

Forest and Bonito Lake Open on Friday

by Doris Cherry

At 8 a.m. Friday, July 12, Lincoln National Forest will re-open forest lands to public use. Bonito Lake and surrounding campgrounds will also open to public use.

Fire restrictions of no open camp fires, no charcoal fires or grills, no fire-

works, no smoking except in enclosed vehicles will still be in effect in the forest. UL approved gas and propane stoves, lanterns and heating devices are allowed.

Fire restrictions of no open fires, no campfires, no smoking except in enclosed vehicles remain in

effect in the Village of Ruidoso and the unincorporated areas of Lincoln County.

The recent increase in rainfall has lowered fire danger enough for the forest to be available for public use. However, the rainfall was too minimal for the Lincoln National For-

est to lift fire restrictions.

According to Aaron Ortega, acting fire management officer for the Smokey Bear District of Lincoln National Forest, Regional Forest Service officials met with district rangers, adjoining agencies such as BLM and BIA and local elected officials

this week to discuss opening the forest.

Ortega said recent rain-

fall in combination with lower daytime temperatures, higher humidity and low winds in the forest have lowered the "energy release compo-

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County Commission Meets Thurs., July 18

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commission meets at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 18 in their chambers in the Lincoln County courthouse in Carrizozo.

At 9 a.m. public hearings are scheduled to consider a proposed ordinance to amend and re-enact the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Ordinance and to adopt the 2002-2003 fiscal year budget as revised by the NM Dept. of Finance and Administration.

Other items tentatively scheduled include:

-Consent agenda of finance/payroll/accounts payable; treasurer's report for June; Sole Community Provider and Indigent Health Care Claims; contract with Chaves County Juvenile Detention Center; legislative appropriation grant agreement for communications improvements; certification

of nomination from the county clerk; agreement for plumbing, heating, air conditioning maintenance with Holly Mechanical, Inc.; electrical maintenance service agreement with McFarlin Enterprises, Inc.; for Zia Senior Citizens Program cash in lieu of commodities contract and notification of grant and Title III contract and notification of grant award with the Eastern New Mexico Area Agency on Aging, Inc.

-Manager's project report.

-Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Lincoln County Fair Month Proclamation; lease and management agreement between the county and the Lincoln County Fair Association Board.

-Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) and clinics operation report, with annual audit results, Rose Clinic consideration, authorization to purchase new equipment to replace existing equipment in dental hygienist room at Carrizozo Clinic.

-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority presentation by Capitan Mayor Steven Sederwall.

-Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff's Association request to county vacations and holidays as hours worked for overtime computation purposes; agreement between the County of Lincoln and the Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

-Resolution 2002-4 agreement with South-eastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD).

-Presentation at 11 a.m. on El Paso Natural Gas by Delbert Fore and Rory McMinn.

-Final Plat Approval for Windmill Subdivision.

-Semi-annual inspection of Lincoln County Detention Center.

-1 p.m. time for visitors who did not request to be on the agenda.

-Road Review Committee recommendations on request for abandonment for portion of right of way on Taos Road in Lot 7, Block 1, Sun Valley Subdivision for petitioner Anae Campbell; request

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Capitan Chamber Makes Plans for Flea Market

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Chamber of Commerce met July 1 and made final preparations for July 4. The chamber sold patriotic flags and bottled water, handed out free popcorn and free fake tattoos for children. They also had tourism brochures from all over the state.

Members voted to sponsor Leadership Lincoln, an educational program for a limited number of qualified individuals. Chamber members will try to find several interested people from Capitan to apply.

It was decided to replace all 18 of the Christmas decorations for an approximate cost of more than \$4,500.

Deenie Pounds gave the merchants committee report on the June Flea Market that was held at Traylor Gym at the school. It was the only

date that worked at the school. It was very nice there.

Deenie attended the last Lincoln County Fair Board meeting and asked if they could give the Flea Market a break in the

amount of rent. She was declined. It was decided to not have a Flea Market in October due to no place to have it. The final Flea

Market of the year will be held August 18 and 17 somewhere on Smokey Bear Boulevard.

The workers at the weekly bingo are tired and need five replacements. Volunteers are needed.

The next chamber meeting will be Monday, August 5 at 12:30 p.m. in the chamber building. Everyone is invited to attend and bring fresh ideas.



2002 LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR QUEEN Amanda Bird gets ready to ride into the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Fletcher Hall Arena in Capitan on July 4, shortly after she was crowned queen. Bird is a 1999 graduate of Capitan High School.

Nogal Mesa "Ranchmen's Camp Meeting" July 17 to 21

by Dorothy Guck

Plans for Ranchmen's Camp Meeting have been held up because of the drought and forest fires in the southwest in our forests. But recent rains have made it possible to make it feasible to complete plans for the 63rd

annual encampment on Nogal Mesa. The inter-denominational encampment is on 23 acre forest land overlooking the Tularosa Basin in Lincoln County. The first meal and tabernacle service will be held July 17 in the evening, and the last,

on Sunday evening July 21.

No charges are made for your own campers and meals, but depend on free-will donations. Electricity, water and toilets are furnished, with all services held in wooden buildings. A registration

booth needs your signature for camping space, and will give the complete information for the times of each service and meals.

The tabernacle services will be lead this year by Woody Stevens of Tijeras, NM, and David Burk of Sterling City, TX. Music minister Phil Borman, Capitan, and Youth Leader, Kevin Grant, Ft. Sumner, NM. If you have a name to be remembered in the Saturday Memorial Service, leave it at the registration booth.

There are separate group meetings each afternoon for young ones, teenagers, women, in their own tents or buildings, and for the men under the limbs of a giant juniper tree (their Hitchen' Post, without preachers).

Volleyball and baseball games, hay rides, hiking, etc. are for all ages. Everyone is invited to show their musical talent. The altitude is 7000 feet and jackets needed when the sun goes down.

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STAMPEDE CROWD. A good crowd attended the 47th Annual Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo on July 4 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. There were four performances for the Stampede which is the major fund raiser for the Lincoln County Fair set for August 6-10.

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Forest And Bonito

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ment" to the mid-80s. The energy component had to be at 75 or below for officials to open the forest. Last week the component was at 85. Ortega said officials also believe the area "is setting up for monsoon season."

"One reason for continuing the fire restrictions is because our regional fire crews are still busy on fires in Arizona," Ortega said. As a result the Lincoln National Forest is op-

erating on a skeleton fire crew as long as the Arizona fires are burning. Once the Arizona fire situation improves, forest officials will meet to reconsider lifting the fire restrictions in the forest, Ortega added.

As for the forest being closed over the busy July 4 weekend, Ortega said Lincoln National Forest had patrols out until 10 p.m. every day of the long holiday, and had coopera-

tive agreement with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for patrols. "I was very pleasantly surprised," Ortega said. "Reports were that everyone respected the forest closures and our patrol officers had no known problems."

Fire restrictions on use of campfires, wood stoves, explosives and chainsaws also remain in effect on the Bureau of Land Management Fort Stanton recreation area. Chainsaws must have proper spark arrestors.

Additional information about fire restrictions is available at www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire or www.nm.blm.gov.



Ruidoso Council To Hold Special Meeting Friday

Ruidoso Village Council has called a special meeting for 8 a.m. Friday, July 12 to discuss the village manager position.

At the regular Tuesday, July 9 meeting, Ruidoso Village Manager Alan Briley announced he was leaving the position in Ruidoso to accept a new position in Colorado.

Councilors will also hold a closed session to discuss the limited personnel matter concerning the village manager. Councilors will return to open session to take action resulting from discussions in the closed session.

The meeting will be held in the council chambers of Ruidoso Village Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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OBITUARY

Johnnie Dean Erramouspe, 64, of Corona died June 14, in Dalhart, TX.

Johnnie was born in Grants, NM. She is survived by her son Joseph and Roxanne Erramouspe of Corona; daughters Sherry Luera of Animas; Jeanne and Todd Tatum of Dalhart, numerous brothers and sisters, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Johnnie was life time resident of Corona, and a member of the Lady's Auxiliary. She is preceded in death by her husband Leon Erramouspe.

Services were held June 18 at the Presbyterian Church of Corona with Scott King officiating. Interment was in Corona Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jim Bagley, Bunk Mullins, Byron Yancey, Bill Harelson, Randy Luera, Phillip Luera.

MICHAEL J. CHAVEZ was among the graduates of the Lubbock Police Academy's 2002 Alpha Class. The graduating class went through an arduous five-month course to become the latest additions to the city's police force. Lubbock City Councilman Tom Martin, a former Lubbock police officer and former chief at Grapevine and San Marcos, addressed the class during the ceremony, June 21.

Chavez received two certificates of merit. He was recognized with the highest academic average and the honor graduate awards. Chavez, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat J. Chaves of Carrizozo, is a 1990 Carrizozo High School graduate. He is a former United States Marine and has a Sociology degree from ENMU at Portales.

Officer Chavez and his wife, Tine, have a son, Jonathan, age 9 and reside in Shallowwater, TX, 7 miles west of Lubbock.

Libertarians File As Candidates

Lincoln County Libertarian Party candidates have filed for six county offices and a state legislative office.

On Tuesday, July 9, Richard A. Obergfell, chairman of Lincoln County Libertarian Party, filed an affidavit of certification that the party had nominated candidates.

