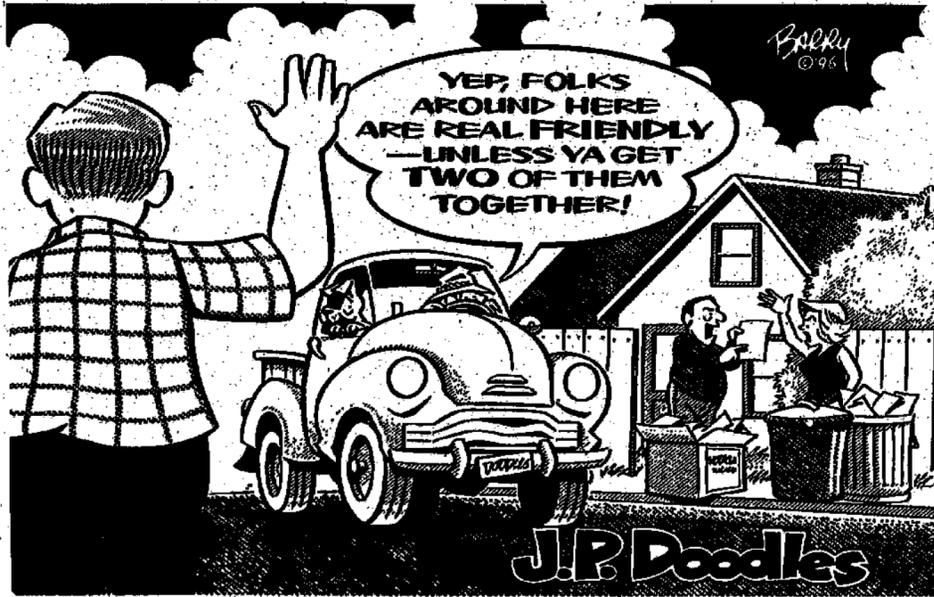
—Approved hiring Danny Watkins as school counselor.

—Tabled taking action on re-hiring Steve Baron as school principal.

—Agreed to provide ideas for the Quality of Education Survey to the superintendent by the March 19 meeting.

—Authorized payment of \$221,052 for the remodeling project.

—Heard that 64 students were honored for Character Counts, and 87 students raised \$2,000 for Jump for Heart on Valentine's Day.



SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - State Engineer Tom Turney says he won't risk going to jail for defying the U.S. Supreme Court's order to deliver Pecos River water to Texas.

New Mexico hasn't always delivered as much Pecos River water to our downstream neighbor as was agreed upon in the 1947 Pecos River Compact. In the mid-1980s, Texas went to court over our frequent under-delivery since 1947. The U.S. Supreme Court ended up fining New Mexico \$14 million and ordering us not to fall short in the future.

The ruling put New Mexico in a tremendous bind, because state engineers prior to Turney, had allowed new water permits along the Pecos ever since 1947, for some reason gambling that the amount of water in the river would increase over the years to make up for extra being drawn out.

Now, we've got to pay for it. And we all will pay because the money will come out of state coffers. There are several remedies for the situation and all of them hurt.

Water rights can be purchased from land owners. Wells can be drilled in the lower Pecos valley and water pumped into the river. Nonnative plants, such as salt cedar, can be eradicated from the river banks at the cost of many millions. Or Turney can make a call on junior water rights along the Pecos.

The call would begin with those who have been issued permits since 1947. If that isn't enough, it would go back further and that would soon include communities such as Roswell, Ruidoso and Fort Sumner. That will obviously result in great economic consequences and many lawsuits.

A priority call on water rights not only would be economically devastating, it also would cause tremendous emotional stress because it would wipe out people's livelihoods. The state engineer, who is the official in New Mexico in charge of our water, already has to do some of that on other rivers.

Turney has water masters who have the dirty job of physically putting chains and locks on wells and irrigation gates. It's a tense assignment, especially when people see water in the river and ask why they can't have their share. The answer is that the state engineer doesn't divvy up water among all users, the water goes first to the most senior water rights holders.

Since the Supreme Court ruling, New Mexico has spent more than \$20 million buying and retiring water rights along the Pecos to increase flows. However the Carlsbad Irrigation District has captured much of that increased flow in its reservoirs and has used it on its fields or charged the state to release it downstream.

How can the CID get away with that? It has some of the oldest water rights on the river but, being far downstream, it has often not received its full amount of water. In other words, it is in the same shape as Texas and is entitled to use that water or to sell it as it did last year when the state bought 6,500 acre-feet of water for \$100 an acre-foot to take care of our 2001 water debt to Texas.

Turney's warnings have gotten the attention of the major players. Before the Legislature convened, all the water user interests along the Pecos, including the Carlsbad Irrigation District, got together for

the first time and developed a plan to solve the crisis. They even put their names on a document and sent it to the Legislature.

Is this the year the Legislature and governor will finally pay attention? Last year Johnson vetoed the money to start solving the problem. Some in the know predict that as long as water flows every time we turn on the tap, we'll continue to take for granted that it will always be that way.

They think that come December, Turney will have to start his priority call for water.

National Toll Free Number For Poison Center Hotline

New Mexico Poison Center now has a new national toll-free number, 1-800-222-1222.

The New Mexico Poison Center is participating in a national effort to simplify poison center access across the United States by providing 24 hour a day, seven days a week toll free number for poison information.

In New Mexico a call to the toll free number 1-800-222-1222 will connect to the New Mexico Poison Center. The center provides immediate emergency assessment and treatment advice for any type of poisoning, including drugs (prescription, over the counter and herbal), household products, plants and mushrooms, animal bites and stings, drug overdoses, smoke inhalation, food poisoning and chemicals at work or in the environment. The center will also answer questions about poison and provide information on poison prevention.

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Ambulance Rates May Increase In The County

The cost of ambulance service in Lincoln County may have to increase to cover a cutback in federal reimbursements.

According to Lincoln County Emergency Services director Jim Stover who reported to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their February 21 meeting in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, federal reimbursements for ambulance services will soon decrease.

Stover said the federal Balanced Budget Act of 1999 changed the way ambulance service charges are reimbursed by Medicare. However, the changes were postponed in order to create a fair reimbursement schedule. As an example Stover said under the 1999 act, an ambulance run from Corona would be reimbursed the same as an ambulance run in San Diego.

