

# US Senate Looking At 4 Lane Hwy. 54

by Doris Cherry

Senate Bill 290 has been introduced by US Senator Jeff Bingaman to fund projects to reconstruct US Highway 54 from Tularosa to Wichita, KS to four lanes.

If the bill succeeds and millions of dollars in federal funding are appropriated for the project, US

Highway 54 may become a full four-lane highway through New Mexico.

This information was presented during the public hearing held July 22 in Carrizozo about the US Highway 54 project from Carrizozo to the junction of US 60 and 285 south of Vaughn.

Officials with the New Mexico Department of

Transportation (NMDOT) and the private Louis Berger Group which conducted the US Highway 54 project Environmental Assessment (EA) presented information during the public hearing. Another meeting was scheduled for July 23 in Corona.

Copies of the US Highway 54 Environmental Assessment (EA) can be

viewed at the office of the county manager in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Comments about the EA can be submitted to the NMDOT until August 8.

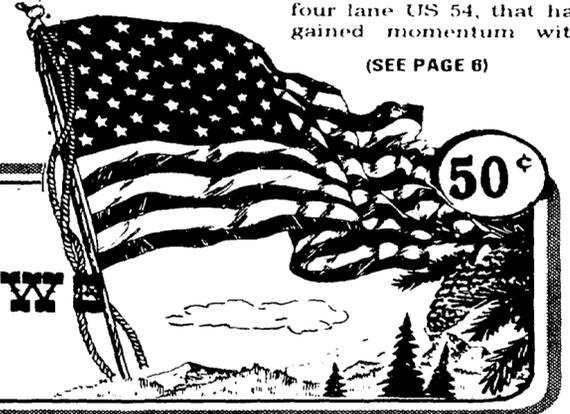
The hearing was held to review and take comments on the recently completed Environmental Assessment for the alignment and reconstruction

study of a 77-mile segment of US 54 from US 380 in Carrizozo to US 285/60 just south of Vaughn. At the end of the

review, officials closed the public hearing and discussed the future of US 54.

Officials spoke about the initiative called SPIRIT to four lane US 54, that has gained momentum with

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### Former Ruidoso Downs Judge Found Guilty

A Lincoln County jury returned a guilty verdict after several hours of deliberation in a 17 year old child sex molestation case against former Ruidoso Downs Municipal Judge Martin Valenzuela.

According to a press release from district attorney Scot Key, the jury found Valenzuela guilty of criminal sexual penetration in the third degree and criminal sexual contact of a minor under age 13. Both crimes are third degree felonies.

District Judge Karen Parsons ordered Valenzuela to undergo a 60 day diagnostic prior to sentencing.

Valenzuela was elected as municipal judge in March 1986 to a four year term. In 1987, two sisters who were then 12 and 15 reported Valenzuela had sexually molested them while they were in New Mexico visiting their grandparents. Shortly after the sexual molestation accusations surfaced and

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### Matt Ferguson Chosen To Fill Vacancy

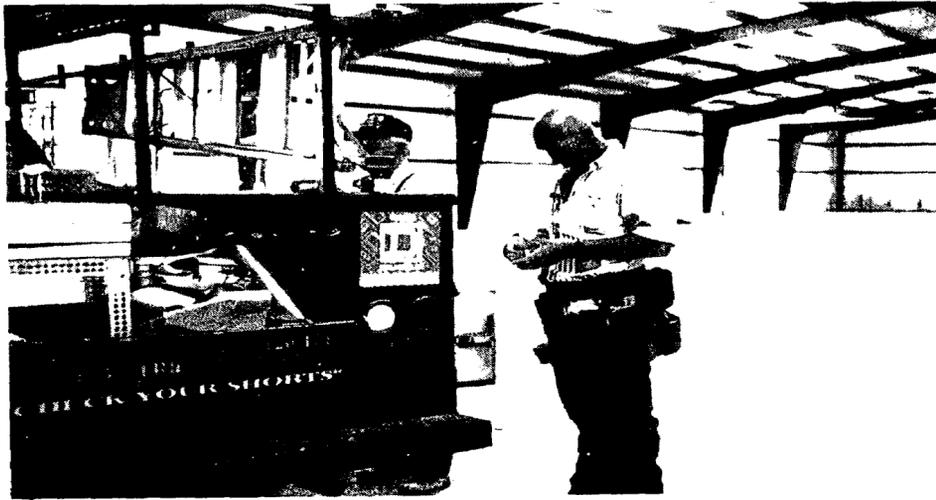
Carrizozo Board of Education wants Matt Ferguson to fill their vacant Position 4 school board seat.

On Tuesday, July 22, Carrizozo school board members Steve Harkey, LeeRoy Zamora, James Grider and Lisa Crenshaw came to an agreement to recommend Matt Ferguson to fill the Position 4 school board vacancy.

Ferguson, Tim Burd, John Paul Ventura, Scott Shafer, John Tate and Angelo Vega had submitted letters expressing their interest in being appointed to the school board.

The board gave each man a separate 15 minute interview.

The board did not take a formal vote to appoint Ferguson, because it was not listed on the agenda. Instead they will take a formal vote to appoint and swear in Ferguson at the August 19 regular school board meeting.



**ELECTRIFIED WORKERS.** Electricians for Mac's Electric install lights and electrical hook ups in the new show barn at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan this week. County commissioners approved the electrical work at a special meeting on July 1 in order to get the work done before the county fair which is set to begin taking animal entries on August 4 and 5. The junior livestock auction will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9. Any Lincoln County resident -- adults, youth, and youth enrolled in 4-H or FFA can enter the fair. Fair books are available by calling the Extension Service office in Carrizozo at 648-2311. The new barn was paid for with a state legislative appropriation and county money.

## White Oaks Seeks Fire Mitigation Help

by Doris Cherry

As more visitors find the "ghost town" of White Oaks, residents there worry more about wildfire that could start in the overgrowth along County Road A041.

Seeking help to do fire mitigation, White Oaks Fire Department volunteers Walt and Ruth Birdsong went to the county commission at the July 15 meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

"It is very dry," Ruth Birdsong said. "And we have a lot of tourists. All it would take is someone to pitch out a cigarette to start a fire."

"It's a county road and we need help in clearing the frontage," Birdsong added. "We don't have the equipment to move or dispose of this, that's why we're asking for help."

As an example of tourists, Birdsong said there were 1,500 people at the Miner Day event in June, also people travel on the road for the artist studio tours and for sight seeing. Also there are some families who live in an older

development that has only one access out, on A041. "We've become a tourist area," she added.

In response to a question from county commissioner Earl Hobbs, Birdsong said the road in question is the gravel road that goes north from the

end of the pavement in White Oaks.

County manager Tom Stewart said the White Oaks road only has a prescriptive easement of 18 to 20 feet, with an arroyo on one side. "You need to get

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## County Democrats to Meet Saturday, July 26

Democratic Party of Lincoln County invites everyone to their meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26 at Glencoe Store off mile marker 274 on Highway 70.

Newly elected state democratic party chair Joni M. Gutierrez will be at the meeting to explain the recently adopted plans for the February 3 presidential caucus. For the first time in state history, New Mexico registered Democrats will be able to go to at least one designated caucus site within each county to select their favorite Democratic presidential candidate.

As explained by Gov.

Bill Richardson at the Democratic state central committee meeting July 19, the caucus is intended to bring attention to the state and give our voters a chance to influence democratic voters elsewhere as New Mexico will be one of the first four states to hold presidential caucuses.

Plans for the county caucus will be made at the meeting also.

Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Soft drink and coffee will be available or bring your own. Bring your own chairs also.

For more information call 354-2673 or 378-4931.

### FOG Sends Complaints Against Capitan To AG

The New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (FOG) sent a letter on July 16, 2003 to Assistant Attorney General Albert Lama, Director, Civil Division, of the New Mexico Attorney General's office concerning complaints about violations of the Open Meetings Act by the Capitan Village Council.

The FOG letter to the AG's office states:

Dear Mr. Lama:

Please investigate for some concerned citizens of Capitan the following complaint about violations to the Open Meetings Act by the Capitan Village Council. The council held a regular meeting on July 8. The agenda was not posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act or the Village's legally required Open Meetings Resolution. The act says that the council determines what is reasonable notice, and the council determined in its resolution that the agenda will be that the agenda be posted at three public places, including Village Hall.

Rose Barton, a resident of Capitan, complained that no agenda was posted in the glass-enclosed bulletin board outside Village Hall. Doris Cherry, a reporter for the Lincoln County News, noted the same omission and reported that she was told by Capitan residents that "no notices were at the store or other locations in the village on the day prior to the meeting" and that she inquired about this at the meeting.

She said no member of the council responded but that Clerk Kathryn Griffin said she had given the agenda to the village police officer to post. She quoted Ms. Griffin as saying, "People take the notices down at the post office and the store, and one wasn't put out front in the Village Hall glass enclosed bulletin board".

The agenda includes as Item No. 11: "Discussion/Action on threatened or pending litigation." This lacks the specificity required by the act, and of course a single matter of litigation cannot be both threatened or pending. It must be one or the other. Ms. Cherry says the council went into closed session with a motion and roll call vote but with no specificity as to the subject. When the open meeting resumed, she reported, the council voted to authorize the city attorney to draft "a position paper for trustee review and approval at the next meeting." That action suggests the litigation probably is pending. If so it should have been identified by case number to meet the specificity requirements in the agenda and in the motion to close the meeting.