As a minor party, the candidates had to submit nominating petitions signed by registered voters (of any party or declined to state) in numbers equaling one percent of the voters in the last presidential race, said Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor. The candidates did not have to pay a fee to file.

Candidate declarations are tentative until the NM Secretary of State Office verifies the signatures on the nominating petitions.

Libertarian candidates who filed were:

Tony Seno of Ruidoso for Magistrate Judge, Division 2 (court in Ruidoso); Susan S. Ruch of Ruidoso for Lincoln County Clerk; Norman R. VanGorder of Carrizozo for Lincoln County Treasurer; Antoinette Fontaine of Ruidoso for Lincoln County Commissioner District 2; Weslie B. Owen of Ruidoso for Lincoln County Commissioner District 4; Bonnie B. Richardson of Ruidoso Downs for Lincoln County Commissioner District 5.

Libertarian candidate Richard A. Obergfell filed his nominating petition

with the NM Secretary of State as a candidate for New Mexico House of Representatives District 56, which includes portions of Lincoln and Otero Counties.

The Libertarian candidates will be listed on the November 5 general election ballot.



JESSICA J. ALVAREZ, daughter of Richard and Michelle B. Alvarez of Carrizozo, has qualified as a state finalist in the annual Miss American Jr. Teen. Competition to select the state finalist will be held July 26 in Las Cruces. Winners will receive scholarships, prizes and awards. Jessica, age 15, is sponsored in the contest by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, Carrizozo Woman's Club and her Grandpa Paul Carrillo.

Jessica's honors include; All American Scholar, Honor Roll, National Honor Roll, National English Merit Award, National Merit Finalist, and Who's Who Among High School Students. She is majoring in pre-med at Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso. Her grandparents are George and Cecilia Andaluz of Bronx, NY and Paul Carrillo of Nogal, TX.

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SUNDAY, JULY 21ST
 Fiesta Mass at 10:30 A.M. w/story of Santa Rita

SUNDAY DINNER following Mass until 2:30 P.M.
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Army News

Army Spec. Aaron L. Gifford has returned to Fort Benning, GA, from a six-month deployment to Kosovo in the Balkans.

Gifford, a 2000 graduate of Ruidoso High School, is the son of Cece F. Bustamante of Ruidoso and Larry Gifford of Midland, TX.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST THURSDAYS

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County, 5:30 p.m. Call 354-2673 for locations. No meeting in July.

SECOND MONDAYS

--Kairos Outside and Embrams 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

--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.
--Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, doors open 6:30 p.m.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JULY 11

--Smokey Bear Historical Park Summer Education Program, "How does a tree grow?" at 9 a.m. to 12 noon for children second to fifth grade.
--Blood drive from 11 to 7 p.m. Gateway Church of Christ on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Continues at 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 12.
--Ruidoso Lodger Tax Committee meets 2:30 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.
--Ruidoso Arts Commission, 4 p.m. village hall.
--Capitan Board of Education 5:30 p.m. school administration building.
--Corona Village Council will hold a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) hearing at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting at village hall.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

--Capitan Public Library First Friday Lecture: "What the Cowboy Said" presented by Loan Taylor, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

--Lincoln County Art Loop, tour of various artist studios, continues through Sunday.
--Miss New Mexico to be in Carrizozo for various appearances and reception. Art studios open and artists set up on 12th Street in Carrizozo to coincide with Art Loop.

MONDAY, JULY 15

--Ruidoso Public Library book fair through July 19 during regular library hours, sponsored by Friends of the Library. Call 258-3704 for more information.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

--Storyteller at Capitan Public Library, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
--Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 2 p.m. LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.

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CORY LOPEZ of Carrizozo (left) is shown during his June European vacation with family friend **Martin Drozda** from Bratislava, Slovakia, on their hike in the high Tratas, the mountain range in northern Slovensko. The strenuous 5-hour hike was a highlight of Corey's European trip that also included tours in the Czech Republic, Austria, and Poland.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Corona Post Office 12:30 - 2:30
Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00 - 6:30
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30 - 8:30
Nogal Post Office 9:00-9:45
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe 10:15 - 11:45
Camp Sierra Blanca 1:00 - 2:30
Lincoln Post Office 3:30-4:30
Hondo Store 4:45-6:00

Smokey Bear Parade Results

Thousands of people line the streets of Capitan to pay tribute to Lincoln County and Otero County firefighters, the Grand Marshals of the 47th Annual Smokey Bear Parade. Award winners were:

FLOAT CATEGORY

* Traveling Trophy: Capitan 4-H.
* First Place: Corriente CowBelles.
* Second Place: Sierra Blanca Square Dance Swingers.
* Third Place (tie): Pinon Hills RV Park, and Trinity Southern Baptist Church.
* Best Dressed Cowgirl: Jayda Silva.

EQUESTRIAN GROUP

* First Place: Lincoln County Rodeo Club.
* Second Place: Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse.
* Third Place: Jerry Long Mountain Top Ranch.

EQUESTRIAN INDIVIDUAL

* First Place: Randy and Rene White.



C'zozo Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Aron and Isabel Portfo of Carrizozo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family celebration last week. They were married July 5, 1952 in Carrizozo. They have 10 children, 21 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Aron has retired from Holloman and Isabel is a homemaker.

Applications Taken For Weatherization Program In County

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico is now taking applications for the weatherization program in the Lincoln County area.

The program is for low income, elderly and disabled residents. Anyone interested may get an application by writing to Weatherization Assistance Program, PO Drawer 2227, Roswell, NM 88202-2227 or by calling toll free 1-888-624-1860.

Chastity Gonzales Named To Dean's List At NMSU

Chastity Gonzales, a 2000 graduate of Hondo Valley High School, was named to the Dean's List at New Mexico State University in Alamogordo. Gonzales is majoring in medical assistant and has her degree in business. She is the daughter of Vivian Salas and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Salas, all of Hondo.

* Second Place: Tiffany Castillo.
* Third Place: Cheyenne Goodloe.

TRACTOR

* First Place: Fort Lone Tree Bible Ranch.

PEDESTRIAN GROUP

* First Place: Boy Scout Troop #57.
* Second Place: Camp Sierra Blanca Drill Team.

PEDESTRIAN INDIVIDUAL

* First Place: Cat, Karen Pritchett.
* Second Place: Lady Liberty, Andrietta Baxter.
* Third Place: Clowns, Art Loop members.

ANTIQUE/CLASSIC VEHICLE

* First Place: Sammy Boyce, Artesia.
* Second Place: Mike Brazie, Sandia Park.
* Third Place: Danny Hoffer Racing, Ruidoso Downs.

CART or BUGGY

* First Place: Diamond L. Haflingers.

Call For Artists For Event July 27 In Ruidoso

Ruidoso Arts Commission is calling all artists to participate in the Street-Players Festival on Saturday, July 27 in Ruidoso mid town.

The event is open to all performing and visual artists. "If your art form adapts to performing or demonstrating on the street, we need you," said arts commission director Mary Lea Lane.

For more information and to be included on the schedule for the event call Mary Maxon at 354-3033 or Lane at 378-4302 before July 15.

Steven Ramirez In Who's Who

Carrizozo 10th grade student Steven Ramirez has been included in the 36th annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students 2001-2002.

Only five percent of high school students are honored by the organization that recognizes the achievement of outstanding students.

Steven is the son of Cathie Eisen of Carrizozo and Esteban Ramirez of El Paso.

Nogal Mesa-- (Con't From Page 1)

The grounds may be reached by turning off Hwy. 380 at the sign 15 miles east of Carrizozo and 5 miles west of Capitan, or by turning at the sign on Hwy. 37 on Nogal Mesa.

For further information, contact LaMoyné Peters HC 71 Box 1060, Capitan, NM 88316, Ph. 505-354-2302; or Johnson Stearns, P.O. Box 638, Carrizozo, NM 88301, Ph. 505-648-2878.

Final clean-up day at the grounds will be July 13. Bring your own lunch and tools. All old-timers and new-comers are very welcome.

* Second Place: Angela Romero.
* Third Place: The Darrah boys and cousin.

RESULTS OF THE CAR SHOW

* People's Choice Award: Bernadeane and Bob Bridges, Ruidoso.

for their Jaguar.
* Second Place (tie): Sammy Boyce, Artesia, for his 1937 Ford; and Ray and Regina Tuthill, Ruidoso, for their Crown Victoria Ford.
* Third Place: Jim and Cheryl LaDuke, Nogal, for their 1957 Chevrolet.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Does it rain in the middle

By Ruth Hammond

When most of New Mexico was scorching from heat, other parts of the nation were having problems of their own and had to cope with floods, tornados and other types of extreme weather. Now that the monsoon season is almost here, maybe there will be middle ground. Possible but not likely. As most of you know, there is really nothing middle about the weather, no more than there is anything middle about some people getting along with other people. We know that certain people in Capitan and Carrizozo are more than determined to find fault with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) and that is their right. Let's be realistic, if they don't like LCSWA there ain't nothin' we can do to change their minds. And aren't we all really glad?

Actually, it is a blessing that people have differences of opinions. Wouldn't it be dull if we were all alike and if we thought alike? Maybe you might like it, but we wouldn't. We wouldn't want to have to wear certain colors of clothes on certain days. We wouldn't want to drive a certain type vehicle, that just might not be our choice. A plush car is great for city stinkin' but it don't work a hoot for punchin' cows. And what if some of us didn't want to punch cows? We might prefer to punch pillows than to mistreat bovine buddies. And at the risk of offending horse people here in some of the best horse country in the world, we just might not want to sit tall in the saddle, if we even wanted to sit in a saddle at all. We might prefer a comfy overstuffed chair.

