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Filing Day Jan. 6 for Municipal Elections

by Doris Cherry

All the municipalities in Lincoln County are holding elections on March 2 and filing day for municipal candidates is Tuesday, January 6.

To file on January 6, candidates for all municipal offices must complete declarations of candidacy and submit certified copies of their voter registrations with their respective municipal clerks. The certified copies of voter registration are only available from the Lincoln County Clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Copies of the candidates' voter registrations must be certified after the date the election resolutions were adopted by their respective municipal governing bodies.

Voter registrations must also show that the prospective candidates live within the boundaries of the municipality for which they are seeking office.

All prospective municipal candidates must file with their respective municipal clerks between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6.

Town of Carrizozo has two trustee and the municipal

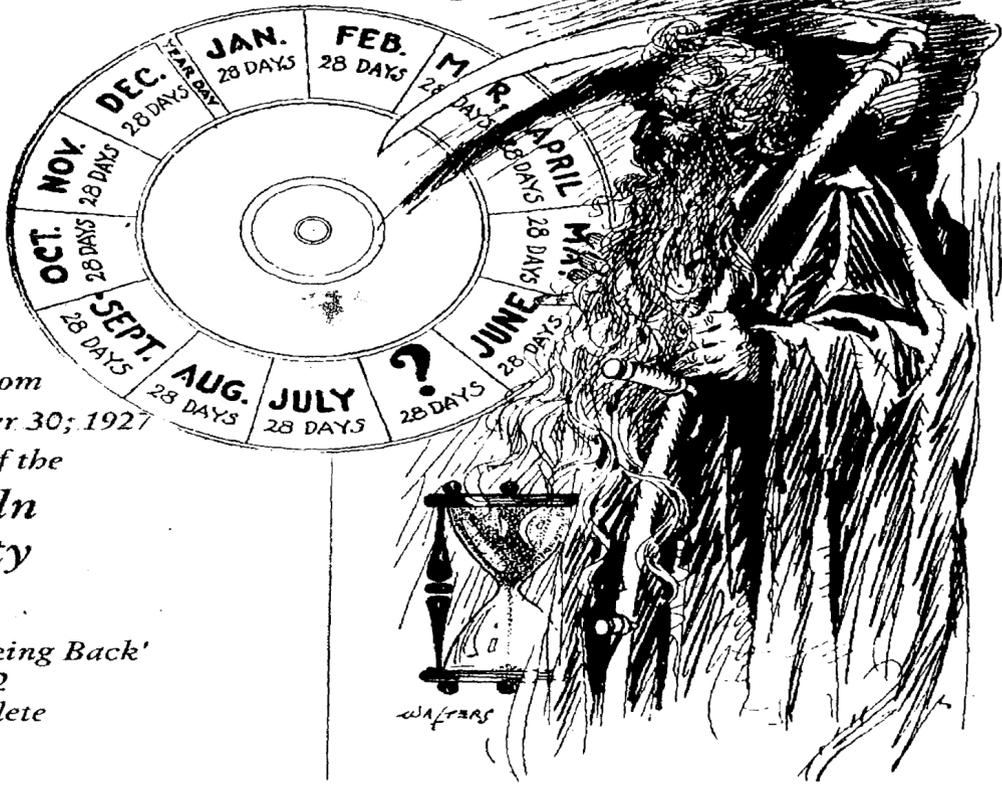
judge positions up for election. All offices are four year terms. Currently the trustee positions are held by Tommy Guevara and Wes Lindsay, and municipal judge is held by C.O. Rominger. The town's election resolution was adopted on November 11, so prospective candidates must have obtained copies of their registration from the county clerk that are certified after that date, said town clerk Lean Weibrecht.

Village of Capitan has two trustee positions open. Both positions are four year terms. Currently these are held by John Whitaker and Leroy Montes. The village adopted its election resolution on December 9, so potential candidates must have obtained copies of their voter registrations from the county clerk that are certified after that date.

Village of Corona has three councilor positions open. Two are four year terms and one is a two year term. Two of the positions are currently held by David Anderson and April Bailey and the third position is vacant. The village adopted its

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A NEW YEAR — and a New Calendar?



Taken from December 30; 1927 edition of the Lincoln County News.

See 'Looking Back' on Page 2 for complete story.

Power Outage Sunday Night

by Doris Cherry

Otero County Electric Cooperative and Texas New Mexico Power officials are investigating the cause of an outage that left approximately 17,000 people without power Sunday night.

