

# Ruidoso Creates Task Force for Lodgers Tax

by Doris Cherry

With a chorus of lodgers asking for a task force to examine the village lodgers tax, Ruidoso Village Council rejected a proposed increase in the occupancy tax.

During their meeting May 27, Ruidoso Councilors heard from several lodgers who carried the same message about a

task force. Jules Videau, president of the Lincoln County Hospitality and Tourism Association representing 15 lodgers, said the lodgers are not against the tax increase. "But is the money being used properly and for the best bang for the buck?" Videau asked.

"We believe this is a good time for a task force to review the issues and how

the tax funds are being used."

Proposed was an increase from four and one-quarter percent to five percent on the tax that is collected for each dollar of lodging cost per night. The proposed increase, which was to have begun in October, was estimated to raise an additional \$150,000 a year. It was argued that the increase was

needed to provide money to maintain and upgrade the convention center.

Lodger Chuck Craig and Videau asked if the additional money raised would go for the arts commission and its projects. Last October the council approved a one-fourth percent increase which is dedicated to arts commission projects and to pay part of the salary of the arts coordina-

tor. Videau said people who call for rooms do ask about the tax rates, but he did not think the small increase would make a negative impact on the

economy.

Another lodger said the tax raises about \$1 million a year. "That's a lot of money and we need a new vision of what to do with it," said Bob Romney who owns some condos. "We need the task force be-

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**REMEMBERING.** NM Congressman Steve Pearce was main speaker at the 14th Annual Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Veterans Memorial Service on May 24. With him are NM Sec. of Veterans' Services John Garcia, Fr. Dave Bergs and American Legion Post 54 officer Larry Holt. Garcia said expansion plans for the state veterans' cemetery are continuing.



**OLD MARINES.** Members of the Marine Corps League, in bright red blazers, gathered at the Fort Stanton memorial service on May 24 to remember.



**TWENTY ONE GUN SALUTE** by members of the American Legion and VFW from Capitan and Ruidoso concluded the 14th Annual Fort Stanton Memorial Service on May 24 at the New Mexico Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery at Fort Stanton.

## County Now Requires Permits for Fireworks

by Doris Cherry

Anyone selling legal fireworks within Lincoln County must have a permit from the county manager, under rules of a new ordinance passed on May 20.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, May 20 adopted Ordinance 2003-06 that establishes restrictions on fireworks in all unincorporated areas of the county. The ordinance was adopted as an emergency measure, which means it took effect immediately after adoption.

Ordinance 2003-06 deals only with fireworks. County commissioners also adopted a separate ordinance that regulates the handling of fire. Previously the two issues were combined into one ordinance.

The fireworks ordinance allows for the sale of permissible fireworks, except during extreme drought conditions when aerial or ground audible devices are prohibited. However, permissible fireworks may be sold only between June 20 and July 8 of each year and six days preceding and including New Year's Day, and three days preceding and including Chinese New Year, the 16th of September and Cinco de Mayo of each year, "except that permissible fireworks may be sold all year in retail stores whose primary business is tourism."

In order to sell "permissible" fireworks, a permit must be obtained from the office of the county manager, located in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Permits cost \$25 a year and shall be issued for one year beginning February 1 of each year.

Public and/or private displays are also allowed, provided the organizers obtain a permit from the county manager's office and the displays are officially supervised.

The ordinance allows enforcement by any Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy or any appropriate state or federal certified law enforcement officer. Persons charged will be

cited into magistrate or district court within Lincoln County.

Also in the enforcement section the ordinance allows "injunctions of public nuisance or threat of irreparable harm." This allows any county or other law enforcement agencies to seek in a court an injunction against any person or entity who uses fireworks in violation of the ordinance. If the county prevails in such an action, the county shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to any other relief granted.

The ordinance took effect immediately after passage and recording into the county clerk's office.

Copies of the ordinance, which defines

"permissible" fireworks and includes restrictions and penalties are available from the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

County commissioners also adopted Ordinance 2003-07 regulating improper handling of fire and open burning. The ordinance establishes powers of the county manager, emergency services coordinator and peace officers and establishes provisions for declaring severe fire hazard restrictions and fire danger emergencies, and gives authority to mitigate. Under the ordinance the county manager or emergency services coordinator may declare that critical fire weather condi-

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## County Raises Income Limits for Indigent Care

by Doris Cherry

A person making up to \$20,527 a year may be eligible to have medical expenses paid by the Lincoln County Indigent Health Care Fund.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting May 20 adopted on a 4 to 1 vote, changes to the county indigent health care ordinance that raises the limit of income earned to qualify for the indigent health care funds. County commissioner Leo Martinez voted against the changes.

County indigent care fund administrator Teresa Montoya had asked for higher limits of eligibility. She said that last year seven claims were denied because the applicants did not meet the income guidelines. And even with the higher income limits, three would still not have qualified, she added.

Montoya said even with the increase she did not foresee any big changes in the pay out from the indigent fund. "We have to take into account those who do not apply because they do not meet the in-

come guidelines," she said. "The biggest problem are two to three person households which are usually over the limit."

Montoya had requested a 24 percent increase on the income guidelines, the largest allowable under the federal HUD guidelines.

County manager Tom Stewart recommended only a five percent increase from the previous limits. "We can't afford the 24 percent," Stewart said.

Raising the income limits by only five percent could have helped three of

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### KENW-TV Annual Tele-Auction Set

The 27th annual KENW-TV Tele-Auction will be held June 2 through June 7. KENW-TV is the public television station serving Eastern New Mexico and west Texas and all proceeds are to be used to purchase and broadcast quality programming.

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# Ruidoso Creates Task

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cause the lodgers tax ordinance can be interpreted in a hundred ways." Romney said the village needs to develop procedures to quantify the use of lodgers tax. He then asked why the chair of the village lodgers tax committee works for Mes-calero Enterprises.

Mayor Leon Eggleston said lodgers tax committee representation is established by state statutes, which can only be changed by the legisla-

ture. Chuck Duncan, who owns several cabin units in Upper Canyon, said a problem with lodgers tax is when customers use credit cards. He said the lodger who accepts credit cards must pay a credit card fee based on a percentage of the total room cost, including the lodgers tax. "This comes right out of our pockets," Duncan said. "It costs us to collect the lodgers tax for the vil-

lagers." Eggleston said communities interpret the state guidelines for use of lodgers tax funds very broadly. In the statute there are six uses for the funds--for cost of collecting, administering and auditing the funds; operation, maintenance, reconstruction, land and equipment purchase for any tourism related facilities such as the convention center; transportation system; premiums for revenue bonds; advertising, promotion, publication for attractions, facilities and events in the area; police, fire, solid waste for tourism related events; or any combination of the above.

Each year the village dedicates \$50,000 of funds for "special events" such as the motorcycle rallies, art festival, etc. The remainder of the funds go to Grindstone Graphics for village promotion and advertising, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for its visitor center, \$150,000 to subsidize the convention center operations, and for the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byways center.

Groups that receive lodgers tax funds must match each dollar from the village. "And they have to bring their receipts, which is a way to audit," said councilor Deborah Marcum Byars.

Convention center director of sales Barbara Crane said the convention center needs work. The center was opened in 1992 and

although has been very well maintained by the village staff, is in need of a new roof, carpet replacement and other needs. Crane said she is concerned if the convention center is not upgraded by 2004, Ruidoso might be overlooked by convention groups more attracted to the new Inn of the Mountain Gods 35,000 square foot facility, or the new facility to open in Las Cruces.

Village manager Lorri McKnight said it will cost an estimated \$625,000 just for basic improvements to the convention center. With roof replacement and other major needs the improvements could cost more than \$1 million.

Councilor Ray Nunley said the convention center could be self sustaining and he proposed putting 30 percent of the revenue from the center back into its maintenance.

Laura Doth from Grindstone Graphics then spoke. Her company has contracted with the village for five years to provide marketing and promotion for the village. Since her company took over marketing and promotion the lodgers tax has increased 79 percent, she said. "For a community with a population of 8,000 permanent residents, Ruidoso is ranked fourth in the state for lodgers tax collections," Doth added.

But that was challenged by those who said the lodgers tax revenues increased, because of the dramatic increase in the number of rooms and the increased costs of rooms.

This year her company is focusing on the "drive market" of visitors making day and overnight trips. "In three hours you can be here from Albuquerque," Doth said.

Rene McAllister, who owns vacation rentals, said she does not get a lot of calls for rooms from people who said they saw an advertisement about Ruidoso. "How do you track your advertising?" she asked Doth.

Doth said they try to advertise in publications that have some type of response card and now they are going to a 1-800 system that will better track responses. Doth also said she needs a new conversion study to show the effectiveness of the advertising, but it is expensive.

Patric Pearson, director of Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, said at the last chamber board meeting, members thought a task force a good idea. Some of the members concerns were about the use of lodgers tax for the arts, and some questions about the use of Grindstone Graphics. "A task force is a great idea," Pearson said. "Set a deadline to answer questions and make recommendations, then make all information available to the public. If we don't educate everyone we'll have the same questions."

After more comments, councilors discussed the idea of a task force. Bob Sterchi favored it, although he also favored the increase. Nunley said the task force was in order and he wanted lodgers, Grindstone Graphics, the chamber and the village manager to be on it. Eggleston invited anyone in-



**ROWS OF RIBBONS** showing her volunteerism decorates the blouse of outgoing Sierra Blanca Chapter DAR regent Majel Powell who was one fo the members attending the May 24 Fort Stanton memorial service. Member not pictured was Louise Morton. State Regent Suzane O'Malley spoke during the memorial about the DAR "Project Patriot".

terested in being on the task force to call McKnight or himself before May 31.