Last year, the schedule was developed for ambulance reimbursements, Stover continued. With this schedule a "non-emergency" Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance run will be reimbursed for up to \$157, while the actual cost for a run is \$270. Stover said the new reimbursement schedule will provide funding for ambulance runs of up to 17 miles one way. "The new schedule has created a lot of turmoil and has caused a lot of private and especially rural ambulance services to close their doors," Stover added.

"We have the east coast mentality that 'rural' is a 17 mile run," Stover said. "If we make a run from Corona it can be 100 miles."

Stover said the new reimbursement schedule caused so much turmoil Congress had delayed implementing the schedule until April 1, and now there is talk Congress may delay even more.

Once the new reimbursement schedule comes into effect Stover said the Lincoln County Emergency Services will file with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) for a new tariff to cover Ruidoso and Lincoln County. He said the PRC has agreed to try to take quick action on the requests.

The \$1.1 billion cut in ambulance reimbursements nationwide will affect rural services most, Stover said. The new reimbursement schedule will be critical to the EMS in Lincoln County because federal reimbursements will only pay for one patient per run; Medicare will no longer pay for intercepts with paramedics or for ALS response; and what will be more of a problem in Ruidoso, the Medicare will not pay based on who provides the care rather what care the patient gets.

"This will hurt the rural

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**CARRIZOZO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHARACTER COUNTS
JANUARY / GRADES: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd**

KINDERGARTEN: Calle Armandariz, Devon Artech, Jonathan Brazie, Nicholas Chavez, Erick Culley, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Jace Hill, Bailey Holden, Mason Huston, Mackenzie Moore, Jeremiah Sedillo, Jonathan Smith, Isaac Vega, Erica Vega, Shaye Ventrura, Rylah Zamora, and Zachary Zamora.

FIRST GRADE: Sierra Anaya, Analicia Beltran, Andrea Beltran, James Burd, Timara Burd, Amanda Gallegos, Rebecca Green, Jade Roper, Joshua Vallejos, Tavi Nash and Gage Hamilton.

SECOND GRADE: Jordan Vinson, Catalena Vega, Carmen Tate, Marshal Ventura, Justin Vega, and Gaby Barela.

ENMU Ruidoso To Offer Lincoln County History Class In March

Lincoln County history will be presented from a new perspective in a course beginning Wednesday, March 6, at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

The course will use field trips, guest speakers, video and internet resources to explore and discuss Lincoln County's past. The course will meet 9 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday mornings, March 6 to May 8. The course will be taught by Cynthia Orozco. Textbooks will not be used in the course, and only tuition will be charged.

The Lincoln County History course will offer information to Lincoln County residents and visitors interested in regional history and provides an opportunity for current college students to add a course at mid-semester.

Walk-in, mail-in, phone, in-person and web registration are available for interested individuals who must register before March 6.

To register or for more information, call 257-2120 or 1-800-924-3888.

Mal Pais 4H Colts Elect Officers; To Meet Sunday

The MalPais Colts 4-H Club of Carrizozo will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at Otero County Electric Cooperative office.

Youth wishing to join are urged to attend this meeting, or call the Lincoln County Extension Service office at 648-2311.

The following members were recently elected to serve for the 2002 year: president Alena Borowski, vice-president Justus Wilson, secretary Opal Greer, treasurer Mary Beth Shivers, reporter Ryan Gaines; junior officers president Robert Dutchover, vice-president Jennifer Shafer, co-secretaries Erin Hightower and Bailey Shivers, treasurer Kaitlyn Vega, reporter Kendal Wilson.

New county council representatives are Alena Borowski, Erin Hightower, and Mary Beth Shivers.

Recently the MalPais

Colts 4-H Club treated the clients of New Horizons to a Valentine party. 4-H members made Valentines for each client and then delivered them. Members also assisted New Horizon residents with a game of Bingo and later provided refreshments for residents and staff. The 4-Hers plan to visit the center more often.

Braving the elements on Saturday, March 2, members of the Mal Pais Colts 4-H Club of Carrizozo participated in the Carrizozo FFA judging.

The 4-H livestock team of Erin Hightower, Jennifer Shafer, and Kendal

Wilson placed second in the 4-H division. Hightower was third high individual.

Jennifer Shafer, Bailey Shivers and Kendal Wilson were the first place team in 4-H Wool Judging. Shafer was third high individual.

Other teams were the Horse judging team of Robert Dutchover, Eric Koroscil and Tyler Shropshire and Wildlife team Joel Ferguson, Michelle Shivers and Tyler Shropshire.

The next 4-H Judging event will be the Lincoln County Judging contest in May.

Capitan School Board Meets Thurs., March 14

Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. March 14 in the school administration building.

Items on the tentative agenda are as follows:

-Organization reports and special presentations from student senate, student presentations, CACT, PTA.

-Public comments from Pat Sullivan about the playgrounds.

-Review and adoption of minutes from February 14 meeting.

-Approval of agenda.

REDTT Special Meeting March 11

Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) council meets at 11 a.m. Monday, March 11 at the Richards Ranch, off State Road 248 north of the Capitan mountains. Lunch will be available at a cost.

Call 649-1115 for directions, and allow two hours driving time.

REDTT is a program of the USDA, administered through NMSU via local county extension agents and extension home economists. For more information call Betty McCreight at 648-2311 or by e-mail at bmcCreigh@nmsu.edu.

-Approval of consent agenda items for bills, budget items and routine athletics, cafeteria and activity accounts.

-Business item; action on Board Policy Section III/3.2 Personnel.

-Financial reports.

-Information reports from school superintendent Dr. Larry Miller on the 120th Day enrollment; budget input; NM School Board Association conference, and update of calendar of events.

-Executive session for 2002-2003 Budget Effects on Personnel.

-Personnel item for action; Superintendent contract extension.

For more information call the office of the superintendent at 354-2239.

REDTT Starry Night Saturday In Old Lincoln

Astronomers from New Mexico State University (NMSU) will conduct a REDTT Starry Night Party in Lincoln at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 9. No admission, open to the public.

Call 1-800-953-6460 for location and more information.

New Manager Payday
 Call 648-2444
 803 5th Street
 CARRIZOZO

Church Directory

MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

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

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

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
 648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Training at 8:15 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

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

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 11:00 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 4:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

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

Claunch Community Church

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

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D. Ave, 648-2893 / 648-2848
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on
 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

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

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 336-4827
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044
 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 AWANA Sunday 4:00-8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7875
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency

Hubbard Foundation Announces New Grant Program

The R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard announces the 2002 Southeast New Mexico Grant Program that will award \$100,000 in grants to qualifying applicants from Lincoln, Chavez, Curry, Eddy, Lea, Otero and Roosevelt Counties.