The council apparently habitually votes on items not on the agenda. Examples:

The March 11, 2003, minutes show that the council voted to approve the agenda "with the following additions: 1.) Discussion on Lincoln County Solid Waste Representative; 2.) Discussion of Dust Control for subdivision roads. 3.) Ordinances by Trustee Whitaker." The minutes on these issues are so skimpy that it is difficult to tell whether there was action or only discussion. However, on No. 3, the minutes recite that: "the decision was made to put George Tippin on the Ordinance Review Committee, allowing him to choose four more people to review all the Village Ordinances and recommend changes." That certainly looks like an action.

On April 9, the minutes show, the council approved a motion by Trustee Whitaker to add "Blue Ribbon Proclamation" to the agenda. The council then approve a motion by Mr. Whitaker to declare April 22-28 Blue Ribbon Week. And the mayor "presented a proclamation that was signed by himself and all council members" to

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# Former Ruidoso Downs

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a police investigation began, Valenzuela fled.

Valenzuela remained at large until he was arrested in September 2002 in Texas while applying for a Texas identification card.

Testimony during the two day trial held before District Judge Karen Parsons in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo revealed Valenzuela fled to Mexico because of the allegations. He had hoped memories would fade and the case

would not be pursued.

Evidence was heard that the defendant absconded from his judicial position and another full time job without notice. Even his then wife admitted under oath that she drove him to Juarez because of the charges.

Key, who in 1987 was assistant district attorney, said he had kept the warrant for Valenzuela current in the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) in case he was ever captured. Key said when he learned Valenzuela was captured in 2002 he was ecstatic, although apprehensive over the question of whether victims, evidence, or memories could be found or revived. The Victim Assistance unit was successful in finding all of the witnesses and victims in various loca-

tions in the U.S. Both victims had new last names, careers and had not thought of the incidents for some time. It was found that one witness had died and the sheriff's criminal case file with photos and a videotape had been misplaced.

"Despite these shortcomings the victims had amazing memories which convinced us that we should proceed with the case," Key said.

Key commented that he had never been involved in a case that had such a gap in time between the crimes and the prosecution. He attributed the successful prosecution to the courageous testimony of the now 28 and 31 year old victims.

## County Students Named To NMSU Dean's Honor Roll

New Mexico State University named the following Lincoln County students, listed with their majors, to the 2003 spring semester dean's honor roll:

Carrizozo students: Matthew W. Corp, community college; Branden Lee Langley, engineering.

Capitan students: Dale Evan Cillessen, engineering; Klayton Day Jones, engineering.

Corona student: Monica Therese Alirez, arts and sciences.

Nogal students: Stephen David Bush, arts and sciences; Lane Michael Dixon, agriculture and home economics; Kenneth Eric Stahl, business administration and economics.



**SETTING UP A SMOOTH CRUISE.** Central Ave. (Highway 54) through Carrizozo got a new coat of asphalt recently, as state of NM paving crews cut out the old pavement and laid down the new coat during three very hot days last week. With paving completed, new lines were painted this week, making for a smooth cruise down Central Ave.

# Martinez Apologizes To Carrizozo Chamber

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez apologized for using inaccurate dollar figures when discussing the Carrizozo Cinco de Mayo Festival request for lodgers tax funding. But he did not back down on his request for accountability for county lodgers tax money spent.

During the county commission meeting July 15 in the courthouse in Carrizozo, the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce president Cynthia Culbertson attended the meeting to correct information about county lodgers tax funding the chamber received for its Cinco de Mayo Festival. Culbertson had been directed by chamber members at their last meeting to respond to inaccurate figures Martinez used at the June county commission meeting when discussing the lodgers tax funds approved for the chamber's Cinco de Mayo event.

Culbertson had sent the commissioners a letter about the chamber concerns and a list of receipts from the Cinco de Mayo festival submitted to the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee for reimbursement. The lodgers tax committee had approved the chamber's request for \$2000 for advertising and \$1000 for operational expenses for the Cinco de Mayo festival. However, the chamber only spent \$2207.23 which was submitted for reimbursement. She also sent a copy of the July 3 issue of the *Lincoln County News* that quoted Martinez questioning the "\$7,000 of lodgers tax funds" to the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.

In her presentation to the county commissioners Culbertson said she was unsure if Martinez's words were taken out of context in the article, but regardless she wanted to "set the record straight about the numbers."

"We did not spend an exorbitant amount of money," Culbertson said. Martinez said they (county commissioners) were "pulling out numbers" during the discussion on the lodgers taxes in June. Martinez said he thought the reporter left out the statement from

the county manager on how lodgers taxes are done on a reimbursement basis. (The July 3 article in *THE NEWS* did include Stewart's comments on how lodgers tax works on a reimbursement basis.)

Martinez said he and the other commissioners have concerns about accountability, and how the lodgers tax committee needs to establish rules on who gets the money and how much depending on how

many people are drawn to the area for the event. For example Martinez said the motorcycle rally in Ruidoso draws thousands of people.

"In fairness of it all, if you ask for \$2,000 and you only attract 100 people, we should question that," Martinez said.

"I am sorry if I hurt anyone's feelings when I used the wrong figures," Martinez concluded.

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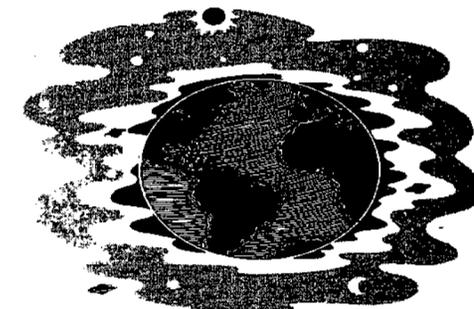
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# County Finalizes 2003/'04 Budget

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners approved the resolution adopting the final 2003-2004 fiscal year budget at their meeting July 15 in the courthouse in Carrizozo, with minor adjustments made by the NM Dept. of Finance and Administration (DFA). County commissioner Leo Martinez voted against the budget approval, with no explanations.

The resolution set the general county government at 2.75 mills, Lincoln County Medical Center at 1.1 mills, and the rural health clinics at .9 mills.

The final budget also did not include the expenditures for three construction projects, because county commissioners had rejected all construction bids which were higher than budget.

Because of a higher than projected federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and a high unaudited ending cash balance from the 2002-2003 fiscal year that ended on June 30 the actual 2003-2004 budget has \$1,421,179 more than projected in the preliminary budget. The county expended only 95 percent of what it had budgeted in 2002-2003, a traditional pattern for county departments.

Wilson said according to information he read the PILT is still only 55 percent of what it should be. The PILT is a payment from the federal government that compensates counties that have large acreage of Bureau of Land Management lands.

"This was a priority we presented to Congressman Steve Pearce when he visited the county," county commission chair Rex Wilson said. "We need to remind Congress the PILT is not exactly where it should be."

Even though there was significantly more in the ending cash balance than budgeted, county manager Tom Stewart recommended budgets for county departments remain at the same level until mid year. All departments had cut their requested budgets by five percent during the budget

process in May and June.

Stewart said in December he will make budget recommendations, including pay increases. Both the clerk and assessor had asked for 10 percent salary increases.

A 10 percent salary increase across the board would cost an additional \$298,236 a year, Stewart said.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs said he thought the 10 percent increase was excessive but something was needed because "our employees are deserving."

County commissioners accepted the 2003-2004 final budget with changes to the appraisal fund as requested by county assessor Rick Silva.

Silva asked for and received \$5,400 for a seasonal worker, \$1,000 increase in per diem and mileage, \$7,000 for vehicles and \$2,000 for a copier.

Other minor changes were in the law enforcement budget (sheriff's) to provide for an \$8,044 federal grant to purchase new light weight high tech bullet proof vests for deputies. The department had to match the grant by \$4,022, and some salary adjustments.

Hobbs questioned whether officers now have vests. Sullivan said they do, but the new vests provide side rib coverage and are lighter weight. Hobbs also asked Stewart if the county road fund was adequate. "I think so," Stewart responded.

Other budget adjustments included an addition of \$74,166 from a federal "Weapons of Mass Destruction" (WMD) appropriation to help prepare local responders for hazardous materials and other types of emergencies, and \$150,000 for an emergency 911 four year database project.

Several fire departments had carry over funds mostly for equipment and vehicle purchases.

Senior citizens also had carry over funds enough to balance out the proposed \$10,238 subsidy from the county general fund.

County commissioners accepted Stewart's recommendation to place \$885,000 into the county facility fund that was to be added to the \$66,294 carry over from the previous fiscal year. The total of \$751,294 would be used as a reserve for mid-year adjustments.

Martinez then said he thought the Humane Society or some other group that will provide kennel services, should be budgeted as a regular fund, not an "outside agency request."

"We're mandated to provide kennel services," Martinez said. "This is not outside agency, this is our responsibility."