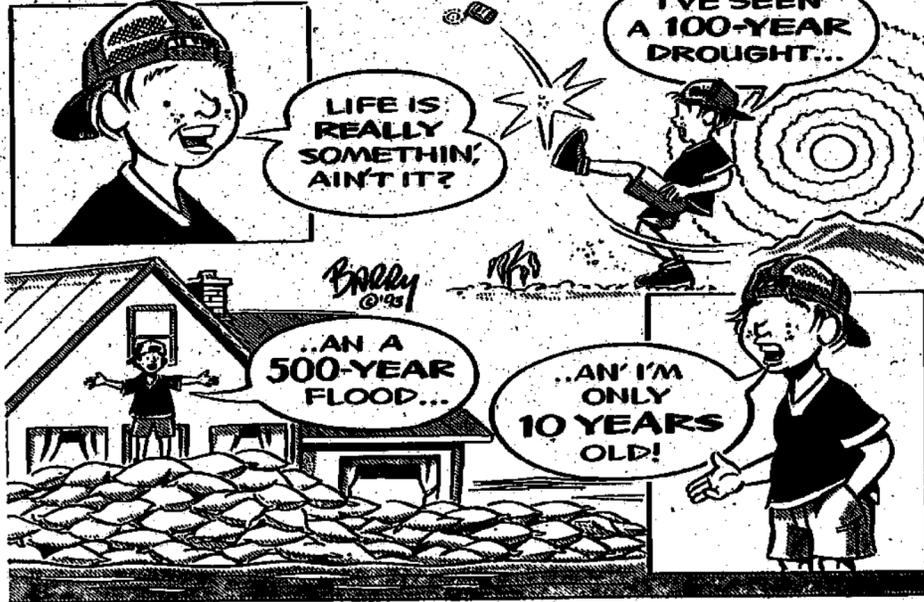
There are other reasons to be glad we aren't all alike. Some of us would not want to be opinionated and crass. We would not want to be disrespectful and rude, especially to elders and to parents. We believe everyone should show respect for elders and especially for parents and for parents of friends, and even parents of enemies. We would not want to be rude to people and would want more people to show respect, too often a rare trait today. And we would want people to accept responsibility for their actions, and if we were all alike, who would choose the way we would be? Would we cast aspersions on others with snide remarks or would we be willing to talk openly about things. Would we point fingers at others in an attempt to make others think we are perfect and always doing what is best? Would we truly want what is best for everyone or what is best for us?

Even if you think you could accept everyone being alike if you could make the choices, what about originality? You are the only unique person who looks like you and acts like you. And aren't you glad? Aren't you glad that you are an individual, not a clone of meat and bone? And aren't you glad you can share what feelings you want to share and if you prefer you can keep other feelings private, just for you.

Recognizing that there is a reason we are not all alike can be helpful. It is good to know that even though we may disagree there is no reason to be disagreeable. And even though we believe people should never be called names, and especially be called names for being different, we do know that it happens. Just because somethin' ain't right don't mean it won't happen. Each of us is different. And isn't that a great thing, knowing each of us is an individual?

Each of us is different

J.P. Doodles



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE -- Will school choice mean better education? We're about to learn the answer following the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that vouchers don't violate the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution as long as parents have a wide choice of schools for their children.

Eight states are reported ready to pass legislation now that the constitutional barrier has been removed. Most of those states are neighbors of ours. Several other states have been tinkering around the edges of vouchers and should be ready to go soon.

Despite Gov. Gary Johnson's efforts the past eight years, New Mexico won't be in the vanguard of states experimenting with private school vouchers. By well over 2-1 margins, both houses of our Legislature have rejected Johnson's past proposals. Our state constitution has other barriers according to Attorney General Patricia Madrid and one of our two gubernatorial candidates isn't excited about the idea.

The issue in the Legislature is a partisan one. Republicans support vouchers and all Democrats plus a dozen or so Republicans oppose them. Reasons for the opposition are philosophical, legal, political and practical. In the last category are those who say their constituents don't have a choice of schools and they don't want their tax money paying for people in Albuquerque to send their kids to private schools.

Obviously, there are communities other than Albuquerque where parents have a choice of more than one school for their children, but there are many communities that don't have those choices and aren't big enough to attract the educational entrepreneurs Gov. Johnson envisions opening schools.

Disagreement exists over whether our state constitution will be a barrier to a voucher system. The document is very specific about not allowing public money to be used "for the support of any sectarian, denominational or private school." Does the U.S. Supreme Court decision override that because it says it's legal to give money to parents who would then give it to the school?

If so, New Mexico's constitution has an added kicked. In this state it is illegal to give public money to private individuals or entities. This anti-donation clause was added because too many brother-in-laws of local officials, and their businesses, were on the receiving end of public money without performing any service.

Attorney General Madrid thinks a constitutional amendment is the only way to solve that problem. Since the anti-donation clause also has stifled various economic development efforts, there might be some support for an amendment removing that clause.

But even with constitutional issues resolved, New Mexicans still are split on the subject of vouchers. Public schools are what made America great, some say. Siphoning money from them will hurt. It will drain the good students away and leave those who can't get into another school because of disabilities, behavior problems, high tuition or parental disinterest.

Others say if there is a possibility America might be made greater through school choice, it should be given a chance. And that's what the Supreme Court ruling will do. New Mexico is very unlikely to be in the experimental group but that may be good. Let our neighbors do the experimenting.

We know from their experiments with charter schools that there were surprises. New schools couldn't find buildings. Despite the most beautiful dreams, teachers, administrators and boards, new to the experience, couldn't agree on implementation plans. And a few hucksters tried to take advantage of the situation.

The \$3,000 vouchers Gov. Johnson was proposing weren't enough to completely pay for an education anywhere but a few church schools. It will be interesting to see what a reasonable amount turns out to be.

And the most important consideration will be whether the voucher students get a better education. Involved parents will be the most important factor in that equation. And the parents who go to the trouble to get vouchers, are the most likely to see that their children are well served.

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER

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Cancer: (June 21 - July 22) Clean out the cob-webs! It's time to make that move forward! Don't ask for permission. Stand up and be counted. You only get what you go after.

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) You may have to do something by yourself, for yourself, to get what you want done right the first time. You can ask for help. You may need it after you start.

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) Money may play an important roll. It may roll away from you, like water on a duck's back! Use your eyes in the back of your head. What's going on?

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) People are a little strange to say the least. Go with the flow. Don't waste your time and energy trying to heal them. Step back and watch out for yourself.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) If you expect too much from a friendship, you may lose just that. Friends don't use Friends. Listen very carefully to what is being said before it's too late.

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Your window of opportunity, is about to close! Don't assume just because you're waiting around for something to happen, that it hasn't.

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Good time to do what needs to be done. Get the small stuff done first. Clutter is not good for energy. Clean up and out. Get good sleep & exercise.

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You don't have time to explain it to everyone. They'll just have to trust you on your word. Measure twice, cut once! You can't make two mistakes!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) A helping hand, or just the sound of your voice, can heal someone with a broken heart. Listen very carefully, on how you explain yourself to them.

Aries: (March 21 - April 19) This could be a busy time, if you want it to be. Keep in a good mood, so you won't lose your good energy. Go inside of yourself. Find out the truth.

Taurus: (April 20 - May 20) It will seem everyone has gone bezerk. They have. But what a way to go! Take time to have some fun with your family and friends. Get out there.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) When you feel the need to go deep inside, do so. The ones that really love you will understand. Repair the tears inside of you. Sleep can heal.

Letters to the



EDITOR: Thanks to your article on my historical research in the June 27 issue of LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS, I have received two phone calls. One was from a man from Capitan whose father was one of the civilian guards at the internment camp. He said his sister has more information and perhaps photos. The other man lives in Santa Fe but spent his life in Carrizozo. He worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad in charge of the freight and express depot. He remembers them getting many Christmas packages for the Germans at Fort Stanton and sending them on to the camp. He remembers many of the gifts were booze, something in short supply. Perhaps I will hear from others.

JIM McBRIDE
Santa Fe, New Mexico

State Fair Seeks Entries for Parades

The 2002 New Mexico State Fair is looking for individuals and groups to participate in the *New Mexico on Parade* occurring daily during the fair September 6-21 in Albuquerque from 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Daily parades begin at the indoor horse arena and march through Main Street to end at Tingley Coliseum. Parade participants will receive parking passes and free admission. For more information contact Joe Ann Montoya at 285-1791 ext. 225 or Edward Gonzales, ext. 311.

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NM Commission On Women Seeks Award Nominations

The NM Commission on the Status of Women is seeking nominations to the upcoming Estrella Awards Program with a theme of *Celebrating the Shining Stars of New Mexico*.

Nominations will be taken for the Visions Award that honors an employer who assists em-

ployees in balancing work and family; the Partners in Change Award honors employers who created job and training opportunities for women in transition; the Trailblazer Award honors seven New Mexico women who are successful in non-traditional careers.

New awards this year are the Excellence in Leader-

ship Award for an organization or business leader who has shown dedication to improving the status of women; state or federal agency for innovative programs or public policy directly affecting women and families in a positive manner.