Grant proposals will be accepted from counties, municipalities, public schools and all 501-c-3 nonprofit organizations. Deadline for proposals is May 1.

Proposals should specify how each project can improve the quality of life in each particular county. Grants vary from \$20,000 to a minimum of \$1,000. Requests for general operation, personnel costs or requests from individuals for personal grants do not qualify.

For more information, or to request an application call 258-5919 or write Hubbard Foundation, POB 2498, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

Lincoln woke up to cold weather and about 1 1/1 inches of snow on the ground Saturday morning. It is still breezy and cold this Monday morning.

Joy Schaible and Dan Egan and their three companions, the dogs, made a trip to Albuquerque Saturday. They said they ran out of the snow by the time they got to Carrizozo.

Lee Rucker had some of his family visiting Sunday.

Emma Graham has had her brother, Joe Cook, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. visiting the past month.

Ralph went to the grocery store one day week and brought home a treat. If you have not eaten the red (blood) oranges you don't know what you are missing. We had not had any since we were in Tunisia. They are so sweet and juicy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Thomas had Rob's mother of Indiana and her grandchildren of Amarillo, TX as visitors over the weekend.

The Cruz de Jara Aecquia held their meeting at the home of Peg and Leota Pfingsten Saturday.

All the ranchers are busy with their spring roundup now. We see a lot of livestock trucks on the roads. I know the ranchers are hoping for a lot of moisture this summer.

Ralph Dunlap had his right hand operated on for carpal tunnel last week. Let's hope this is the last surgery etc. for this year.

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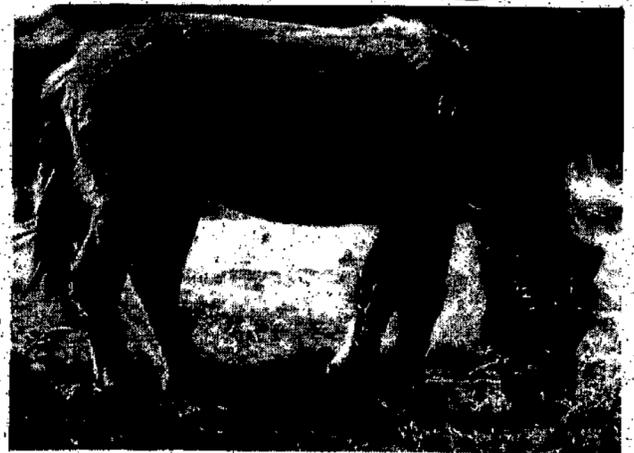
Bryan and Davonna Martinez, matrons of honor Cindy Martinez, Rebekah Bryan Medina and Darcy Oldenburg, and best man Manny Martinez. Long distance travelers to the wedding included Marilee's maternal grandparents Arnold and Hazel Rovey of Glendale, AZ, great aunt Ruth Pranspill of Cottonwood, AZ and her cousin Erika Bryan Marcum of Louisville, CO.

Marilee, formerly of Corona, and Bruce, formerly of Johnson City, TX will make their home in Las Cruces where he is employed in the construction industry. Marilee will resume her studies at NMSU this fall.

The Corona School is conducting the terra nova testing this week on grades 3 to 9. Spring break will be March 17 through March 23.

The Valentine Fund raiser was a success. The students sold one thousand roses. The money was divided between the FFA and the student council. Area residents benefitted by having flowers for their sweethearts for Valentines Day.

The Corona Schools will have a Science Fair April 15 through 18.



WILD MOUNTAIN PONY. This wild pony grazes in Eagle Creek off Ski Run Road on Sierra Blanca, part of a small herd of wild horses that permanently live on the mountainside. According to local stories, the ponies are descendants of Apache ponies that escaped from the reservation.



CARRIZOZO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHARACTER COUNTS JANUARY / GRADES: Third, Fourth and Fifth

THIRD GRADE: Destiny Dutchover, Joel Ferguson, Kylie Gaines, Jordan Hill, Troy Niederstadt, Jenna Schartz, Michelle Shivers, and Stephanie Zamora.

FOURTH GRADE: Lena Reyes, Kinsey Vega, Tanner Huston, Joseph Gallegos, Maria Tate, Ashley Ventura, Tina Stufflebeam, Derek Vinson, Mariah Ventura, Tessa Hendricks, Ryan Guevara. Alexa Borowski not shown.

FIFTH GRADE: Kathleen Schlarb, Alyshia Culley, Jennifer Shafer, Heili Paul, Elizabeth Bingerman, Bailey Shivers, Chrishanda Zamora.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Corona Post Office 12:30 - 2:30
 Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00 - 6:30

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30 - 8:30
 Nogal Post Office 8:45 - 9:30
 Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:00 - 11:30
 Camp Sierra Blanca 1:00 - 2:30
 Lincoln Post Office 3:30 - 4:30
 Hondo Store 4:45 - 6:00

Corona News

Corona FFA News as reported by Shaline Lopez:

The Corona FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA Week February 18-21 with activities of a nature both fun and educational, also, Greenhand initiation took place.

Tuesday, Feb. 19 was Community Appreciation Day. Members wore t-shirts and sweaters that illustrated their FFA pride. The chapter prepared a fruit breakfast for CHS faculty to enjoy. Later that afternoon chapter members traveled downtown and picked up trash to ensure the continued beauty of their town. Tuesday also kicked off Greenhand (1st year member) initiation. The Greenhands painted one of their hands green and carried a token of the shop (i.e. wrench, welding goggles, etc.) with them all day.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20 the Ag. students dusted off their chaps and spurs in honor of "Dress Like a Farmer or Rancher" Day. The culmination of the week's events came when the chapter officers visited the elementary. While there, the officers led the children in a number of eye-openers and games and they gave a presentation about the diverse agriculture found within a simple sandwich. The officer team also judged the poster contest, in which elementary students created artistic representations of their favorite animals. The winners, ranging from pre-K through 8th grade are as follows: Savannah Luera, Christy Huey, Ramon Jaramillo, Taylor Huey, Blanca Noriega, Ray Romero, Kallie Tabor and Chelsea Muniz.