Byars said the task force should have at least 90 days to meet and make recommendations.

Councilor Ron Hardeman encouraged non-lodgers to participate on the task force. Councilor Ron Anderson said he was glad the lodgers at the meeting were cordial.

Councilors voted unanimously to reject the ordinance for the tax increase and to establish the task force which will have a 90 day time line.

Later in the meeting, when councilors were considering the preliminary budget, Byars made the motion to move \$46,000 out of lodgers tax fund and put it toward the operation of the convention center. As proposed the preliminary budget would have transferred \$150,000 from the general fund to the convention center. Byars said reducing the transfer would al-

low the village to purchase a new code enforcement vehicle from the general fund.

Councilors tied their vote on the motion with Byars, Sterchi and Hardeman voting yes, Frank Cummins, Anderson and Nunley voting no. Eggleston broke the tie in favor of using the lodgers tax funds for the convention center. (As budgeted, the lodgers tax fund was to have had a \$96,372 projected cash balance at the end of the 2003-2004 fiscal year.)



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## SATURDAY, MAY 31

- Carrizozo Street Clean up, registration 7:30 a.m. at Rec Center, noon hamburger fry for those registered.
- Bicycle workshop 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carrizozo Recreation Center.
- Carrizozo Volunteer Dept. car wash, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. main fire station. Proceeds go to July 4 fireworks display.
- Carrizozo swimming pool opens for season at 12 noon.
- Ruidoso swimming pool opens for season at 12 noon.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 1

- Toney Brothers Quartet concert 9:45 a.m. First Baptist Church on Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs. Free.

## MONDAY, JUNE 2

- Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 12:30 p.m. at the chamber building on 2nd Street.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 3

- Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission 2 p.m. village hall.
- Carrizozo Street Fair Committee meeting 6 p.m. at Carrizozo Joe's. Everyone interested is welcome to attend.
- American Legion Post 57 meets at 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Center.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

- Ruidoso Library Board, noon, library.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 5

- Ruidoso Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) meets at noon at the senior center.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 6

- Capitan Chamber of Commerce flea market 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.
- Capitan Library First Friday Series featuring Redinger High Desert Minstrels performing chamber music in the library yard, weather permitting. Free, refreshments.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 7

- Capitan Chamber of Commerce Flea Market continues with hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.
- 8th Annual White Oaks Miners Day Celebration. Children's costume judging 9:30 a.m., parade 10 a.m., stink bug races 11 a.m., old west shoot out high noon, Madam Varnish performance 12:15 p.m. Voices from the Past performance 1 to 3 p.m., free dance and live music 5 to 8 p.m.
- 10th Annual Fishing Day at Grindstone Lake in Ruidoso, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For ages 12 and under. Fish to catch, prizes and special appearance by Smokey Bear.
- Humane Society of Lincoln County Pet Faire, noon to 4 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Center and School House Park on Suddearth Drive. Limited number of free spay/neuter certificates, rabies shots, heartworm testing, dog demonstrations, obedience training, best pet trick contest, health seminars from local vets. Dogs must be on leash, cats in carriers. For information call 257-9841.
- US Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) girls softball tournament at Eagle Creek Sports Complex in Alto. Lots of softball action with no admission.

# County Adopts Tight Budget

by Doris Cherry

With interest rates continuing to drop, and expenses, especially in corrections, continuing to rise, Lincoln County Commissioners adopted on a 4 to 1 vote a preliminary budget that met required reserves and dropped the hospital levy to 1.1 mills without having to raise property taxes.

During their meeting May 20, county commissioners adopted the budget that shows \$6.1 million in general fund revenues, \$4.1 million in general fund expenses and a \$2.2 million in transfers out of the general fund to various programs including corrections.

Total budgeted revenue of all funds is \$14,404,606. Total funds include the general fund, road fund, all fire departments, senior citizens programs, ambulance, hospital levies, gas tax, special programs,

predator control, lodgers tax, forest programs, indigent health care fund and debt reserve funds for the jail loan.

Total budgeted expenditures are \$16,581,301. While the totals are in deficit, the deficit will be made up from the total budgeted unaudited beginning cash reserves of \$6,823,752, leaving a total budgeted estimated ending cash reserves (as of June 30, 2004) of \$4,847,057.

County commissioner Leo Martinez voted against the budget because it includes only \$25,000 for the Humane Society, which had asked for an increase to \$40,000.

The preliminary budget county commissioners adopted was five percent less than the proposed preliminary budget presented at the May 2 budget workshop.

The adopted preliminary budget does not include any salary increases, except for a one-time \$200 merit pay to be given to each of 13 deputies on July 1. Deputies have their own separate collective bargaining.

County commissioners will look at any potential salary increases in December or January based on how the budget looks when they make mid-year budget adjustments.

Introducing the preliminary budget, county manager Tom Stewart said he had reviewed every department budget with department heads with a goal of reducing operational expenses by five percent. "When the revenue is there, we will track the cuts and go back and selectively reinstate funds," Stewart said.

The preliminary budget is figured on estimates, including of cash left from the 2002-2003 fiscal year (which ends June 30). At the May 2 budget workshop, the general fund ending cash balance was only \$180,379 which was below the state required reserves. Counties are required to have in reserve three-twelfths of the total general fund, or what is equal to three months of operating cash.

Once the current fiscal year ends, and actual cash left will be calculated, the final budget will be adjusted. Historically, Lincoln County departments have underestimated the amount of ending cash balances from the previous fiscal years. A final hearing will be held on the budget, including the adjustments from the state department of finance and administration (DFA), will be held by county commissioners on July 15.

Stewart outlined how each department had reduced its budget by five percent, many taking funds from mileage and per diem, attorney fees, capital improvements, professional services, data processing, printing and publishing, etc. All capital outlay equipment and vehicle purchase requested were also denied at this time.

"The money is there for DFA to say we have a preliminary budget," Stewart said. "Then once we know our cash balances we can come back and adjust."

County commissioner Leo Martinez wanted

more money for the Humane Society and county five percent," Stewart responded. "Maurie St. John wanted more for the Capitan Library. I thought it would be unfair to increase the external requests when we reduced the sheriff's budget, especially the East Cops program."

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## OBITUARIES

### ANTONIO LUERAS

Antonio Lueras, 94 year old Carrizozo resident died on Sunday, May 25, in Alamogordo.

He was born on August 7, 1908 in Rabenton, NM. He worked as a custodian for the Carrizozo School system for many years and was a member of Santa Rita Catholic Church.

Antonio was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Paula in 1999 and two sons, Orlando Perea and Joe F. Lueras.

He is survived by two sons, Antonio Lueras, Jr., and his wife Julie of Albuquerque, and Raymond Lueras and his wife Rosa of Carrizozo; four daughters, Arsenia Navarro and her husband Joe of Las Cruces, Juanita Vallejos and her husband Neo of Carrizozo; Estelle Duquette and Geneva Gobres both of Albuquerque; two sisters, Josefita Lueras of California, and Lugarda Lueras of Roswell; a very special niece Eulogia Menley of Denver, CO; 48 grandchildren, 68 great grandchildren, and several great great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Santa Rita Catholic Church with Fr. David Bergs officiating. Burial will be in Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery. The Holy Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, at the church. Friends may call from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday at the church.

Pallbearers will be Raymond Lueras, Jr., Jonathon Vallejos, Naomi Vallejos, Aaron Duquette, Michael Navarro and Nicolas Lueras. Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Herrera, Chevo Baca, Nick Vega, Johnson Stearns, Roy Dow and Ernie Gonzales.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sears Alamogordo Funeral Home.



NEW REGENT. Lanita Rasak of Corona sits after placing the memorial wreath at the monument during the Fort Stanton memorial service on May 24. Rasak is the new regent of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) Sierra Blanca Chapter.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Budget Problems**

By Ruth Hammond

Money matters are being cussed and discussed at the different governmental meetings as fiscal year budgets are being prepared. Preliminary budgets must be sent to the state department of finance and administration (DFA) for approval. DFA is thorough in review of the budgets and makes adjustments before final budgets can be approved.

One problem with governmental budgets is that during the year not all adjustments to the budget are recorded in a manner with a proper audit trail. It seems that any time an adjustment is made to the budget during the year these amounts should be reflected in a way that will indicate to the public that there was an increase or decrease in a line item. The public has a right to know when more money is being spent than was originally budgeted and approved.

Not providing proper information to the public is the cause of much misinformation and accusations that money is not being spent properly. We questioned how much Capitan spent for the attorney advice about the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) because it seemed this was a waste of public money. We question why there will be an increase in water and sewer rates in Carrizozo.

Evidently some elected officials also have questions about proposed budgeted expenses. A request in Ruidoso to increase lodger's taxes was denied, and a task force will be organized to review the lodger's tax situation. Getting the correct information is necessary and may help explain what is happening, where and why. The Carrizozo lodger's tax has two line items in the budget, which always causes questions to be asked. One line item is for advertising and the other line item is for improving or building a tourism facility, which could mean making Rec Center repairs or it could mean something else. It can be quite confusing.

You may also question why the county budget does not include a cost of living increase for county employees but does include money for outside interests. It seems county officials should take care of county owned facilities and county employees before distributing money to others. It seems that county priorities should be set and followed.

We are aware the budget process can be long and tiring and not everyone will be happy. A few years ago county commissioners spent what appeared to be surplus money, which was not what it appeared to be, and even though the money was appreciated for recreation, it later caused problems in the budget because it was not surplus money.