Stewart said he was

working with the Humane Society to discuss numbers of animals seized by the sheriff's office animal control officer and brought to the humane society. Stewart said the pound at Alamogordo charges Otero County \$10 a dog brought in. "I'd like to see us work on an arrangement like this," Stewart said. "For now we have the \$25,000 in a line item for kennel services, which I agree is a mandated function."

In response to a question, Humane Society executive director Keith Atkins said the society's intent is not to reduce the number of spay and neuter

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## MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

--Carrizozo School Library open for public use, 5-7 p.m.

## FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS

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

## TUESDAYS

--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, every other Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso;  
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center.

## WEDNESDAYS

--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

## THURSDAYS

--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour, 1 p.m.

## TODAY, THURSDAY, JULY 24

--Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 2 p.m. at the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs. Agenda includes action on policies for attendance incentive pay and travel policy; adoption of final 2003-2004 budget; purchase of polycarts, dumpsters and roll off containers. The public is invited.

## SATURDAY, JULY 26

--Corona Festival, parade at 10 a.m.; 5th Annual Christian Music Festival school auditorium at 12:30 p.m.; other events. Call Byron Yancy at 505-849-5216 for parade entry and 849-4033 for music festival information.

--Book signing at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Carrizozo Heritage Museum, five authors to be present.

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 7 p.m. at Glencoe Store off Highway 70 in Glencoe. State party chair Joni Gutierrez guest speaker. Dinner provided, bring own drinks and folding chairs. For more information call 354-2673.

## MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 28-AUGUST 1

--Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church in Carrizozo, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 648-2968 for information.

## TUESDAY, JULY 29

--Ruidoso Village Council 6 p.m.  
--Carrizozo Street Fair Committee meeting 6 p.m. Carrizozo Joe's.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

--Capitan Library First Friday Adult Lecture Series 7-8 p.m. featuring LCMC senior adult Heritage Program presenter James Martin on Depression, causes and cures. Refreshments following the program which is free.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 4

--Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 12:30 p.m. at the chamber offices on Second Street.  
--Lincoln County Fair in Capitan begins.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

--Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) meets at 9 a.m. in the county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

--Capitan Board of Education holds a special meeting at 6 p.m. in the Traylor Gym Multipurpose Room to conduct the first reading of the proposed student handbooks. The board will hold the second reading and take action at a special meeting set for 6 p.m. Thursday, August 7.

--American Legion Post 57 meets at 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Center.

--Lincoln County Republican Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at K-Bobs in Ruidoso. Meeting is open to the public.

--Una junta del Partido Republicano del Condado de Lincoln sera a las 7:00 de la noche en K-Bobs en Ruidoso. La junta esta abierta al publico.

## White Oaks Seeks

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concerned federal and state agencies to do the clearing," he added.

"That's why we're here, to get help," Birdsong responded. She said property owners along the road will do some of the work, but they need help.

County commission chair Rex Wilson said the county will pursue the request.

County road supervisor Albert Hernandez said while the county has the prescriptive easement, it only maintains the road. "We can't get off the roadway for those trees," Hernandez said.

Wilson said the county cannot do removal work for private individuals because of the state constitution anti-donation clause. "We can't haul off people's stuff, but we can see what help there is from other agencies," Wilson said.

Walt Birdsong then asked for more water for the White Oaks Fire De-

partment, and he also asked the county have some donated land surveyed for a helicopter dip pond.

Stewart said he told White Oaks Fire Chief Curtis Pinson he needed to get with the forest service for specifications for clearing the helicopter landing area and dip tank. Stewart said in his experience as a helicopter pilot there are many landing area specifications.

"Once we see a survey and hear from the forest service on the design, we can start clearing," Stewart said. He also said the State Historic Preservation Office wants to know every time the county sends out a blade in White Oaks.

White Oaks Fire Dept. has a grant from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the dip tank and helicopter landing area.

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**THOUGHTS**  
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Open or Closed Meeting?**

By Ruth Hammond

Considering some of the information presented in the letter the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (FOG) sent to the state attorney general's (AG) office last week about complaints made by concerned citizens about violations of the open meetings act by the Capitan Village Council, the results and finding by the AG's office could be interesting. The entire letter is published in this issue of THE NEWS and will better explain what the complaints are.

Our main concern is that all governmental bodies follow the state open meetings act and conduct governmental business in open session as required by the state. Yes, we are aware there are some items that may be discussed in closed session, and we accept that, but we do object to an agenda item of "threatened and/or pending litigation" because it is not specific. Certain litigation matters may need to be discussed only in private but the public has a right to know which litigation matter is being discussed.

Meetings held by elected bodies and any of their appointed boards and subcommittees should be open to the public. Excluding the public for no precise reason gives the impression some officials are trying to hide what they are doing. Is that really what governmental bodies want? Or would officials prefer that the public feels comfortable with the way governmental business is being conducted?

Perhaps you don't know or forgot that a similar letter was sent by FOG to the mayor of Carrizozo three years ago this week. The letter dated July 20, 2000 to the mayor of Carrizozo listed concerns and a copy of that letter, as designated by cc: at the bottom of the letter, was sent to the AG's office, the FOG executive committee, Cecilia Kuhnel, this editor, and the Carrizozo board of trustees.

Lame excuses were made that the complaints against Carrizozo were not true, but were disproved when the AG sent a letter to the town attorney dated September 20, 2000 that stated that information available indicated that the town violated the open meetings act, and listed each of the allegations. The AG's opinion explained each finding and the AG sent the latest issue of the open meetings act compliance guide to the town attorney with the letter.

Allegations are just that, allegations, until proven to be true or false, and the best thing we can all do is wait for an answer from the AG's office as to whether the allegations made against Capitan are true. The AG's office was very thorough when investigating the Carrizozo allegations and we are certain the AG's office will continue their diligence.

If each and every governmental body complied with the open meetings act there would be no need for the act, but as was proven three years ago, some allegations are true.

Naturally, it would be nicer if all boards would make an effort to do more governmental business in the open, but some officials believe they have the right to do what they want, not what is best for the people they are serving.

The FOG executive committee and directors are people from all around the state, influential people who work to help keep government open. Thank goodness they do.

Secrecy has to valid place in governmental business.

**AG will make decision**

**FOG Sends Complaints to AG**

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the fifth grade students who had earlier discussed "Blue Ribbon Week."

Adopting the proclamation was no doubt a benign action -- but obviously it was planned in advance and its handling at best shows carelessness or lack of concern and a casual attitude about the law in preparation of the agenda and the conduct of the meeting, just as do the agenda and meeting of July 8.

Sincerely,  
Robert H. Johnson  
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Sederwall  
Mr. Barton  
Lincoln County News  
NMFOG Executive Committee

Copies of the FOG letter were sent to Mayor Sederwall, Mrs. Barton, Lincoln County News, and NMFOG Executive Committee.

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**FOG Executive Director Robert H. Johnson also sent a letter to Mr. Lama on July 18, 2003 that states:**

Dear Mr. Lama:

To Avoid confusion, I want to point out that in my letter of July 16 about the Capitan Village Council, in the last paragraph of Page One I inadvertently omitted the year 2002 from the discussion of the April 9 council meeting.

Sincerely,  
Robert H. Johnson  
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Sederwall  
Rose Barton  
Lincoln County News  
NMFOG Executive Committee

A copy of the July 18, 2003 letter was sent by FAX to the Lincoln County News.



**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE** -- The New Mexico Supreme Court has taken its lumps for a decision upholding Gov. Bill Richardson's right to remove public members of the Judicial Standards Commission without stating or proving a cause.

Newspaper editorials, letters to the editor and people on the street think it is a very bad idea. They charge that:

-- the governor doesn't have the power to remove commissioners whose terms haven't expired.

-- terms are staggered to insure continuity and prevent partisan mischief.

-- it is an assault on the commission's independence.

-- it violates the separation of powers principle.

-- it was a partisan decision by an all-Democrat court that had frequently ruled against former Gov. Gary Johnson, including a case involving Johnson's removal of current Lt. Gov. Diane Denish from the New Mexico Tech board of regents.

-- since the governor appoints the six public members of the 11-member commission, he now can control the commission's actions.

-- future governors will now remove all previous governor's appointees.

-- it was a heavy-handed move by Gov. Richardson to grab total control of state government.

In its well-reasoned 37-page opinion, the court already had considered all these claims and agreed with many of them, sometimes unanimously. The major decision came down to whether the governor has the power to remove lay members of this commission.

In a 3-2 vote, it relied on Article 5 of the state constitution outlining executive authority. That article gives the governor the power to remove appointees "unless otherwise provided by law." In creating this commission, neither the constitution nor statutes provided otherwise.

The majority opinion cited the creation of the State Highway Commission by the same Legislature in which lawmakers included a provision which greatly limited the governor's removal authority. Legislators, stated the court's majority, obviously knew they could have included the same provision for members of the Judicial Standards Commission.

The majority noted that the Denish case dealt with an attempt to alter the length of board member terms rather than with removal.

The two dissenting members of the court argued that the commission's

staggered terms, established by the Legislature, strongly implied that it intended to limit the governor's removal authority. Their dissenting opinions spelled out the concerns later cited by newspapers and the public. They also noted instances when the court had taken into account such factors and ruled otherwise.