Spelling Bee 2002 grade level winners: Kindergarten: 1st-Amber Posey, 2nd-Christy Huey, 3rd-Ty Brown; first grade: Allysanne Huey,

Ramon Jaramillo, McKenzie Straley; second grade: Ryan Davidson, Meriah Holleyman, Taylor Huey; third grade: Alicia Palomarez, Jordan Huey, Blanca Noriega; fourth grade: Coy Posey, Reynaldo Romero; fifth grade: Dulcie Sultemeier, 2nd Kallie Tabor and Josh Gage (tie); sixth grade: Tysa Davidson, Randa Miller, Chelsea Muniz.

Winners were awarded medals. Refreshments were provided by the P.T.O. and Linda Greer was responsible for the decorations.

This year's fifth grade class of Corona Elementary ranked first in the state in scoring for the 2001 Terra Nova standardized test.

This class consisted of Joshua Gage, Luanne Jébens, Kallie Tabor and Dulcie Sultemeier.

Each student received a gift certificate for his/her outstanding efforts.

Brett and Maryah Romans Allegretti are the parents of the 7 pound 5 ounce Anslee Arbor Allegretti born in Albuquerque at 12:21 a.m. Feb. 22. Maternal grandparents are Thomasene Pounds, Cedarvale, and Milton Romans, Estancia, and great grandmother Muriel Pounds, Albuquerque. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Allegretti, Chicago.

Jackie King, Fruitvale, TX, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Bill Harelson King, recently retired, is a 1955 graduate of Corona High School.

Marilee Bryan and Bruce McKown were united in marriage on February 23 in Las Cruces. Family and friends joined the happy couple on a beautiful warm day at Pioneer Women's Park for the ceremony performed by minister Betty Garcia. Attendants included flower girls Catharina

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 IN THE PROBATE COURT
 LINCOLN COUNTY

No. 1902

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
 LEONARD S. DAVIS, 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 Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: P.O. Box 338, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Dated: Jan 18, 2002.

DONALD J. DAVIS
 P.O. Box 1122
 Bullhead City, AZ 86430
 928-754-8683

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the March 19, 2002, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
 Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 21, 2002, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following items:

A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, REPEALING AND REENACTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCES NO. 1991-12 AND NO. 1993-6.

B. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, REPEALING AND REENACTING THE LINCOLN COUNTY INDIGENT HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE ORDINANCE NO. 2001-06.

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

MARTHA GUEVARA
 Assistant County Manager

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Grizzly WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor



Valentine's for Veterans

On February 14, Valentine's Day, some freshmen and sophomores traveled to Albuquerque to the Veterans Hospital to hand deliver Valentine cards to the veterans. The students thought Valentine's Day would afford them the perfect opportunity to give recognition to the veterans and express their gratitude.

The idea came from an Ann Landers article, which was published back in January in the *El Paso Times*. The article stressed the importance of showing appreciation to veterans and strongly encouraged teachers to have their students make valentines. She wanted students "to be creative and let them learn firsthand the satisfaction that comes from doing something for others." She asked this year that students make a special effort to hand deliver their valentines. Taking extra time to stop and visit would make that day a little more exceptional for each veteran.

According to Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C., the week of February 10-17 is the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. Mr. Principi stated that last year, nearly 800,000 valentines were delivered to VA medical centers, but this year, "due to increased patriotism after the terrorist attacks of September 11" he hoped to have an even bigger response. This year, freshmen and sophomore classes responded to that request.

Though most students who participated in the project enjoyed it, their first impression on the idea wasn't so enthused. Cassie Heathcock and Karen Green thought the project might be boring. However, Monique Morales and Brent Dixon thought it might be interesting and it was just something different besides the typical classroom project. A lot of students felt reminded of elementary school, doing a project involving construction paper, scissors, and glue.

When they arrived at the Veteran's hospital in Albuquerque, students felt very nervous and unsure of what types of questions to ask or even what to say. Most of the students' attitudes changed once they started talking with the veterans. Monique said, "When we got there, it was like a reality check. It was such a big surprise to see the effects of war on people" even though sixty years had passed. Karen said it made a big impact on her to see actual people which reminded her of people she knew who had fought in wars. Cassie stated that the veterans were lying or sitting in their beds and sounded like they were hurting. Brent commented that the most exciting part of the trip was when they met a man who had survived Pearl Harbor along with another man who was acquainted with General McCarther.

Monique described the visit with the veterans as very sad and emotional. It made her feel bad to see them appear so helpless about fighting in the war. At one point she even started to cry while watching a man hold his head down and repeatedly say, "There was nothing we could do." However, she wasn't the only one who felt this way. A lot of students thought it was a very heart-touching conversation.

All in all, students felt that this project was in fact a great way to show their appreciation. They were glad to see the happiness that was brought to the veterans by the delivery of homemade valentines and by taking time to stop and visit. Karen added that she would like to participate in this project again. However, when I asked them how they thought the veteran's reacted to their visit, Brent said he "felt that they were happy to see that the younger generation does indeed acknowledge and appreciate them for what they've done."

Ann Landers stated, "I know nothing else you can do that would cost so little and bring so much happiness," and our students here at Carrizozo High felt the fulfillment of doing just that.

Andra Harkey

Carrizozo High School students Brent Dixon, Monique Morales, Branden Morales, Steven Ramirez, Justine Beltran, Monique Jiron visit with Bob Means.



CARRIZOZO FRESHMEN FFA class got first hand experience in how government works by attending the Lincoln County Commission meeting on February 21 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Lady Grizzlies District Runner-up

The Lady Grizzlies faced off against the Mountainair Mustangs on Friday the 22nd for the district championship. Zozo had a lot of support, friends and family of Carrizozo and filled the gym.

The opening quarter the Mustangs came out serious as ever, outscoring the Grizzlies by 9 points with a score of 6-15. It was the same story in the second half with low scoring on both sides. Stephanie Brewer and Ashley Samora did most of the scoring. The end of the first half was 17-27 with the Grizzlies trailing.

The second half didn't change any from the first. The Grizzlies did pick up the scoring with great shooting by Stephanie Brewer and Ariel Vallejos. Also, the Mustangs didn't let their guard down one bit scoring the same amount as the Grizzlies. The third quarter score was 34-45 with the Mustangs looking at the championship trophy. The final quarter was much of the same. The hot hand from Zozo was Ariel but there was too much fire power from the other end of the court. The final score was 53-61 with the Grizzlies district runner up this year. The high scorers were Ariel Vallejos with 17, Stephanie Brewer with 15 and Adrienne Zamora with 8.