One thing to remember is there are certain criteria to be followed when preparing a budget. Money earmarked for a certain use may not be spent in another area. And just because painting the flagpole is your favorite project, does not mean it has priority over providing locks for the doors.

Even if you disagree with the budgetary decisions being made, remember that this budget is public information, or rather it is in some governmental entities, and you have the right to review the budget and budget information.

Spending millions of dollars may not be as much fun as it could be, but it is a duty officials have to do. Let's hope they can live with the decisions they have made this year.

*Spend money for what?*

**County Raises Income**

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the needy citizens who were denied, Stewart said. But with raising the limits by 24 percent, the county cannot calculate how many claims will be filed, Stewart added.

The indigent fund comes from a special one-eighth gross receipt tax collected county wide.

Martinez argued against increasing the income limits because he was concerned it would affect the Sole Community Provider payment for Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) which is managed by contract by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

Stewart said under state statutes the county commission is responsible for overseeing the indigent fund and the sole community provider funds. The sole community provider funds are matched with three federal dollars for every one dollar provided by the county. These funds are used by the hospital to reimburse "charity" care costs. "That's why they go together," Stewart added.

"So we set the guidelines on the sole community provider payments but the hospital can pay if it wants," said Martinez.

LCMC administrator Jim Gibson said the hospital does not use the Indigent Health Care funds for the sole community provider payment. "The federal government sends the sole community provider match regardless of who qualifies," Gibson added. Martinez said the situation is "always confusing."

Persons of low income who have incurred high medical costs may be eligible to have some of their bills covered by the Indigent Health Care Fund. For more information contact Teresa Montoya at 630-1705. Her office is located within Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

Copies of the income guidelines, and the Indigent Health Care Fund ordinance are available from Montoya or from the office of the Lincoln County Manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

**An Onion A Day?**

For thousands of years, physicians, philosophers, and common folk have ascribed tremendous curative powers to regular onion consumption.

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Creative Living is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden.

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"I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY I GOT MARRIED... WHAT TOTALLY ESCAPES ME IS WHY"

**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** -- Santa Fe has been reputed to be the nation's second largest art market, trailing only New York. The claim is now seen in print much more often, sometimes being linked with Taos and everything in-between as one area.

With the emergence of numerous other art markets around the state in Silver City, Roswell, Carlsbad, Las Cruces and other locales, New Mexico, itself, is now being seen as a world-class art market.

The only problem with proving our ranking is that lists never seem to be published, showing gross sales of the major art markets. That's because high-end art dealers and buyers have long arranged to avoid sales taxes. So dealers aren't anxious to report their gross sales because some government official might get wise and check the amount of gross receipts tax art dealers are paying.

The sales tax scam is about to come to an end, however. Federal and state prosecutors in New York are cracking down. Earlier this month, the news was full of reports about Samuel Waksal, the ImClone Systems founder and friend of Martha Stewart, pleading guilty to conspiring with a dealer to dodge \$1.2 million in sales tax on nine paintings that cost him a total of \$15 million.

The Manhattan district attorney announced a few days later that 34 Manhattan families had coughed up \$6 million in back taxes on art purchases. And Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski has been indicted on charges of evading \$13 million on art purchases.

This isn't income tax evasion, which we are so accustomed to seeing. This is sales tax, some of which goes to state and local governments. Gov. Bill Richardson is sure to discover this new revenue source soon and go after it to help pay for all his new programs. He seems to be a little miffed that lawmakers found the untaxed out-of-state oil and gas royalty recipients to fund their increased retirement benefits. He wanted to find that first.

Anyway, with New Mexico being such a big player in the art world, it shouldn't be too surprising, I suppose, that state Sen. Shannon Robinson, of Albuquerque, came up with a proposal for the state to invest \$50 million in great works of art and fine musical instruments. Robinson wanted to use state severance tax permanent fund money to buy expensive art and

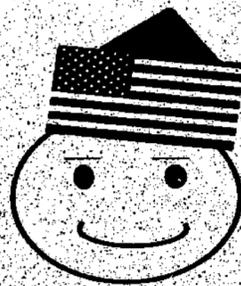
musical instruments to display in New Mexico. He said he'd even consider letting the musical instruments be used by the Santa Fe Opera and other leading orchestras.

The bill specified that the instruments must have been made in Italy, France, Germany or England in the 17th, 18th or 19th centuries. They must be worth at least \$150,000 and less than \$8 million. All purchases would be sold within 10 years of their purchase.

Robinson noted that New Mexico is the only state in the union that has a fund such as our severance tax permanent fund. It is separate from the land grant permanent fund with its federal restrictions, so we can be more flexible in using it for putting resources into non-traditional investments.

Robinson argued that there is very little risk to his plan because fine art by the masters only appreciates in value. During the economic downturn we now are in, rare and precious musical instruments still have appreciated. And he is excited about the word getting around the art world that New Mexico is acquiring fine art. Since governmental agencies don't pay sales tax, evidently the state would get that break too.

So is this an off-the-wall idea that will go nowhere? Robinson secured the endorsement of the State Investment Council on which the governor sits. The bill passed the Senate and House with big margins, but Gov. Bill Richardson vetoed it anyway, contending that the investment would not be prudent or produce a reliable income stream.



*Have A Good Day!!*



**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

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**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
To others, the year is half over, but for you, the year is just starting. Get ready to Rock and Roll. Pull out your old dreams and dust them off and go for it.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**  
Beware of what you're being told. It's not that they don't want you to know something, it's that they don't know what the whole story is. Find out yourself.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)**  
This could be a sweet deal for you, so don't blow it with negative thoughts. You haven't come this far to give up now. You deserve the best. Go for it.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)**  
Not a good time to hide the truth from anyone. Just do the best you can, and try not to hurt anyone, but if it comes down to the truth, then tell it.

**Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)**  
Believe it or not, this will be your time to shine. Pick the spotlight of your choice. A good time to tell all involved what you need and want. Get it.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You are the only one that can stop the madness, with starting with saying "NO" when need be. Others can't take advantage of you unless you let them.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
Row, row, your boat gently down the stream. Look out for the waterfall. Going too fast isn't good. Use two paddles, so you won't go in a circle.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You could be in the money, but wait, there's more! Remember there's no free lunches. If someone is trying to give you a free lunch, buy your own.

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)**  
Your energy is governed by how much goodness you put into it. Don't let People, Places, and Things tell you what to do. Get on with your own life.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)**  
There you go, you can do it. Don't let anyone tell you different. You've done it before, and you can do it again, even better this time. Save money.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
You know what you have to do, and in the long run it will make you more money than what you're making now. Cut your losses, and be free to fly.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**  
Waiting on someone else is going to cost you more money in the long run. This is your life, and you can do whatever you want, when you want to.

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# Sheriff's Report

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

May 19:  
 12:45 a.m. Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) requested an ambulance for arm injury. Carrizozo ambulance transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.  
 8:21 a.m. vandalism on Chama Canyon.  
 9:34 a.m. larceny at RV campground east of Ruidoso Downs.  
 9:38 a.m. request for ambulance on Center Road. Med 1 ambulance responded and transported to the hospital in Roswell.  
 10:30 a.m. real estate company requested a deputy for an eviction on Main Road.  
 3:49 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at Capitan elementary school where a female fell and was having trouble breathing. Capitan ambulance responded and was intercepted by Med 1 for transport to LCMC.  
 4:13 p.m. anonymous report of domestic at neighbors house on Altamira in Ranches of Sonterra. Three deputies responded and one made an arrest.  
 6:08 p.m. two vehicle accident with injuries at location on Gavilan Canyon.

Med 1 and Bonito Fire Department, deputy and state police responded.

8:10 p.m. deputy advised of suspicious vehicle at the intersection of Highway 380 and State Road 37.  
 8:15 p.m. request for ambulance at mile marker 272 on Highway 70 for elderly female who was dizzy. Hondo ambulance transported to LCMC.  
 8:40 p.m. request for ambulance for 48 year old female who was seizing on Snell Road. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

10:26 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of an open 911 line on Spring Road.

May 20:  
 8 a.m. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) requested deputy for referral in Corona.

10:31 a.m. stray dog on Fort Stanton Road in Alto area.

2:03 p.m. horses in the yard on Gavilan Canyon Road.

8:42 p.m. request for ambulance on Smokey Bear Blvd. Capitan ambulance responded and was intercepted by Med 1 for transport to LCMC.

May 21:  
 2:09 a.m. fire on Pronghorn in Enchanted Forest. Bonito Fire Dept. responded and requested

deputy and fire investigator and was back to the station by 4:53 a.m.

11:30 a.m. railroad tie fire about one mile north. Carrizozo fire department responded.

11:55 a.m. Curry County Sheriff's Office was attempting to locate subject in Alto to call them.

1:23 p.m. railroad tie fire by the old landfill. Carrizozo fire department responded.

2:19 p.m. domestic and request to speak to deputy at location in Agua Fria.

3:24 p.m. deputy advised of making an arrest in Lincoln.

3:25 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police requested deputy to do warrant service at LCDC. Deputy advised he had served the warrant.

8:17 p.m. Dona Ana County requested deputy do warrant service at mile marker 130 on Highway 54.

9:11 p.m. dogs barking all night long in the area of Bonito in Loma Grande.

10:18 p.m. unwanted subject at an RV park on Highway 70.

May 22:  
 8:30 a.m. dog killed cat on Sierra Drive.

8:30 a.m. Curry Co. SO was attempting to locate the subject in Alto.