Power went off at 6:27 p.m. Sunday, December 28 as temperatures dropped into the single digits and low teens after a day that never got above the freezing point. While power was off about four and a half hours in most of Lincoln County and the Mescalero Reservation, some pockets around Capitan had no power until about 4:45 a.m. and in the Alto area power was off until into the morning. By mid day Monday all areas were back on line.

Areas near White Oaks, Corona and Oscuro were not affected because their power comes from different sources.

According to Terry Buttram, operations manager at Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (OCEC), the cause of the outage is under

investigation. Buttram said OCEC received notice on Monday morning from Steve Fausett, senior vice president of transmission for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association out of Colorado which provides electricity to OCEC and Texas New Mexico Power (TNMP), that they suspect the outage was caused by equipment problems at the TNMP Alamogordo substation. Crews from Tri-State, OCEC and TNMP responded to the problem on Sunday night.

No foul play is suspected as a cause of the outage, Buttram said. However, because of the low temperatures there was more demand on the system than normal, he added.

Extended scattered power outages in Capitan and Alto areas were due to the electric load being picked up, Buttram said. OCEC crews were out until 7:30 a.m. Monday working on these isolated outages, he added.

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Kenny Trapp Completes Training Program



Kenny Trapp, an employee of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc., has successfully completed one of the most comprehensive training programs in the world for power line personnel. The Merchant Job Training and Safety Program (MJTS) is administered to line personnel in 38 states. MJTS is also under contract with NRECA International, Ltd., supplying a Spanish program for use around the world.

The academic program is administered through computers and fax machines for immediate response including assistance through a web site.

Kenny Trapp and the support

staff with Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. can be proud of their accomplishment. Each utility has an acting training coordinator assisting their trainees by administering closed book testing. The coordinators manage their own people throughout the training process from rules set by the MJTS and the statewide association people.

NOTE

The Lincoln County News will go back to its normal Thursday schedule next week, January 8. Deadline for all copy is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday.

County Debates Flood Plain Ordinance Again

by Doris Cherry

A pared down proposed Lincoln County Damage Prevention Ordinance was still not quite acceptable to the Lincoln County Commissioners.

Meeting on December 16 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners reviewed the newest draft of the proposed flood plain ordinance which county attorney Alan Morel said he cut down as far as he could. The state legislature in the January-February 2003 session adopted changes to the state law about flood plain management that mandate counties to adopt ordinances that conform to the minimum standards of federal flood plain rules. Since Morel first advised county commissioners about the need to adopt the flood plain ordinance, county commissioners have hesitated to adopt the mandated ordinance.

Morel said Lincoln County has been designated with certain areas that are prone

to flooding. "We do have federal flood plain maps, although they need updating," Morel said.

As he has done several times over the last few months, Morel said the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has provided model flood plain management ordinances. "I proposed you use a model ordinance, but you asked me to revise it and I have done so," Morel said.

Morel said the flood plain ordinance would require anyone wishing to build in the flood prone areas (as designated on the flood plain maps) to come to the county. The county would then send someone out to look at the area where the construction is proposed and if the area is in a flood or mud area, the owner of the proposed construction would have to get a certification from a surveyor that the construction would be built at or above the base flood elevation. The county

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would also look at what is to be built.

"The law is intended to prevent anything from increasing the flood elevation by providing a flow through structure," Morel added.

If a proposed construction is an add-on to an existing structure, and the add-on is more than 50 percent larger than the existing structure, the entire structure must then be above the flood elevation as indicated on the flood plain maps. If the add-on to be constructed is not above the flood plain elevation it will not be allowed, Morel added.

Flood plain ordinance opponent Jerry Carroll of Oscura again raised objections. "I'll accept this if you pass the ordinance, and you can guarantee me a flood," Carroll joked.

Carroll then reminded county commissioners that the changes made by the state legislature, wording

from may to the mandatory shall, was passed without any penalties for not adopting the flood plain ordinance. Carroll said there also is no time frame for counties to adopt the ordinance in the state law revisions. "This ordinance would impose de facto zoning in Lincoln County," Carroll added.

Carroll said FEMA will come under the office of Homeland Security in 2004. "If you wish to impose this on us," Carroll said to county commissioners. "I question your credibility, your understanding of the constitution and private property versus public property rights," he added. "This gives unbelievable power to non-elected officials."