The Lady Grizzlies traveled to Albuquerque on Friday, March 1 to face off against Des Moines.

John Serna

The Grizzlies Season Comes To A Halt

On Tuesday the 19th, the Carrizozo Grizzlies faced off against the Corona Cardinals.

The Grizzlies had everything they needed to win the ball game by having home court advantage as well as fan support. The opening quarter started off very well for the Grizzlies, outscoring the Cardinals by 12 points ending 18-6. The second quarter was played by great defense by Lane Dixon, Nick Morerod, Patrick Hightower and Branden Langley. The end of the first half score was 36-14 with a commanding lead over the Cardinals.

The second half had great scores by Patrick Hightower and Joseph Samora. The Grizzlies had a big lead going into the 4th quarter, 51-28. In the 4th quarter coach Mel Holland put in the second team so they could also have playing time. By the middle of the fourth quarter the Cardinals were only playing with three players. The rest of Carrizozo did the same by putting two players on the sideline. The final score of the game was 64-51 pitting the Grizzlies against Vaughn on Thursday the 21st. The high point scorers were Patrick Hightower with 14, Branden Langley and Nick Morerod with 10, and Lane Dixon with 8.

The second game was hosted at the Vaughn Eagles' gym, and the Grizzlies were pumped up to play. The Grizzlies also brought a spirit bus and a lot of fans to support them.

The game was very intense and the fans were rowdy. The whole gym was packed on both sides. The Grizzlies came out with no fear in their eyes, and after the first shot went in the crowd was roaring. It was a low scoring game for both teams with the Grizzlies gaining a slight edge over the Eagles, 9-8. The second quarter had a hot scorer, Branden Langley, scoring 9 points out of his total 17. However, the Eagles wouldn't go away. The end of the first half was 22-22.

The third quarter was a different story for the Eagles and the Grizzlies, the Grizzlies only scoring 4 points and the Eagles scoring 18. At the end of the quarter the Grizzlies were looking at defeat, 28-40. In the fourth quarter the Grizzlies weren't doing as much as they were in the first half but had some good defense by senior Lane Dixon, Patrick Hightower, Nick Morerod, and Branden Langley. This was their last game of their high school career. When that last buzzer sounded, Grizzly tears ran from the players and the fans, knowing that their season was over. The final score

for the seniors' last game was 41-53, leaving the Vaughn Eagles facing off against Mountainair Mustangs for the District Championship. The high point scorers were senior Branden Langley with 17, senior Patrick Hightower with 15, and senior Lane Dixon with 5.

Reflecting back on the year, Lane Dixon commented, "It was a great year with a disappointing defeat and all and all it was a fun year." Also, Branden Langley stated, "It was a fun year but wish the season would have lasted a little longer than it did." All the seniors wish that the upcoming 2002-03 boys' basketball team would have a great year.

John Serna

Elementary Students Jump Rope For Heart

The Carrizozo Elementary, grades K-5, jumped for heart on February 14 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the new gym. The Jump Rope for Heart coordinator's guide, used by the elementary teachers to organize the event, stated that Jump Rope for Heart is a special event that "was developed in 1978 by the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD)." Jump Rope for Heart "has raised more than \$327 million for cardiovascular research and education programs." This program gives children an awareness of the benefits of a heart-healthy lifestyle. Students earn a certificate and a bookmark for participating in the event. They also earn different prizes for the amount of donations collected.

The Carrizozo elementary teachers sponsor the Jump Rope for Heart each year. 97 students participated in this year's special event. This event consisted of five different stations with eight-minute intervals. The stations consisted of relays and different individual rope-jumping tasks. These students raised over \$2,400 for AHA. Adrienne Ramirez raised the most donations for the school. She will be receiving a bike donated by Wal-Mart and Carrizozo's PFK.

The school feels it is important to emphasize healthy hearts because "many studies show that up to one-third of our children are obese, 4 million children have above-normal blood pressure, and 27 million children have high cholesterol. About 9 million children are exposed to secondhand smoke every day by a family member who smokes and about 3,000 young people start smoking every day." If children learn about a healthy lifestyle while they are young, hopefully that lifestyle will continue throughout their adult years.

Branden Langley

TO THE CITIZENS and VOTERS OF CAPITAN

from

JACK E. JOHNSON Your Municipal Judge

I would like to thank all who turned out to vote and especially those who voted for me. Also I would like to thank my opponents who put up the good clean fight.

I pledge to all, to hold your court to the best of my ability in a firm, fair and impartial manner.

I invite and encourage any and all to come to City Hall on any Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., to see how the people's court is handled.

If you have questions or concerns please call me at 354-2464.

OBITUARIES

NOTICE OF APPEAL

TO: The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer and all interested parties, including the Village of Capitan, John Thomas, Jr., Arthur Arguedas and Martha Franks and United States Bureau of Land Management, Office of the Field Solicitor, United States Department of the Interior, Ronald H. Mayer and Laigo Ranch, Patrick T. Simpson and Museum of New Mexico, Lincoln Acequia, Lincoln Acequia Association, Jeremy H. Jordan and Cleis C. Jordan, Nora Henn, Ralph Dunlap and Rosalce Dunlap, Dr. William J. Wilson and Beverly A. Wilson, Lincoln Water Association (aka Lincoln Mutual Domestic Water Users Association), Leif Anker, Ira D. Lee and Charlotte Lee, Beverly Ann Wilson, Fred W. Pfingstern, Alfred Sanchez and Henry Sanchez, Henry Sanchez (on behalf of Providence Ditch Association), Ervin T. Aldaz, W. Kay Rucker and Lee M. Rucker, Hershel Anderson and Elaine Anderson, Serendip Orchard, Sally Canning, James Sanchez and Lynda A. Sanchez, and Reginald Wade Rickey and Lincoln Historical Review Board, Ranches de Sonterra Property Owners Association, Tim DeYoung, Don E. Dutton, The Dutton Firm, LTD.

