

# County Says No To State Changes On Indigent Care

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners refuse to change the county Indigent Health Care Fund Ordinance to go along with a new state law that pays only for emergencies at a hospital, because it is restraint of trade.

At their meeting Tuesday, June 17 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in

Carrizozo, county commissioners unanimously adopted their own version of the indigent health care (IHC) fund ordinance after a public hearing. The

newest IHC ordinance incorporates only the new state law wording that requires people making indigent health care claims to meet federal medicaid income guidelines.

The ordinance does not

adopt the state language requiring all eligible claims be for providing "emergency services in a hospital to an indigent patient." The new state law was passed in the 2003 legislature and signed by the governor and mandates counties make the changes in their IHC rules.

County commissioners mainly objected to the

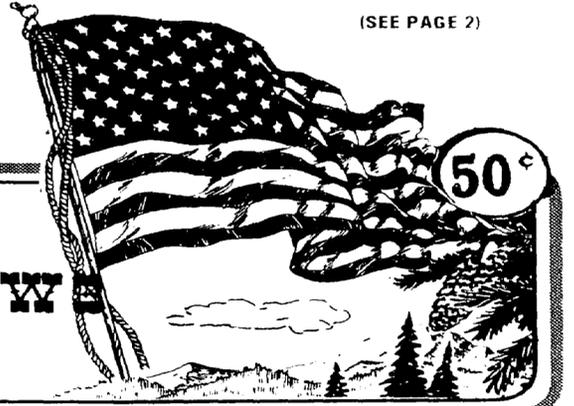
wording in the new state law that makes only hospitals eligible for receiving reimbursements from the IHC fund and does not include private doctors or other private providers.

There were some concerns the new wording would impact IHC payments for indigent patients at the county clinics. That concern was eased somewhat when

Cheri Nipp, director of Presbyterian Medical Services that provides home health and hospice care services in Lincoln County and has two clinics in Otero County, said

the county clinics will be okay because the new state law will allow IHC payments to non profit providers. (Presbyterian Healthcare Services provides services for the Car-

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**WINNING BRAVES.** Kylee and Jerub Osborn of Capitan show off the trophy their farm league team, the Braves, won at the 2003 Ruidoso Little League Tournament held on Saturday, June 14 at Ruidoso's North Park. The Braves team is made up of players from Capitan and their coach is Steve Osborn. "Farm League" is made up of players age 7 to 10. The entire Braves team will be recognized when the team photo is available.

## State Police Join Billy the Kid Case

by Doris Cherry

A New Mexico State Police crime lab agent was in the Lincoln County Courthouse Tuesday, the old courthouse in Lincoln that is, searching for evidence of a bullet that was lodged into the thick adobe walls 122 years ago.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan was unable to watch as the state police investigator examined the courthouse walls to find the elusive bullet that Billy the Kid allegedly fired at deputy James Bell in his infamous escape in 1881. Instead Sullivan was doing his duty as modern day Lincoln County Sheriff by sitting in the county commission meeting in the modern day Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

In his place, Sullivan sent Capitan mayor Steve Sederwall whose face is becoming as synonymous to the current chapter of the Billy the Kid saga as Sullivan's revolver with the turquoise encrusted handle.

Sullivan told *THE NEWS* on Monday there are conflicting reports of where the bullet could be located. When one visits the old courthouse in Lincoln today, curators show a hole in the courthouse west wall that is claimed to be made during Billy's escape. "The bullet in the west wall is phony," Sullivan said.

In Pat Garrett's account of the incident the bullet was lodged in the north wall of the courthouse, Sullivan said.

Sederwall told *THE NEWS* on Wednesday, that the crime lab agent did a preliminary investigation at the courthouse in Lincoln on Tuesday. Sederwall said the crime lab agent who examined the scene said he felt the investigation was feasible enough to proceed.

"They are planning to look for the bullet with ra-

dar equipment from Los Alamos and Sandia labs," Sederwall said.

If state police investigators find the bullet, plans are to remove it and do ballistic analysis on it. Sederwall said they have access to two guns that the Kid took with him from his escape from jail

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## County Calls Attention to 54/380 Intersection

by Doris Cherry

As accidents continue to happen at the intersection of US Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo, citizens are asking the county to help find a solution to the problem.

During the June 17 Lincoln County Commission meeting county commission chairman Rex Wilson discussed the dangerous intersection. "Since May 17 there have been four accidents at the intersection," Wilson said. "Last year there was a fatality."

"I have been approached by citizens to do something about this situation," Wilson added.

When the governor visited Carrizozo on May 9 he indicated to the town he

would do something about the intersection. Wilson continued. "This will be a follow up," he said and then directed the county manager to do research on solutions. Wilson suggested speed bumps before the intersection as an immediate solution with a possible long term solution of rerouting Highway 54 under the overpass along side the railroad.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan said the intersection is confusing, as travelers going north and south on Highway 54 see the red flashing light. "They assume it is flashing red on the east and west on Highway 380," he added. "Many pull out

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## County Continues Ban On Fire and Fireworks

by Doris Cherry

Despite recent rains, even heavy ones, Lincoln County remains in extreme fire danger, prompting county commissioners to continue their ban against fireworks and open burning.

County commissioners will reconsider the prohibition at their July 2 special meeting, and may remove it if rains continue enough to lower the fire hazard.

County commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, June 17, voted unanimously to continue their resolution that prohibits possession and/or use of aerial fireworks, and open burning except by permit in the county because of the extreme fire danger.

US Forest Service (USFS) fire officer John Kennedy said even though it has rained in some areas, and the USFS fire center in Boise Idaho shows less fire danger, most areas of Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear Ranger District continue to be extremely dry. Kennedy said they use eight criteria with trigger points to determine fire hazard, including how dry the fuels are in the forest. Fuel

materials are rated differently for grass, sticks/brush, trees six inches diameter and trees larger than six inches.

"An inch of rain at this time is not enough to saturate the bark of a very dry large tree," Kennedy

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## Amity Program To Leave Fort Stanton

by Doris Cherry

The Amity Foundation will be leaving Fort Stanton June 30. Amity has been providing residential substance abuse treatment services for male probationers and parolees at Fort Stanton for three years. Another provider will assume duties of providing the service on July 1.

Pamela Jay, Program Director, Amity at Fort Stanton, Amity Foundation gave the following statement to *THE NEWS*:

"The Amity Foundation submitted renewal of its contract with the State of New Mexico to continue providing highly effective, cost-saving residential substance abuse treatment services at Fort Stanton for male probationers and parolees.

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**STATE FLOWER.** Yuccas are in full bloom in Carrizozo and the surrounding areas. The large lily plants usually bloom from a week to several weeks, depending on the weather. The colors of yucca flowers range from pink to bright green.

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rizoza/Corona clinic and operates Lincoln County Medical Center county-owned hospital in Ruidoso.)

"No one tracked this bill," said county attorney Alan Morel. As a result the bill passed through the legislature and was signed by the governor. "We normally track bills that affect the county, but this slipped by."

"The state has seen fit to place an additional burden on the IHC board," said county manager Tom Stewart. He also said even the IHC affiliate (of association of counties) had not caught the bill as it went through the legisla-

ture. "We didn't know about any of this, and how it got changed befuddled me."

Stewart said three other counties in the state have similar wording that reimburses IHC payments to private doctors and providers. And these other counties will also be affected by the new state law.

"The state has taken away the flexibility of the local IHC board," Stewart said.

"There has to be a way to go back to the state and make them redress these," said county commissioner Maury St. John. "It makes the doctors have to come

back and fight it again."

Editor's note: Private doctors and other private providers were not included in the first groups eligible for reimbursement from the IHC. Work at the state level resulted in private doctors being finally included, only to have it taken away again with the newest of IHC laws.