But the majority said the court would be overstepping its authority to interpret the law by implying the intent of a past legislature. It pointed out that a future legislature could impose limits on a governor's removal authority. That appears to be a very good idea.

So the court will get its criticism. But courts, especially Democrat ones, are often criticized as being judicial activists for making new law with their decisions. The court, in this instance, avoided that. I personally know four of the five justices and can vouch for their fairness and impartiality. I don't think any of them would have voted differently had the governor been Gary Johnson or anyone else.

The justices are smart enough, although some editorials weren't willing to grant the point, to realize that we will have Republican governors in the future who could use the decision to pillage the Judicial Standards Commission.

The court went a step further and may get itself in more hot water by suggesting that the lack of legislative funding for the commission may pose an even greater threat than the governor's recent action. The commission has four staff to investigate 923 complaints received last year. The court says the small staff is inadequate to ensure that the commission fulfills its mission of overseeing judicial conduct.

Now that is bravery under fire.



**PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM**

JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER  
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**Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)**  
Sometimes, when you think it's the dark side of the moon, it's really the time, to reflect ones self, in the way you really want to be, and become better.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)**  
Up and at'em. You have lots to do, and little time to get it done right. Don't ask others for their help, unless you know they will, without complaint.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
Once in awhile, you might feel like you have so many people around you, but you still feel lonely. Take the time to be with true friends that love you.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You might feel misunderstood, because someone isn't letting you be you. Your guard is up. Walk away, if only in your mind. Don't give others the power.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You might be feeling a death around you. It's You! The old you is dead and gone, the new you wants to come out and play. Rejoice in the new.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Paper work may get you down. Do the things you have to do, so you can get it over with, once and for all. Take a day and go and play.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
Temper? Don't even waste your time on getting mad at anyone, that can make you that mad. Love is the only thing that matters. Love or Not?

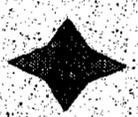
**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)**  
Busy or not, here they come! Keep your feelings to yourself, except to those who really love you. They'll understand your underlying hurt.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**  
Excuse me? They said, they wanted it when? You're your own boss, so take charge of your life, and let no one make you feel anything less.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**  
Your bull-headiness, could get you into trouble. Sometimes, it's best to go around the mountain, than to try to drive over it, or through it. Save energy.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
If you can laugh things off for a while, you'll get through this tough time. Don't let yourself get sucked into bad energy of other people. Laugh it off.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**  
A good time to reflect on what you really want out of your life. It's time you take stock inside of yourself. Find out what really makes you happy.



*Have A Good Day!!*

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# Sheriff's Report

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

**July 14:**  
8:10 a.m. suspicious male subject on west side of state road 246. The responding deputy advised the subject looked like he was faking and if he was not wanted he would turn him loose. Later the deputy advised the subject was not wanted and he was out with the subject at a restaurant in Capitan.

10:15 a.m. Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) reported a stolen credit card.

10:43 a.m. theft at location at end of Pine Lodge Road, a tool trailer full of tools stolen from a job site three fourths of a mile from a locked gate by Boy Scout Mountain.

2:15 p.m. one vehicle roll over with no injuries on School Road off Highway 380 near Capitan. State police requested a deputy cover as no state officers were available.

7:59 p.m. request for deputy for two vehicles trespassing on property by horses at location in Ranches of Sonterra.

8:21 p.m. request for welfare check of residence on Broken Arrow.

8:24 p.m. accident with-

out injuries in Ranches of Sonterra. Deputy on route to back up another deputy as the subject in the accident was from the trespassing call.

8:49 p.m. grass fire on Airport Road, lightning strike. Carrizozo Fire Department responded and advised it was under control by 8:57.

10:02 p.m. drag racing on Cedar Creek Road. Deputies responded.

**July 15:**  
10:28 a.m. request for ambulance at location off mile marker 279 on Highway 70. Med 1 advanced life support ambulance responded at 10:59 a.m. as

## USS Saint Paul Association To Meet Aug. 24-28

The USS Saint Paul (CA-73) and the USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul (SSN-708) Association will hold its 11th reunion in Boston, MA August 24-28. The organization is trying to locate former crew members.

For more information contact George M. Takis, Jr., Secretary, USS Saint Paul Assoc., 125 Spaulding Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328, phone 770-393-3182, or fax 770-351-9573 or email gtakisati.com.net@mindspring.com.

Hondo ambulance was not available.

2:33 a.m. fire on Juniper in Loma Grande, possibly a house. Nogal Fire Department responded at 2:41 p.m. and Bonito Fire Dept. at 2:50 p.m. and deputy responded at 4:16 p.m. State Forestry notified.

3:54 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at a residence in Nogal.

4:17 p.m. open back door banging in the wind at location in Alto.

4:46 p.m. county commissioner reported speeding dump trucks on D003 from Alto.

5:19 p.m. state police reported grass fire at mile marker 105 on Highway 54. Carrizozo fire department responded and was back at the station by 6:10 p.m.

5:26 p.m. deputy reported accident without injuries on Highway 380 near Capitan.

6:23 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at the LCDC.

10:28 p.m. breaking and entering alarm sounding in Lincoln. Responding deputy and keyholder advised a bat flying set off the motion detector.

**July 16:**  
7:50 a.m. accident with injuries and request for ambulance at mile marker 307 on Highway 70. Hondo

ambulance, Med 1 and Med 7 stationed at the construction office on highway 70 responded. Hondo fire department was requested at 7:54 a.m. Med 7 run was cancelled and the brush truck sent back to its station.

8:31 a.m. request for deputy for Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) referral. Deputy advised the case was being reassigned to a sheriff's office investigator because CYFD only handles parental abuse.

3:54 p.m. report of mountain lion at location on Edwards in Ruidoso. Animal control officer assigned.

7:41 p.m. shots fired rapidly and a lot of them at location on Griffin Drive in Agua Fria, and the caller was very fearful.

**July 17:**  
9 a.m. caller from Roswell reported larceny at location in Pine Lodge.

11:20 a.m. loud motorcycle at RV park in Alto area.

12 noon deputy advised he was doing warrant service in Carrizozo.

2:03 p.m. employee threatened at business on ski run road. Deputy put out a be on the look out (bolo).

2:41 p.m. request for ambulance at Camp Sierra Blanca for 40 year old female. Med 1 arrived at the scene at 3:15 p.m.

6:37 p.m. subject requested to speak to a deputy about firing guns. Deputy called the subject with the information.

6:41 p.m. shots fired in Agua Fria. Deputies responded.

10:53 p.m. suspicious traveler at mile marker 80 on highway 380.

11:16 p.m. shots fired on west Gavilan Road.

11:27 p.m. fire or campfire at condos at Rancho Ruidoso.

**July 18:**  
12:39 a.m. noise/fighting at trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.

7:33 a.m. suspicious activity at Wolf Springs, young male subject in baseball cap with tan sedan was casing the caller's house.

8:06 a.m. suspicious activity on South Road in Alto area for male in a SUV parked in the driveway for 15 to 20 minutes the night before. The caller advised she asked the subject what he was doing and the subject said he needed to use the phone. When the caller advised the man to go to the pay phone, the male became angry, but left. Now the vehicle was at another nearby address. At 8:43 a.m. the responding deputy advised he was unable to locate the vehicle or subject.

8:24 a.m. harassment of employees at business on ski run road. Male subject with gray/white hair, mustache beard in a station wagon. The responding deputy was unable to locate the subject but was to continue to check and a bolo.

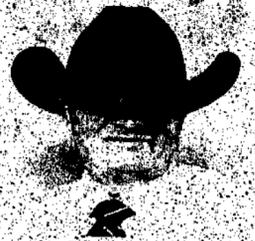
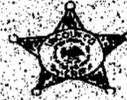
3:05 p.m. speeders on High Mesa Road. Responding deputy advised he made no contact at 3:16 p.m.

10:30 p.m. request for ambulance for sports injury at the Gavilan ball field. Med 1 arrived at the scene at 10:43 p.m.

10:49 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police reported loud music on Griffin road.

## 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.

## IDENTITY THEFT

In the course of the day, you may write a check at a store, charge gas on your credit card, mail tax returns, call home on your cell phone, or order new checks. More than likely you do not give these everyday transactions a second thought. But someone else might.

Today, we have a new group of criminals called identity thieves. Their stock in trade are your everyday transactions. Each transaction requires you to share personal information:

- \* Your bank and credit card account numbers.
- \* Your social security number (SSN).
- \* Your name, address, and phone number.

An identity thief takes your personal information without your knowledge to commit fraud or theft.

While you probably can't prevent identity theft entirely, you can minimize your risk. By managing your personal information wisely, cautiously and with an awareness of the issue, you can help guard against identity theft.

\* Before you reveal any personally identifying information, find out how it will be used and whether it will be shared with others. Ask if you have a choice about the use of your information.

\* Pay attention to your billing cycles. Follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time. A missing credit card bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your credit card account and changed your billing address to cover his tracks.

\* Guard your mail from theft. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at your local post office. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after it has been delivered.

# Sheriff Sullivan Refutes Reports

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan is refuting recent television reports that the state of Texas is refusing to allow anyone from New Mexico to exhume the remains of Brushy Bill Roberts in Hico, TX.