"I came to Lincoln County so I could live as junky as I want, and not be subjected to federal regulations," Carroll said. "I don't want this stuffed down our throats."

County commissioner Earl Hobbs said Carroll raised interesting points. However, he asked what the consequences will be if the county does not adopt the flood plain ordinance.

Morel said Carroll is correct about the legislature not putting in a penalty or time frame. "So it has no hammer," Morel added.

"However, it is obvious the county will not be entitled to participate in the National Flood Insurance program (if it does not adopt the ordinance)," Morel said.

"Now if someone builds in a flood plain and damage or death occurs (because of flood) the county could have extreme exposure to liability," Morel added.

Hobbs said as for the insurance he personally is ambivalent but he did not want to see people exposed to the liability because of his failure to act on the ordinance. "So my responsibility is to see that people of the county are not exposed," Hobbs said. "That is why I feel we need the ordinance that complies with FEMA."

"I don't like it but I feel we have an obligation," Hobbs said. "Otherwise we expose the whole county to a possible judgement."

During previous discussions about the flood plain ordinance, county commissioners Rex Wilson and Rick Simpson suggested the ordinance contain just a disclosure statement to property owners wishing to build in flood prone areas that the area is prone to flooding. Again on December 16, Wilson suggested the disclosure statement.

Hobbs said without the ordinance, the county will be exposed.

Carroll said that ordinance would be good only for someone trying to get federal flood insurance. Carroll

said there is a "lot of good stuff" in the flood plain program if it was voluntary.

Morel said if someone in the county wants the federal flood insurance "we have to play by their rules."

County commissioner Maury St. John said she thinks that the flood plain ordinance will apply to everyone in the county. "If someone wants to build a house in the county they have to come to the county for certification, whether the house is in a flood plain or not," she said. "All building will be affected by this ordinance."

County commissioners then asked surveyor Tim Collins for comments. Collins was at the meeting to represent a property owner in a different subject. Collins said he thought someone from the mortgage companies in Ruidoso would be at the meeting. None attended.

"I'm tired of them hollering at me about what the county should do (about the flood plain ordinance)," St. John said. "But they don't bother to come here to the meeting."

Collins said he does a lot of certifications for the Village of Ruidoso which has a flood plain ordinance. He asked if the county will get new flood plain maps if an ordinance is adopted.

Morel said the whole process will include updated maps.

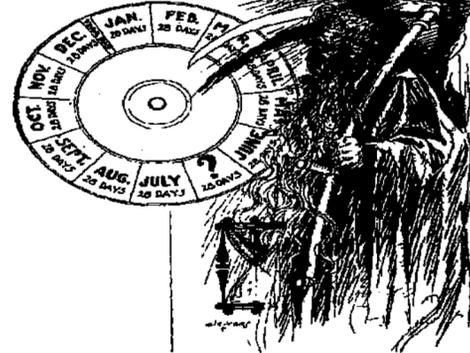
Collins said he did not see a problem using the old flood plain maps which were done in 1978. He said in Ruidoso if a proposed construction is not in the flood plain areas as indicated on the maps, the flood plain manager just signs off as such.



As the Lincoln County News nears the century mark of being in existence (1905-2005), we will be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following article appeared in the "Lincoln County News" -- on

Friday, December 30, 1927

A NEW YEAR -- and a New Calendar?



by ELMOS SCOTT WATSON
Drawing by Ray Walters.

As the New Year comes round and the world faces another 365 days of business and pleasure, there comes up again the question of into what units those 365 days are to be divided so as to give the most of us the opportunity to employ them the most profitably and pleasantly -- in other words, the question of a new calendar. For centuries "calendar" has been subject to many changes and man has not yet obtained a satisfactory result. When the Gregorian calendar, now in use, was adopted, it was designed to conform to condition of what period in history. But conditions have so changed that it is not best adapted to modern needs. Business, especially, complains that it is put out of step by the calendar's irregularities and business is demanding a more standardized system.

The resolution to do something definite about this matter dates from 1924 when the League of Nations appointed a committee of inquiry to go into the matter of reforming the calendar and making recommendations for its change. This committee sent questionnaires to 56 countries, which are members of the league, and to religious and business authorities throughout the world. Replies to the questionnaires have been received from 27 governments, 26 international organizations, 18 railroad administrations, the educational authorities of 23 countries and from a host of individuals.