11:23 a.m. found bones on Highway 70 project. Deputy and Office of

Medical Investigator (OMI) responded.

5:18 p.m. 911 report of accident with injuries involving a motorcycle at mile marker 9 on State Road 246 north of Capitan. State police, Capitan ambulance and Med 1 responded and transported injured to LCMC.

5:31 p.m. house fire in area of Center Road. Smoke coming from mobile home. Capitan fire department brush truck responded and advised it was a BBQ grill in the backyard.

May 23:  
 12:44 a.m. possible fight and accident without injuries on Chisum Trail Road. Deputy and state police responded.

6:08 a.m. K-9 barking and running at large on Bonito in Loma Grande.

8:16 a.m. two vehicle accident with injuries by store on Bonito Canyon Road. State police, deputies responded advised a person was trapped, deputy advised one was critically injured. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

8:45 a.m. LCDC requested a deputy for warrant service.

9:52 a.m. theft of spare wheel, etc. in Bonito Park.

1:41 p.m. missing person, a female from location on west Grandview. The person was a 13 year old family friend and she had been gone about an hour. At 1:56 p.m. the caller advised the girl had come home.

2:47 p.m. gravel truck speeding and driving recklessly on Eagle Creek Canyon Road.

3:57 p.m. Otero County Sheriff's Office advised of a lightning caused fire at mile marker 134 on Highway 54. Carrizozo fire department responded and found no fire.

4:26 p.m. lightning caused fire on the south side of the Capitan mountains east of the gap. Capitan Fire Department was notified, but the US Forest Service Lincoln Zone group responded and cancelled the fire dept.

5:10 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police request assistance on Highway 70 where males were punching. State police responded and cancelled the call for a deputy and advised it was a verbal argument and all was okay.

5:48 p.m. request for ambulance at LCDC parking lot for possible miscarriage. Carrizozo ambulance responded, and deputy served as first responder.

6:11 p.m. suicide threat east of Ruidoso Downs. Deputy and Ruidoso Downs police responded and transported the subject to LCMC, then to LCDC, then at the advice of a counselor, back to LCMC, then back to LCDC at 9:18.

7:56 p.m. smoke in Mon Jeau area. Bonito Fire Department responded and advised it found no smoke, but the caller advised of a visual on the flames, but Bonito Fire Dept. finally cancelled the call advising that it was lights.

8:01 p.m. request for ambulance at ranch on CR22. Carrizozo ambulance responded and was intercepted by Med 1 at eight mile crossing.

9:44 p.m. deputy advised he made an arrest at mile marker 291 on Highway 70.

May 24:  
 1:02 p.m. very loud music on Billy the Kid Court in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates.

1:51 p.m. lightning fire on High Mesa. Bonito Fire Dept. responded and had it under control by 2:00 p.m.

4:01 p.m. alarm going off at neighbor's on Musketball Circle.

5:21 p.m. fire by unknown cause on Santiago in Ranches of Sonterra. Bonito Fire Dept. responded and was clear by 6:42 p.m.

May 25:  
 1:28 a.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a domestic that started in Ruidoso and ended at a trailer park east of the city.

9:34 a.m. K-9s at large and carrying off the caller's child's toys on Clear View Drive. Responding deputy advised that the dogs were on

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## from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

by R.E. Virden  
 Lincoln County Undersheriff



This service is provided to the citizens of our county in an effort to address their concerns and to better assist them in protecting their day to day way of life and an attempt to continually move in a positive direction.

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- \* Avoid high crime areas when possible.
- \* Don't let alcohol or drugs cloud your judgment.
- \* Trust your instincts. If a situation or place makes you feel uncomfortable or uneasy, leave!

#### NEXT WEEK, Safety Tips While Walking

## Judge Karen L. Parsons COURT CALENDAR 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT Division III

The court calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons.  
 Monday, May 26, Memorial Day, court closed.  
 Tuesday, May 27:  
 8:15 a.m. Gutierrez v. Pena; DV-2003-21  
 1 p.m. Camp Sierra Blanca graduation.  
 Wednesday, May 28:  
 8:15 a.m. teleconference. Johnson & Danley v. Liberty Mutual; CV-2002-156 present order  
 9 a.m. Welch v. Griewahn; DM-2001-162 (Lay/ProSe) merits two hours  
 10:30 a.m. JQ-2003-02 adjudication  
 1:30 p.m. Palm Harbor v. Cotter; CV-2002-97 (Murphy/Stevens)  
 2 p.m. Lopez v. Cash; CV-00-228 (Raffkin/Stevens) re-open bench trial  
 Darrell Brantley domestic mediator  
 10 a.m.  
 Robertson v. Clark; DV-2003-51  
 Herrera v. Marquez; DV-2003-52  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Sanchez v. Wood; DV-03-50  
 Thursday, May 29:  
 Judge Parsons will be in Albuquerque for Professionalism Commission meeting.  
 Friday, May 30:  
 Judge Frank Wilson will hold court in the large courtroom.

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## Church Directory



### MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA-PRESBYTERY

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

Ancio 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  
 648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:55 a.m.  
 Sun. Evening ..... Training at 6:15 p.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 7:15 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

Santa Rita Catholic Community  
 FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
 SATURDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 8:30 p.m.  
 SUNDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Corona St. Theresa ..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ  
 TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3136  
 Ave. C. at 12th, Carrizozo, NM  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 1:15 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

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

### Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister  
 848-1402  
 Second Sunday of Each Month ..... 9:00 a.m.

### United Methodist Churches

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

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

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

Capitan Church of Christ  
 LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister  
 5th & Lincoln / 338-4627  
 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  
 GAIL WEST, Pastor / 848-7875  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Fellowship Dinner ..... 1st Sunday of Month

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Brad Bergener



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Travis Wayne Horst



Anne Karolczak



Stephanie Anne Kelsey



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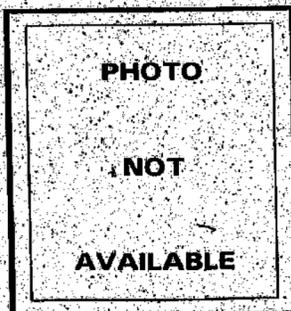
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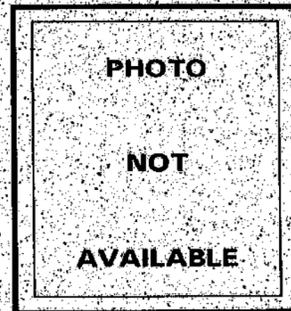
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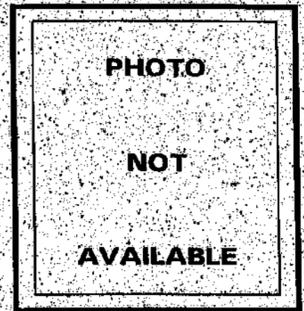
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# We wish you well Seniors, Good Luck!!



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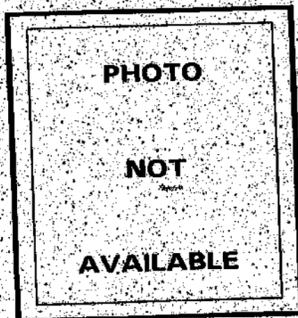
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# Another School Year Comes To A Close!

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 Journalism Class  
 Sarah Ball, Instructor



**Have A Wonderful Summer!!**

**END OF THE YEAR CHARACTER COUNTS (K thru 5TH GRADE):** These students were recognized for being named to 'Character Counts' every month in the school year. Pictured are: 1st Row: Patrick Barela, Branson Vega, Caleb Ventura, Shania Boyd, Gene Gore. 2nd Row: Lisa Ventura, Zhane Vega, Shayna Gallacher, Mason Huston, Rylah Zamora. 3rd Row: Tiffany Vega, Michelle Shivers, Jordan Hill, Sarah Ferguson. 4th Row: Maria Tate, Tessa Hendricks, Marriah Vallejos.



**SPRING SEMESTER CHARACTER COUNTS (K thru 5TH GRADE):** These students received Character Counts recognition during the entire Spring Semester. Pictured are: 1st Row: Patrick Barela, Branson Vega, Erick Culley, Caleb Ventura, Shania Boyd, Gene Gore, Devon Ventura, Zhane Vega. 2nd Row: Fantasia Sedillo, Mason Huston, Rylah Zamora, Jeremiah Shivers. 3rd Row: Tiffany Vega, Joel Ferguson, Michelle Shivers, Katina Maldonado, Jordan Hill, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Zamora. 4th Row: Arron Vallejos, Ryan Guevara, Cody Ventura, Maria Tate, Tessa Hendricks, Marriah Vallejos.

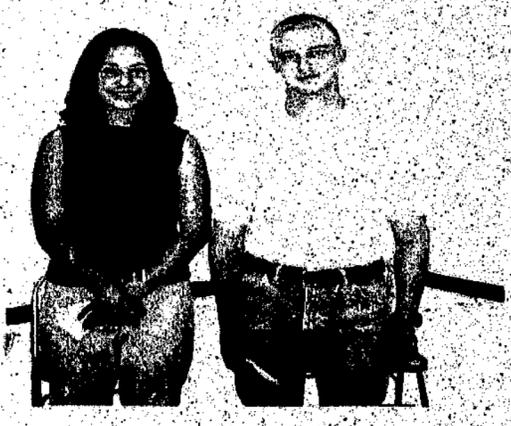


**CHARACTER COUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL (K thru 2ND GRADE):** 1st Row: Shania Boyd, Patrick Barela, Fantasia Sedillo, Branson Vega, Gene Gore, Erick Culley. 2nd Row: Jeremiah Sedillo, Jaclynn Ortiz, Ceara Walker, Caleb Ventura, Jacie Thornton, Lisa Ventura, Tiffany Vega, Zhane Vega, Nicholas Chavez. 3rd Row: Rylah Zamora, Mackenzie Moore, Isaac Vega, Johnathan Smith, Zachary Zamora, Andrea Beltran, Shayna Zamora. 4th Row: Arturo Najera, Sean Medina, Casey Vega, Sarah Ferguson, Sean Mason Huston, Erica Vega, Devon Arteche.