RE: In the Matter Of The Applications By Black Elk, L.L.C., Cristobal B. Zamora, J. Robert Beauvais, Elveto And Veronica Gutierrez, And Industrius Enterprises For Permits To Change Points Of Diversion And Locations Of Wells And Places And Purposes Of Use Within The Hondo Underground Water Basin Of New Mexico. Hearing Nos. 00-021, 00-022, 00-024, 00-025, & 00-034 Consolidated, OSE File Nos. 02696 & 02894; 01406-C & H-209; 01400 & 01401 & H-209; 01384 & H-47; and H-2068 et al.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the Applicants in the above captioned and numbered matter hereby appeal to the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, from the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiners in the cause of *In The Matter Of The Applications By Black Elk, L.L.C., Cristobal B. Zamora, J. Robert Beauvais, Elveto And Veronica Gutierrez, And Industrius Enterprises For Permits To Change Points Of Diversion And Locations Of Wells And Places And Purposes Of Use Within The Hondo Underground Water Basin Of New Mexico*, Hearing Nos. 00-021, 00-022, 00-024, 00-025, & 00-034 Consolidated, OSE File Nos. 02696 & 02894; 01406-C & H-209; 01400 & 01401 & H-209; 01384 & H-47; and H-2068 et al. entered on January 15, 2002.

This Notice to be published for four (4) consecutive weeks: February 14, February 21, February 28, March 7, 2002.

This publication will begin within 30 days from the date of the Report and Recommendation in the matter, and will terminate at least twenty (20) days prior to the date the appeal may be heard, as provided in New Mexico Statutes Annotated (1978), Section 72-7-1 (C) (1997 Replacement Pamphlet).

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
NO. CV-99-169
DIVISION III

SOTHEN FAMILY TRUST,
Plaintiff.

vs.
WILLOW TREE, INC., a New Mexico Corp.; GARY A. SHEWAN, LORRAINE SHEWAN, SOUTHCOAST INVESTMENT GROUP, INC., a Delaware Corp.; SORRENTO-MESA VENTURES; YORK PROPERTIES, LTS., a Delaware Corp.; BONNELL SAND & GRAVEL, INC., a New Mexico Corp.; FIRST AMERICA BANK, a California State Chartered Bank; and ORALIA B. FRANCO, Trustee in Bankruptcy.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE DECREE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, under and by virtue of the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on the 4th day of February, 2002, in the above-entitled cause, the undersigned will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at 10:00 a.m. on the 11th day of March, 2002, at the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, the following described real property and personal property, to-wit:

TRACT 1:
Part of the N/2 NE/4 of Section 28, T11S, R19E, NMPM, Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 28; thence West a distance of 400 feet; thence South 27° 27' East a distance of 218.9 feet; thence South 28° 44' East a distance of 293 feet; thence South 59° 23' East a distance of 381.5 feet; thence North a distance of 645 feet; thence West a distance of 169.8 feet to the place of beginning.

TRACT 2:
A tract of land lying within the NW/4 NE/4 of Section 28, T11S, R19E, NMPM, Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the NW/4 NE/4 of said Section 28; thence West along the Sections line a distance of 400 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 27° 27' East a distance of 218.4 feet; thence North 50° 22' West a distance of 109.54 feet; thence

North 7° 30' West a distance of 125 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT 3:
A tract of land in the NE/4 of Section 28, T11S, R19E, NMPM, Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

For a tie commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 28; thence West along the North line of said Section 28 a distance of 1185.2 feet; thence South a distance of 352 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 62° 44' East a distance of 273 feet along the South rights of way line of U.S. Highway 70-380 to a right of way marker marked 784+02.3; thence South-easterly along said right of way line a distance of 198.1 feet to a point; thence South 20° 49' West a distance of 277.4 feet along a fence line; thence North 60° 21' West a distance of 368.2 feet; thence North along the East line of the Riverside Rancho Tract a distance of 293 feet to the point of beginning.

More commonly located at mile post 299.2, US 70/380 approximately 33 miles west of Roswell, New Mexico.

together with all and singular the lands, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits subject to statutory rights of redemption.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the amounts awarded by the Court in said Decree of Foreclosure to be realized from the sale of said real property with interest calculated to date of sale are as follows:

1. Costs of sale, including Special Master's Fee of \$212.62.

2. Plaintiff's judgment amount in the amount of \$149,710.15, together with interest in the amount of \$74,829.16 to the 12th day of June, 2001, together with interest at the rate of \$98.43 per day from the 12th day of June, 2001, together with delinquent ad valorem taxes of \$9,467.93, and interest accrued thereon of \$2,667.96 through the 12th day of June, 2001, together with interest at the rate of \$5.78 per day from the 12th day of June, 2001, together with costs of preserving the property by payment of insurance, repairs, maintenance, utilities and truck stop plan in the amount of \$21,336.89, together with interest thereon through the 12th day of June, 2001, together with late charges of \$56.73 per month due on the 11th day of each month following June 12, 2001, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,913.63, which the Court finds to be reasonable and provided for in the rule and costs of this action in the amount of \$194.32, for a total judgment of \$2,107.95, plus interest daily and monthly fees as set forth herein from June 12, 2001 to the date of foreclosure sale.

4. Any excess proceeds will be paid into the registry of the Court subject to claims by the Defendants.

5. The terms of sale are that purchaser must pay cash at the time the property is struck off to him and the Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its interest in the property to the purchase price in lieu of cash and may submit his bid verbally or in writing. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to the statutory right of redemption.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2002.

/s/ Peter Baca
PETER BACA
Special Master

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

No. CV-01-248
Division III
Judge Karen L. Parsons

ROBERT BROOKS, a/k/a Bob Brooks,
Plaintiff.

vs.
GROUP I
STEVE CRUMP; M.C. NALL and wife, VIRGINIA NALL; and V.O. MURRAY and wife, JANICE MURRAY, and all of their heirs, devisees and assigns;

GROUP II
JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns; and

GROUP III
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.
Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

Steve Crump; M.C. Nall and wife, Virginia Nall; and V.O. Murray and wife, Janice Murray, their heirs, devisees and assigns; and all other Defendants listed above.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that ROBERT BROOKS, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-01-248(III), wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff

seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lots 36 and 37, Block 15, PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Unit IV, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, April 7, 1958.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 5, 2001, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff are as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 7th day of February, 2002.

(SEAL)

JAN PERRY
Court Administrator/
District Court Clerk

By: Jolene Biggs,
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV02-39

IN RE: The Petition for Name Change of
CHEYANNE SKYLER HOLMES

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions 40-8-1 through 40-8-3 N.M.S.A., 1978, DUSTYAN A. SILVA will apply to the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, at the Twelfth Judicial District Courthouse at Ruidoso, New Mexico, at 8:15 o'clock a.m., on the 30th day of April, 2002, during regular term of the court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of name for her child from CHEYANNE SKYLER HOLMES to SKYLER CHEYANNE SILVA.