Corona News

Is it the monsoon season yet? A few ranchers have reported rains of one inch but most of Corona report moisture in sprinkles or tenths of an inch and are grateful for that.

It is Festival time - July 27! According to the El Paso Times, 1952, Corona should be celebrating its centennial this year. The Village Council named the centennial committee - Mitzi Orr, Janetta Stewart and Gene Miller. Sharon Hefker was the first volunteer and is making arrangements for a banner. She also sent scrapbooks, one for each decade, to hold articles and pictures relative to that decade. There is copy paper at school, so bring or send your articles and pictures to be copied and included.

The Festival program for this year begins with a pancake breakfast 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center, 8:00 a.m. booths in place, 10:00 a.m. parade, Byron Yancey, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 4-H lunch at the school cafeteria, 11:00 a.m. Ranch Rodeo, interested participants should contact Keith Shafer, FFA concession, 1:00 p.m. music festival at the auditorium, see Sandra Alford for details, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight dance, arrangements Tim and Janell Kane, junior class concession.

Bernice Jarnagin will come from California and promises to carry the banner for the class of '39. Sue Sullivan will host an open house for the class of '57 in the new home her mother and she have built here. The class of '71 will gather again this year and hopefully Bob Clouse will share his culinary expertise. The class of '72 plans a get together, both Charlene Talley and Gordon Bunge have inquired.

The Honor Society and the Junior Class will sponsor an arena and village clean up day, Thursday, July 18. Bring rakes and shovels and help. The clean up will start at 7 a.m. Thursday July 18 with finishing touches July 25. Contact Keith Shafer or Rachel Lueras for details.

Mrs. Curtis Duke is staying in Albuquerque five days each week with her granddaughter, Stephanie Rodriguez. Recently a grandson, Paul Rodriguez and family, 29 Palms, CA, visited them there. Lanita Rasak is her mother's chauffeur. Paul and family then came to Corona to see Mr. Duke and Jerry Rasak. They left for Durango, Co to spend the remainder of his leave with his parents.

Members of the Corona FFA recently attended the state convention in Las Cruces. Dal Frost is reported to have made a very clever farewell speech as District VII president and state vice-president.

Shaline Lopez was elected to follow in his footsteps. Shaline was then one of eight state officers who met in a four

day planning session for the state FFA Leadership Conference at the Apple Mountain Retreat in the Manzano Mountains. The theme of the camp was *Survive and Succeed*. Shaline's Marines competed successfully in the games and strategy sessions designed by the leaders. Rachel Lueras was voted the friendliest camper at the conference.

Dal Frost, Shaline Lopez, Rachel Lueras and Keith Shafer were members of the wool judging team who competed at the National Wool Judging contest in Sonora, Tx. Although the team ranked only 5th, the sponsors, Jerry Sharp and Kay Sultemeier, and team members say that they learned a lot and that wool judging in Texas is very different.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bradford left Sunday for a week of classes at the math conference in Dallas, Tx. Bob will concentrate on computer classes, while Sherrill will study calculus and physics.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin James have returned from Charleston, SC, where they greeted his first grandson, Luke Sawyer Griffin. Luke arrived unexpectedly in Atlanta, where his parents, Natalie and Brian Griffin had gone to see an Atlanta Braves baseball game. He weighed in at three pounds, nine ounces, dropped to three pounds, four ounces and had to remain about six weeks until his weight reached five pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott King have been absent for a few weeks due to the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. Helen Wells, Clovis. Wesley Lackey filled the pulpit, Sunday, June 30. Lackey, a graduate of Corona High School, served 40 years in the ministry and retired last year from the West Plano Presbyterian Church, Plano, Tx. He now lives at Cochiti. Lewis Toland served as pulpit supply last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yancey ate lunch on Grandparent's Day, June 27, in Roswell with Meggan and Adrianna. Other guests were Judy Coen, Meggan's maternal grandmother, who is visiting from Germany, and Crystal Lueras, who is Adrianna's grandmother. Adrianna returned home with the Yanceys for a few days. The Yanceys returned to Roswell to help get the yard and swimming pool in shape for Meggan's fifth birthday party Saturday. The adults probably enjoyed the pool because Meggan wanted to take her friends to the bowling alley for a party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Porter helped granddaughter, Lindsay, celebrate her 11th birthday here. Lindsay is visiting from Houston.

Bids have been received and a contract awarded to refurbish the bowling al-

ley for the clinic and village offices. There will be a new roof and a porch as well as changes in the interior.

Braulio Rodriguez is the new village employee replacing Danny Romero who resigned.

Courtney Perez expected her roommate, a pre-med student at George Washington University, to arrive on Thursday. She planned a bar-b-que and fireworks, Friday a trip to the symphony, Saturday Santa Fe and the opera, and Sunday a trip to the Adams ranch and gallery before returning Monday to begin her second session of summer school. Sandra is from Newark, NJ, a different landscape from Corona.

Monday, Dorothy Kerr called from Westpoint, MS, to tell of the sudden death of her sister, Eileen, 82. Eileen taught business in high school here during the early fifties.

Early Monday morning, Nancy Ranney Levi called to tell us that her father, George Ranney, had

passed away at 10:00 p.m. Sunday following an illness of several weeks. Tentative arrangements were for Saturday, July 6.

Peggy Harrelson was involved with the alien celebration in Roswell over the weekend. Recently she represented Roswell as an All-American City in Kansas City. Accompanied by son Jonathan,

they distributed alien suckers, balloons and Christmas balls.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holleyman attended the Garlick family reunion in Van Horn, Tx, recently with over 200 there. Mrs. Holleyman is busy helping with preparations for the wedding of her granddaughter, Kasi Kibbe and Brad Holland.

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State Fair is Now Accepting Entries For The Parade

The New Mexico State Fair office is now accepting entries for participation in the 2002 New Mexico State Fair Parade to be held on Saturday, September 7.

Band groups, military, horse riding clubs, cheer squads, drill teams, dance troops, rare autos, fair queens and others are invited to take part in the parade. Trophies will be awarded to those who best represent the 2002 Fair theme of *Colossal Fun*.

Parade entry applications can be downloaded from the website at www.nmstatefair.com, or to request an application call Janet Clark at the NM State Fair Parade office at 505-265-1791, ext. 334.

Summer in Corona is a wonderful time of year. As the temperature at the end of the day begins to cool, you can look out your window and see families taking walks, children riding bikes and scooters, and people sitting on their porches enjoying the remains of the day.

But recently, this way of life in Corona has begun to change. People who disregard these small pleasures have begun to infest our small town. Speeding motorists, who have no conscience, have been seen roaring through the community placing our loved ones in danger.

What does a community our size do?

We must join together to secure the safety of our children as well as our families. If you see someone who is being reckless, get the vehicle identification and place a call to the Lincoln County Sheriff's office at 1-800-687-2419.

Be patient, but continue to call, and with the presence of law enforcement, these people will begin to respect the things we here in Corona appreciate so much. Do your part and help to keep our community safe.

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Sheriff's Report

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

July 1:
 3:22 p.m. loud music at a trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.
 5:01 p.m. dogs at large in Palo Verde Slopes.
 8:23 p.m. battery reported at location in Tinnie.
 9:37 p.m. mother from San Patricio reported a missing person from a business in Ruidoso. The responding deputy later advised that the person was found in Missouri.
July 2:
 8:06 a.m. fire alarm at location on Pecos Court. Bonito Fire Department responded but advised there was no smoke or audible alarm sounding.
 8:19 a.m. fall on trail 220. Med 1 ambulance responded but was refused.
 12:17 p.m. Med 1 ambulance advised they were making a transfer from a location in Little Creek to the reservation.
 5:57 p.m. grass fire on 4th Street. Carrizozo fire department responded but advised there was no fire.
 7 p.m. careless driver in downtown Corona.
 8:33 p.m. vehicle fire, a tractor, on Long Road. Capitan Fire Department and police responded.
 9:08 p.m. someone smoking on a porch on Gavilan Canyon.
 10:34 p.m. fire at Terra Del Sol apartments in Crownpoint. Bonito Fire Department responded.
 10:54 p.m. battery at a condo in Rancho Ruidoso.
 11:18 p.m. animal dis-

truss on Highway 48, a deer was hit by a vehicle. Game and Fish Department requested that a deputy put the deer down.
July 3:
 12:09 a.m. stranded motorist west of Lincoln on Highway 380.
 7:21 a.m. runaway from trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs. The responding deputy at 8:57 a.m. advised that the girl returned home.
 11:46 a.m. Hondo School reported problems with a propane tank. Hondo Fire Department responded and advised the feed line had slipped off the tank, which had shut off automatically. The responding deputy advised that all was okay by 1:30 p.m.
 6:36 p.m. drunk on Highway 70 west.
 11:25 p.m. threats at location in Agua Fria. Ruidoso Downs police and deputy responded.
July 4:
 9:52 a.m. request for ambulance for unconscious subject at the fairgrounds. Capitan ambulance responded and met Med 1 ambulance which transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
 11:34 a.m. smoke reported west of Capitan. Capitan fire department advised all was okay, it was clouds.
 1:57 p.m. request for deputy for missing person, strange events in Arabela. The person's truck was found downstream about one mile. Two deputies responded.
 4:53 p.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 8 on Highway 37. Capitan ambulance transported to

LCMC. Nogal Fire Department also responded.
 6:01 p.m. lots of fireworks going off at mile marker 13 on Highway 48. Deputy responded.
 8:13 p.m. grass fire at mile marker 300 on Highway 70. Hondo Fire Department responded.
 8:14 p.m. stolen chain saw from location in Fawn Ridge.
 8:23 p.m. someone shooting fireworks on Lake Shore Drive in Alto. Deputy responded.
 10:02 p.m. Capitan ambulance advised it was transporting a patient from the fairgrounds to LCMC.
July 5:
 4:00 a.m. domestic at a RV park on Highway 70 west. Reporting party advised he and his girl friend have been drinking and the girl friend was kicking his Lexus car and had done some damage. A deputy and Ruidoso police responded.
 10:45 a.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping in the Corona area.
 12:11 p.m. request for ambulance to Capitan School. Capitan ambulance responded.
 12:34 p.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 3 on Highway 37. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance and a deputy responded as no state police were available.
 12:38 p.m. stolen vehicle from a location between San Patricio and Hondo.
 1:09 p.m. undersheriff requested Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) for a found body in the Arabela area.
 3:50 p.m. 911 report of man down and semi-con-

scious at mile marker 19.5 on State Road 246, Pine Lodge Road. Capitan ambulance transported to LCMC.