The need of a reform, as pointed out by the committee, is that the Gregorian calendar has the defects of inequality of its months, quarters and half years and its lack of fixity. The result is confusion in economic relations, statistics, accounts and commercial transport figures. All calculations of salaries, interest, insurance pensions, leases and rents which are fixed on a monthly, quarterly or half yearly basis are inaccurate and do not correspond with one-twelfth, one-quarter or one-half of the year.

In order to make daily calculations in current accounts with comparative certainty and speed, banks have to make constant use of special tables. Moreover, the unequal length of the months has led financial concerns in most European countries to calculate deposit and current accounts on the basis of a year of 12 months of 30 days, or 360 days, whereas in the discounting of bills the year is still reckoned at its exact number of days.

Owing to the fact that the present calendar is not fixed, but changes from year to year, its exact reproduction takes place only once every 28 years. Hence the dates of periodical events can

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Power Outage

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A shelter was set up at Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso to take in individuals who were without power and heat, said Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart. Lincoln County emergency manager Bill Martin was in the field coordinating with the Village of Ruidoso emergency manager, Stewart added.

Stewart said he received no reports of problems in the county except for a house fire in Sun Valley that started from a candle placed on a hot wood heater.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Dispatch reported many calls about the outage, including some that demanded the county fix the problem.

THE NEWS received reports of frozen water lines and well problems in some county areas.

Telephones were not working in some isolated areas during the outage. Buttram said some of the phones operate off electrical power and have little or no battery back up.

Buttram said OCEC had nothing to do with the outage, however the company will have to make a report to the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC). He said TNMP and Tri-State Generating will also have to make reports to the PRC about the outage.

"We want to thank all our customers for their patience during this event," Buttram said.

Filing Day Jan. 6 for

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election resolution on November 13.

Village of Ruidoso has three councilor positions open, all of which are four year terms. Currently the positions are held by Robert Sterchi, Frank Cummins and Ron Anderson. The village adopted its election resolution on December 9. Candidate information packets that contain information about the certified voter registration, election calendars, etc. are available from village clerk Irma Nava in her office in Village Hall.

City of Ruidoso Downs has the mayor, two trustee and municipal judge positions open. All are four year terms. Currently the positions are held by mayor Bobby Miller, trustees Sue Garrett and Judy Miller and

municipal judge Harold Mansell. The city adopted its election resolution on November 13. City Clerk Carol Virden told THE NEWS that potential candidates may obtain candidate information packets from her at her office in city hall.

Persons desiring to register to vote in the municipal elections must do so by 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 3.

Municipal elections will be held Tuesday, March 2 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Only registered voters whose voter registration cards show them residing within the municipal boundaries are eligible to vote in the municipal elections.

For more information about the municipal elections call your respective municipal clerk.

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Please allow an extra 20-30 minutes in your travel schedule to accommodate general construction activities.

Blasting will become more frequent on weekdays (Mon-Fri), in Section B MP 272-275 located West of Glencoe/East of Fox Cave and MP 267-270, located East of the Rio Ruidoso Bridge. Lane closures will begin at 12 pm lasting up to one hour.

SBC & NMDOT wish everyone a safe & happy Holiday Season, and a prosperous New Year. Please celebrate responsibly, drive carefully and enjoy the Holidays!

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For information call Mary Ann Wootton, SBC Community Relations Liaison toll free at 1-866-653-4069 or main office 505-653-4396.

January Calendar of Events
US 70 Hondo Valley Citizens Task Force Meeting
Dates

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Scott Shafer Celebrates 30 Years With Bank

Scott Shafer, president of Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and Vaughn will celebrate his 30th anniversary with the bank on Friday, January 2.

After receiving a BS and MS in Genetics from NM State University, Mr. Shafer began his banking career as a management trainee in Carrizozo on January 2, 1974. Following his marriage to Rosemary Casabonne of Hope, NM in July 1975, he move to Estancia and served as branch manager of that bank until 1978. The Shafers returned to Carrizozo in the fall of that year and soon thereafter Scott was named to success retiring president Johnson Stearns.

Since they arrived to stay in 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Shafer have become pillars of the community and have raised three children. Keri is a second-year medical student at the University of NM, Rob is a senior at Rice University, and Jennifer

nessed a great deal of growth and transition, both within the banks locally, and in the regulatory nature of the banking industry. Through waves of mergers and acquisitions the bank has changed its nameplate several times, from Citizens' State Bank to United New Mexico to Norwest, and finally to Wells Fargo. In the mid-1990s Mr. Shafer assumed management of the Ruidoso bank, and later added the branch bank in Ruidoso Downs.