**CHARACTER COUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL (3rd, 4th, and 5th GRADE):** 1st Row: Aaron Vallejos, Levi Corley, Catalina Vega, Jordan Vinson, Carmen Tate, Lauren Smith. 2nd Row: Tanner Huston, Joseph Gallegos, Joel Ferguson, Fernando Najera, Michelle Shivers, Stephanie Zamora, Katina Maldonado, Jordan Hill. 3rd Row: Lane Carter, Carlos Samora, Ryan Guevara, Marriah Vallejos, Tessa Hendricks, Maria Tate, Lena Reyes, Cody Ventura.

Carrizozo High School students Stephane Brewer (left), and Sam Ungaro (right), are new inductees to the National Honor Society.



# Fort Stanton FACTS & FICTION

by Betty Lou Joiner

Betty Ann bell made so many friends happy last Thursday when she had a brunch for her mom. We celebrated Johnny Bond's birthday, Vernell Hightower's and Wynema Tully's. The food was excellent, decorations so creative and the company brought back many good old memories of the Ancho days.

Sara Jackson, Janice and Sara Gnatkowski, Vernelle Hightower, Mozelle Harkley, Ruth and Carol Wilson, Johnny and Betty Ann, Pearl and daughter from Oregon, Ruth Lawrence from Roswell, Wynema and Jane Tully, Mac, and myself all had such a wonderful day at the old homestead of the Bonds. Betty Ann gave some history of her grandparents, showed us their remodeled home, and even showed me a quilt I had made for Dan 31 years ago.

It is such a good feeling when people tell me they still have something I gave them as I do not send notes or give to very many people. I sure wished mother would have gone with us but she chose to stay home and visit her other friends. Jane Tully chauffeured Wynema and I around by Carrizozo and then back through the shortcut by Hubbard's.

Even the 50-mile hour winds didn't dampen the good trip. I cannot believe there is still a gate you have to open just past Janice's house. We got to open that gate when we went to school in Ancho 50 years ago and the same gate it still there.

I thought by now a cattle guard would have been installed. Johnny and Wynema had taught school together at Stetson a few years ago. Thanks so much Betty Ann for all your kindness.

Saturday was very busy with the Posse garage sale, Margie Payton's funeral, Fiber fest in Lincoln and the Hondo Fiestas. Several posse members set up the tables at L and L Drilling and brought all the garage stuff. Not many buyers had us taking a lot of the stuff home. My pickup was loaded down and I started looking for a place to unload it.

Went to the Catholic Thrift Shop in Ruidoso and learned it had been closed for a year, the other thrift shop by the Y is no longer open and finally I made it to the Humane Society Thrift Store next to Schlotsky's. There I made two new friends and unloaded books, dishes, and took several boxes of books they were getting rid of. Stop in at this place and buy some good second hand items to help out our dogs and cats. We are all wondering with everyone refusing to take clothes is anyone still collecting clothing to send to Mexico? Let me know if this is still done.

Candy Sanders, Ellen Hammonds, Martinez's, Mrs. Tippen, and several other Methodist ladies fixed a meal for Margie Payton's

Organization was a key factor to Candy having everything on time and ready by 12:00.

Margie's sister Nettie, her daughter Ginger and son Tim Jenkins came. I had never heard of their last name Rose Hobbs was our neighbor for many years when we lived across from Lucy Griego and we found that she was an aunt. Hunt Hobbs lived where Parks now lives and he was an uncle. John Hobbs was Margie's dad and Edith Malcolm said they had lived in Fort Stanton until around 1952. Margie's Hospice caretaker was the one who did the service. The Methodist Church was full of friends and family coming to say good bye to such a happy lady. She was buried in the Capitan Cemetery next to her husband Roy.

Several posse members helped with the traffic at the Hondo Fiestas and greeted the visitors at the Fiber Fest in Lincoln.

The LCRC rodeo was such a delightful day with no wind and warm weather. Everyone was enjoying watching the winners of the events. Unofficially some were: Flag Race with age group 6-8 girls was -- Jada Silva 2nd, Lauren Silva 3rd, Katie Gillian 4th, Shanai Tidwell 5th.

Flag Race, Boys 9-12 were: David Ordorico 2nd, Paul Sanchez 3rd, Lyle Daniel 4th, Gabriel Martinez 5th.

Girls in the 9-12 age group winners were: Morgan Gibbs 2nd, Kayla King 3rd, Brittany Perfect 4th and Carley Reynolds 5th.

Winners of the 13-15 boys were: James Sanchez 2nd, Ben Sanchez 3rd, Levi Williams 4th, Tanner Daniels 5th. Girls 13-15 were Stacy Merritt 2nd, Stacy Stanbrough 3rd, Kendall Davis 4th, Brittany Calhoun.

16-19 boys flag race were Mike Sanchez -- Girls 16-19 were Raylynn Stanbrough 2nd, Jennifer Shipley 3rd, Katie Taylor 4th.

Pole Bender Winners -- Boys 6-8: Zane Reynolds 1st, Matthew Baca 2nd, Dillion Trapp 3rd, Luke Chavez 4th.

Girls 6-8: Dannica Fifer 1st, Kristan Chico

2nd, Lauren Silva 3rd, Shanai Tidwell 4th.

Boys 9-12: Tanner Jones 1st, Isaac Sanchez 2nd, Lyle Danley 3rd, Gabriel Martinez 4th.

Kersti had some bad luck all day and was very upset. I was talking to her when a lady came up and asked me if I remembered her. She was Sharon (Hayes) Littleton and had been a classmate of mine back in 1962-63. We had not seen each other in 42 years. What a surprise to see her and know her granddaughter is riding in the LCRC in the 16 thru 19 age group. She told me she was teaching in Tularosa and they spend most of the summer in Silver City.

Most all of the postmasters in Lincoln County traveled to Sally Port Inn in Roswell last Wednesday to train for new procedures.

Rosalie Patterson come from Johnna's house where she had been enjoying the new grandbaby, Cherie Hobbs had brought Donna Gonzales and Priscilla from San Patricio. Cherie's clerk didn't show up for work so Willie and I got to bring them home with Lupe from Picacho. We all enjoyed the visit even though they were a little crowded in the pickup. Donna is OICing Hondo post office since Patsy retired over a week ago. Amalia will soon be retiring too.

Looks a little like rain and hopefully we will get some late May showers! Til next time!!!



by Rosalie Dunlap

## Old Lincoln Town

Congratulations to the Gregg Hausslers. They have made several changes in their lifestyle recently. Gregg retired, Carol retired from her teaching position at Alamogordo, and they celebrated their wedding anniversary. They plan to spend a lot of time with their horses, doing trail rides, etc., and of course giving them a lot of TLC.

When you go up and down the Bonito Valley you are seeing some changes. The horse operation near Hondo keeps building more fences, a round corral, and getting quite a bit of livestock.

You will see the horses being trained/practice for barrel racing and other activities.

The owners of the house near Torres Ranch have been busy putting up rock walls along the driveway and elsewhere. They are slowly getting their house built. It is rather difficult in the canyon location but they persevere.

A new roof was put on

the Gallegos house last week.

The Wortley Hotel will be getting a new tin roof soon. The roofs in Lincoln have undergone a slow process of change. The settlers lived in caves, then had their adobe houses with the mud roofs, then in the early 1880's tin roofs came in, relieving the problems with leaking muddy roofs during wet weather. Through the years shingles came in style, so there have been several changes in roof composition.

It tried vainly to rain over the weekend and maybe managed a quarter of an inch. It hailed for about ten minutes in parts of Capitan Friday.

The Lincoln County Fair Book is out. It is really nice and informative. It is dedicated to the Founders of the Fair 50 years ago.

Thanks to several people there are early pictures and a short history of the fair. The 4-Hers did a fantastic job selling ads to help pay for the printing and start a fund to redo the interior of the Fletcher Hall building.

The Fair this year will have the "Faces of Lincoln County" and an exhibit on the "50 Years of the Fair". Anyone who would like to add to the exhibit please, contact me at 653-4047. If you have trophies, photos, ribbons, any special stories (I will copy them and return the original back to you), news stories in publications they would be appreciated. I know a lot you have funny stories or other activities that have happened to you, your family or friends. I really need anything and help that you can give by the end of June.



Sultry high temperatures boiled up a spell of thunderstorms that dumped hail and lots of rain and started several small lightning fires in isolated areas of the county.

The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website:

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

Today, Thursday, May 29: Partly cloudy and hot with high of 95. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, partly cloudy with low of 57.

Friday, May 30: Partly cloudy with isolated showers in the evening. High of 93. Low of 58.

Saturday, May 31: Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High upper 70s to mid 80s, lows from mid 50s to low 60s.

Sunday, June 1: Partly cloudy with highs from 70s to low 80s, lows in the 50s.

Monday, June 2: Partly cloudy with slight chance for thunderstorms. Highs from upper 70s to upper 80s, lows from upper 40s to mid 50s.