4:05 p.m. trash dumping at mile marker 6 on Highway 37, someone dumped pine needles by the caller's driveway.
 10 p.m. accident with injuries, one vehicle rollover on Capitan Gap Road about a half mile from Highway 380. Two females were in the single vehicle and were injured. Capitan ambulance transported to LCMC, state police and two deputies responded.
 11:14 p.m. battery and request for ambulance. RALS responded but was refused. Ruidoso Downs police responded.

July 6:
 7:53 a.m. request for ambulance at location on B. Ave. for elderly woman. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.
 10:18 a.m. request for ambulance at mile marker 284 on Highway 70 near San Patricio. Hondo ambulance transported the patient to Roswell.
 3:05 p.m. threats being made from location in Tinnie.
 3:14 p.m. shooting going on in Palo Verde Slopes.

July 7:
 2:22 a.m. fight at trailer park. Deputy, state police and Ruidoso Downs police responded.
 10:16 a.m. accident with-out injuries with possible drunken driver on Highway 48 in the Alto area. A forest service officer stopped the van at the corner of State Roads 220 and 48. The responding deputy arrested the subject and a wrecker was called.
 10:58 a.m. accident with-out injuries 15 miles west of Roswell on Highway 70.
 8:20 p.m. battery at location on Drexel in Carrizozo.



LINCOLN COUNTY RODEO CLUB Queen Cheyenne Goodloe prepares to ride in the presentation of colors at the 47th Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo on July 4 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Fletcher Hall Arena.

Ruidoso Art Festival July 26 to 28

Works of 120 artists will be held in Ruidoso Convention Center. There is a fee to enter the event. For more information about the arts festival call Karen at 1-800-253-2255.

Court Calendar

12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DIVISION III

The following is the calendar for District Judge Karen L. Parsons in her courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo:

- Monday, July 8:**
 8:30 a.m. teleconference Wear v. Wear; DM-00-115 (Jordan/ProSe) pretrial
 9 a.m. Meeting with Norman Osborne about juvenile drug court.
 11 a.m. Elders v. Bowman; CV-2002-143 (McNeill) restraining order.
 1:30 p.m. Meeting with Daniel Bryant for juvenile detention alternatives.
- Tuesday, July 9:**
 8:15 a.m. teleconference LLP v. Crossroads; CV-2002-48 (R.Hawthorne/ProSe) motions
 9 a.m. Dubay v. Dubay; DM-2002-46 (Dutton/Beauvais) motion on temporary order
 1:30 p.m. Ramirez v. Young; DM-94-75 (Brownfield/C.Hawthorne) motions
 3 p.m. Stone v. Najera; DM-91-40 (Reeves/Jordan) motions
- Wednesday, July 10:**
 8:30 a.m. teleconference Kemp v. Senn; CV-00-135 for Sierra County
 Michael Gonzales; CR-2002-88 first appearance
 Verman Jim; CR-2002-12 first appearance
 Adam Rodgers; CR-2002-21 sentencing
 Michael Conner; CR-2001-19 sentencing
 William Gardner; CR-2002-23 motion suppress and pretrial
 Walter Gass; CR-2001-128 judicial inquiry and restitution hearing
 Dustin Sultemeier; CR-2001-76 restitution
 11:30 a.m. teleconference Amresco v. Turner; CV-2001-32 motions
 1 p.m. PQ-2002-06 appoint guardian
 2 p.m. Roberts v. Roberts; DM-91-827 (for Lea County)
- Darrell N. Brantley:**
 10 a.m.
 Army Porter v. John Davis; DV-2001-27 motions
 Rosalia Flores v. Daniel DeLeon; DV-2002-72
 10:30 a.m.
 Thomas Means v. Gilbert Barela Jr.; DV-2002-78
 Gene Turner v. Gene Turner II; DV-2002-79
 11 a.m. Nicollete Hernandez v. Dorothy Suratt; DV-2001-09 motions
- Thursday, July 11:**
 8:30 a.m. Wolfe v. Vega; CV-2002-83 appeal
 9 a.m. Wersich v. Romo; CV-2001-254 (C.Hawthorne/Anderson) pretrial
 9:30 a.m. Fitzpatrick v. Fitzpatrick; DM-2001-37 (R.Hawthorne/Brownfield) status
 10:30 a.m. Brown v. Guinn; DV-00-171 (Underwood/C.Hawthorne) merits/appeal
 1 p.m. Camp Sierra Blanca graduation.
- Friday, July 12:**
 8:15 a.m. Hug Estate; PB-2002-24 (Dutton)
 8:30 a.m.
 Johnnie Williams; CR-2002-32 plea
 Maria Vega; CR-00-17 sentencing
 Ross Sanders; CR-2002-64 first appearance
 Lewis Holcomb; CR-2002-77 first appearance
 Alex Garcia; CR-97-145 first appearance, pretrial
 Gabriella Comacho; CR-97-157 first appearance, pretrial
 Larry Widner; CR-2002-79 first appearance
 1:30 p.m. plea conferences
 Sharon Cruz; CR-2002-59
 6 p.m. Justice Baca retirement reception in Albuquerque.

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The American Cancer Society Recommends:

1. Wear protective clothing when out in the sun.
2. Wear a hat that shades your face, neck and ears.
3. Wear a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
4. Plan outdoor activities to avoid the midday sun.

Making sure your children eat right and get enough sleep takes care of their inside. Take care of their outside, too! Teach them to Slap! on a shirt, Slap! on a sunscreen with an SPF of 15+ and Slap! on a hat before they go outdoors, and to look for shade in the middle of the day.

For more information, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit our website at www.cancer.org

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Capitan Police Report

The following was taken from Capitan police reports:

May 30:
 Male arrested for driving while license suspended.
 Auto/deer collision, no injuries, Highway 48 and Mt. Capitan Road.
 Auto collision, no injuries, Highway 380 at Center Rd, agency assistance.

June 11:
 Larceny, theft of hay from business on Hwy 380 east.
 Auto accident, no injuries, business parking lot.
 Civil dispute at business on Lincoln St.
 Horses out on the 300 block of 5th Street.

June 12:
 Civil dispute at mile marker 21 on Highway 48.
 Felony larceny of construction equipment valued at \$3,800 on Highway 48.
 Horses out at mile marker 20 on Highway 48.

June 13:
 Four wheelers driving carelessly on Zia Road.
 Disturbance at business.

June 14:
 Loud music at Smokey Bear Blvd. and Forest Road.
 Child welfare concern on Smokey Bear Blvd.
 Open door at business on Lincoln St.

June 15:
 Welfare check on Lavana Rd.

June 16:
 Careless driving at Highways 48 and 380.
 Welfare check on Center.

June 17:
 Cruelty to animals at apartments.
 Trespassing on Smokey Bear Blvd.
 Suspicious vehicle at post office.

June 18:
 Dogs running at large on 200 block of 3rd St.
 Alarm at bank.

June 19:
 Verbal domestic.
 Welfare check on 100 block of 5th St.
 Trespassing at apartments.

June 20:
 Picked up lost dog and returned to owner on Long Rd.
 Gas skip.
 Open door at residence on Skyview.
 Illegal dumping near ball field.
 Four wheeler driving recklessly on Long Rd.
 Medical assist on Lodestar.
 Attempted burglary on 100 block of E. Grandview.
 Burglary on 100 block of Valley View, stereo and power tools valued \$350.

June 21:
 Hit and run damage to school property valued \$100.
 911 call of domestic in progress on Highway 248.
 Harassment on Long Rd.
 Harassment on 400 block of Smokey Bear Blvd.
 Female arrested for criminal damage to property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 22:
 Phone harassment.
 Dogs running at large on Valley View Rd.

June 23:
 Civil dispute, confiscated drug paraphernalia at location on 5th St.
 Domestic in progress on 100 block of Smokey Bear Blvd.
 Male arrested on warrant at business.
 Male cited for making alcohol available to a minor.
 Alarm at senior apartments on 3rd St.

June 24:
 Male arrested for criminal trespassing at business.

June 25:
 Auto accident, no injuries at business in 100 block of Smokey Bear Blvd.
 Juvenile curfew violation, verbal warning.