Scott is involved in numerous civic groups including the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, the Masons, and the United Methodist Church. He graduated in 2003 from Leadership-New Mexico, and served in an advisory role for Leadership, Lincoln. He is active in the Carrizozo FFA Alumni, chairs the Junior Livestock Sales Committee at the Lincoln County Fair, is a member of the Carrizozo Health Center board, and serves on the Lincoln County Medical Center planning board. He has also kept a hand in the family ranch north of Carrizozo that was founded by his pioneer ancestors a century ago. The breadth and depth of Mr. Shafer's interests and involvement are representative both of his strong and ongoing commitment to the area, and to his inherent traits prized so highly by Wells Fargo. Mr. Shafer's honesty, integrity, and dedication to banking, agriculture, and New Mexico are the basis of his success in the area, and his longevity with the bank. We look forward to many more years of service to the people of Lincoln and Guadalupe counties.

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

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
--Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS
--Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour, 1 p.m.
--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group, every other Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso;
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
--Crossfire Youth Group, 6:30-8 p.m. Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan. For junior and senior high school age youth.

WEDNESDAYS
--Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.
--AWANA club for kids age 3 to 6th grade meets 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo.

TODAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
--Lincoln County News publishes today because of the New Year holiday. Office will be closed Thursday.
--LCSWA will empty all poly carts in Carrizozo today, (a day early because of the holiday.)
--LCSWA will empty poly carts in areas north of Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan (a day early because of the holiday).

NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 2004
--Ruidoso Village Hall closed; Capitan Village Hall closed; Lincoln County Courthouse closed; Carrizozo Town Hall closed, all post offices, banks and state and federal offices closed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2
--Ruidoso Village Hall, Carrizozo Town Hall and Lincoln County Courthouse will be open.
--Capitan village hall always closed on Fridays.
--LCSWA empties poly carts in Capitan areas (except those north of Smokey Bear Blvd. which were emptied Tuesday.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 5
--School resumes in all districts in the county.
--Capitan Chamber of Commerce meets at 8:30 a.m. at the chamber building on Second Street.
--Lincoln County Community Center meeting, 7 p.m. Capitan School Cafeteria.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6
--Filing date for candidates for municipal elections in March. Candidates must file with their respective municipal clerk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
--Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) regular session 9 a.m. in the county commission chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. Call county manager's office for agenda.
--Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission 2 p.m. village hall.
--Free parenting classes begin at 5:30 p.m. at Carrizozo Recreation Center. No charge. Call Danny Watkins, Carrizozo School counselor at 648-2346 to register.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
--Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant board meets at 10 a.m. at Ruidoso Village Hall.
--Ruidoso Arts Commission, 4 p.m. at village hall.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
--Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee meets at 2 p.m. in the county commission chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Public invited to attend.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12
--Capitan School Board meets at 6 p.m. in the school administration building. Items on the agenda include action on board policy concerning weapons in school, food bid, action on the superintendent's contract.

In the ensuing 25 years Mr. Shafer witnessed a great deal of growth and transition, both within the banks locally, and in the regulatory nature of the banking industry. Through waves of mergers and acquisitions the bank has changed its nameplate several times, from Citizens' State Bank to United New Mexico to Norwest, and finally to Wells Fargo. In the mid-1990s Mr. Shafer assumed management of the Ruidoso bank, and later added the branch bank in Ruidoso Downs.



Community Center Meeting Mon., January 5 in Capitan

Lincoln County Community Center task force will hold the first meeting of 2004 at 7 p.m. Monday, January 5 at Capitan School Cafeteria.

Anyone wanting more information or is interested in helping with the community center project is invited to attend.

The first meeting of the community center task force was held in November. Representatives from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan, Carrizozo, Hondo and the county attended.

Calling themselves the YES committee, a group of Lincoln County residents began the community center concept early in 2003. The group went to the county commission and municipal councils seeking support. In October, the Lincoln County Community Center task force was organized with representatives from all the municipalities, school districts and the county.

The community center as envisioned by the group would include a community gym, exercise rooms, multi-generational meeting rooms and indoor swimming pool. Currently the primary location being considered for the center is on Ruidoso municipal schools property next to White Mountain Schools (next to the Kids Connection playground off Hull Road in Ruidoso.) However, other locations may be considered.