"I've not heard anything about this," Sullivan told *THE NEWS* on Wednesday, July 2. Sullivan said the mayor of Capitan, who is helping the sheriff with the Billy the Kid project, has been in contact with a judge in Hico and the Brushy Bill Roberts museum owner. "We are not even to that stage of exhuming anyone in Texas," Sullivan said.

Sullivan told *THE NEWS* on Monday, June 30, that he has been in contact with the Grant County Commission that has given their attorney permission to begin the legal paperwork to request the Office of the Medical Investigator (OMI) exhume the remains of Katherine Antrum in Silver City. Sullivan said Grant County is interested in the project to help boost tourism in their economically depressed area.

"We are going to invite the owner of the Brushy Bill museum to Silver City when we do finally exhume Katherine Antrum," Sullivan added.

Sullivan hopes to also look into a claim by a John Miller in Ramah, AZ that he too was Billy the Kid who had escaped Pat Garrett's gun in Fort Sumner. Sullivan said ac-

ording to a book written about Miller, the dates and many of the stories are "eerily plausible."

For now Sullivan and the mayor are working on the logistics of the July 19 ceremony for Deputy James Bell, one of two allegedly killed by Billy the Kid in his famous last escape from the Lincoln County Courthouse, on April 28, 1881. The July 19 ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the White Oaks Cemetery. Father Dave Bergs of Santa Rita Parish will conduct the ceremony to place a monument purchased by the NM Sheriffs and Police Association. Bell's remains had been in an unmarked grave for 122 years. There will be refreshments and an old time gunfight at the White Oaks Saloon after the ceremony.

Sullivan on April 28, 2003 officially reopened an old murder case of the two deputies allegedly shot by Billy the Kid in 1881. Sullivan has extended the case to finding out whether the remains of "Billy the Kid" buried in Fort Sumner, NM are in fact those of the famous outlaw by using modern DNA testing. Even the governor has thrown his hat into the pursuit of the truth of the outlaw made famous by pulp fiction books.

Sullivan's modern saga of Billy the Kid is the feature story of the newest issue of "True West" magazine.

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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.

**Arche Community Presbyterian Church:**  
SCOTT KING, Pastor / 848-2024  
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  
848-2888 (Church) or 848-2107

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)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor  
Corner of E. 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, 848-2853

**SATURDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY:**  
Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 8:00 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. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. RON THOMSON, Rector  
Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
1-505-258-1242  
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. 848-2893 / 848-2846  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Choir Practice (Tuesday) ..... 8:30 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 WINSKY, Pastor (Inter-denominational)  
514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM  
Sunday School ..... 8:30 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 ..... 8:00 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

GAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7876  
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner ..... 1st Sunday of Month

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

In Memory of  
**BILL WINKLER**

Stearns Insurance Agency

# US Senate Looking

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the communities, counties and states along US Highway 54. More information about the SPIRIT initiative can be seen at the SPIRIT group website at [www.swpassage.org](http://www.swpassage.org).

Since funding is the major issue for the US 54 upgrade, the New Mexico Dept. of Transportation (NMDOT) is planning to rebuild US 54 into a rural two lane highway with shoulders, with turning lanes in Carrizozo and Corona and possible passing and climbing lanes in appropriate areas. Estimated cost for the two lane upgrade is \$107 million.

Any work on the project is at least five years away.

NMDOT began the alignment study of US 54 in 1999 by identifying problems and concerns with the 77 mile segment to develop alternatives to

correct or reduce the problems.

US 54 is a principle arterial in the national highway system and an important link with Interstate 10 from the border with Mexico to Interstate 40. Fifty percent of the traffic on US 54 falls in the heavy commercial category, which is a big factor in the condition of the pavement, officials said.

Using preliminary engineering studies and input from the public in meetings held in 2000, officials said the alignment study is recommending correction of the physical roadway and "clear zone" deficiencies such as the abrupt drop offs, lack of shoulders and sharp curves; eliminate potential safety hazards associated with wildlife crossings; improve roadway design

to accommodate heavy commercial traffic; provide adequate and safe off road parking in the communities along the highway and ensure system connectivity with other improved portions of 54.

Although traffic volumes on US 54 are projected to increase 100 percent in 20 years, highway officials said the numbers still do not warrant four lanes. However, if US 54 is four laned in different states, it could result in more traffic, especially since US 54 is a NAFTA route.

In considering designs, three alternatives were developed. The first alternative to do nothing was rejected, and the second alternative is to reconstruct US 54 within the existing roadway alignment and the third alternative is to reconstruct the highway offset to the east of the existing roadway. Officials said this would allow traffic to have free flow while the new roadway, which will have eight foot shoulders and 12 foot lanes, will be constructed off to the side. This would prevent traffic delays.

The environmental assessment is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Based on the impact assessment, either of the two preferred alternatives create no significant impact to any human or natural resources in the project area. Some resources will be affected, but with mitigation meas-

ures, no effects would be considered significant. Some of the effects found during the EA analysis were threatened and endangered species, specifically the Kuenzler hedgehog cactus which was found in the vicinity of mile marker 136. The EA proposes to purchase land at the location four years prior to construction to relocate the cacti with mitigation measures in consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

The NM Game and Fish Dept. is concerned about the high number of accidents and wildlife kills in the section of US 54. In areas where wildlife crossings are known to be high, two build alternatives are for eight foot high fences, clearing trees in the rights of way for better vision and construction of concrete box culverts for wildlife crossings under the payment.

Other environmental concerns are the potential to disturb 18 to 20 cultural resource sites that were identified in the Cultural Resources Inventory Report. Of these sites, nine are potentially significant archaeological sites. Field investigations will be done and mitigation measures developed in consultation with the NM State Historic Preservation Office.

Removal or disturbance of vegetation and potential for erosion were also listed as potential environmental impacts from the construction.

Other considerations were traffic control during construction, existing hazardous materials with seven suspected sites in Carrizozo, 12 suspected sites in Corona and two in Duran. Officials said these are primarily abandoned gas stations and/or underground gasoline storage tanks.

During the question and answer period, Sue Dickerson of Carrizozo asked why only two lanes. Traffic studies do not warrant three or four lanes, officials said. But some areas they are looking at passing and/or climbing lanes, turn lanes in Carrizozo and Corona.

Stirling Spencer, a rancher north of Carrizozo whose property is dissected by US 54, asked that box culverts be installed at locations where they currently exist for livestock crossings. He said the metal culverts do not work for this.

Officials said they have identified some box culverts that are functioning as cattle crossings and these will be addressed in the design process, whether for cattle or wildlife.

Property owners along US 54 who know of a box culvert crossing that needs upgrade or consideration in the design process should send a letter specifying where the culvert is located and the need for improvement, so their requests will be in the record.

Spencer said he tried to do that when US 380 was reconstructed, but culverts were installed to replace the old concrete box culverts used for livestock crossing. "You need to alert the property owners who may have their custom and culture affected by the highway design," Spencer said. "It has a great effect on livestock operations if done improperly."

Officials said they will



## Wedding Date Set

Tomee Lightfoot and Michael England announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Tomee is the daughter of Wayne and Karen Lightfoot of Animas; formerly of Corona. Her grandmother is Dorothy Lightfoot of Corona. Tomee is a 2000 graduate of Clovis High School. Tomee and Michael both attended Eastern NM U. at Portales and are now students at NM State U. in Las Cruces. The wedding will be held August 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Corona. The couple will make their home in Las Cruces.

be meeting with affected property owners about design issues. Spencer suggested highway officials ask property owners about water pipelines.

Patsy Sanchez of Carrizozo asked about the width of the shoulders and why the section between Tularosa and Carrizozo has such narrow shoulders. Officials said the section south of Carrizozo was only maintenance, not reconstruction.

Officials also said they have gotten many questions about the 55 mile per hour speed limit in the section south of Carrizozo. The 55 mile per hour speed limit will remain until the narrow box culverts are replaced.

Juan Gonzales from Corona asked if the three lane section in Corona will extend north of the State Road 42 intersection. Gonzales has a wood yard just north of the intersection and a turning lane would help with the truck traffic that turns into his yard.

Officials said they try to accommodate businesses in reconstruction designs and will probably extend the three lanes in Corona if there is funding.

County commission chair Rex Wilson asked about the US 54/380 intersection in Carrizozo. "That is a safety issue in our community," Wilson said.

Officials said they will recommend a left turn lane at the intersection which can fit within the existing curbs and will have no negative impact to the businesses at the intersection. "It's more a matter of striping," they said.

Official said they did look at traffic numbers in the intersection and these do not warrant a traffic signal. "What warrants do we need, a zillion cars a day?" Sanchez asked.

Wilson asked if the eight foot fences for wildlife will work. Officials said where fences are located in Colorado, wildlife kills have been reduced. Wilson also requested a turn lane at the Ancho road, because it is a state road and because of the 300-plus parcel subdivision that is accessed from the same intersection.

Spencer asked that the NMDOT consider the value of below surface minerals in the lands to be condemned for the project. He said in the 1996 re-

construction project of the six miles north out of Carrizozo, he was denied reimbursement for minerals under the surface of his land that was condemned.