"I say we take a chance and not pass this," said county commissioner Rick Simpson about accepting the state mandated changes. "We have to take a stand for what we believe is right."

County commissioner Leo Martinez asked Morel to "look for a way to legally go around the state changes that eliminate private enterprise."

"I see this as restraint of trade because it requires services from a nonprofit. It's not right," Martinez added.

Asked what would happen if the county did not implement the state changes, Morel said it would be documented in the newspapers and it would not take long for Santa Fe to know of the situation. He predicted the state attorney general would send a letter directing the county to comply with the state changes. "If you refuse to follow the state changes there may be ramifications such as possibly being removed from office, going to jail and being held personally responsible for the money

paid out for indigent claims," Morel added.

Earlier Paul Vordermann who represents private doctors in Ruidoso who have formed a non-profit group said he was concerned the new wording will affect the clinics. But IHC administrator for the county Teresa Montoya said not much IHC money is used for the clinic because they have sliding scale fees and most IHC claim requests would be for \$50 or less.

Vordermann recommended commissioners process IHC payments in current claims, but not pay the private doctors and providers until the issue is settled.

Montoya said about \$80,000 in county IHC payments were reimbursed to private doctors who provided service outside a hospital. And the county has pending claims to private doctors, which Stewart said may have to be paid out of the general fund.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs asked if the state could seize the county IHC funds. Stewart said he thinks the county is fine as it is managing its IHC funds prudently without excess money left in the fund.

"What if we fail to follow the state law?" Hobbs asked.

"You would set a nice precedence, and the state can come down and run the county," Stewart replied.

County treasurer Beverly Calaway said she and a county commissioner have to sign all county checks and she was concerned about the legality placed on the treasurer if IHC funds were paid.

County commission chair Rex Wilson said doctor's payments would not be involved. Calaway suggested creating a new fund that would hold potential reimbursements for doctors until the issue is resolved.

Stewart said the state law cannot be addressed until the 2005 legislative session, unless the governor will take up the issue for the 2004 session. "We've got to lobby the governor to add it to his call in 2004," Stewart said.

Morel recommended commissioners adopt the new state language, which goes into effect June 20. When Wilson asked what would happen if the county does not adopt the new language, and pays out funds under the old ordinance, Morel said it could be illegal and subject to punishment.

Hobbs tried to make a motion to "reluctantly adopt" the ordinance that included the state mandated changes, but he got no second. After more discussion, St. John made a motion to withdraw the original motion which all voted for. Then she made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to use the previous IHC ordinance language about covering IHC reimbursement payments to private doctors, and to keep eligible claims for services to treat "life threatening conditions" not just emergencies. All commissioners voted for the amendments, then all voted in favor of the ordinance as amended.



**CAPITAN CLEAN UP DAY** this year included a trash collecting contest for youngsters. Five winners each received a \$20.00 certificate to spend at any of the participating Capitan businesses. Stephanie Valdez and Victoria Gomez each collected almost 200 pounds of trash. Contestants Samantha Sparks, Kallea Ward and Justin Griffin, did not get their trash weighed, but did their part in cleaning up the village.

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thinking everyone stops." Sullivan said when he sees motorists who do not stop or pause he pulls them over and warns them. "Cross traffic there is terrible," he said.

Sullivan suggested the intersection be made into a four way stop. But Wilson said the highway engineer is saying they cannot put a stop on Highway 380 because of the overpass. "It would be better without the light," Wilson added.

County commissioner Rick Simpson said there are stop signs near overpasses all over the place.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs suggested rumble strips to wake drivers to the upcoming intersection.

Oscuro citizen Jerry Carroll asked how many people will be lost at the intersection before the state puts in a four way stop. "To hell with the highway engineer," Carroll said.

County manager Tom Stewart said he would write letters to the governor's office and to the state highway engineer about the intersection. "Then bug them every month," he added.

Carrizoza chief of police Angelo Vega told *THE NEWS* that he has been in contact with the governor's office about the intersection. Also his de-

partment regularly sends reports of accidents that occur at the intersection to the NM Dept. of Public Safety, as required by law.

The latest accident at the intersection which occurred Saturday, June 14 at 6:02 p.m., involved Carrizoza police officer Albert Rivera. The officer was in his town patrol car on Highway 380 east of the intersection following a vehicle when he spotted a vehicle traveling west on Highway 380 toward the intersection at a high rate of speed.

Officer Rivera made an immediate u-turn to the west bound lane, apparently without yielding to a Ford pickup driven by a woman from Los Lunas. The truck collided with the Carrizoza patrol car, totalling the patrol car and injuring Rivera. Carrizoza ambulance transported Rivera to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso where he was treated and released. The woman from Los Lunas was not injured.

Vega said he requested State Police investigate the accident which is procedure whenever an accident involves a Carrizoza police officer. Vega said he will present the final determination on the accident to the mayor and council at their next meeting.

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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Secret Budget Matters**

By Ruth Hammond

Did you know that governmental budgets are supposed to be public record? Did you know that sometimes certain people try to keep public records from becoming public, especially budget matters? And did you know that some elected officials decline to publicize budgetary situations until either a mid year budget review or at the year end budget review, and sometimes not publicize anything that might be questionable about the budget? It seems elected officials would be more than willing to be open as to the way the budget is being handled, the way public money is being spent, and how much money is budgeted for each line item. It also seems that it is better to be open about the budget than to give the impression of any wrongdoing.

Effective government is open government, not making accusations against other entities. Effective government is open government, not refusing to answer under the ruse of it being "no one's business" how things are being handled. Effective government is open government, not dictators mandating who can do what and when. And most people want effective government, not closed door decisions and not having special people receive preferential treatment.

Children are a prime example of how a person can tell when things aren't quite right. When children get really quiet, really quiet, you can just about guess they are doing something wrong. Maybe not all that wrong, but something they should not be doing. The same with elected officials. If elected officials keep quiet about the budget, trying to give the impression everything is ok, you can just about guess it would be a good idea to check budgetary figures.

Evidently one method of keeping people from knowing there might be something amiss is to blatantly object to what another entity is doing or thinking about doing. Cast aspersions on someone else and take the heat off you.

Perhaps it would be better for governmental entities to make copies for the public attending meetings. Not copies of the entire budget, but copies of the condensed budget, which would be about one or two pages of budget recaps. It easily could help inform the public and show there were no hidden agendas being perpetuated by certain officials.

The entire budgetary process is supposed to be public for governmental entities, not selected portions of budget or hiring procedures. The mayor of Capitan has objected to the method used to hire the operational supervisor at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) and yet it was discussed at a Capitan trustees meeting that a similar situation happened at Capitan when a part time employee was changed to full time without approval of the trustees.

Items of interest to the public include all facets of the governmental process, not select information officials are willing to share. And governmental info should be public.

Obviously some elected officials believe they have the right to make decisions without approval from councils or from other elected officials. And the losers are the public.

Not all elected officials are dogmatic. Some are kind and thoughtful and work hard to represent all the people and to do their best. Don't you wish they all would do that?

*Do as I say, not as I do!*



**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

**SANTA FE** -- Reopening the case of Billy the Kid may turn out to be as controversial as the Lincoln County War, in which the Kid gained his fame.

Longtime Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan and Steve Sederwall, a reserve officer for the sheriff's office, have asked Gov. Bill Richardson for State Police assistance in getting to the bottom of the Billy the Kid legend. They have also involved Dale Tunnell, a special investigator for the Arizona Department of Corrections.

A mention of the investigation a few weeks ago in this column has brought accusatory letters from readers in Lincoln County about everybody concerned with the investigation. Evidently the investigation is opening some old wounds and some more current ones.