Organizers have developed a newsletter to inform the public about the com-

munity center project and have an email address to take comments or questions. The address is yescommittee@valornet.com. The second edition of the newsletter discusses water issues surrounding a community center. "It's a wash, but essential," the newsletter states. "The community center pool will be filled once, then filtered. The amount of water to fill the pool is a tiny percentage of the Village of Ruidoso annual water use." "Most importantly, once the center is open it will provide swim lessons and water therapy for the entire community. Currently the majority of residents cannot get swim lessons." "There have been four Lincoln County lives lost to drowning in the past four years alone! This one fact, among many others spurs our efforts," the newsletter states.

Questions and comments may also be mailed by writing YES! Committee, PO Drawer 2200, Ruidoso, NM 88355.



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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Were You In The Dark?

By Ruth Hammond

Odd isn't it that things happen the way they do. Sunday night was one of the coldest nights this year, and that was when the power went out. Most homes and businesses have heating systems that must have electricity to operate, and that meant most homes and businesses were extra cold while the power was disrupted. Latest reports are that the outage was caused by equipment problems. Thank goodness it was not an act of terrorism, though many people did ask if it could be. Our response was that terrorists would probably do their dastardly deed on more populated areas than rural Lincoln County. Then again, maybe we are very wrong.

Usually you can assume terrorists will concentrate their activities on areas where more people are congregated, such as the big celebration New Year's Eve in New York City, or sporting events where thousands and hundreds of thousands of people will be in one place. Hopefully it won't happen. Thank goodness the people here in Lincoln County are very caring and do such things as open shelters for people to go to when they are in need, such as being without power and heat. Another good thing is that many of the people here in Lincoln County called neighbors and friends to make certain they were o.k. Of course they had to use non cordless phones to make those calls. One person luckily had a rotary phone in another room to use in unexpected emergencies.

The new technology is great, except when situations happen such as did Sunday night. All electronic machines were shut down, cordless phones would not work without electricity, thermostats could not work on furnaces and other heating equipment without electricity, TV was not an option, that is unless you had a portable that worked on batteries, and it was dark, dark, dark outside. It was strange to not have street lights, though the moon was bright and the stars were especially brilliant while there was no power.

Apparently many people went to bed early and got a good night's sleep, but they did need to have a non-electric alarm to wake them the next morning. When the whistle blew in Carrizozo at 4 p.m. Monday we were told it was probably the noon whistle because the timer had not been changed. Businesses with timers will have to change them or equipment will not operate properly. Oops, we need to change the timer on *The Lincoln County News* outside light.

Generally, power outages do not last long, but we do remember an ice storm that hit the Carrizozo area a few years ago that caused power to be off for many hours. It was a combination of sleet sticking to power lines and very high winds that caused 16 utility poles to be blown down and then people learned how cold it could get in a few hours.

Equipment problems don't happen that often and we are thankful that crews responded quickly to remedy problems and restore power as soon as possible. And luckily it was equipment problems and not a terrorist attack. Hopefully it won't happen again soon and our major concern will be for everyone to have a safe and Happy New Year celebration.



INSIDE THE CAPITOL



by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- There were few winners and many losers from the recently-completed special legislative session. The biggest winner was House Speaker Ben Lujan, who kept Gov. Bill Richardson, the biggest loser, from having a total disaster on his hand.

After Senate President Pro Tem Richard Romero led his chamber on a walkout from the session, Lujan's troops were ready to follow. Even his House Majority Whip, James Taylor of Albuquerque, was publicly calling for the Legislature to go home. But with his first public demonstration of power, Lujan clamped down on House members and forced them to stick it out.

In order to get them talking again, Lujan started performing major surgery on the massive tax bill Gov. Richardson had submitted, finally ending up with just a road bill. It wasn't easy. The bill still had tax increases in it, but it also was heavy enough with pork that finally even senators decided to come back and be sure they got their share.

And with those forceful moves, Lujan let it be known that former Speaker Raymond Sanchez truly has a successor, not just a placeholder. People who had been calling him "Gentle Ben" are now calling him "Big Ben". What many don't seem to remember is that when Lujan first became speaker, in the 2001 Legislature, the most common concern about him was that, as majority whip, he had been Speaker Sanchez's "enforcer" for so long that he wouldn't have the diplomatic skills necessary to keep the House running smoothly.

But the gentleman from Nambe proved to be a consummate diplomat, just different from his predecessor. Raymond Sanchez was smooth and suave, but all 70 hours members knew that incurring his wrath would surely bring retribution. And often that retribution was delivered by Lujan, the enforcer.