JAN PERRY
District Court Clerk

By: Clydene Hull
Deputy Court Clerk

Submitted:
DUSTYAN A. SILVA
Petitioner, pro se

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CV-99-264 Div. III

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK,
as Trustee,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JERRY KNOLLIN LOVELACE and ROBIN LEE LOVELACE, husband and wife, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, and UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed the Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 16 West Loop, Carrizozo, New Mexico - 88301, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 39, BLOCK 2 OF SWEETWATER HILLS SUBDIVISION, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 4, 1970, IN TUBE NO. 375.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on March 26, 2002, outside the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the judgment in favor of Plaintiff, First Union National Bank, as Trustee.

First Union National Bank, as Trustee, was awarded Judgment on February 15, 2002, in the principal sum of \$57,234.81, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through June 30, 2001, in the amount of \$12,925.57 and accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.500% per annum (\$16.69 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$158.05, plus escrow advances in the sum of \$1,479.00, plus an additional mortgage advance in the amount of \$716.00, plus attorney fees in the sum of \$3,746.50, and costs through January 31, 2002, in the sum of \$550.91.

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

NICK VEGA, Special Master
P.O. Box 363
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
(505) 648-2217

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MORGAN MAXWELL

Morgan Maxwell, 74, a life time resident of Carrizozo, died February 24. He was born August 28, 1927 in Carrizozo.

He is survived by his wife Doris Maxwell; his son John Maxwell of Claunch; his step sons Jim Peebles and his wife Rose of Alto, Marshall Peebles and his wife Julie of Alto; his daughter Geneva Maxwell of Alto, Zada (Maxwell) and Todd Cook of Rio Rancho, his step daughter Donna Clark of Arlington, WV; his sister Mary Francis Lantz of Orlando, FL; 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Morgan was a member of the United Methodist Church of Carrizozo and a Past Master, Carrizozo Masonic Lodge #41.

Services were February 27, at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo with Pastor Tom Woodward officiating. Burial followed at the Claunch Cemetery.

Palbearers were Jim Patterson, Allen Langley, Jim Grider, Stirling Spencer; Bill Wells and Bill Montgomery. Honorary palbearers were Bob Carter, Gray Gallacher, Wes Lindsey, Johnson Stearns, Mike Shivers, Billy Bob Shafer, John McKibben and Joe Petross.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Mountainair, NM.

ANNIE M. KEITH

Funeral service for Annie M. Keith, 89, of Ruidoso Downs was March 4 in the LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso. Officiating was Rev. Wayne Joyce.

Mrs. Keith died March 1 in Ruidoso. She was born September 7, 1912 in Hutchins, TX. She was a member of the Ruidoso Bowling Association and the Baptist Church. She moved to Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs area in 1957 from Roswell and she was a housewife. She married Gabe Clifford Keith on October 25, 1930 in Brownfield and he preceded her in death on November 8, 1969.

Survivors include three sons; Clifton Keith and his wife Laura of Ruidoso, Ray Keith and his wife Pearl Evelee of Bristow, OK and Richard Keith and his wife Katherine of Roswell; a daughter, Patricia Slape and her husband Troy of Kennewick, WA; 13 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

JOHN C. RYAN

Services for John C. Ryan, 75, of Ruidoso will be held at a later date. Mr. Ryan died February 13 in Ruidoso. He was born June 28, 1926 in Detroit, MI.

He is survived by three sons, Bill Ryan of Albuquerque, Tom Ryan of Kansas City, MO and Rob Ryan and his wife Kimberly of Phoenix, AZ, and two granddaughters.

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

Two New Mayors

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Steven M. Sederwall—277 total votes; 15 absentee, 40 early vote, 233 votes on election day.

Barbara Sanchez write in—27 total votes; three absentee, no early votes and 24 on election day. Two write in names were rejected by the precinct board because they did not have the proper last name of the candidate, as required by the state municipal code.

Trustees (two positions went to the two top vote getters):

George W. Tippin—149 total (wins trustee position); seven absentee, 29 early vote, 113 on election day.

Donald L. Brothers—98 total votes; eight absentee, 22 early vote, 68 votes on election day.

Richard Hall—64 total votes; three absentee, 13 early vote, 48 on election day.

Bobbi S. Shearer—244 total votes (wins trustee position); eight absentee, 55 early vote, 181 on election day.

Henry G. Cobos—10 total votes; one absentee, six early vote; 12 on election day.

Ronnie L. Montes—71 total votes; three absentee, nine early vote; 59 on election day.

Alex D. Trujillo—139 total votes; six absentee, 14 early vote, 119 on election day.

Benny Coker—87 total

votes; four absentee, 17 early votes and 66 votes election day.

Julia Cano—140 total votes; 12 absentee, 37 early votes and 91 on election day.

Joel Crossno—94 total votes; five absentee, 33 early votes and 46 on election day.

Municipal Judge: Jack E. Johnson—284 total votes (retains judge position); 11 absentee, 58 early votes, 215 votes on election day.

Carrol A. Durbin—76 total votes; two absentee, 24 early votes; 50 on election day.

Cynthia A. Brazeal—56 total votes; six absentee, 14 early votes; 36 votes on election day.

Lilly Wood—94 total votes; six absentee, nine early vote, 79 on election day.

Michael R. Chowning—20 total votes; two absentee, six early vote, 12 on election day.

Tennie Swanner—55 total votes; four absentee, 11 early, 40 on election day.

Carrizozo: Voter turn out was 56 percent in Carrizozo with 408 of the 733 registered voters in Carrizozo casting ballots. Two electronic voting machines were available on election day. Clerk Weihbrecht said she has two machines in case one breaks down.

Weihbrecht also said that during election day, the election poll judge requested a check of the distance from the polls to some campaign signs located near town hall. Town maintenance foreman Jim Payne measured the distance from town hall to the signs and found the sign was beyond the 100 feet required by state law. However, the candidate did move the sign to a further away location, Weihbrecht said.

Mayor: Incumbent mayor—303 total votes (retains mayor position); 19 absentee, 85 early voting and 199 on the electronic machines on election day.

Glenn E. Mochel—22 total votes; three absentee, six early votes and 13 on election day.

Norman R. Van Gorder—20 total votes; two absentee, three early vote and 15 on election day.