Teachers in schools around Lincoln, which was the center of the Lincoln County War, have said that better feelings about the war still erupt on playgrounds among descendants of families that have been in the area since the war began in the early 1880s. It's like taking sides on where Oliver Lee of Alamogordo shot Albert Jennings Fountain of Las Cruces back in the 1890s.

And there are animosities of a more current nature. Sederwall not only is a deputy sheriff, he is mayor of nearby Capitan. Evidently he has a few political enemies here and there who question his motives for encouraging the investigation.

Tunnel and Sederwall are old law enforcement buddies from the Lincoln County sheriff's office, who are teaming for this investigation. I've also heard from those who say Gov. Richardson is only cooperating in the investigation so he can get his face plastered all over the nation's newspapers.

For the record, Sullivan and Sederwall say they want to unearth the truth about Billy's escape from the Lincoln County jail and about whether he was the one Sheriff Pat Garrett shot. At least five other people claimed to be Billy and told varying stories about how Garrett had shot someone else and claimed it was the Kid.

Sullivan says that accusation reflects on the Lincoln County sheriff's office, which has made Garrett very much a part of its history, including making him a part of their shoulder patches. They want to clear his name. Sullivan says opening

the investigation has nothing to do with increasing tourism in the area.

But what if that is a reason for the investigation? Tourism is a major part of the area's economy. Billy the Kid is still New Mexico's most recognizable figure. I've never seen research on this, but Smokey Bear, also from Lincoln County, may be second. Sullivan says the investigation won't cost the county anything, since Sederwall is a volunteer.

If Richardson authorizes State Police assistance, there will be some cost. Richardson says this isn't a publicity stunt. It's an integral part of New Mexico's past and if it is possible to shed new light on the legend, we should.

Certainly there may be personal motives tied to the investigation. It is a fascinating project for a retired cop who might get some publicity out of the venture. Gov. Richardson maybe looking at the publicity angle too but more likely he wants publicity for the state as part of his effort to put us on the map.

The investigation may have side benefits. Several books have been written, some by New Mexicans, about the possibility Billy lived a long life. They may see a resurgence. Various claimed burial sites will also see a renewed interest, including the burial site of Billy's mother near Silver City.

One reader read my comment about the Kid being the most recognizable character in New Mexico's 400-year history as meaning that Billy has been around that long. The complaint was justified. My sentence structure was clumsy.

But the biggest slip in that column was a comment that increased tourism might allow the Wortley Hotel in Capitan to reopen. The Wortley is in Lincoln and is open. I was told by several readers.



**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

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**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
Things could go your way once you put your mind to what really matters. This is a good time to leave the old behind and start a new project too.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**  
When it comes to knowing what you know best, don't let anyone tell you any different. As long as you do the best that you can, then that's great.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)**  
It's time to take charge of the situation at hand. Your good nature is being used, by someone that knows you have a big heart. Listen then talk.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)**  
You already know that you have to do something about what is going on. What are you waiting for? You are at the right place and time to go for it.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
Your unspoken word will say volumes by the look in your eyes. Your heart will try to fix what only words can do. You will get your point across.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You can't change things now, that have already been said and done. Start over, and correct what you know what you should have done long ago.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
Your money and time is tied up together. Take the time to make more money, and not assume things will turn around by its self. Make a plan.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Your love life can be better, when you look inside, and know that you are a good person, and you have lots of love to give. Let go and live.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
Not a good time to keep secrets. You can make a difference by telling everyone in question that it's time for them to look in their own back yard.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)**  
Money wise, you're off a little bit, because your mind, body and soul are too. Sleep could help, plus eating better and being around good people.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**  
A place to go and a place to see, should be right up your alley. Call someone that really cares about you. A time to seek out your spiritual side.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**  
You'll find out fast, that you get more with honey than with a sharp tongue. Mean what you say, and say what you mean, be nice tho.

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**Old West Memorial Service**  
for  
**JAMES W BELL**  
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Deputy Bell was murdered by William Bonney, AKA "Billy The Kid" during his escape from the Lincoln County Jail on April 28th, 1881. Bell has been in an unmarked grave in White Oaks NM for 122 years.

A monument has been purchased by the New Mexico Sheriffs and police association and he will finally be given the memorial he so deserves.

A horseback, Horse and Buggy, 1880's type service will be conducted by Father Dave Bergs of St. Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo NM.

There will be food, Beverages, wake and old time gunfight at the "No Scum Allowed" saloon in White Oaks. There will be television coverage and "True West" magazine will do a feature story.

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# Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, June 9:

9:28 a.m. animal cruelty at location in Eagle Creek.  
 11:07 a.m. found children at trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.  
 11:43 a.m. lost wallet on Marjorie Lane.  
 12:28 p.m. fingerprints, request for deputy to check for fingerprints on a window at location on Sun Valley Road.  
 12:35 p.m. drag racing on State Road 220.  
 1:36 p.m. trespassing at Fort Stanton Falls, subjects were not supposed to be there. Deputy located vehicle and would walk into the falls.  
 2:20 p.m. grass fire on airport road in front of a sawmill. Bonito Fire Dept. responded.  
 3:18 p.m. highway construction company reported broken gas line at mile marker 285 on Highway 70. Glencoe Fire Dept. responded.  
 6:04 p.m. request for ambulance to residence. Hondo ambulance responded.  
 6:41 p.m. deputy advised of an abandoned vehicle on Salazar Canyon.  
 10:21 p.m. caller saw fire on the north side of Capitan Gap.

Capitan Fire Dept. Forest Service Lincoln Zone group and deputy notified. Lincoln zone advised they would go in the morning.

June 10:  
 4:45 a.m. barking dogs on Deer Trail. Capitan police notified.  
 7:15 a.m. damage to property in Alto.  
 7:16 a.m. request for ambulance on Franklin. Corona ambulance responded.  
 7:51 a.m. request for deputy for traffic control so company could string cable across Highway 54.  
 9:34 a.m. request for ambulance at location on mile marker 267 on Highway 70 in Glencoe. Med 1 advanced life support ambulance responded.  
 9:41 a.m. request for deputy for custodial at trailer park.  
 10 a.m. request for deputy for eviction at location on Robin Road.  
 1:31 p.m. animal cruelty at location on Eagle Creek.  
 4:24 p.m. trespass, kids at Fort Stanton Falls partying.  
 6:01 p.m. threats at location on Alpine Village.  
 7:24 p.m. gas skip at business in Capitan.  
 June 11:  
 8:30 a.m. request for deputy to follow up eviction, to open an apartment at a location off Paradise Canyon.

Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.  
 8:34 a.m. injured elk at mile marker 151 on Highway 54.  
 10 a.m. K-9 stray in San Patricio.  
 11:40 a.m. K-9 stray at visitor center in Lincoln.