Sanchez asked that passing zones be looked at because some of the areas have no visibility yet are considered passing zones.

Fred English from Carrizozo

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**FIELD FENCE**  
47'x330 ft., 12 1/2 Ga. .... \$70.00  
56'x330 ft., 12 1/2 Ga. .... \$99.00

**HI-TENSILE GAME FENCE**  
75'x330 ft., 12 1/2 Ga. .... \$240.00  
86'x330 ft., 12 1/2 Ga. .... \$275.00

**AMERICAN BARBED WIRE**  
Heavy Gauge 2-pt. .... \$25.00

**METAL C PURLINS RED**  
20', 25', 30'

3' ..... 50c ft.  
4' ..... 53c ft.  
5' ..... 75c ft.  
8' ..... \$1.00 ft.

Makita Chop saw 14" ..... \$170.00

**PRIEFERT DOG KENNELS**  
5'x10'-8" Tall ..... \$379.00  
10'x10'-8" Tall ..... \$461.00

**PRIEFERT LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT**

Unsheathed Sweep Pen ..... \$1017.00  
Sheathed Sweep Pen ..... \$4200.00

Model 88 Call Table ..... \$720.00  
Auto-Manual Handgate ..... \$436.00

Cattle Squeeze Chute ..... \$2099.00  
Model 98 Roping Chute ..... \$965.00

62'x12' Corral Panel "BROWN" ..... \$61.95  
65'x12' Corral Panel "GREEN" ..... \$48.00

Round Bale Feeder ..... \$185.00  
2 3/8" Fence Pipe ..... 56c ft.

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**LEGALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
INVITATION TO  
SUBMIT BIDS**

No. 03-04-002  
"Ambulance Chassis for  
Carrizozo EMS"  
Due: Tuesday, August 12, 2003,  
2:00 MST

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids for a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Chassis (GM CK36403) with special requirements for an ambulance chassis for the Carrizozo Emergency Services. Complete specifications 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.

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. If the bid is sent by mail, the outer envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Bid should be sent or hand-delivered to the County of Lincoln, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301 by 2:00 p.m. MST, August 12, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

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

JANE WILLIAMS  
Purchasing Agent

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 10, 2003, Glenn M. & Martha L. Hawk, P.O. Box 756, Carrizozo, NM 88301, filed application number T-4347 into T-4350 with the STATE ENGINEER to Change Location of Well within the Tularosa Underground Water Basin Lincoln County by abandoning the use of well T-4347 located in the NW1/4SW1/4, Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, NMPM, on land owned by the applicants, and transferring 3.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater used for domestic and livestock purposes into domestic well T-4350, drill in accordance with section 72-12-1, NMSA and located in the SE1/4SW1/4, Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, NMPM, on land owned by the applicants.

Domestic well is located approximately 2 miles southwest of Carrizozo by way of Highway 54. Original well T-4347 will be plugged or capped.

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 Section 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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

No. CV-03-126  
Division III

JOANNE HAND, formerly known as  
JOANNE (EPSTEIN) BROWN,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS: RUSSELL W. LARSON;

GROUP II: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

Defendants.  
**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF  
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN HEIRS: RUSSELL W. LARSON; GROUP II: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Joanne Hand, formerly known as Joanne (Epstein) Brown, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-126 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

Lot 49, Block 32, of PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, UNIT V, 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 August 18, 1958, and being further depicted on that certain Boundary Survey Plat recorded October 20, 2000 in Cabinet G, Slide No. 775; TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon; SUBJECT TO Restriction, Reservation and Easements of record;

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before August 13, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Archie A. Widham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 26th day of June, 2003.

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

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

No. CV-02-236  
Div. III

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

vs.  
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, ERNIE R. MONTOYA and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, JOSE LUIS ARIAS MURILLO and MARTHA E. LIEVANO de ARIAS, DANIEL OLMEDA and LOURDES OLMEDA, and DIANA LOURDES OLMEDA GARCIA and UNKNOWN SPOUSE, JOE A. PAVAN and SONIA Z. PAVAN, HUMBERTO PERUSQUIA PORTILLO and MAYELA MARTINEZ de PERUSQUIA, DARREN C. PIERSON 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.

**AMENDED  
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 August 27, 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 10th day of July, 2003.

JAN PERRY  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: Jolene Biggs  
DEPUTY COURT CLERK

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee will hold a special meeting on Friday, August 1, 2003, at 2:00 P.M., to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48

hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA  
Assistant County Manager

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT

Case No. CV-03-150

FIRST STATE BANK N.M.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
GROUP I: RANDY C. LYKINS.

GROUP II: The following named persons, if living, if deceased, their unknown heirs: GEORGE AMABLE CHAVEZ, VERNON PETTY, GWE-NETH C. PETTY, FLORENCE M. LUCK, L.A. RICHARDS, MARY LOU RICHARDS, WILLIAM C. MOSS, and DORRINE A. LYKINS.

GROUP III: The unknown heirs of KIRBY C. LYKINS; and

GROUP IV: The unknown claimants of interest in the Property.

Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You and each of you are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has filed a Complaint against you in the above entitled and numbered cause in the above designated Court.

The general object of the action is to quiet the title of Randy C. Lykins (subject to the Plaintiff's Mortgage) in and to the property more particularly described in the Complaint in said cause, which property is located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and to foreclose a Mortgage on said property held by Plaintiff.

The property is described as follows:

LOTS 1, 2, & 3, BLOCK 87, THE TOWN OF CAPITAN, CAPITAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MARCH 3, 1990.

You and each of you are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in the said cause on or before the 16th day of September, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorneys for the Plaintiffs are as follows:  
Steven J. Hille, Esq.  
Victor E. Carlin, Esq.  
Moses, Dunn, Farmer & Tudill, P.C.  
P.O. Box 27047  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125-7047

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on July 17, 2003.

Signed: DISTRICT COURT CLERK

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR RE-BID**

Separate sealed bids will be received for the following three re-bid construction projects by the Owner, County of Lincoln, August 13, 2003, at the office of the purchasing agent, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301-0711. Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud. The three projects and their bid opening times are as follows:

Re-bid of 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 new dental offices and lab space for the Carrizozo Health Clinic in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Bids will be opened at 1:30 pm, Local time. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted.

Re-bid of Invitation For Bid #02-03-020, CDBG Project #02-C-NR-1-1A-28 -- Ruidoso Public Health Clinic: This project consists of the construction of a new Public Health Clinic for the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. Bids will be opened at 2:30 pm, Local time. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted.

Re-bid of 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. Bids will be opened at 3:30 pm, Local time. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted.

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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**Children Wanted  
for Performance  
of Hansel and  
Gretel at Spencer**

Between 50 to 80 area children, ages 5 to 18, are needed to co-star in the original Missoula Children's Theatre production "Hansel & Gretel" at the Spencer Theater. Auditions are at 9 a.m. Monday, July 28 at the Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium on Reese Drive. No experience is necessary and participation is free.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to fill out necessary paperwork. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Rehearsals take place in two to 4.5 hour (depending on the age group) daily sessions all week at the Spencer Theater, and culminate in a public performance of the hour-long musical at 7 p.m. Friday, August 1 at the Spencer Theater.

Based on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale, "Hansel & Gretel," this age-old story is about a journey, a secret and a grand adventure.

Join the fun as Hansel and Gretel's dream is mysteriously blended with real life, and the lessons of one apply to the other.

Missoula Children's Theatre is an on-going summer tradition at the Spencer Theater, providing children with free, intensive, weeklong acting workshops that cultivate new friendships, personal confidence and public performance skills.

For more information about the 9 a.m. Monday, July 28 auditions for "Hansel & Gretel" call the Spencer Theater at 505-336-0016 or 505-336-4800.

**OBITUARY**

**MARTHA LUVADA COLLINS**

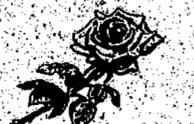
Graveside services for Martha Luvada Collins, 76, of Alamogordo were July 21, at Forest Lawn Cemetery with Rev. Randy Widener officiating.

Martha died July 17 in El Paso, she was born January 8, 1927 in Haskell, TX. She moved to Ruidoso in 1976 from San Angelo and lived there until moving to Alamogordo in September 2002. She married Fred Collins on January 6, 1948 at Ft. Worth, TX and he preceded her in death on March 4, 2000.

She is survived by five daughters, Dorothy Collins, Doris Ballow and Dorese Jolyne Collins all of Alamogordo; Martha Phillips of Capitan and Jannetta Jackson of Carlsbad; a son, David T. Collins of Prairie Grove, AK; a sister, Luvicia Johnson of Ft. Worth, and 10 grandchildren.