June 26:
 Cruelty to animal on School Rd.
 Disturbance at village hall.

June 27:
 Criminal damage, broken windows on Main Rd. valued \$150.
 Auto accident no injuries on Center Rd.
 Hit and run damage to fence on 400 block of Smokey Bear Blvd., valued at \$150.
 Suspicious vehicle on 200 block of Long Rd.
 Dogs running at large in subdivision.

June 28:
 911 call on 100 block on Lobo Rd.
 Disturbance on Valley View Rd.

June 29:
 Livestock on roadway on W. Deer Trail.
 Gas skip.

June 30:
 Auto burglary on E. Grandview, power tools taken valued at \$1,000.
 Larceny, plant theft at business, value unknown.

County Commission (Cont. From Page 1)

for abandonment of Alpine Road renamed Coronado in Block 3 between Lot 13 and Tract D of Loma Grande Acres for petitioner Joyce Harter.

-Resolution designating polling places in each precinct and requiring unobstructed access to at least one voting machine in each precinct for individuals with physical mobility limitations.

-Appointment of interim Lincoln County Clerk.

-Discussion of heavy trucks through Lincoln.

-Resolution for Purchase of AVC electronic voting machines.

-Discussion of four ordinances enacted by the Village of Ruidoso for defensible space.

-Water/forest health discussion, consideration of renewing Fire Restrictions Resolution 2002-7.

-Bids and rfp award of RFP for independent contractor services for misdemeanor compliance program; bid award for maintenance service on county communications equipment; bid award for cleaning services for county offices in Ruidoso; bid award for resurfacing various county roads.

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

-Appointments of Emergency Program Manager; Lincoln County Planning Commission; Public Land Use Advisory Council.

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

-Executive session for discussion of threatened and/or pending litigation.

Ruidoso Art Festival Set For July 26-28

Entries to the 16th annual Willard Van Dyke Memorial Grant in Photography are being accepted until 5 p.m. September 6. There is no charge to enter.

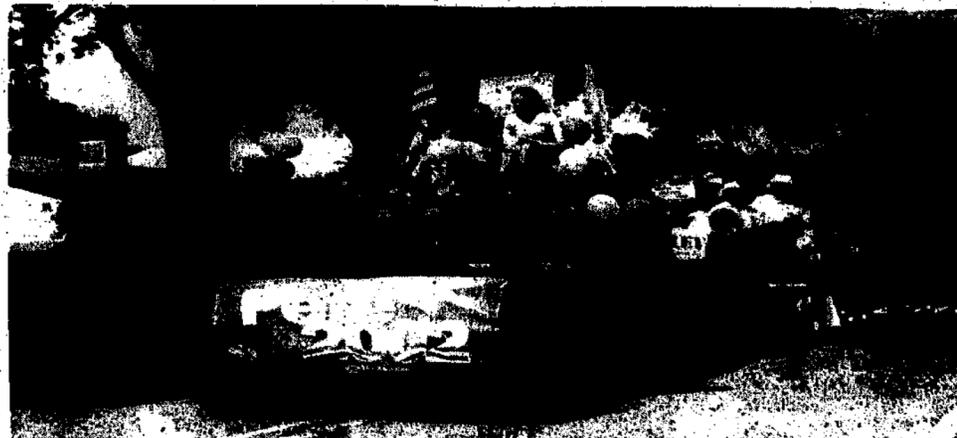
The grant, awarded by the New Mexico Council on Photography, is for emerging New Mexico photographers who are not yet known nationally.

A one year New Mexico residency is required. Students and amateurs are not eligible.

Entries must include 10 two-by-two inch slides of the same theme or subject matter and entry information typed or clearly printed that includes name, address, phone number, slide information, title, size of original print, medium of original, date of exposure, and identification of all computer-processed images and an optional 50 word essay about your work.

Entry packets must include a self addressed stamped envelope to be considered for judging. Entries must be mailed to NMCP c/o Austin Lamont, 1021 Foothills Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505-4537.

For more information call Lamont at 505-983-5351 or email to austinlam@earthlink.net.



HERE COMES THE PARADE, including politicians on the Lincoln County Republican party float who were urging everyone to vote for their party candidates.

Astro Photography Contest Underway

The Lodestar Astronomy Center and The Albuquerque Astronomical Society (TAAS) are co-sponsoring an astro-photography contest entitled *Astro-Images of New Mexico: Portraits from the Foothills of Space*.

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit photos for an exhibition of celestial images created in New Mexico.

Up to 50 works will be selected for the exhibition

at the LodeStar Center in Albuquerque that begins September 21 and will last for two months.

Images submitted for consideration must have been created in New Mexico. The four amateur categories include: Youth; Land and Sky; Film or Plate; and Digital. The fifth category, Master, is open to amateurs and professionals, including those involved with research.

Contest deadline is August 21. Entries must

be addressed to David Beining, Director of Lodestar Astronomy Center, 1801 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104.

Contest rules, format requirements, and entry applications are available at www.lodestar.unm.edu/astrophoto.html or www.taas.org. For more information call Beining at 841-5985 or dbeining@nmmnh.state.nm.us

Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Wegol 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
 648-2888 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/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 6:30 p.m.
 SUNDAY:
 Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
 Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
 Corona St. Theresa 1:30 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 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 1-505-257-2356
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Capitan Church of Christ
 LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
 MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530
 Phone 354-2044
 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

State 4-H Conference In Las Cruces July 15-19

About 600 4-H members will converge on New Mexico State University in Las Cruces on July 15-19 for the State 4-H Conference.

Celebrating 4-H's national centennial, the conference theme is *Tide of the Past, Wave of the Future*.

More than \$15,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the conference and 4-H state record book winners will win trips to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency

LEGAL NOTICE

**INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS
NO. 02-03-005**

"Replace Porch Roofs at
New Horizons Developmental Center"
Due: Wednesday, August 7, 2002,
2:00 p.m. MDT

The County of Lincoln is requesting competitive sealed bids to replace seven (7) porch roofs at the New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo, NM. Full details are provided in the Bid Packet. You must hold a current New Mexico State Contractor's license to submit a proposal.

Copies of the Invitation to Bid can be obtained in person at the Office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM or will be mailed upon written or telephonic request to Jane Williams at (505) 648-2385.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed outside envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Mailed bids should be sent to County of Lincoln, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

The Lincoln County Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a Commission meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2002 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. CV-02-111

**CHASE MANHATTAN
MORTGAGE CORPORATION,**
Plaintiff,

vs.
THE ESTATE OF JOHN C. RYAN,
Deceased, and UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES, of
John C. Ryan, Deceased,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: All Defendants

Your are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Chase"), in which Chase prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 6, 2001, Village of Ruidoso, c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. H-272-S-9, H-272-S-11, 3038 and 3038-Accrue with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to add two wells to supplement the diversion of water equal to the amount of water discharged into the Rio Ruidoso which is attributable to water diverted from the Eagle Creek Basin. This application seeks to accrue recovery credit of sewage effluent and divert said credit within the accounting year, which is from November 1st thru October 31st from the two proposed supplemental wells which are located as follows:

| WELL NO. | SUBDIVISION | SECTION | TOWNSHIP | RANGE |
|------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------|
| H-272-S-9 | NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 | 23 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-11 | NW1/4NE1/4SE1/4 | 25 | 11S | 13E |

These wells will be used as supplemental points of diversion under permit 3038 to the existing surface water point of diversion on the Rio Ruidoso, located in the SW1/4SW1/4 and the NE1/4SW1/4, both in Section 19, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., and the following existing municipal wells:

| WELL NO. | SUBDIVISION | SECTION | TOWNSHIP | RANGE |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------|
| H-272 | NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4 | 36 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S | SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4 | 25 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-2 | SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4 | 2 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-3 | SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4 | 2 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-4 | NW1/4NE1/4 | 11 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-5 | NE1/4NW1/4SW1/4 | 14 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-6 | NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 | 15 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-7 | SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4 | 10 | 11S | 13E |
| H-272-S-8 | SE1/4NW1/4SW1/4 | 14 | 11S | 13E |
| H-300 | SW1/4SW1/4 | 19 | 11S | 13E |

Well H-272-S9, and H-272-S-11 will be used as additional points of diversion to divert water, on an instantaneous basis, in an amount equal the sewage effluent released into the Rio Ruidoso which is attributable to water diverted from the Eagle Creek Basin.

Permit No. 3038-Accrued was approved on February 23, 2001. The accrual of diversion credit for sewage effluent was limited to the Village's surface points of diversion and well Nos. H-272-S and H-300. This application is seeking to add well No. H-272-S-11 to recover accrued credits for sewage effluent.

Well No. H-272-S-9 will be limited to a diversion of up to 325 AF/AN from a combination of rights found under File No. 0275-A & H-272 et al, 3038, and 3871 & H-272 et al.

Well No. H-272-S-11 will be limited to a diversion of up to 1000 AF/AN from a combination of rights found under File No. 0275-A & H-272 et al, 3038, 3038-accrued, and 3871 & H-272 et al.

The diversion of water from these wells will be used for municipal use. The place of use of this water will be the Village of Ruidoso.