3:23 p.m. 18 year old out of control, responding police advised they met with the woman caller who said she might want the 18 year old removed from the premises if he returns.  
 3:37 p.m. request for welfare check at location on Broken Bow. Responding deputy entered the location and found a note with the person's location and all was okay.  
 3:56 p.m. caller from location on Santiago reported kids at Fort Stanton Falls.  
 5:41 p.m. dog bite at camp.  
 June 12:  
 1:01 a.m. smoke in Nogal area. Nogal Fire Dept. notified.  
 5:11 p.m. 911 report of lots of smoke at mile marker 98 on Highway 380. Lincoln Fire Dept. advised all was okay, it was a control burn.  
 7:48 a.m. request for ambulance at highway construction company office for person with back pain. Hondo ambulance responded and requested Med 1 which transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.  
 8:19 a.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 286 on Highway 70, one injured was an elderly woman. Glencoe Fire Dept. rescue and Med 1 responded with transport of two to LCMC.  
 9:26 a.m. stolen air compressor at location in Ranches of Sonterra.  
 10:02 a.m. two male subjects walking at mile marker 111 on Highway 54.  
 2:41 p.m. nuisance call in Lincoln.  
 3:30 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).  
 3:38 p.m. neighbor shot dog at location on Aspen. Deputy advised it was a civil matter.  
 5:42 p.m. male collapsed on Central Ave. Carrizozo ambulance transported to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.  
 5:49 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service in Capitan.  
 June 13:  
 6:38 a.m. dead horse at location on Pinon in Capitan. Deputies responded for Capitan.  
 12:11 p.m. barking dogs at location on Little Big Horn.  
 1:16 p.m. Chaves County sheriff's office requested deputy to do warrant service in Ruidoso Downs.  
 3:45 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at LCDC.  
 5:20 p.m. request for ambulance for possible heart attack at location at Seeping Springs. Med 1 transported Code 3 to LCMC.  
 6:34 p.m. request to check on house on Juniper. Responding deputy (for Capitan police) advised he could see tracks but the house was secure.  
 June 14:  
 11:18 a.m. theft at West Lake Campground at Bonito lake.  
 3:44 p.m. speeding on Deer Trail. Deputy responded for Capitan police.  
 4:45 p.m. elderly female down at location in Nogal. Med 1 transported to LCMC.  
 6:02 p.m. accident with injuries at intersection of Highways 380 and 54. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.  
 7:04 p.m. building fell on man at ranch one mile west of mile marker 175 on Highway 54. Corona ambulance with Carrizozo crew transported to LCMC.  
 9:07 p.m. 74 year old male fell and hurt his back at location on Smokey Bear Blvd. Capitan ambulance transported to intercept with Med 1 which transported to LCMC.  
 June 15:  
 8:48 a.m. request for ambulance for cancer patient at location on Highway 380. Carrizozo ambulance responded but was refused.  
 10 a.m. request for deputy for standby at location on Sierra Dr.  
 11:08 a.m. request for welfare check at location on Marjorie Lane. Deputy responded for Capitan police.  
 2:16 p.m. welfare check in Capitan on 82 year old female who was recently ill. At 2:34 p.m. the neighbor advised they had checked and all was okay.  
 7:40 p.m. property damage at RV park east of Capitan, unknown subjects pulled a trailer over her swimming pool.  
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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.

### Cycle Safety

#### Bicycle, Motorcycle, and ATV Safety

FBI theft statistics prove that cycle theft is on the rise. Most bicycles, motorcycles, and ATVs (all terrain vehicles) are stolen from the home (yard, porch, garage, dorm room, etc.) Many bicycles, motorcycles, and ATVs are stolen easily because they are not locked -- purchase and use a lock!

- \* Buy a reliable U-lock. Although they are frequently used, the light-weight cable or chain no longer provides adequate security in most areas.
- \* Combine a cable and a U-lock.
- \* Don't lock your cycle to small trees, aluminum or wooden posts, or to chain link fences.
- \* Do not buy a larger lock than you really need.
- \* Try not to let your lock rest against the ground where a thief can use a hammer or rock to smash the lock.
- \* Lock your cycle to a fixed, immovable object.
- \* Always lock your cycle in visible, well-lighted areas.
- \* Select a location where there are other cycles.
- \* Don't lock your cycle to itself. A thief will just carry the whole cycle away!
- \* Don't lock your cycle to anything posted as illegal.

## Church Directory



### MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
 SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648-2024  
 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 (A/G)**  
 JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor  
 Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2188  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
 FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
**SATURDAY:**  
 Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY:**  
 Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Corona St. Theresa ..... 1:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Local Steer (Cisco Kid) Wins 1st at World Show

Dean and Nancy Lollar of Carrizozo had two longhorns invited to the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association World Show in Ft. Worth, TX. Entry into the World Show, which was held June 4, is by invitation only based on points earned at competitions during the year. Cisco Kid, the Lollar steer, took first place in color. He won a four foot trophy, blue ribbon and a plaque. Cisco Kid is almost three years old. The Dolly Mama, also owned by the Lollars, took seventh place.

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# Capitan Sets Hearing State Police Join Billy for Grapple Service

by Doris Cherry

Capitan village trustees will hold a public hearing at their July meeting to consider raising rates to provide a curb side yard waste and large item pick up service.

At the June 10 Capitan village meeting, trustees agreed, but did not vote, to hold a public hearing to change the village solid waste ordinance to raise trash rates by \$1.25 a month to allow the village to participate in the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) curb side "grapple truck" pick up services.

LCSWA chairman Don Coleman, who was at the village meeting to explain the grapple service and other issues, said currently it takes the LCSWA grapple truck about seven weeks to pick up all the areas now signed up for the service. He said that if Capitan goes with the grapple service residents will get curb-side pick up service of yard waste, furniture, white goods and non-commercial construction materials about every two weeks. Coleman said a schedule will be set and publicized so residents know when to put items at the curb.

Items cannot be placed under power lines because of the size of the truck, Coleman added. A resident commented that if the village goes

with the grapple system all residents will have to pay the extra fee, even if they do not use the system.

The grapping service will be provided in the Capitan subdivisions as well as the downtown area, Coleman said.

Coleman offered another option for residents to dispose of large items at this time. He said village residents with a recent water bill, or county residents with a recent LCSWA bill, can dump large items at no cost at the LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs. Capitan also provides a roll off service at its maintenance yard. Contact village hall for more information about this service which costs to use.

The public hearing on the proposed trash rate increase to accommodate the grapping service will be held at the July 8 trustees meeting.

in Lincoln. One of which is housed at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

Once the ballistic data from the bullet is compared to the Kid's guns, the bullet will be returned to the Lincoln Monument, Sullivan added.

Sullivan told THE NEWS that the Los Alamos and Sandia Labs infrared radar-type equipment will also be used to look underground for human remains without exhuming old graves.

Recently questions have been raised about the revival of the Billy the Kid case, mostly asking how investigators plan to find the remains of Billy the Kid's mother, and the remains of what is said to be

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Billy himself buried in Fort Sumner in order to obtain DNA evidence.

Sullivan said with the portable infrared unit they will be able to determine where remains are located. "Our starting point is in Silver City, where Billy's mother is buried," Sullivan said. "We need to get her DNA."

The plans for the case are to obtain DNA from the Kid's mother, to compare with DNA from Billy's remains at Fort Sumner to determine family connections.

But there may be another way to obtain the Kid's DNA. Sederwall said state police investigators plan to test the old courthouse wooden floors for evidence of blood from deputy Bell. They also plan to test for blood near a hole in the Tunstall Store where Billy was supposed to have been hit and injured. "If we can find evidence of old blood, we might get DNA from that," Sederwall said.

Sullivan revived the Billy the Kid case by filing "homicide" reports on April 28, 2003, which was 122 years to the day that Billy allegedly killed two deputies in his escape from the territorial Lincoln County courthouse in Lincoln. Sullivan got interested in the case after traveling through Hico, Texas where Brushy Bill Roberts lived until his death. Hico continues to honor Roberts, who claimed to have been Billy the Kid, escaped from Fort Sumner because sheriff Pat Garrett let him loose.

Brushy Bill tried to get a pardon from a New Mexico governor in the 1950s but was basically ignored. Governor Bill Richardson last week dedicated state resources to help with this newest Billy the Kid case, which he believes will help bring attention to the history of New Mexico. The governor even hinted he might reconsider the pardon offered to Billy by territorial governor Lew Wallace which was never finalized. "The potential benefit

from this investigation is to all of New Mexico," Richardson said at the press conference on June 10.