Tuesday, June 3: Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers. Highs from 70s to upper 80s, lows in the 50s.

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

Today, Thursday, May 29: Partly cloudy with high of 83. No chance for precipitation. High of 83. Tonight partly cloudy with low of 47.

Friday, May 30: Partly cloudy with isolated showers in the evening. High of 82. Low of 50.

Saturday, May 31: Partly cloudy with slight chance for showers and thunderstorms. Highs in low 70s to low 80s, lows in the 50s.

Sunday, June 1: Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs from upper 60s to mid 70s, lows from upper 40s.

Monday, June 2: Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs to 83, lows to low 40s to low 50s.

Tuesday, June 3: Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs to mid 80s, lows mid 40s to mid 50s.

### Bankers Are Honored For Customer Service

In an honor reserved for Wells Fargo's top performing team members, Scott Shafer and Lori Wetzel were honored at Wells Fargo's National Sales & Service Conference May 14-18 in Honolulu. Shafer is the community banking president of the Wells Fargo banks in Carrizozo and Ruidoso. He has been with the bank for 29 years. Wetzel is the market support analyst in the Carrizozo / Ruidoso region, and won the service excellence award. She has been with the bank for four years.

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**70** US 70 HONDO VALLEY DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT  
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**US 70 Activities Underway In June 2003**

Shoulder and lane closures will continue along the 38-mile project corridor through May. Drainage work will continue in Sec A, E, C and B. Grading and paving will continue in Sec A, D, B and F. Excavation and dirt work will continue in Sec C and begin in Sec B. Please allow an extra 20-30 minutes in your travel schedule to accommodate general construction activities.

Highway closures for rock blasting will continue sporadically through the month of May on weekdays (Monday-Friday), in Sec E, F and B. All blasts will begin at approximately 1:00 pm, and last up to one hour. US 70 will be closed in both directions at locations of blasts:

Sec A (Ruidoso Downs to MP 267)	Sec D (MP 285 to MP 289 East of Hattie)
Sec B (MP 267 to MP 275 East of Glenecie)	Sec E (MP 289 to MP 293 Picacho)
Sec C (MP 275 to MP 285 Hondo)	Sec F (MP 293 to MP 302 East of Riverside)

Up-to-date blasting closure and travel information is available at the US 70 Information Center, and via the hotline, website, and roadside electronic message signs.

**US 70 Summer Traffic**

Summer is around the corner and the crowds are beginning to show up in the Hondo Valley area. Along with motorcycle rallies, horseracing, festivals, and holiday weekends come increased traffic through the US 70 Hondo Valley project. When you need to drive through the valley, plan an extra 20 to 30 minutes in your schedule for construction delays. Remember to buckle up, watch roadway signs, watch your speed, look for and obey flaggers, and be alert for construction workers and equipment on the highway. Please drive safely we want you to make it to your destination safely!

June Calendar of Events  
US 70 Task Force Meeting June 19, 2003  
Place: Hondo Valley Schools Time: 7:00 pm

For information call  
**Mary Ann Woolton,**  
SBC Community Relations Liaison  
at 1-866-653-4069.



**FIDEL E. SANCHEZ & MARGARITA E. (LOPEZ) SANCHEZ**

Mr. Fidel E. Sanchez, 79, and his wife Mrs. Margarita E. (Lopez) Sanchez, 80, of Tularosa died May 21, in Albuquerque. Margarita Sanchez was born on April 26, 1923 in Duran, NM, and Fidel was born on November 24, 1924 in Pinos Well, NM.

Margarita was preceded in death by her parents Vidal and Eugenia Lopez, brother Pete Lopez, sisters Casimira Hajar and Mary Ortega and great grandchild Cody Sanchez Rife. Mrs. Sanchez is survived by brother Frank Lopez Sr. of Albuquerque and sister Dolores Sanchez of Corona.

Fidel was preceded in death by his parents Pedro and Elisa Sanchez and brothers Manuel Sanchez and Juan Sanchez and sister Leonor Chavez. Mr. Sanchez is survived by brothers Ismael Sanchez and wife Trini of Tularosa, Eloy Sanchez of Alamogordo and Toby Sanchez and wife Betty of Corona and sisters Cecilia Chavez and husband Frank of Alamogordo, and Teresita Sanchez and husband Cecilio of Santa Fe.

Both are survived by their son David Sanchez and wife Elena Sanchez and their grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services held for them were a Rosary recited May 23, and Mass celebrated on May 24, both at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Duran with Fr. John Jasinski officiating. Burial followed in the Duran Cemetery and Pallbearers were Frank Lopez Jr., Joseph Ortega, Rafael Chavez, Henry Ortega, Danny Lopez, and Steven Sanchez.

Funeral services were entrusted to the Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Moriarty.

**SARAH R. ALVARADO**

Prayer service for Sarah R. Alvarado, 71, of San Patricio were May 22, at Assumption Catholic Church in Roswell, where the funeral Mass was celebrated, burial followed at South Park Cemetery in Roswell.

Sarah died May 18 at her home. She was born September 16, 1931 in Roswell. She was a cosmetologist and married Braulio Alvarado Sr. on November 6, 1948 in Roswell.

Survivors include her husband Braulio Alvarado Sr. of San Patricio; two sons, Anthony Alvarado of Long Beach, CA, and Ralph Alvarado Jr. of Riverside, CA; five daughters, Patricia Brown of NC, Sylvia Alvarado of Coronado, CA, Diane Smith of Long Beach, CA, Veronia Sims and Maria Alvarado both of Albuquerque; her mother, Albina Ramirez; a brother, Santiago Ramirez, and sisters, Eva Sanchez, Cecelia Jeme-nez, Grace Lopes, Ramona Mestas and Amy.

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

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**LEGALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICIA DE ALERTA AL PUBLICO**  
Junio 10, 2003, 6:30 P.M.  
**LA CIUDAD DE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN**

La Ciudad de Village of Capitan, Nuevo Mexico tendra dos juntas el 10 de Junio, 2003, a las 6:30 de la tarde, las dos en el ayuntamiento, situado en 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. El proposito de las juntas publicas sera para discutir el programa de Desarrollo en la Comunidad del conjunto de Donacion en Nuevo Mexico (CDBE) y para avisar a los ciudadanos de las metas del programa, la escala de actividades elegibles y otra informacion pertinente. Tambien es para obtener las opiniones de ciudadanos sobre desarrollo de la comunidad y necesidades de habitacion, particularmente las necesidades de gente con ingresos bajos y modestos.

Los objetivos estatales y nacionales de programa CDBE requieren que las actividades del proyecto cumplan con por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos. Beneficio para las familias de ingresos bajos y moderados; ayuda en la prevencion o eliminacion de barrios desafortunados y insalubres, y de cumplir con otras necesidades del desarrollo de la comunidad de origen reciente que poseen una amenaza inmediata a la salud y bienestar de la comunidad y cuando otros recursos no esten disponibles para cumplir con esas necesidades.

Las categorias de fondos elegibles incluyen infraestructura para la comunidad; Rehabilitacion de Casa, Desarrollo de Capitan para Servicio Publico; Planificacion, Emergencia y Colonias.

Todos los grupos interesados estan invitados a asistir y entregar sus ideas para proyectos y datos del apoyo a su testimonio.

Los residentes que no pueden atender la junta pueden enviar sus comentarios a:

**Kathryn Griffin / Village Clerk**  
114 Lincoln Ave.  
Capitan, New Mexico 88316  
505-354-2247

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
June 10, 2003

The Village of Capitan invites all interested citizens to a Public Hearing to be held at the Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM, at 6:30 P.M. on June 10, 2003.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to discuss the 2002 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. To advise citizens of the program objectives and receive public input on community needs and suggestions for CDBG projects.

The CDBG program is designed to meet activities, which will address one to three state and national objectives.

- 1.) Benefit principally low-moderate income families.
- 2.) Aid in the prevention of elimination of slum and blight.
- 3.) Meet other community development needs of recent origin which pose serious and immediate threats to the health and welfare of the community.

All incorporated municipalities under 50,000 are eligible to apply. Applicants may apply for funding assistance for Community Infrastructure, Housing, Public Service, Capitan Outlay, Economic Development, Emergency Planning and Colonias.

For information contact:  
**Kathryn Griffin, Village Clerk**  
114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 88316  
505-354-2247

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**USDA-FOREST SERVICE**  
Cibola National Forest  
Mountainair Ranger District  
Torrance County, New Mexico

On May 23, 2003, District Ranger Vicky Estrada (Responsible Official) signed a decision to authorize livestock grazing and associated watershed enhancement project on the Osborne Grazing Allotment, located in the Gallinas Unit of the Mountainair Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest. This allotment is approximately 10 miles south of Willard, New Mexico. This allotment contains approximately 1,611 acres and is located in Township 3 North, Range 9 East, Sections 24, 25, and 36; Township 3 North Range 10 East, Sections 19, 30, and 31; and Township 2 North, Range 10 East, Section 6, New Mexico Principal Meridian.

Selection of Alternative C (Proposed Action) would permit livestock grazing for a 10 year period as a winter seasonal operation at the current permitted level (50 head of livestock (cow/calf) and the current permitted season of use (11/1 through 4/30) assuming forage availability is adequate. Winter inspections of available forage will be conducted to determine the permitted length of the grazing season based on a 40% maximum forage utilization level. The grazing season will be terminated on 30 April or when 40% utilization of available forage is reached, if prior to April 30. Grazing management and associated watershed enhancement projects (selective juniper thinning) are planned to maintain effective ground cover to protect watershed and wildlife values, and to improve forest health.