The points of diversion are located within the Ruidoso Village Limits, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. A map of the Village of Ruidoso is available for viewing at the Office of the State Engineer in Roswell, New Mexico.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity objecting to 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, corporation or 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 protest or objections 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. Turvey, State Engineer, 1900 W. Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the last date of publication of this Notice. Valid objections or protests must be legible, signed and include a complete mailing address. 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 prior to final disposition of the application.

CC: State Fe

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The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at 109 Niblic Court, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and more particularly described as:

LOT 5, CREE MEADOWS TOWNHOMES, 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, SEPTEMBER 2, 1977, TUBE NO. 594.

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

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause on or before August 28, 2002, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorney for Chase is Elizabeth Drantel of Rose Little & Associates, P.C., 3803 Arisco Blvd. NW, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

WITNESS the Honorable Jerry H. Ritter, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County this 1st day of July, 2002.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Clerk

(SEAL)

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV02-106

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JANUARY 1995 AMONG CWMBS, INC., AS DEPOSITOR, COUNTRYWIDE MORTGAGE CONDUITE, INC. (NOW KNOWN AS INDEPENDENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION) (INDYMAC) AS SELLER AND MASTER SERVICER, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, RELATING TO MORGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 1995-A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
CARLOS R. BUSTAMANTE; CITY BANK NEW MEXICO FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARLOS R. BUSTAMANTE, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s):
GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 107 EAGLE COURT, ALTO, NM 88312, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property

being more particularly described as:

LOT T29C, UNIT 3, DEER PARK WOODS SUBDIVISION, 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, OCTOBER 28, 1977, IN TUBE NO. 599.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before September 7, 2002, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
SHAPIRO & MEINHOLD, LLP
By: Sharon Hankla, NM Bar #8112
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800/286-0013; 719/634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable KAREN L. PARSONS Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of July, 2002.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Mickie L. Vega
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV02-76

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR HOMESIDE LENDING, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MIKE DENNIS HAWLEY; HOLLY LEI HAWLEY; JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUR NAME IS UNKNOWN,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s):
GREETINGS:

Your are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 461 PARADISE CANYON DRIVE, RUIDOSO, NM 88345, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 68 AND 69, BLOCK 3 OF PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE SECOND SUPPLEMENT PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, APRIL 26, 1956, IN TUBE 147.

MORE CORRECTLY KNOWN AS:

LOT 68A, BLOCK 3 OF PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT OF LOTS 68 AND 69, BLOCK 3, PARADISE CANYON SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MAY 25, 1999, IN CABINET G, SLIDE 380.

INCLUDING 1999 OAKCREEK MODEL 1087 MOBILE HOME WITH SERIAL NUMBER OC059913154AB.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before September 7, 2002, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
SHAPIRO & MEINHOLD, LLP
By: Sharon Hankla, NM Bar #8112
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800/286-0013; 719-634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERRY H. RITTER Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of July, 2002.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Mickie L. Vega
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

No. PB-02-25

Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
MARY LEE MINER, 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: July 5, 2002.

ALAN H. MINER
Post Office Box 1984
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1984
(505) 257-9365

ALAN F. MOREL
ALAN F. MOREL, P.A.
Post Office Box 1030
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030
(505) 258-2202
Attorney for Personal Representative

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GEORGE A. RANNEY, SR.

George A. Ranney, Sr., 90, died of pneumonia June 30 in Lake Forest Hospital, ILL.

He grew up in Chicago, and after graduating from Yale College in 1934 and Yale Law School in 1939, he came home to join the law firm of Sidley and Austin, where he was a partner until 1962. In 1938 he married Nora "Nancy" Ryerson, to whom he was married for 49 years.

In 1969 he bought a working cattle ranch in Corona, now known as the R Bar R (Ranney Ranch) and took an active part in its management for over 30 years. He was honored as Rancher of the Year by the Carrizozo Soil Conservation District. Until the age of 89 he continued to review his operations on horseback.

Mr. Ranney leaves four children: George, Jr., of Grayslake, ILL, Edward of Santa Fe, David of Urbandale, IA, and Nancy Ranney Levi of Fair Oaks, CA ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and friend Betsy Getz of Lake Forest.

A memorial service was held July 6 in Lake Forest.

JERRY ROSE NIGHBERT

A private memorial service was held for Jerry Rose Nighbert, 80, of Capitan who died June 25 in Ruidoso.

Nighbert was born February 12, 1922 in Chicago, IL. The longtime Albuquerque resident moved to Capitan 20 years ago. She was a member of Christ Community Fellowship in Capitan and was a homemaker. Nighbert married Dale L. Nighbert in 1946 at the Longhorn Ranch in New Mexico and he preceded her in death on December 27, 1998.

Survivors include two daughters, Daylene Huey and her husband Kenneth of Capitan, and Karen Nighbert of Capitan; six grandchildren and three great grandsons.

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

County Tourism Council Receives REDTT Grant Funds

Lincoln County Tourism Council has received grants from the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) project to help pay for four festivals held in Lincoln County, and a two-county Billy the Kid tour.

According to a press release, Lincoln County Tourism Council received a grant of \$2,100 for four REDTT sponsored festivals—Arts in the Orchard, Fiber Fest, Starry Night Party in Lincoln, and Voices from the Past. Lincoln and DeBaca counties also received \$1,150 from REDTT to help pay for the Billy the Kid orientation loop tour for 10 national travel writers that will be held in Lincoln and DeBaca Counties in August.

FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE.....

Firestorms Ignite Forest Management Debate in West

by ERIK L. NESS

When I was growing up in New Mexico we had a home in Capitan, a small ranching community on the edge of the Lincoln National Forest. In the 1950s a hellish wildfire swept through the Capitan mountains taking out everything in its path except for one lucky bear cub. One of our neighbors actually kept the little bear for a time and had many photos of the cute cub with his paws bandaged. The forest rangers that found Smokey in a burned tree had no idea the impact this animal would have on the nation's policy toward fire. Smokey Bear posters admonished us with the slogan, "Only you can prevent forest fires."

Now, after decades of fire suppression in the west, horrific fires are burning in several western states including the mammoth Rodeo Fire in Arizona. The normally

deep blue, desert skies outside the Farm Bureau office in Las Cruces, NM, are gray and dingy with the smoke and ash of burning trees, businesses, homes and the priceless treasures left behind. And those fires are 300 miles away.

An angry Arizona Governor Jane Hull cast a great deal of blame for these catastrophic fires on the endless lawsuits filed by environmental groups to prevent proper logging and thinning in these over-grown forests. These litigious groups have tied the hands of the Forest Service with countless legal actions filed over two decades.

The devastating Scott Able Fire in New Mexico last year was caused directly by enforcement of the Endangered Species Act when a downed power line fell into the brush below. The Forest Service had prevented the local electrical co-op from clearing beneath the

lines because of lawsuits over the Mexican Spotted Owl.

According to a retired Forest Service official in New Mexico, this is not your father's Forest Service. He says that a cadre of agenda-driven

wildlife biologists of old has replaced many of the on-the-ground, common sense rangers. He says another problem is that upper management in the Service is afraid to make any move for fear of being sued. According to him, the Forest Service is not managing for "multiple use" as is mandated by law. The result is a catastrophic breakdown in ecosystem management resulting in out-of-control wildfires across the

West. The Mescalero Apache Tribe of southern New Mexico has an aggressive forest management plan aimed at utilizing the resource and preventing fuel buildup. The tribe has one of the only sawmills left around these parts. The private sawmills were put out of business by spotted owl lawsuits. The tribe now has reasonably safe forests, an income from timber production, new

jobs and lots of happy owls and other wildlife. They also maintain a successful ranching operation on the reservation with grazing as a component of fuel management. This summer's horrible fires and incalculable losses, from homes to wildlife habitat, hopefully will wake up the policy makers in Washington, D.C., who have been ignoring the problem for very unfortunate political reasons.

Calendar Of Events—

(Continued From Page 3)

- Ruidoso P&Z commission, 2 p.m. village hall.
- Lincoln County Republican Party; socials 5:30 p.m. dinner/meeting 6 p.m. Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.
- Carrizozo Board of Education, 7 p.m. school library.
- New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish Meeting, 7 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

- Ruidoso Business Task Force, 12 noon Ruidoso village hall.
- Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, 6:30 p.m. village hall.
- Ranchman's Camp Meeting begins and goes through July 21, with meals, religious services at the camp on Indian Divide south of Highway 380. No charge to attend.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- Corona High School Honor Society and junior class arena and village clean up, starts at 7 a.m.
- New Mexico State Highway Department meeting with Village of Ruidoso, 8 a.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.
- Lincoln County Commissioners meet at 8 a.m. for a regular meeting in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
- Smokey Bear Historical Park, summer reading program. "What makes a mammal a mammal?" at 9-12 a.m.
- BLM Rio Bonito Acquired Lands planning meeting, 7-9 p.m. Lincoln Community Church.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, 5 p.m. Lincoln Community Church.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Apply for Public Transportation Funds

Be it known that New Horizons Developmental Center, Inc. intends to apply for financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. 5310 in the approximate amount of \$20,000.00. If awarded, this grant will allow transportation services to be offered to the elderly and disabled citizens of Carrizozo and the surrounding area.

Federal and State administrative procedures require that all other transportation providers serving in the area be given a fair and timely opportunity to participate to the maximum extent feasible in the planning and provision of the proposed transportation services.