Deputy James Bell, whom Billy allegedly shot and killed in his escape from the old courthouse in April 28, 1881, is buried in the White Oaks Cemetery. Sullivan said information from Bessie Leslie led to the finding of Bell's grave site, which has been unmarked for 122 years.

To honor Bell, a fallen Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy, Sullivan and others are planning a gravestone setting ceremony. A gravestone monument for Bell has been ordered and paid for by the New Mexico Sheriffs and Police Association, Sullivan said.

The public is invited to attend the memorial ceremony for Bell that begins at 10 a.m. Friday, July 18.

## Enter Now For July 4th Parade

The Capitan 4th of July parade committee is accepting entries for the parade. Entries must be received by June 30 to be eligible for judging.

The parade theme is Smokey Says, Let Freedom Ring!

Categories for judging include musical, float, tractor, antique / classic vehicle, decorated bicycle, pedestrians, equestrian, horse drawn entry, best dressed cowboy, best dressed cowgirl, and fire departments. Other entries not described are eligible, give a description. Entry forms are available at the Chamber Visitor's Center, Village Hall, Smokey Bear Historical Park, Capitan Public Library, and most merchants. For more information call 354-2273 or 354-2247 or 354-4321.



Heavy rains drenched Lincoln County this week, with some areas reporting flash floods that filled arroyos.

Showers are predicted through Friday when warmer temperatures return.

Everyone is urged to be cautious with flash floods, which cause more deaths than any other hazard. According to National Weather Service data nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle-related; the majority of victims are male and flash floods affect all age groups. Never drive through a flooded roadway, and if your vehicle is caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.

The National Weather Service recommends people whether walking or driving to turn around when coming to a flooded road and do not attempt to cross. Do not camp or park vehicles along streams and washes, especially during threatening weather. And especially be cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

Saturday, June 21 is the summer solstice, the longest daylight day of the year. The summer solstice occurs when the sun is directly over the Tropic of Cancer, which is at 23.5 degrees north latitude and runs through Mexico, the Bahamas, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India and southern China. Because of the earth's tilt the sun will be directly over the Tropic of Cancer at 1:10 p.m. mountain daylight time on Saturday. For every place north of the Tropic of Cancer, the sun is at its highest point in the sky making for the longest day of the year.

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, June 19: Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of isolated showers in the morning turning to scattered showers in the afternoon. High of 83. Tonight, partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Low of 51.

Friday, June 20: Partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. High of 89. Low of 58.

Saturday, June 21: Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs mid 80s to upper 90s, lows in the lower to mid 50s.

Sunday, June 22: Mostly clear and breezy with highs in the mid 80s to upper 90s, lows lower to mid 50s.

Monday, June 23: Mostly clear with highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s, lows in the 50s.

Tuesday, June 24: Mostly clear with highs in the low 80s to mid 90s, lows in the 50s.

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

Today, Thursday, June 19: Partly cloudy with 30 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning,

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## New Schedule For Poly Cart Pick Up

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority announced the following poly cart schedule effective immediately.

Trash pick up in Ruidoso Downs will be Monday and Tuesday.

Trash pick up in Carrizozo will be Wednesday.

Trash pick up in Capitan will be Thursday.

Trash pick up in Capitan area Hwy 380, Hwy 246 north, Lincoln, and Hwy 48 to Tiger drive will be Wednesday.

This new schedule is a return to the schedule that had been used prior to April 2001.

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## RIM ROCK CANYON

By Clint Harmon



# Non Voters Are Purged

The Lincoln County Board of Registration purged 158 voters from the voter registration list because they did not vote in two major elections, failed to respond to a card sent asking if they want to continue to be a registered voter or have died.

Lincoln County Clerk Tamraie Maddox and county bureau of elections clerk Rhonda Burrows presided over the meeting of the Board of Registration held Monday, June 16 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. The board consists of Democrat Daryl Snyder, Republican Richard Parsons and Green Sue Martines, who conducted the purge according to guidelines outlined by the New Mexico Secretary of State's office.

The Lincoln County Board of Registration is the last stop in a long process to remove inactive voters from the registration lists. In many years past, voters were removed who just did not vote. But after the passage of the federal National Voter Registration Act, purging voters has become a lengthy process to avoid discrimination.

Most of the work of determining inactive voters is done at the secretary of state office in Santa Fe. There staff compare the state voter files with the Post Office National Change of Address database. Voters who are identified from this database as having moved are sent a confirmation mailing. These voters are marked "inactive" on the county voter registration system. Voters who do not vote for two federal election cycles

are also marked as "inactive."

These inactive voters are notified by mail that they might be purged, giving them a chance to maintain their registration, change their address or otherwise update their voter registration information. If the inactive voters, who receive notice of the purge fail to respond, either by not returning the notice, or if the notice is sent back as undeliverable, they are placed on the purge list which is forwarded to the county clerk's office from the secretary of state.

Voters may be marked inactive if any official correspondence, including the purge mailing, is returned as undeliverable.

Voters can reactivate their registration by returning the confirmation cards. However, if the voter indicates he has moved to another jurisdiction he will be immediately deleted from the county voter database.

On Monday, the county board of registration verified purge cards that were returned to make sure the cards had the same names as listed on the secretary of state purge report. Once board members determined this, they stamped the voter on the county purge list as cancelled.

Burrows said 22 cards were never returned and were placed on the no response list.

Any voter who received a purge notice card, and who returned the card indicating he or she wanted to remain a registered voter was not purged, Burrows said.

At the end of the meeting, the board had purged

71 registered Republicans, 60 registered Democrats, six registered as NM Independents, one registered Libertarian and 20

people who declined to state a party. That left registration totals at 6,995 registered Republicans; 3,819 registered Demo-

crats; 350 registered Independents and Libertarians and 1,589 declined to state for a total of 12,790 registered voters in Lincoln County.

his or her voter registration status should contact the Lincoln County Clerk's office at 648-2394.

The board of registration meets the year following the last federal election in order to purge voters. Anyone who is unsure of



## Amity Program To Leave Fort

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months to two years following their release from the program.

"Because more than half of all the state's new prison inmates are revoked probationers or parolees, the success rate of Amity's program reflects a great cost savings to the state as substantially fewer of these treated individuals return to prison as compared to their counterparts.

"These savings become readily apparent when one considers that the cost of housing a state prison in-

mate is estimated to be \$28,000 a year, where as Amity has housed and treated its program participants at half that cost, about \$14,000 a year.

"It was an honor and privilege to have served the public and we are humbled to have been able to help so many people change their lives for the better. We stand ready to serve again and continue to provide similar services throughout New Mexico which include a four year outreach project in Espanola; Amistad de

Nuevo Mexico, a residential Teaching and Therapeutic program for 48 women and 48 children; La Entrada de Amistad in Los Lunas and an outreach project which serves 100 women and their children in Albuquerque; Almas de Amistad.

"We accept and respect the Corrections Department's decision to award the contract to an agency with much more like-minded philosophy such as CiviGenics.

"Amity will continue to provide essential sub-

stance abuse services to New Mexico citizens from all walks of life including civil servants, military veterans, farmers, ranchers, oil field workers, and other folks from every corner of the state, including many of northern New Mexico's heroin addicts."

Pamela Jay expressed appreciation to the citizens of Lincoln County and the citizens of the State of New Mexico for their overwhelming support of Amity's work over the last three years.

## County Continues Ban on Fire &

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said. "Although the recent rains were a reprieve,"

Kennedy said fire danger is rated per ranger district, regardless if one area of the district gets rain while another area remains very dry. Currently the entire Smokey Bear Ranger District continues to be rated extreme.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs said he got a call from a business person who said the rule on no campfires in the forest is killing business. "I've gotten some political pressure to not approve continuing the resolution," Hobbs said. "But I will vote for continuing it because of the fire hazard."