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

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# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 28, 2003 Good Sawyer Development, LLC, P.O. Box 2981, Ruidoso, NM 88355, filed complete application number T-4309 through T-4309-S-7 with the STATE ENGINEER to appropriate Underground Waters of the State of New Mexico from the Tularosa Basin in Lincoln County for domestic, livestock, irrigation municipal, industrial, commercial and environmental purposes in the Hondo Basin or Tularosa Basin for a diversion of 1500 acre-feet per annum to be consumptively used from 8 wells combined, with each well drilled to a depth of 1700 feet for a 20-inch casing on property owned by the applicants. The locations of each well are described more specifically as follows: T-4309 located in the SW1/4NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.; T-4309-S located in the SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4NW1/4, Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.; T-4309-S-2 located in the NW1/4NE1/4SW1/4SW1/4 of said Section 32; T-4309-S-3 located in the SE1/4NW1/4NE1/4, Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.; T-4309-S-4 located in the NE1/4SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, of said Section 6; T-4309-S-5 located in the SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4, Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.; T-4309-S-6 located in the NW1/4SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4 of said section 32; T-4309-S-7 located in the NE1/4NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4, Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 12 East, N.M.P.M.

Well locations are proposed to be located 7.5 miles east of Carrizozo on US Highway 380 to the intersection of US-Highway 380 and State Highway 37, wells are located to the east and west of State Highway 37 near the Town of Nogal.

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 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-03-142  
Division III

BILL B. BOYKIN, also known as  
B.B. BOYKIN,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: LORI VAN CLEAVE, TROY VAN CLEAVE, RACHEL MUELLER (formerly known as RACHEL VAN CLEAVE), CATHY WEINER, and MITCH WEINER;**

**GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSON: B.T. VAN CLEAVE;**

**GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF;**

Defendants.

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

**GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: LORI VAN CLEAVE, TROY VAN CLEAVE, RACHEL MUELLER (formerly known as RACHEL VAN CLEAVE), CATHY WEINER, and MITCH WEINER; GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSON: B.T. VAN CLEAVE; GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.**

**GREETINGS:** You are hereby notified that Bill B. Boykin, also known as B.B. Boykin, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-142 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

A tract of land situate within the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 1, and the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the 1/4 corner common to Sections 1 and 2, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M.; thence South 89° 49' 30" West, a distance of 661.11 feet; thence South 0° 29' 18" West, a distance of 661.86 feet; thence North 89° 43' 48" East, a distance of 664.93 feet; thence South 0° 08' 18" West, a distance of 630.0 feet; thence South 89° 37' 12" East, a distance of 744.2 feet; thence North 43° 33' 48" East, a distance of 827.1 feet; thence North 0° 49' 48" East, a distance of 637.2 feet to a point in the South right of way line of U.S. Highway #380; thence following said right of way line West-erly along a 7° 09' 10" curve to the right, a distance of 370.15 feet; thence continuing West-erly along a 0° 35' 44" curve to the right, a distance of 496.56 feet; thence leaving said right of way and going

South 88° 58' 12" West, a distance of 458.27 feet to the point of beginning and containing 44,768 acres, more or less;

LESS AND EXCEPTING a tract of land situate within the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the 1/4 corner common to Sections 1 and 2, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M.; thence North 88° 58' 12" East, a distance of 458.27 feet to a point on the South right of way line of U.S. Highway #380; thence following said R.O.W. line Easterly on a 09° 35' 44" curve to the left, Radius = 2965 feet, a distance of 496.56 feet to Hwy. station marker #25+29.9; thence continuing Easterly on the South R.O.W. line on a 07° 09' 10" curve to the left, a distance of 68.85 feet to the point of beginning of this tract; thence South 00° 49' 48" West, a distance of 651.5 feet; thence South 89° 37' 12" East, a distance of 300.00 feet; thence North 00° 49' 48" East, a distance of 637.2 feet to a point on the South R.O.W. line of U.S. Highway #380; thence on a 07° 09' 10" curve to the right, a distance of 301.3 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.44 acres, more or less; TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon; SUBJECT TO easements, reservation and restrictions of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before August 27, 2003, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Archie A. Witham, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 8th day of July, 2003.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: Mickie L. Vega

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

No. PB-03-22

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
SUE W. GARFIELD, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

WALTER J. GARFIELD has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SUE W. GARFIELD. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, c/o Judith L. Zabel, JUDITH L. ZABEL, P.A., 2632 Mesilla St. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Dated: July 7, 2003.

WALTER J. GARFIELD

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

No. CV03-147

IN RE: The Petition for Name Change  
of Ramona Lynn Sabo

### NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sections 40-8-1 through 40-8-3, N.M.S.A. 1978, Ramona Lynn Sabo will apply to the Honorable Karen Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, at the 12th Judicial District Court-house at Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 8:15 o'clock a.m., on the 11th day of August, 2003, during a regular term of the Court, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard for an Order for a change of name from Ramona Lynn Sabo to Ramona Lynn Bailey.

JAN PERRY  
District Court Clerk  
By: Jolene Biggs  
Deputy Court Clerk

Submitted:  
Ramona Sabo

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

No. CV-2003-189-IV

CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
PABLO FALCON a/k/a Dr. Pablo Falcon,  
STATE NATIONAL BANK, and  
FIRST CITY FINANCIAL  
CORP., a Colorado Corporation,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: All Defendants  
You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff Chase Mortgage Company (herein referred to as "Chase"), in which Chase prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according

to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at Goodnight Loving Trail, Alto, New Mexico, 88312, and more particularly described as:

LOTS 9, 10, AND 11, BLOCK 10, OF RAN-CHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, 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 NOVEMBER 30, 1982, IN CABINET D SLIDE NOS. 99 TO 103, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or the responsive pleadings or motions in said cause within twenty (20) days of the fourth consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorneys for Chase is Rose Little & Associates, P.C., 3803 Atrisco Blvd., NW, Suite A, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

WITNESS the Honorable Jerry H. Riter, Jr., District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County on June 19, 2003.

JAN PERRY  
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: Jean Wheteley  
Clerk

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# US Senate Looking

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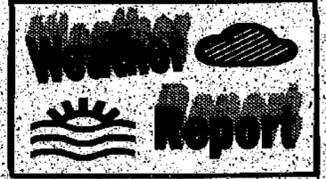
zozo also asked about the US 54/380 intersection. NMDOT district engineer in Roswell Gary Schubert said they are looking to put flashers on the overpass on the west bound lanes. As for putting a four way stop, Schubert said that would give motorists on US 54 a false sense of security if someone coming on US 380 does not stop.

Schubert said there are no plans for an alternate route around Carrizozo, as that would be a significant cost.

Sanchez suggested the DOT put in noise bumps to alert motorists to the upcoming intersection. Schubert said they are hesitant to make the roadway rough because of the potential for accidents, but he said they would consider her suggestion.

Bill Hightower who owns land along US 54 suggested that since they expect traffic to increase 100 percent in 20 years that now is the time to address the problem with a three or four lane road all the way through the state.

Comments can be submitted to the Louis Berger Group, Inc. (which did the EA), at 810 West San Mateo, Suite 200A, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Comments must refer to "Environmental Assessment of US 54 from Carrizozo to US 60/285 south of Vaughn; NM Dept. of Transportation Project Number: NH-054-2(18)124, CN 3749.



Dry winds continue to keep away the seasonal monsoon rains, which were predicted to begin this week.

Today's cooler weather provides a better chance for showers and thunderstorms, but hot days will return by the weekend.

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, July 24:  
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance for isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. High of 94. Tonight, partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms low of 65.

Friday, July 25:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High of 97. Low of 66.

Saturday, July 26:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs from upper 80s to mid 90s, lows upper 50s to mid 60s.

Sunday, July 27:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs mid 80s to mid 90s, lows in the upper 50s to mid 60s.

Monday, July 28:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s, lows in the 60s.

Tuesday, July 29:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s to mid 90s, lows upper 50s to mid 60s.

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

Today, Thursday, July 24:  
Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Light winds becoming south 10 to 15 miles per hour. High of 85 in Ruidoso, 92 in Capitan. Tonight, partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low of 58 in Ruidoso and 61 in Capitan.

Friday, July 25:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. High of 79 in Ruidoso and 89 in Capitan. Lows 57 to 61.

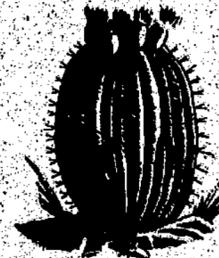
Saturday, July 26:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s to low 90s, lows in the mid 50s to low 60s.

Sunday, July 27:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s to low 90s, lows in the mid 50s to low 60s.

Monday, July 28:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s to low 90s, lows in the mid 50s to low 60s.

Tuesday, July 29:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s, lows in the 50s.

Wednesday, July 30:  
Partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s, lows in the 50s.



# Corona News

Senior Center members celebrated the new porch with a hamburger fry and concert by the Kebat River Band last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kane flew to Minnesota for a fishing trip with Bob and Lucy Berglund at Sagana near the Canadian border. The Berglunds are building a new home near the Kanes. Tim and Janell stopped in Joplin, MO on their return and brought two of their grandchildren, Candace and Jonathan Knight home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gage were honored on their golden wedding anniversary with a party hosted by their children, Brad, Rick and Bessie and their grandchildren, Josh and Hannah. The couple was married in Austin, and moved from Dripping Springs, TX to their present ranch in 1984. Guests were present from Capitan, Colorado and Texas.

Pamela Annette Vickrey, 55, succumbed to a combination of diabetes, kidney failure and pneumonia, May 9, after five days in a Farmington hospital. She had carefully planned

two memorial services in detail. One in Farmington at a Baptist Church and a celebration of her life in Corona, July 5. Rev. Allan Brunson, Stephenville, TX did the eulogy and Rev. Norman Lackey, Alamogordo, did the sermon in song.