For additional information concerning this decision, contact District Range Staff, Bobby Dow at (505) 847-2990. A copy of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact is available upon request from the Mountainair Ranger District, P.O. Box 69, Mountainair, New Mexico 87036-0069.

This decision is subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR part 215.7. Any written appeal must be postmarked or received by Appeal Deciding Officer USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region, 333 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 within 45 days from the date of publication of the legal notice of Decision placed in the Mountain View Journal, (newspaper of record). Appeals must meet content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
No. CV 03-17

**MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS)**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**SUSAN M. PRYCE, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO, JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN, JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN M. PRYCE, IF ANY,**  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on June 10, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 21, BLOCK 4, PINECLIFF, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 20, 1963, IN TUBE NO. 177.

The address of the real property is 122 MONJEAU DR., RUIDOSO, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 9, 2003, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$161,882.39, plus interest from April 16, 2003 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.37500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchases at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.  
Dated: April 29, 2003.

**PETER BACA**  
Special Master  
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.  
13275 Strubbers Road, Suite 201  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
No. CV-03-42

**WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**STANLEY D. STANBROUGH, KAREN L. STANBROUGH, a/k/a Karen Stanbrough, and ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO, INC. n/k/a Associates Financial Services Company, Inc.,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on June 6, 2003, at the hour of 9:05 a.m., the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 156 Smokey Bear Drive, Capitan, New Mexico 88316 (erroneously referred to in the Complaint for Foreclosure, filed February 28, 2003, as 156 Smokey Bear Drive, Capitan, New Mexico 88316) (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control), and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, BLOCK 4 OF MT. CAPITAN SUBDIVISION CAPITAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE REPLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE (OFFICE) OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, FEBRUARY 5, 1965, IN TUBE NO. 210.

\* Bracketed information is corrected on legal description in order to correct the legal description and conform it to the Plat of record for the property at the time of the Mortgage was given. The legal description was incorrect on the Mortgage due to scrivener's error.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption of the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$73,263.85, and the same bears interest at 8.7500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$17.56 per diem, commencing on May 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendants Stanley D. Stanbrough for the amount due after foreclosure sale.

for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and set to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$73,263.85, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$649.72 for a total judgment plus interest of \$73,913.57. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

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

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE 2002-02**

**Valor Franchise**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Governing Body of the Village of Capitan will discuss during a public hearing on June 11, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall regarding Ordinance 2002-02, Valor Franchise. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption during the regular meeting of the Village of Capitan Board of Trustees on June 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance will be available for review at the Village of Capitan, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM 88316 or a copy may be purchased for a copy fee.

/s/ **KATHRYN GRIFFIN**  
Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Capitan

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Sale**  
**SALE OF STATE COAL LEASES**  
New Mexico Commissioner  
of Public Lands

The New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands (Commissioner) is soliciting sealed bids for state coal leases in Lincoln County, New Mexico. Prospective bidders must obtain a Notice of Public Sale package (see below). The Notice of Public Sale package contains lease terms and conditions, legal descriptions, mandatory bidding instructions and other information. Subject to the Commissioner's absolute right to reject all bids, five coal leases will be awarded to the highest bidders, as determined by the Commissioner. Your sealed bid must be received by the Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division of the New Mexico State Land Office no later than 9:30 AM on July 2, 2003.

To obtain a Notice of Public Sale package or additional information, contact Jami Bailey by telephone (505-827-5745); by fax (505-827-4739); or by writing to: Jami Bailey, State Land Office, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**  
**OF LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**CAUSE NO. PB-03-14**  
**DIVISION III**

In the Matter of the Estate of  
**JACQUELINE SPENCER MORGAN,**  
Deceased.

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**  
**OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

**MICHAEL S. LINE**, Personal Representative of the Estate of **JACQUELINE SPENCER MORGAN**, Deceased, and gives the following Notice:  
1.) This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT
Ronnie Law Morgan	P.O. Box 314 Alto, New Mexico 88312	Husband
Hugh Bancroft III	P.O. Box 0025 Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92065	Son
Kathryn Kavadae	105 Gordon Road Waban, Mass 02468	Daughter
Christopher Bancroft	3121 David Fort Road Argyle, Texas 71226	Son

2.) **MICHAEL S. LINE**, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of **JACQUELINE SPENCER MORGAN**, Deceased, without bond, on the 20th day of May, 2003.

3.) The Application and Order Appointing the Personal Representative will be mailed with this Notice.

**MICHAEL S. LINE**  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 519  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355  
Ph. (505) 258-4636

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# County Now Requires

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tions exist, which are favorable to the ignition and rapid spread of uncontrolled fire. Upon determining such critical fire weather, the manager or coordinator may impose a temporary restriction on all open burning, permitted or otherwise with five exceptions. The exceptions are open burning for ceremonial purposes; barbecuing; heating purposes in fireplaces; noncommercial cooking of food for human consumption; and for warming by small wood fires at construction sites.

The ordinance gives authority to the county commissioners to declare fire emergency and prohibit all open fires during declared periods of extreme drought, ongoing critical fire weather or any combination of conditions that pose a significant risk of uncontrolled fire. The emergency services coordinator or authorized peace officer shall enforce the prohibition when the fire declaration is in effect.

When the critical fire conditions exist and any fire is sighted, the county manager, emergency services coordinator or any certified peace officer may enter upon private land without a warrant to determine if a fire emergency exists. If conditions on private land pose a real threat appropriate action may be taken to mitigate the risk.

During the public hearing on the ordinance, the section that gives authority to come onto private land without warrant caused considerable discussion. Oscuro resident

Jerry Carroll requested that law enforcement personnel be allowed on private property only if there is a "clear and present danger" with actual fire visible, not just smoke. Carroll said no authorities should be allowed to enter private land without a warrant or at least without permission from the land owner.

County emergency management coordinator Bill Martin said the issue is sensitive, but there are problems with vacant lands where the owners are not present. Martin said that while land owners will be called if smoke is seen, the first intent is to investigate. "I don't know of any location in New Mexico that the fire department or forestry division will stop at the gate to get permission (before responding to a fire)," Martin said.

"Carroll said no one goes on his property without permission as they will get sued. The county attorney recommended adding words that a reasonable attempt will be made to contact the property owner. If an authority sees smoke and feels there is danger, then there is probable cause to enter the land to investigate," said attorney Alan Morel.

Sheriff Tom Sullivan said common sense will dictate action, for example if smoke is seen on a windy day, his office will investigate.

"We have to rely on the deputies to have common sense and be prudent," said county commissioner Earl Hobbs.

Carroll said that officers should not just follow

smoke, as the ordinance states "fire" must be visible.

The ordinance allows the county to issue permits for burning under certain circumstances. Along with the permit from the county, anyone wishing to burn must obtain an "air quality" permit from the NM Environment Dept. and must notify the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office within 24 hours of the intended burn of the exact location of the burn for each day of burning.

Enforcement of the fire ordinance is the duty of the Lincoln County Sheriff and his officers. The county manager or emergency coordinator are also authorized to order an individual to cease and desist from burning if it is determined to be a risk, even if a permit has been issued. Failure to comply with an order to desist when a severe fire hazard or fire danger emergency has been declared may result in a citation.

Violations of both ordinances are considered misdemeanors punishable by fines not to exceed \$300 or imprisonment of not more than 90 days or both. Each day the ordinances are violated is considered a separate offense.

As with the fireworks ordinance, the regulating of improper handling of fire ordinance was adopted with an emergency clause meaning it went into effect immediately.

Copies of Ordinance 2003-07 handling of fire are available from the office of the County Manager at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, 648-2385.

# Graduates Earn Scholarships

Carrizozo High School 2003 graduates earned scholarships, announced at the graduation ceremony on May 23.

Valedictorian Alena Borowski and Salutatorian Lacey Martin addressed their class during the ceremony which also included a slide show of the graduates.

A scholarship new to Carrizozo this year is the Matthew Borowski Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of Alena Borowski's father. The \$250 each scholarships were awarded to Anthony Beltran, Jesse Ortiz and Cheri Sanchez.

Other scholarships presented were: Ruidoso Special Events Resource Group of \$500 each to Borowski, Martin, Ashlie Samora and Cheri Sanchez.

American Legion Post 57 scholarship, \$250 to Cheri Sanchez.

Santa Rita Parish Church, \$250 to Ashlie Samora.

People For Kids, \$300 each to Lacey Martin and Jesse Ortiz.

Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District, \$500 to Alena Borowski.

Carrizozo Women's Club, \$500 to Ashlie Samora.

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, \$250 each to Anthony Beltran and Lacey Martin.

Lincoln County Farm and Livestock Bureau, \$500 each to Lacey Martin and Ashlie Samora.

Carrizozo Masonic Lodge \$500 each to Lacey

Martin and Ashlie Samora.

Another new scholarship is the Friends of the Integrated Arts of \$250 to Ashlie Samora.

Wells Fargo Citizenship

Award of \$250 to Matthew Hernandez.

Carrizozo Rotary Club Scholarship of \$500 each to Lacey Martin and Ashlie Samora.

# Sheriff's Report

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their property and he would leave a note for the owner.

12 noon request for ambulance for 62 year old sick female on E002. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

1 p.m. assault on Gavilan Canyon Road.

3:01 p.m. request for ambulance at Bonito Lake for male with possible broken shoulder. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

3:55 p.m. domestic at location at Fort Stanton. Youth camp requested deputy to speak with an employee with domestic problems at home and who wanted to make a report.