County commissioner chairman Rex Wilson asked if there are any areas in the forest where campfires are allowed. Kennedy said there are some areas. (Call the Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso for these locations.) And the county's resolution allows campfires on private lands in designated areas.

County commissioner Matur St. John said with rain showers and forecasts of flash floods for Lincoln County she wanted to lift the ban on burning. She said many owners of forested property have thinned their trees and now have lots of brush that is becoming a fire hazard itself. "When it is raining is the best time to

burn," St. John said.

Kennedy said they determine fire hazard by five to nine day periods of time. If there is high moisture throughout the next period, they will reconsider the fire hazard rating. "We do want people to eradicate their fuels (from thinning)," Kennedy added.

Kennedy said the USFS will give private land owners advice on burning, which can be done with a permit from the state environment department that is good for one year. "As the land owner you call the shots," Kennedy said.

County manager Tom Stewart said the county has a permit system. "We try to use common sense in issuing permits," Stewart said. He said they physically go to the location of the proposed burn and look at the property. "So far we have granted one permit," Stewart said.

Stewart recommended commissioners continue the resolution banning fireworks and open burning until the July 2 special meeting. "We will look at the fire indicators at that time and make a decision based on that," Stewart said.

Permits for burning can be obtained from the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

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THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK  
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SLJ ABS SERIES 2000-2.  
Plaintiff.

vs.  
VIOLET J. RODELA a/k/a Violet Rodela,  
Defendant.

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on July 8, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendant, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 318 Walnut, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (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 10, Block 1, of SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBDIVISION, 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, on January 9, 1959;

LESS AND EXCEPTING the following described property:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 1, School District Subdivision, and going in a Westerly direction along the South boundary line of Lot 10, Block 1, for a distance of 6.0 feet; thence in a Northeasterly direction in a straight line to the Northeast corner of Lot 10, Block 1; thence South along the East boundary of Lot 10, Block 1, for a distance of 154.0 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 10, Block 1, and being the said place of beginning.

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes, subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendant, 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 \$68,680.07, and the same bears interest at 12.0000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$22.58 per diem, commencing on May 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Violet J. Rodela a/k/a Violet Rodela for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$68,680.07, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,558.02 for a total judgment plus interest of \$70,238.09. 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

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids will be received for the following three construction projects by the Owner, County of Lincoln, until 2:00 p.m., July 11, 2003, at the office of the purchasing agent, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301-0711. Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted. The three projects are as follows.

Invitation For Bid #02-03-019 - Carrizozo Health Center Additions - This project consists of the construction of the addition of a new medical office wing and the addition of a new dental offices and lab space for the Carrizozo Health Clinic in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Invitation For Bid #02-03-020, CDBG Project #02-C-NR-1-A-28 - Ruidoso Public Health Clinic - This project consists of the construction of a new Public Health Clinic for the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Invitation For Bid #02-03-021 - Materials Management Warehouse, Laundry Facility, and Endoscopy Suite for the Lincoln County Medical Center - This project consists of the construction of a new Materials Management Warehouse and Laundry Facility for the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The project will also consist of interior renovations to include a new endoscopy procedure room and a new surgical recovery room.

After June 11, 2003, the Contract Documents for the three projects listed above may be examined at the office of the Project Architect:  
Rohde May Keller McNamara Architecture P.C.  
Simms Tower, Studio 1100, 400 Gold Ave. SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102 (505) 243-5454

Bona fide bidders may procure copies of the Contract Documents from Albuquerque Reprographics, Inc., 4716 McLeod, Albuquerque, NM (505) 884-0862. General Contractors will be allowed a maximum of three (3) sets for a deposit of \$30.00 each for the Carrizozo Health Center Additions, \$40 each for the Ruidoso Public Health Clinic, and \$40 each for the Lincoln County Medical Center Additions. Subcontractors and material suppliers will be allowed one set for a deposit amount listed above. Extra sets can be purchased for cost of reproduction.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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

RANCHO RUIDOSO CONDOMINIUM  
OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a New Mexico  
non-profit corporation.

Plaintiff,

vs.

No. CV-02-236  
Div. III

EARL B. BLANN and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,  
RICHARD J. BRAUNER and DAWN M.  
BRAUNER,  
MICHAEL BYRUM and KATHY BYRUM,  
CARLOS DANIEL CASAREZ and IRENE  
CASAREZ,

ROSE M. GOMEZ and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,  
JAIME CARDENAS HERMOSILLO and  
MARIA del CARMEN GUEVARA de  
CARDENAS,  
DANNY JOHNSON and LINDA JOHNSON,  
FRANCIS E. LAPSLEY and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE,  
DAVID B. LOCKE and SANDRA J. LOCKE,  
JOHN ALLEN MARTINEZ and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE,

HECTOR MIGUEL and LAURA MIGUEL,  
ERNE R. MONTOYA and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE,  
JOSE LUIS ARIAS MURIELLO and  
MARTHA E. LIEVANO de ARIAS,  
DANIEL OLMEDA and LOURDES OLMEDA,  
and

DIANA LOURDES OLMEDA GARCIA and  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE,  
JOE A. PAYAN and SONIA Z. PAYAN,  
HUMBERTO PERUSQUIA PORTILLO and  
MAYELA MARTINEZ de PERUSQUIA,  
DARREN C. PERSOL and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE,

DAVID RAMIREZ and MIRNA RAMIREZ,  
JEFFREY JAMES RICHTER and MICHELLE  
L. RICHTER,  
LUCILLE SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,  
GREG A. SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,  
DAIN E. SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,  
and  
JAIME P. SALLEE and UNKNOWN SPOUSE,  
ROGELIO ZANELLA and MARIA de JESUS  
ZANELLA,  
LUIS LOPEZ and MARSHA LOPEZ, and  
HECTOR MARTINEZ and UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE,  
DANIEL FRANCIS ZICCARELLI and MARY D.  
ZICCARELLI,

Defendants.

#### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:  
EACH AND EVERY DEFENDANT NAMED IN  
THE CAPTION OF THIS CAUSE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above styled and numbered cause of action has commenced and is now pending in the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The general object of the action is to foreclose Plaintiff's Notice of Assessment of Lien against fractional interests in residential units owned by the Defendants at Rancho Ruidoso Condominiums in Ruidoso, New Mexico, as more particularly described in the Complaint on file.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or responsive pleading to the Complaint, on or before July 22, 2003, judgment will be entered against you by default and Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Plaintiff is represented by Lee Griffin of Lee Griffin & Associates, P.C., whose address is 1096 Mechem Drive, Suite 102, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 2nd day of June, 2003.

JAN PERRY  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: /s/ Elizabeth Ysasi  
DEPUTY COURT CLERK

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 8, 2003, Robert and Darla Crenshaw, P.O. Box 882, Carrizozo, NM 88301, filed application number T-4285 with the STATE ENGINEER to appropriate Underground Waters of the State of New Mexico from the Tularosa Basin in Lincoln County for a diversion of 1000 acre-feet per annum to be conservatively used for municipal, industrial and commercial purposes, within the Tularosa Basin and/or Hondo Basin from existing wells T-255 and T-255-S located in the NW1/4SW1/4SW1/4, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., and the NE1/4NE1/4SE1/4, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 11 East, N.M.P.M., respectively, on land owned by Robert and Darla Crenshaw. Existing wells are further described as being located approximately 6 miles east of Carrizozo on US Highway 380, then north of said highway.

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 effected. 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 a 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 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or 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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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### INVITATION TO BID 02-03-022 "Electrical Work at the Lincoln County Livestock Pavilion" (REBID)

DUE: Wednesday, July 2, 2003,  
11:00 a.m. MDT

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids to provide electric service to the Livestock Pavilion at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan. Complete specifications and drawings are contained in the Bid Packet that is available at the office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301 or by calling Jane Williams at 505-648-2385. You must hold a current New Mexico Electrical Contractor's License to bid on this project.