House members also know that Lujan was not a man to be crossed. They knew he could be tough, but that side wasn't particularly evident to outside observers. What they saw was a Ben Lujan with a big gentle smile, who was playing a much more inclusive game than former Speaker Sanchez had. The Republican young Turks, with whom Sanchez had so many public

encounters, were getting along just fine with Lujan. Obviously something was happening behind the scenes, but no one saw it. They just saw a charming speaker presiding over a smooth-running House.

And so it was, when Lujan suddenly had a revolution on his hands and then made all the right moves to put it down, those who deal with state government became aware that behind Lujan's big smile there was a lot of substance.

And since Lujan pulled Gov. Richardson's chestnuts out of the fire, he stands to become a much bigger player in state politics. Richardson owes him big time and the state Democratic Party recognizes his contribution toward averting a disaster. At a recent Democratic news conference concerning the upcoming presidential selection caucuses, Richardson and party leaders couldn't do enough to defer to Mr. Speaker.

The governor still was a special session loser, but Lujan saved him from a disaster. As Joe Monahan points out on his political blog, Democrats who voted for the road tax increases also may be losers. Ask former Govs. Gray Davis of California and Bill Clinton of Arkansas what happens when a governor signs an increase in vehicle registration fees. And ask former Gov. Bruce what happens when a governor signs a gasoline tax increase. All paid with their jobs in their only political defeats.

Democrats in safe districts, such as Lujan and Senate Majority Leader Manny Aragon, won't have to worry. But those in marginal districts will be stamped with the tax-and-spend label. And hurt the most of any lawmaker will be Senate President Pro Tem Richard Romero, who again plans to challenge U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson.

She is sure to make Romero pay for his fiscal record.

OBITUARIES

JACK N. HARKEY

Services for Jack N. Harkey, 84, of Carrizozo were held Dec. 29 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Hayden Smith officiating. Burial was at the Angus Cemetery.

Mr. Harkey died Dec. 26. He was born October 10, 1919 in Carrizozo and had lived in the area all of his life. He served in the Army during World War II, and was a rancher in Lincoln County. He married Christine Russell on Nov. 5, 1941 in Carrizozo.

He is survived by his wife, Christine of Carrizozo; his sister, Zane H. Petty of Roswell and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

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

KENNETH WILSON REAMY

Kenneth Wilson Reamy died Dec. 27 at his home in Capitan. He was born June 18, 1936 in Dredell, TX. He married Carol Brink on July 14, 1954. He served in the US Army.

Kenneth and his wife moved to Capitan in 1964 and in 1977 Kenneth and Hollis O. Cummins formed Reamy Drilling Company. Kenneth was a member of the National Water Assoc. and served as president of the State Water Well Assoc. for three terms. He was named State Driller of the Year in 1984.

Kenneth was active in the Lions Club, First Baptist Church and the Veterans Park. He donated countless hours of labor at Smokey Bear State Park.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Elissa Reamy of Odessa, TX, uncles and aunts.

Graveside services will be held in Monahan, TX at a later date.

RAMON L. NAJAR

Funeral mass for Ramon L. Najjar, 78, of Capitan, was Dec. 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Silva Family Cemetery.

Mr. Najjar died Dec. 1 at his home. He was born October 25, 1925 at Roswell. He served in the Army during World War II and then worked in Civil Service at Holloman Air Force Base, retiring after 30 years. He later drove a school bus for Capitan Schools. He married Addie Silva on November 28, 1946 in Carrizozo.

He is survived by his wife, Addie Najjar; children, David Silva and his wife Lorraine of Santa Cruz, NM, Chris Najjar and his wife Mary of Las Vegas, NM, Frank Najjar and wife Patty of Portland, OR, and daughter, Veronica Gutierrez and husband Ellis of La Luz, NM; nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Najjar Jr., his parents, three brothers and a sister.

SCOTT WAGLEY

Services were held Nov. 22 at Forrest Community church for Scott Wagley. He died of a heart attack at his home. Scott was born Sept. 26, 1962 in Clovis. He married Debra Wornack in Capitan May 21, 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; son Stefan; two daughters, Alisha and Kelley of the family home near Melrose, one sister and three brothers and their families, and Debbie's parents, Eddy and Ellen Fay Wornack of Capitan.