6:34 p.m. deputy advised of a trespasser on Bonito Dam.

6:48 p.m. suspicious person, a male walking around a residence on Highway 380 west of Capitán.

8:50 p.m. help needed on Roadrunner Road in Maggado Creek. The caller needed someone to take him to the hospital but he did not want an ambulance. At 6:58 p.m. the caller's son in New Jersey requested an ambulance take his father to the hos-

pital Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

8:31 p.m. anonymous report of two large open BBQ pits with open flames and sparks up in the trees on Paradise Canyon.

9:21 p.m. request for agency assist on Anna Drive in Capitán.

9:21 p.m. request for welfare check of 14 year old niece who called the caller to advise she was afraid of her mother and her friends.

May 28:

12:59 a.m. request for ambulance on Kerr Ave. Corona ambulance transported to LCMC.

9:02 a.m. open gate at mile marker 286 on Highway 70.

9:55 a.m. larceny at location on Forest in Alto area.

11:07 a.m. abandoned dogs at Fort Stanton.

11:28 a.m. shots fired on Cruz Road, subjects in a jeep were shooting out of vehicle into the forest. At 11:41 a.m. the responding deputy advised all was okay, the subjects were shooting legally at an embankment and they were calling it a day.

# County Tourism Receives Grant

The Lincoln County Tourism Council has received a grant of \$2,235 from the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) project.

The grant will help pay for four festivals in Lincoln County. Those are the second annual Fiber Festival on May 17-18 in Lincoln; White Oaks Miner's Day and Voices from the Past performance on June 7 in White Oaks; the sixth annual Arts in the Orchard event in Glencoe on Sept. 7; the fourth annual Starry Night Star Party in Lincoln on May 10.

The Lincoln County Tourism Council has received \$24,852 in REDTT grant funds to date. Lincoln is one of the five original counties in the REDTT service area.

Additionally, Lincoln County will share with DeBaca County two REDTT grants. The first is for \$2,800 for the Third Annual Billy the Kid Country Writers Tour of locations in Lincoln and DeBaca Counties during August; \$550 for the second annual Billy's Last Ride trail riding event which was held in April in DeBaca County.

REDTT is part of the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service. It provides education, training, and technical assistance to 18 New Mexico counties.

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**OTHER CAPITAN EVENTS:**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Governing Body of the Village of Capitán will discuss during a public hearing on June 10, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall the application by owner of Downtown Deli for a Beer and Wine License. This application will then be considered for approval during the regular meeting of the Village of Capitán Board of Trustees on June 10, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

/s/ KATHRYN GRIFFIN  
Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Village of Capitán

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 21, 2003 the Town of Carrizozo, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301, filed complete application number T-4284 with the STATE ENGINEER to Appropriates Underground Waters of the State of New Mexico from the Tularosa Basin in Lincoln County for municipal, residential, commercial and golf course purposes within and outside the municipal limits of the Town of Carrizozo for a diversion of 3,500 acre-feet to be consumptively used from existing wells T-1962, T-1962-S, T-1962-S-2 and T-1962-S-3 all located in the SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4, Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., on land owned by the Town of Carrizozo. Proposed well will be located in the vicinity of the Carrizozo Golf Course.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, P.O. Box 729, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0729 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (Faxes) will be accepted as valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-324-6160. If no valid protest of objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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# County Adopts Tight Budget

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"The sheriff's budget has gone from \$660,000 in 1992 to \$1.4 million now," Martinez said. Martinez advocated consolidating dispatch with the municipalities to save money, and he also questioned why the sheriff's office was dispatching for Carrizozo and Capitan at no cost, and providing police coverage to Capitan.

Martinez was also concerned about the cost of purchasing and operating the full sized Sport Utility Vehicles purchased by the sheriff's office.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said the county is not buying any vehicles at this time.

Stewart said it was the county commission that had approved sheriff Tom Sullivan's request for vehicles in the past.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs asked if Capitan compensates the county for dispatch and police services.

Sullivan said last year they requested the village provide funds for dispatch but none were provided. "I could cut off Capitan from dispatch, but that would be a disservice," Sullivan said.

Hobbs then apologized to Sullivan for his questioning at the May 2 workshop. "If I upset you I apologize," Hobbs said to Sullivan. "My purpose was not to upset rather to take care of things I feel are my responsibility. I have a deep respect for you per-

sonally." Martinez then asked Sullivan about the newest Billy the Kid case. "Where is the money coming from for that?" Martinez asked.

Stewart said the money will come from the New Mexico Dept. of Tourism. "The sheriff says no money will come from his budget for the Billy the Kid project."

"Why don't we get the department of tourism to fund investigation into the McKnight and Katina Chavez murders?" Martinez asked.

"The department of tourism will fund Billy the Kid," Stewart responded.

The budget also includes an increase of \$35,000 a month from the previous contract amount for Corrections Systems Inc. that operates the Lincoln County Detention Center.

While county commissioners said such an increase was a renegotiation of their contract, Stewart said he was on the "horns of a dilemma."

"If you deny them the request, and go to rfp now, the jail could go back to the sheriff, or the commissioners," Stewart said. Stewart said instead of ending the contract with CSI to reduce correction costs, he would rather reduce the costs of contract incarceration in other detention facilities.

CSI chairman John Farran said the company runs a good jail and they work hard to bring in revenue,

which was about \$700,000 in 2002.

"What if we say no," St. John asked. "We would be forced to reduce our staff," Farran answered.

Stewart recommended county commissioners comply with the CSI request and then watch to make sure the company spends the funds as they say they will. Then next year review the costs and the contract and maybe go to rfp. Commissioners agreed.

During the budget hearing county commissioners also discussed the hospital mill levy, which LCMC had proposed to drop to 1.1 mills. County assessor Rick Silva said that reduction will affect his reappraisal plan. The one mill is equal to about \$542,000 a year. Stewart suggested the reappraisal plan be reviewed and adjusted when the final budget is returned from DFA in July.

After a relatively short discussion about the preliminary budget, county commissioners adopted on a 4 to 1 vote the resolution that adopts the preliminary budget and sets the mills for general county government to 2.75 mills; the special LCMC hospital mill levy of 1.1 mills and the rural health clinics mill levy of .9 mill.

While Martinez voted against the preliminary budget, Hobbs said he was not in favor of it but voted for it anyway in order to

provide a preliminary budget to DFA by deadline. St. John who voted for the preliminary budget said she was concerned that the Humane Society, Capitan Library and Zia Therapy were the only external groups that did not get their requested increases.

As commissioners were ending the discussion on the preliminary budget, the president of the Humane Society said if the society only gets \$25,000 this coming year, the group may not renew its contract with the county.



# AROUND CORONA

We had hail Sunday evening. The ground was white! Then came that wonderful rolling thunder with over an inch of rain, except that the rain did not go far enough west.

Graduation ceremonies for 2003 were held Saturday, May 24. The main speaker was Jamie Widner, former ag teacher from Corona High School and currently principal at Melrose. Each graduate prepared a slide biography. Monica Ortiz gave the invocation, Laura Gonzalez gave the Salutatorian address, Shaline Lopez, the Valedictorian address, and the program ended with the benediction by Tara Seely.

Travis Lightfoot, superintendent, announced more than \$14,000 in scholarships for the four graduates. There were three beautiful flower arrangements by Edie Porter which were later sent to the three churches.

Rachel Lueras and Randall Warren served as ushers. Tom Mulkey was senior sponsor. A reception followed in the Recreation Room, where each graduate received the traditional doll.

May 20 was the Corona Public School Spring Program where the Class of 2015: Edwin Amaro, Katia Beltran, Cutler Cox and Savannah Lueras were presented. The Class of 2009: Josh Gage, Kallie Tabor and Dulce Sultmeier also progressed.

Short plays were presented by the elementary

students and academic and athletic awards were presented to the junior high and high school students.

Elena Brandenberger, Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative representative, announced Laura Gonzalez the winner of the Coop scholarship, Rachel Lueras and Keith Shafer as members of the Youth Tour to Washington D.C., and Safety Poster Contest winners, Blanca Noriega, 2nd place and Jordan Huey, 1st place. The first place win placed Jordan in the overall competition in the New Mexico Rural Cooperative in Santa Fe for the Grand Prize, which he won!

The staff of Corona Public Schools expressed appreciation for the support of parents and community members as well as their great students.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Lackey spent the weekend at their cabin. Mr. Lackey is on leave for a few weeks to study the effects of angst on therapy.

Mrs. Ella Stewart had her three daughters and their families home for the graduation of her granddaughter, Laura Gonzalez: Laura, Colorado Springs, Teresita, Odessa, and Patricia, Dexter.

Special guests of Shaline Lopez for her graduation were her brother, Ace and his family from near Oklahoma City and the Edward Lopez family from Mountainair.

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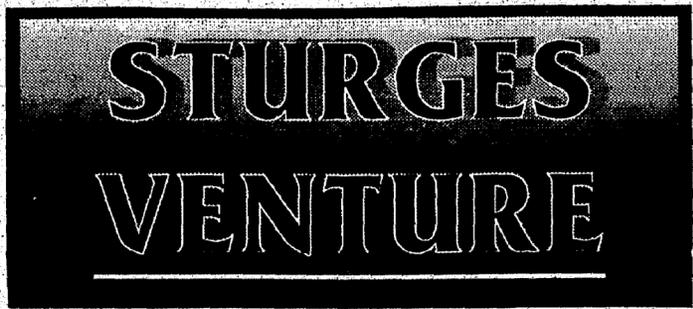
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