There will be a MANDATORY prebid meeting at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 25, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. You must be present at the prebid meeting to submit a bid on this work.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of a sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of opening. Bids should be sent or hand-delivered to County of Lincoln, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Ave.), Carrizozo, NM 88301 by 11:00 a.m. MDT on July 2, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a special commission meeting on a date to be determined, at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

JANE WILLIAMS  
Purchasing Agent

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### LEGAL NOTICE IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO CAUSE NO. PB-03-14 DIVISION III

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

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

MICHAEL S. LINE has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JACQUELINE SPENCER MORGAN, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Michael S. Line, Attorney at Law, Box 519 Ruidoso, New Mexico, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

MICHAEL S. LINE

Michael S. Line  
Attorney at Law  
Box 519  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355  
(505) 258-4636

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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, PO Box 1148, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148.

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# OBITUARIES

## MICHAEL CARSON

A memorial service for Michael Carson, 48, of Nogal, will be Saturday, June 21 at his residence in Loma Grande Estates at 10:00 a.m. Maps to the residence may be picked up at Cortez Gas or Ramada Inn.

Michael died April 10 at his home. He was born August 18, 1954 at Denver, CO.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Pope Carson; four daughters, Jessica Lookingbill, Jamie Carson, Danielle Irvine and Samantha Irvine; one son, Brandon Bassett; a sister, Carel L. Chapman; a brother, Bud Carson, and a granddaughter.

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

## JAY RIDDLE

Funeral services for Jay Riddle, 95, of Ruidoso, were June 17 at the First Baptist Church with burial following at Forest Lawn Cemetery with Rev. Tim Gilliland officiating.

Mr. Riddle died June 13 in Ruidoso. He was born July 1, 1907 at Roscoe, TX. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Sibly Erwin April of 1925 in Abilene.

He is survived by his wife Sibly of Ruidoso; son Don Riddle of Abilene; daughter Barbara Dean of Ruidoso; seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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

## OPAL WHEELER SIMMONS

Funeral for Opal Wheeler Simmons, 84, of Ruidoso, was June 18 at Cornerstone Church with burial following at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Officiating was B.A. Thurman.

Mrs. Simmons died June 13 in Ruidoso. She was born June 12, 1919 at Lockney, TX. She served as an Army nurse during WW II in Paris and was a retired nurse. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and attended Cornerstone Church.

Survivors include a son, Hillard Simmons III of Sour Lake, TX; daughter Sharron Candill of Ruidoso; four granddaughters and a great granddaughter.

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

## J. E. PORTER

Graveside service for J.E. Porter, 78, of Ruidoso Downs, was June 15 at the Rockwood Cemetery at Rockwood, TX. He died June 13 in Ruidoso.

He was born March 4, 1925 at Utopia, TX. He married Billye Steward on July 8, 1947.

He is survived by his wife, Billye of Ruidoso Downs; brother Vernon Porter of Utopia, TX; sister Ida Faye White of Boerne, TX, and many nieces and nephews.

# Rabies Shots Good For Three Years

by Daris Cherry

All cats and dogs in Lincoln County will now only be required to have rabies shots every three years.

Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting June 17 unanimously voted to adopt a new Animal Control Ordinance that provides for impoundment of animals found at large, confinement of biting dogs and female dogs and cats in heat, requiring rabies vaccinations, prohibiting cruelty, neglect, abandonment and animal nuisances and providing penalties for violations.

The ordinance basically incorporates the new changes in the state law that allows rabies vaccinations to be given every three years, instead of yearly as required previously. It also adds a new section requiring sterilization of animals impounded at the shelter and further defines feral animal.

The feral animal definition and section in the proposed ordinance prompted a lot of discussion during the public hearing. Under the new ordinance, the animal control officer (ACO) or contractor for the confinement of animals will no longer have to hold feral animals before they may be humanely euthanized. Determination of feral animal shall be at the discretion of the animal control officer or contractor.

Nogal resident Bob Moeller said it will be a burden on the ACO to decide if a cat or dog is sentenced to death because they are deemed feral. He said the worst case scenario is someone's pet cat is picked up by the ACO and is so scared it will act wild and be considered feral and be put down immediately.

Moeller said the Ruidoso animal control ordinance requires all animals picked up to be held three days. "These 72 hours gives opportunity to notify owners," Moeller said.

Moeller said he and his wife Susan are trying to

provide a cat sanctuary at their home in Nogal and they are working with the humane society to take unwanted cats. Currently they have 55 cats. Of those 41 were originally feral or wild and now 28 are totally tame, Susan said.

Humane Society of Lincoln County president Keith Atkins said it might be possible to work with the Moellers but he was concerned they would not be able to handle the 150 to 200 cats picked up by the ACOs each year. "It is inhumane to try to take feral cats out of the cages in which they were trapped," Atkins said. "That's why we deal with (euthanize) them immediately." He also said holding feral animals is a health threat to the other animals at the shelter.

Atkins said the shelter gets very few calls about missing cats while they get many calls about lost dogs.

When county commissioner Earl Hobbs suggested the ordinance require all cats to have some sort of identification on them, county commissioner Leo Martinez said that is hard to do with cats.

The new ordinance also requires all animals that are released from animal shelters to an adopting person be sterilized. The adopting person must pay a \$25 sterilization deposit

for each animal, with the deposit to be reimbursed upon presentation of a receipt from a vet that the adopted animal was sterilized.

Unsterilized animals impounded at the shelter and reclaimed by their owners will be released after the owner pays the \$25 sterilization deposit, impound fees and signs an agreement to have the animal sterilized within 30 days or the owner will obtain a breeding permit.

During the public hearing on the ordinance several questions were asked about the "cruelty to animals" section. While there were no proposed changes to the section from the previous county animal control ordinance, resident Jerry Carroll questioned wording that allows someone to use "reasonable force to drive off" vicious, dangerous or trespassing animals. Carroll questioned the words "reasonable and drive off."

After some discussion commissioners agreed to remove "reasonable" and change "drive off" to "deal with" in the section.

The ordinance makes it illegal to abandon animals, defines the length of rope, cable or chain to confine animals, and defines extreme cruelty as an act of intentionally or maliciously torturing, mutilating, injuring or poisoning an animal or mali-

ciously killing an animal. Carroll questioned if the extreme cruelty section applies to people who kill coyotes and other pests, because extreme cruelty to animals is a fourth degree felony. He was told that situation would not be considered extreme

cruelty. Violations of the ordinance, except the extreme cruelty section, are considered misdemeanors and are subject to fines up to \$300 and/or jail of no more than 90 days. Any violation of the "extreme cruelty" section is a fourth

degree felony. Each day the ordinance is violated is considered a separate offense. Copies of the new county animal control ordinance are available from the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

**FAST ACTION**

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

CALL: (505) 648-2333

**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**  
Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of FULL TIME DISPATCHER in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and must be able to obtain a New Mexico Dispatcher Certification within one year from date of hire and N.C.I.C. Certification within six months of hire. Employment will be condition upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Obtain applications at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., Monday, June 30, 2003. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.  
1tc/6/19

**HELP WANTED**  
Home makers, CNA's, LDN's, needed to work Carrizozo area, call Gilmore Owen Home Care at 257-2415 or 257-0999.  
4tp/6/12-7/3

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
By Owner  
2 BR, 1 BA (900 sq. ft.) Studio, workshop, guestroom with 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 1.8 acres w/city water, well plus drip system feeding numerous trees and shrubs, fenced pasture area w/small barn. Located on "E" Avenue outside Carrizozo city limits just north of Hwy 380. \$60,000. Call 648-0001 for an appointment to see this property.  
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2nd Annual "Blooming in June" Arts and Crafts Fair - Ruidoso First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Sutton, Saturday, June 28, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
2tp/6/19-26

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6 geese.  
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1tc/6/19

**WANTED**  
200 to 2000 acres in the Carrizozo, Nogal, Capitan area.  
817-480-8668  
2tc/6/12-19

**YARD SALE: Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. to ??**  
108 Lava Loop Rd., Carrizozo.  
1tp/6/19

## Sierra Blanca DAR Celebrated Flag Day June 14

The Sierra Blanca Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated Flag Day with a ceremony at the Ruidoso Village Hall. Ruidoso Mayor Leon Eggleston, who was also celebrating a birthday on June 14, spoke to the group in front of the flag pole.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Ray Valcarcel, posted the colors. After raising the flag, the people in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and Father Penn sang the National Anthem.