Comments on the proposed service will be received until July 31, 2002. Comments should be directed in writing to Jenny B. Kelly, PO Box 187, Carrizozo, NM 88301. If you would like to request a public hearing on this matter, please send a written request to PO Box 187, Carrizozo, NM 88301 prior to the end of the comment period cited above.

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FAST ACTION

Lincoln County News

CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL: (505) 648-2333

MOVE IN SPECIAL
For A Limited Time Only!!!
SANDSTONE MANOR APARTMENTS
Carrizozo and Capitan
Qualified applicants may receive 1st month's rent and utilities free. 1st month only.
Income eligible applicants call
Carol Cheadle at
1-888-424-0909 or
Chris Vallejos at
648-7885
on how to take advantage of this Special Offer!!!!
4tc/June 20-July 11

TRACTOR WORK
Mowing, Excavating, Roads built, Gravel hauled. Water, Electric, Sewer Lines, and Septic Systems installed. Mobile Home sites built.
354-7000 430-5557
15tp/May 23-Aug. 29

FOR SALE: 2000 Trail Lite Trailer. 24' long, excellent condition, complete accommodations. Take over payments.
505-354-5501
2tp/July 11 & 18

WANTED: Full or part-time bartenders
Outpost in Carrizozo
648-9994 or 648-2194
tfn-Jan. 24

FOR SALE: Refrigerator, side by side, \$150.00, good condition.
648-2354
1tp/July 11

STEARNS INSURANCE AGENCY
CARRIZOZO
(505) 648-2911

FOR SALE: Historical 1930s Sears Roebuck mail order home on 440 acres in Lincoln County near Corona. Borders Cibola National Forest. Scenic views, great hunting.
RASAK RANCH
849-2849
6tc/May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20

You May Qualify for a motorized wheel chair! Medicare approved provider. Call today for your Free In-Home assessment!
Tracie
505-849-1491
4tp/June 20-July 11

WANTED: Houses, Lots, or up to 40-Acres.
Merten Investment, Inc.
1-505-296-0243
tfn/June 20

Building Materials and Construction
NEW STEEL BUILDING
40x26
WAS \$5,590
MUST SELL
\$3,225
1-800-292-0111
1tp/July 11

FOR RENT: In Carrizozo, 1-bedroom apartment, \$200 month, \$100 deposit. Water, sewer, trash paid.
648-7909
1tp/July 11

VACANCY NOTICE
July 1, 2002
POSITION: MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER with COACHING
CONTRACT: 2002-2003 Academic Year
QUALIFICATIONS: Have or is eligible for New Mexico License. Ability to be a successful mentor. Excellent interpersonal skills.
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until Filled
PROCEDURE: Call or write for application. Submit letter of interest, resume and applications to:
Office of the Superintendent
Capitan Municipal Schools
P.O. Box 278
Capitan, N.M. 88316
Phone: 505-354-2239
Fax: 505-354-2240

Capitan Municipal Schools policy is to select the best-qualified applicant without regard to race, color, marital status, religion/creed, sex, disability/handicap, or national origin.
2tc/July 3 & 11


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4tc/June 27 & July 3, 11 & 18

YARD SALE: Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14, White Oaks Lodge, from 9:00 a.m. to ?? Beds, new pipe corral, furniture.
1tp/July 11

YARD SALE: Saturday, July 13, 8:00 to 4:00, 210 12th Street, Carrizozo. Small furniture, kitchen items, bath items, small compressor, books, wading pool.
1tp/July 11

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Lincoln County Zia Senior Citizen's Center in Carrizozo has an opening for a Full-Time Site Manager / District Driver position. Applications available at the Senior Center, 406 Central Ave., Carrizozo; deadline 4:00 PM, 7/19/02. Lincoln County is an equal opportunity employer and in compliance with ADA requirements Title II A.
2tc/July 11 & 18

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS!!!
Artists, Crafters, Street Performers, Musicians, Food Vendors, and others needed for Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair
Monday, September 2nd
Call Karla @ 505-648-5637 for info/appl.
3tc/July 11, 18 & 25

HUGE 3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
404 Cedar, Lucy Vega's house. July 12 and 13 - Friday 8:30 to ??? Saturday 8:30 to 1:00. Sopapillas, Frito Pie, Nachos and lots of Baked Goods will also be available. Clothes, shoes, bikes, toys, picture frames, beds, sheets, kitchen items, pillow cases, records, 8-tracks, knick knacks, baby swing, and much more.....
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Capitan May Resolve Bonito Water Line Taps

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Village trustees are sending their mayor to negotiate with five property owners who have taps into the old Bonito Lake water pipeline that once serviced Capitan, and to bring back options to continue providing water.

At 10:20 p.m. during their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9 trustees unanimously voted on a motion by trustee Bobbi Shearer to "allow the mayor to negotiate with property owners and bring back options for continuation of water," and in an amendment to the motion, "to authorize the mayor to negotiate with the City of Alamogordo for a time extension on shutting off the Bonito Lake water."

Shearer had tried a mo-

tion to accept a proposed contract drafted by trustee George Tippin that would have those with taps pay for a pump to pressurize the old water line with Capitan well water. But she got no second, not even from Tippin who had drafted it. Trustee John Whitaker continued to be against the idea of providing the five taps water, because of the 1994 village moratorium on providing new water taps outside village limits.

Much of the discussion at the July 9 regular meeting was similar to what was said at the June 11 regular meeting and at the July 2 special meeting.

Trustees have been grappling with the water tap situation since March when Alamogordo advised it was cutting off the Bo-

nito Lake water to the old water line on July 31 and subsequently to all taps on that pipeline. Individuals with the taps came to the village requesting the village provide water. Since 1994 Capitan has had an agreement with Alamogordo whereby Capitan purchased raw untreated water at a very low price, then resold it to the five taps at one and a half times the rate that village residents are charged.

At their June 11 regular trustees meeting, it appeared trustees were moving toward a resolution of the situation because they called for the attorney to draft a contract agreement for the five property owners. But on June 27, trustees Whitaker, Leroy Montes and Tippin called for a special meeting to be held on July 2 to discuss the contract drafted by village attorney Don Dutton. At the July 2 special meeting trustees voted 3-1 with Shearer voting no, to reject the proposed contract to provide water to the five taps.

During discussion at the special July 2 meeting Montes, who missed the regular June 11 meeting, was especially concerned about THE NEWS article about the meeting that stated the village was going to provide water to the five taps. "I don't know what's going on," Montes said. "The paper said the

trustees had given the people on the pipeline water, but when I talked with George (Tippin) he said the motion was to draft a contract."

Dutton admitted that when he went away from the June 11 meeting he too thought it was "pretty much decided to sell water to the five taps."

"But that was not the motion (made at the June 11 meeting)," Dutton continued. He said the motion made by trustee Shearer at the June 11 meeting was to have the attorney draft an agreement to allow the water service on the basis the five taps were grandfathered in, and if providing water to these is not feasible, they be cut off.

Dutton said he had anticipated having the trustees review and act on the contract at their regular July meeting, then take the contract to the five property owners.

In further discussion at the July 2 special meeting, Dutton said he had learned there are two more taps not shown in the old agreements, but the taps are not being used. Dutton also said he learned that Nogal Fire Department has a fire hydrant on the pipeline easement for fire service.

David Cox, on whose land the fire hydrant is located off Highway 37 on Nogal Mesa, said the hydrant is metered and Nogal Fire Dept. paid for all the water it has used.

Cox said the hydrant has not been used in years but Nogal Fire Dept. is plan-

ning a substation by the hydrant. "If they don't have water they won't be able to build the substation there," Cox added.

After some more discussion Montes announced, "I can't go for this contract. I can't see the taxpayers spending \$10,000 to provide water to county residents," Montes said.

"I can't go for the contract either," Whitaker said. "I can't see giving water outside the city."

Resident Lonnie Lippmann recommended the trustees provide water to the five taps because of the western tradition of helping neighbors. He also suggested the trustees amend the moratorium to include the five taps only for the current owners of the properties. "Or allow annexation of these five properties," Lippmann said.

Dutton said annexing the properties could bring more tax revenues to the village than what is being made on selling them water. Also he said the village has lots of water rights. "More than you will use in the next 100 years," he said.

A resident said she had heard some of the trustees were being threatened with personal lawsuits over the situation.

Dutton said he had heard the rumor and had counseled the trustees who are protected with the Risk Management insurance.

Shearer said she was concerned about the asbestos cement water pipe that has potential to be a health hazard and to vio-

late the clean water rules. Resident Robert Goddard suggested keeping the old water line for future use in case the village decides to develop a well field west of Capitan.

Don Brewer, who has taps on the Bonito Lake pipeline in exchange for rights of way across his land to the water storage tanks on the south side of the village, and has provided the village rights of way for the two large storage tanks on the east side of the village, finally spoke up. "I am asking you to be a good neighbor," Brewer said to trustees.

"The Village of Capitan has been a good neighbor," Brewer continued. "And I have provided a lot of property for water easements. The majority of your main lines are across my property." He also said that water from some of the taps go for wildlife on a forest service allotment.

"When we're (property owners) on the front end you're our friends," Brewer said to trustees. "When we're on the tail end you don't want us around."

Whitaker raised his voice and said, "How can we stop all those who come up to village hall daily (wanting village water) and we say they can't have water?"

"How can you ask for all that space for the two million gallon tanks and for the storm drainage?" Brewer said. "When you asked me for more I gave it to you. Then you turn around and say we're going to cut the water off."

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