The celebration continued with special music, original poetry and remarks by her classmates, several of whom were here to share memories and tell of Pam's help in times of crises. Pamela was the one person that kept the class together and she delegated that responsibility to Carolyn Yandell. She also left a memento to each classmate. Special remarks were made by and instructions carried out by sister/friends Charlotte Bradshaw, fellow teacher next door, Farmington and Carolyn Yandell Mitchell, Rio Rancho, who teaches English at Bernalillo High School. Pam had taught for 27

years in the Farmington area and three times was named Science Teacher of the Year.

Rev. and Mrs. Allan Brunson will fly to Anchorage, Alaska, this week where he will officiate at the wedding of Barton Locke, son of his classmate, Will Locke.

Mrs. Randy McCloud was flown from Alamogordo to Albuquerque because of complications from a kidney stone. She came home Sunday minus the stone but with a baby girl. Randy and Crystal stopped in Cedarvale to show Pauline McCloud her newest great granddaughter, six pound six ounce Jenny Lynn

born July 11 in Albuquerque. The baby has an older sister, Kara, and an older brother, Connors.

The auxiliary unit of the American Legion Beaver-Bond Post met July 8 for initiation of new members and installation of officers.

Marlys Exon, chairman, and Mary Lou Lopez, member Unit Development and Revitalization Team, Albuquerque, and Bernadine Dial, Estancia, state president, initiated new members and after election of officers conducted the installation.

Newly elected officers are: Johnnie Faye Harelson, pres.; Helen Porter, vice-pres.; Hazel Burton, sec-treas.; Irene

Mayhill, sgt-at-arms and Sherrill Bradford, chaplain.

Regular meetings are held at the American Legion Hall on the second Tuesday of each month, 2:00 p.m. The unit continues the Picket Flag Project. Others present for the impressive ceremonies were Gloria Pohl, district president, and Catherine Crookham, Estancia.

Friends and former students will be interested to know that Bob and Frances Buchanan are expected for the Corona Festival, July 28 this year. Come and celebrate one hundred years with us. See our website for more details. [www.corona.k12.nm.us](http://www.corona.k12.nm.us)

## County Finalizes

(Con't From Pg. 5)

ter vouchers given out, regardless of the county's arrangement with the society.

Hobbs then again asked about the road department and if it has enough funds for gravel and other needs.

Road supervisor Albert Hernandez said the department would be okay until January, then he would see. "If you want more from the road department, you have to have a bigger department and bigger budget," Hernandez said.

Hobbs said he did not like "mid-course corrections" which "don't strike me as way to do things."

Martinez suggested the road department get funds by imposing a road frontage tax.

Hernandez said it would be best done by subdivision for certain type roads, but he would not want it imposed on all county roads.

"Ten cents a foot is no big problem," Martinez said. "It was when we talked about going to \$1 a foot that was the problem."

County attorney Alan Morel said the way the county did road assessment was found to be illegal and the county had to pay back thousands in illegally collected assessments. "This is not intended to be assessed very long, either," Morel said.

Hobbs said it appeared to be a "real booking nightmare."

Wilson said the road assessment should be a process of a special assessment district where the property owners come to the county.



**FULL CONCENTRATION** on the foosball table did not help this unidentified young tournament player at the Santa Rita Fiesta on Sunday. Foosball tournament winners were Robert Guevara and Duane Zamora.



**REFRESHING AT THE FIESTA:** Billie Jo Guevara and daughter Kaitlin both of Roswell were visiting grandparents Martha and Tommy Guevara of Carrizozo at the Santa Rita Fiesta last Sunday.



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- \* Elementary School Special Education Teacher (183 day contract).
- \* High School Spanish Teacher (183 day contract).
- \* High School Librarian (192 day contract).

For detailed information and application please call 505-354-2239 or download from web page at [www.capitan.k12.nm.us](http://www.capitan.k12.nm.us).  
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# Sheriff's Report

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**July 19:**  
 10 a.m. Bonito Lake ranger reported horses in the campground at Blue Hole.  
 10:30 a.m. bee swarm and request for ambulance on E016 in Hondo. Med 1 responded and was on the way to LCMC by 11:24 a.m.  
 10:40 a.m. request for ambulance for 75 year old female with possible broken ankle. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at the scene at 10:45 a.m. and arrived at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso at 11:39 a.m.  
 10:55 a.m. forest service officer advised of a lost child at Bonito lake.  
 6:28 p.m. breaking and entering at location on Highway 37.  
 6:40 p.m. LCMC advised of a subject with gun shot injuries. The responding deputy went to LCMC then to the Bonito Lake campground.  
 8:02 p.m. K-9s v. cats at location on Screaming Eagle.  
 8:35 p.m. request for ambulance for 79 year old female with head injuries on Juniper in Alto. Med 1 arrived at the scene at 8:58 p.m. and transported to LCMC.  
 8:37 p.m. drag racing on Eagle Creek road. Responding deputy advised he made no contact at 9 p.m.  
 9:44 p.m. anonymous report of loud music at location on Chisum Trail in

Rancho Ruidoso. Deputy responded at 9:53 p.m.  
 10:30 p.m. careless driving at West Lake Campground at Bonito Lake, jeep with several youths racing around the campground.  
**July 20:**  
 1:54 a.m. request for ambulance for patient with rib pain at location off Highway 70. Hondo ambulance responded at the scene at 2:20 a.m. and transported to LCMC.  
 8:40 a.m. request for ambulance, subject sick at Blue Hole near Bonito Lake. Before Med 1 could respond, the lake ranger advised that a medic in the area took care of the subject.  
 9:37 a.m. deputy advised he did warrant service in Pine Lodge and had a prisoner in custody.  
 10:08 a.m. theft at location off Dean Road.  
 3:10 p.m. accident without injuries on Forest Road 105, on the Capitan side of the Ranchman's Camp Meeting.  
 3:48 p.m. request for ambulance at Fort Stanton for elderly male with back/shoulder pain. Med 1 responded at the scene at 4:15 p.m.  
 4:05 p.m. state police requested ambulance at location at mile marker 285 on Highway 70 for a woman having a panic attack in her SUV. Hondo ambulance arrived at the scene at 4:24 p.m. and transported to LCMC.

# Old Lincoln Days August 1 to 3

## 63rd Pageant

The Last Escape of Billy the Kid will take place for the 63rd year on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 1, 2 and 3 at the pageant grounds on the west side of old Lincoln. Pageant performances on Friday and Saturday

begin at 8:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance is at 3 p.m.

Celebrate the old west during the Old Lincoln Days festivities. Along with the pageant performances, see living history exhibits, story telling, try a hand at tomahawk throwing, see a Buffalo

Soldier encampment, see famous historical reenactment characters and other events will be held all three days.

Saturday, August 2: Fiddlers contest at 2 p.m. at Lincoln Park and all day living history demonstrations throughout town and other activities.

Sunday, August 3: Episcopal Mass will be held at the San Juan Church at 8:30 a.m.

The 63rd annual Old Lincoln Days parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the east end of town.

The folk pageant "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid" was first performed in 1940. The pageant is based on historical facts of the notorious Lincoln County War. From the killing of John Tunstall to the battle of Blazers Mill where Buckshot Roberts stands off Billy the Kid and his 12 cohorts, to the siege of the McSweeney house, to Billy's incarceration in the Lincoln Courthouse and his "famous last escape". The pageant is locally produced and features some descendants of original players in old Lincoln as well as many other volunteer performers.

Lincoln is located on Highway 380, about 11 miles east of Capitan or 11 miles west of Hondo. It can be reached from Ruidoso via State Road 220 (airport road) through Fort Stanton to Highway 380,

then seven miles to the east.

## Vacation Bible School At Baptist Church In Carrizozo Next Week

First Baptist Church of Carrizozo invites all children age four years through grade six to the annual Vacation Bible School at 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 28 until Friday, August 1.

Participants will be on a mission to crack the "Character Code" to solve the Great Kingdom Caper. For more information, call 648-2968.



## Astrophotography Contest Announced

The second annual Astro-Images of New Mexico: Portraits from the Foothills of Space astrophotography contest deadline for entries in August 13. Images for the contest must have been created in New Mexico. The four categories are: Youth; Land and Sky; Plate/Film/Digital; and CCD.

Contest rules and entry forms are available at [www.lodestar.unm.edu](http://www.lodestar.unm.edu) and [www.taas.org/astroimages.html](http://www.taas.org/astroimages.html). For more information contact Karen Kees at 505-841-5972 or [kkkees@nmmh.state.nm.us](mailto:kkkees@nmmh.state.nm.us).



SETTING UP A WINNING toss of the horseshoe. Furby and his tournament partner Vicky set up the last tosses of the Santa Rita Fiesta horseshoe tournament on Sunday, July 20. The two won first place, Buddy Hill and Jake Narvaez were second and the team Leroy Lopez and Barney Zamora were third.

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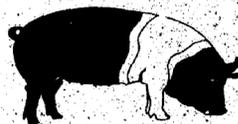
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