The Sierra Blanca Chapter Chaplain, Majel Powell, read the procedure for retiring a flag when it becomes unfit for use.

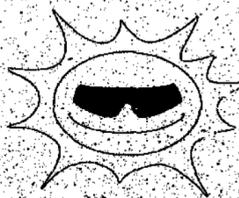
June Rawley, State Flag Chairman introduced special guests including Don Ridett, our oldest and dearest Boy Scout.

Sierra Blanca Chapter Regent Lanita Basak then explained the meaning of the 13 folds made when folding the flag while members June Rawley, Louise Morton and Majel Powell folded a flag.

The American Legion from Ruidoso and Corona were represented as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Romeo Kline of the American Legion spoke about the flag code.

Copies of all four verses of The Star Spangled Banner, as well as pamphlets of the Flag Code, were distributed by Sierra Blanca members.



Have A Nice Day!



then scattered showers in the afternoon. High of 74. Tonight partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Low of 46.

Friday, June 20:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. High of 78. Low of 53.

Summer Solstice, Saturday, June 21:  
Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in low to upper 80s, lows in the mid 40s to low 50s.

Sunday, June 22:  
Mostly clear with highs in the low to upper 80s, lows in mid 40s to low 50s.

Monday, June 23:  
Mostly clear with highs in low 80s to low 90s, lows in mid 40s to mid 50s.

Tuesday, June 24:  
Mostly clear with highs in the low 80s to low 90s, lows upper 40s to mid 50s.

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Carrizozo, NM 88301  
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# Prairie Dogs Not Allowed In County

by Doris Cherry

It is now illegal to import prairie dogs, or other rodents, into Lincoln County, unless they are inoculated against diseases, permanently identified and sterilized.

Lincoln County Commissioners on a vote of 4-1 with county commissioner Leo Martinez voting no, adopted Ordinance 2003-09 that controls the importation of prairie dogs, or other rodents, into Lincoln County from any place outside the county and provides penalties for violation.

The ordinance also prohibits any person, firm or entity from allowing any prairie dog to run at large upon public or private lands belonging to any person or entity other than the importer unless the person desiring to import prairie dogs or other rodents into Lincoln County shall have each animal inoculated against any zoonotic disease. If a person fails to contain the prairie dogs or rodents upon his own land, a written notice from the county shall be served on the person instructing the owner to destroy the prairie dogs or rodents in the released areas. If the owner or importer fails to comply with the notice, the county or its designated agent may

enter the land and destroy the prairie dogs or rodents at the expense of the owner. The county will be able to place a lien on the land to pay for the extermination.

Any time any imported prairie dogs or rodents escape confinement to adjacent properties "it shall be the duty of their owner to cause those prairie dogs or rodent pests to be destroyed." If not paid by the owner, the cost of destruction will be levied and assessed upon the owner of the designated release lands of the rodent importer and collected and paid into the county treasury.

Violation of the ordinance is considered a misdemeanor and can result in a fine of not more than \$300 for each offense. Anyone who interferes with the county in the discharge of its duties shall be deemed guilty of a petty misdemeanor subject to fines of \$100 to \$300 for each offense.

The ordinance was brought to the commission from the county Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Committee (PLURAC) which was alerted to the prairie dog importation onto a private ranch in the Corona area from Albuquerque.

During the public hearing on the ordinance

county manager Tom Stewart said Cathy Perez, the Corona village clerk, has reported that the prairie dogs have escaped from the ranch and are now in the village.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs asked if the ordinance adopted now would affect the prairie dogs already brought in. County attorney Alan Morel said the ordinance cannot be retroactive to make the ranch owner tag and sterilize the prairie dogs brought from Albuquerque. "But it can apply retroactively to the escaping prairie dogs," Morel added.

"We can't force him to do away with what he's already done?" Hobbs asked.

Morel said state law deals with prairie dogs, classifying them as rodent pests which are to be disposed of.

Hobbs asked why the county needs its own prairie dog ordinance.

County commission chair Rex Wilson said the state law does not prohibit importation or allowing prairie dogs to run at large, neither does it require sterilization of prairie dogs.

Martinez wanted to know how the county is going to control and enforce the ordinance. And he wanted to know who

asked for the ordinance. Wilson said the PLURAC provided a sample ordinance adopted by Hidalgo County (Lordsburg is the county seat).

PLURAC alternate member Jerry Carroll said people came to the PLURAC to seek relief for the perceived problem. He said the ranch owner had opportunity to come to the PLURAC meeting to explain but he never attended.

Wilson further explained that with the ordinance, if someone makes a complaint about prairie dogs or rodents there will be a way to address the complaint.

PLURAC member Wes Owen said the ordinance looks like selective enforcement and he suggested the county just enforce the state laws about rodents.

"What a person does on his own land is his own business," said county commissioner Rick Simpson. "But not when it affects others or causes a problem. And you can't contain prairie dogs."

Martinez said he has heard that there are prairie dogs in Lincoln County without being imported.

Wilson said there might be some in the Claunch area but he was unsure elsewhere.

Martinez then said he

would like to get gophers on the list of unwanted rodents.

When told the county ordinance will only apply to areas outside the municipalities, Martinez asked if the people in Corona can call the state to eradicate the problem prairie dogs.

Morel said there is an individual who works for the state who is responsible for prairie dogs.

Carrizozo resident Norm VanGorder said there is a serious disease, Monkey Pox, that comes from prairie dogs.

Ruidoso resident Paul Vordermann asked if the ordinance will prohibit people from raising and keeping such rodents as chinchillas or rabbits.

Morel said the ordinance specifies rodent pests.

Wilson said such raising

is considered agriculture and would be exempt from the ordinance.

Before county commissioners voted on the ordinance county commissioner Maury St. John asked what constitutes separate offense. "Will it be per rodent?" she asked.

Morel said it will be up to the judge to decide what makes a separate offense.

St. John said she grew up in areas with prairie dog towns that can be very dangerous for horses and cattle. "I'm not sure we need this ordinance, but I am not against it," she added.

When the vote was taken, Martinez said he voted no because he did not want to overwork the sheriff's office.

The ordinance takes effect immediately.



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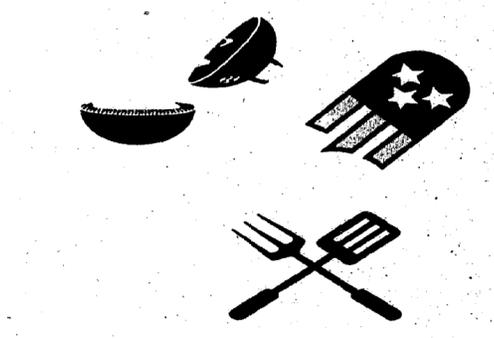
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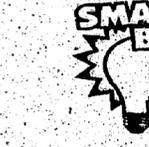
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