Gary Stout—56 total votes; two absentee, 16 early vote and 38 on election day.

Two Trustees for four year terms (positions go to the two top vote getters):

Eileen M. Lovelace—177 total votes (appointee retaining position); 10 absentee, 64 early votes and 103 on election day.

LeeRoy Zamora—219 total (top vote getter winning one of two

positions); 13 absentee, 69 early vote, 137 votes on election day.

David LaFave—172 total votes; 12 absentee, 39 early votes, 121 on election day.

Dennis Dunnun—85 total votes; three absentee, 16 early votes, 46 on election day.

Lloyd Nickerson—50 total votes; four absentee, 13 early votes, 33 on election day.

Richard H. Vega—64 total votes; six absentee, 16 early votes and 42 on election day.

Corona:

In Corona, 84 of 131 registered voters cast ballots for a better than 60 percent turn out. According to a spokesperson at Corona village hall of those 131 several have died or moved and the actual registration should be about 94, making for a very good turn out. (Corona did not have available a break down on the number of votes for absentee and early voting. Also the canvass of the votes will be done today (Thursday) by Judge Gerald Dean Jr.

Mayor: Gilbert R. Stewart Jr.—48 total, incumbent retaining position.

Alvin D. James—33 total. Position 2 Trustee for four year term:

Robert Burroughs—62 total (unopposed). Position 3 Trustee for four year term:

Ernest Danny Luercas—64 (unopposed). Position 4 Trustee for two year term:

Marcus Johnson—60, winning position. Dickie Winchester—19.

Ruidoso: Voter turn out was the lowest in the county with only 28 percent of the registered voters casting ballots. Magistrate Judge Bill Butts canvassed the election results. Ruidoso did not provide a break down of votes for absentee and early voting.

Mayor: Robert P. Donaldson—629 total votes.

E. Leon Eggleston—898 total votes to win the position.

Councilors (three, four-year termed positions to top three vote getters); Jules B. Videau—588 total votes.

L. Ray Nunley—1006 total votes to win position.

Deborah Marcum-Byars—977 total votes to win position.

Bill G. Chance—637 total votes.

Ronald G. Hardeman—977 total votes to win position.

Judge: Michael S. Line—1394 total votes (unopposed.)

Ruidoso Downs:

Of the 1,114 registered voters only 278 cast ballots in the municipal election. At 25 percent turnout this was the lowest for municipal elections in the county. Ruidoso Downs however did not elect a mayor this time. Ruidoso Downs did not provide a break down on how many votes were absentee and early voting.

Trustees (two, four-year termed positions for two top vote getters);

Margie R. Morales—172 total votes to retain position.

René G. Olivo—137 total votes to win position.

Bonnie B. Richardson—111 total votes.

Jacqueline M. Branum—79 total votes.

Trustee (one position for two year term):

Camille Johnson—135 total votes.

Susan J. Garrett—136 total votes to retain position.

Ruidoso Downs village clerk Carol Virden told THE NEWS that Johnson had come in to her office on Wednesday afternoon seeking information about contesting the results. Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. had canvassed the election results on Wednesday morning, with no problems.

Virden said any candidate who wishes to contest the election results must do so within six days of the canvass. However, according to the state Municipal Code Section 3-8-67 of the state laws, the candidate who contests the election results has the burden to prove any fraud, intimidation, coercion or undue influence was done by the precinct board or the municipal clerk, and other requirements.

Candidates who contest election results must deposit \$50 with the municipal clerk for each precinct and must pay \$10 per voting machine for a recheck or recount.

Several questions were being asked in Capitan about the rules concerning campaigning

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Barbecue Sauce
28 OZ. BTL.
SHURSAVING
Saltines
16 OZ. PKG.
REG. / HOT NO BEANS OR REG. W/BEANS
Hormel Chili
19 OZ. CAN

RED-HOT DEALS

SHURFINE ASSORTED
Soda Pop
6 PK. 12 OZ. CANS
99¢
2 LITERS 3 FOR \$2

79¢
379
179
89¢
109

DEL MONTE SELECT GROUP
POTATOES, CARROTS, CORN,
PEAS, GR. BEANS, BEETS,
MIXED VEG., SAUERKRAUT,
OR SPINACH
Vegetables
11-15.2 OZ. CAN
2\$1
FOR

Avocados
3\$1
BONITA'S Pork Chops 1.99
Guacamole Mix 69¢

PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF
Chuck Roast 1.89
L.B.
PREF. TRIM BONELESS BEEF
Chuck Steak 1.99 L.B.
BONELESS BEEF
Stew Meat 2.49
L.B.
CORN KING
Sliced Bacon 1.39
12 OZ. PKG.

SEEDLESS
Red Grapes
99¢
L.B.

FAMILY PACK SPLIT
Fryer Breast 89¢
L.B.

TENDERCRUST SPLIT TOP
Wheat Bread 24 OZ. LOAF
89¢

WATER OR OIL PACKED CHUNK LIGHT
Star-Kist Tuna 6 OZ. CANS
2\$1
FOR

HOT
16 OZ. REG. / ALMOND
HONEY BUNCHES OF OATS, OR
12 OZ. COCOA / FRUITY PEBBLES
Post Cereals
MIX OR MATCH
2\$4
FOR

REGULAR OR W/BLEACH
100 OZ. LIQUID OR
78-87 OZ. POWDER
Wisk Ultra
YOUR CHOICE
4.99

JUICY
Lemons or Limes 5.99
FRESH
Blueberries 6 OZ. PKG. 1.99
CELLO PACKED PEELLED
Mini Carrots 1 LB. PKG. 99¢
DOLE CLASSIC
Coloslaw Mix 1 LB. PKG. 99¢
LARGE
Caulliflower EACH 1.99
LARGE GREEN
Bell Peppers 3.99
LARGE RED
Bell Peppers EA. 79¢
ROMA
Tomatoes 5.99
SWEET
Potatoes LB. 79¢
WHITE
Onions 2 LBS. \$1

BANQUET ASSORTED
Pot Pies 7 OZ. PKG. 4.99
SHURFINE ASSORTED
Jumbos Biscuits 16 OZ. CAN 89¢
SHURFINE SPREAD ASSORTED
Country Crock 16 OZ. TUB 1.69

Lenten Specials
SCHOONER FISH STICKS OR PORTIONS
Breaded Fish LB. 1.79

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