Sheriff's Report

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7:38 p.m. 911 report of domestic on county road off mile marker 81 on Highway 380. Request for deputy for intoxicated husband who was verbally abusing the caller.

December 27
1:30 a.m. request for ambulance, sick call at location on 3rd Street. Capitan ambulance was paid with no response. Med 1 responded arriving at 2:03 a.m. and at 2:06 a.m. left for LCMC arriving at 2:43 a.m.

8:07 a.m. business on Highway 70 west requested deputy for customer who wouldn't pay.

8:51 a.m. stolen snow board from hardware store in Ruidoso.

1:44 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 2:18 p.m. and at

2:32 p.m. left with two on board for LCMC arriving at 3:19 p.m.

5:56 p.m. assault at location at mile marker 17 on State Road 246. A male subject in a light blue 70s model GMC pickup pulled a weapon on the caller's son. A Be On the Look Out (BOLO) was issued in Roswell and Ruidoso for a white male with scraggly beard in camo clothes.

6:19 p.m. stolen gun from location on Buck Drive in Alto, a derringer double barrel. The caller had been gone and just arrived. While gone the caller had a subject with a key to do painting for him, in turn the subject had other people do the actual job.

7:01 p.m. 911 report of minor accident with injuries at mile marker 3 on State Road 37. Med 1 arrived at 7:31 p.m. and at 7:34 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 7:57 p.m. Bonito Fire Dept. was paged but the call was cancelled. State

police were notified. December 28

7:49 a.m. caller from location west of Lincoln reported damage to an irrigation ditch. Deputy responded at 8:10 a.m. and went to the diversion point where the damage was. At 8:19 a.m. the deputy was out with her hand held radio and at 8:38 a.m. advised she was back at the caller's residence.

9:37 a.m. request for welfare check at caller's daughter's residence in Glencoe. At 9:45 a.m. the caller called to advise the daughter was fine, she had just arrived.

9:43 a.m. request for ambulance for sick 76 year old female at location in Little Creek Hills. Med 1 arrived at 10:16 a.m. and at 10:25 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 10:52 a.m.

2:12 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 2:43 p.m. and at 3:06 p.m. left for LCMC arriving at 3:43 p.m.

3:18 p.m. 911 report of smoldering ashes on Screaming Eagle Drive in Enchanted Forest. The neighbor threw out his ashes by the garage and they were beginning to smoke and smolder. Bonito Fire Dept. arrived at 3:30 p.m. and completed the assignment by 3:44 p.m.

4:56 p.m. fireworks on a pull off on the Ski Run Road, subjects in a 4 x 4 Dodge and a black Ford pickup with Texas plates.

6:16 p.m. runaway from trailer park east of Ruidoso Downs.

6:44 p.m. caller from west of Lincoln reported damage to property.

6:45 p.m. calls about power being out.

7:24 p.m. request for ambulance at location on west 5th street for male who was weak.

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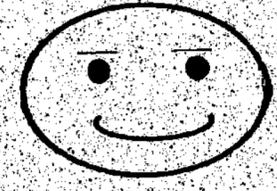
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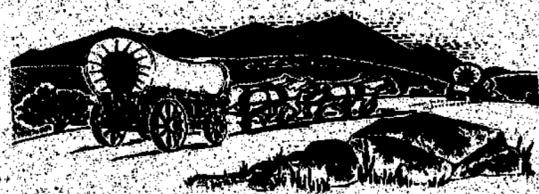
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Fort Stanton FACTS & FICTION

by Betty Lou Joiner

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The highway has at least two coats of pavement on the south side of the road from the bridge at Devil's Canyon turnoff in the east and west directions. It has been such an inconvenience but as everyone says, it is going to be so much better. The road is done out of the Downs past Biscuit Hill and that gives us an idea just how much better it will be. The bridge construction is also done on the south side and I'm sure they will soon be working on the north side. We had at least two inches of snow this morning in Capitan, but arriving at Glencoe there was not a snowflake in sight.

A little elf came by on Monday and decorated the post office. The new decorations make for that special holiday feeling. Joe, who works for Sherry and Glenn is getting ready to go back to Chicago to visit his dad and aunt. He was telling me about the things they have done every year and he is happy to be going home. Sherry and Glenn are like a couple of elves working every day with this business of theirs. The money allocated to try and clean up the underbrush was a big amount and maybe this will filter down to them.

Mary Eshom worked for me during Thanksgiving and I so enjoyed the four days off. Mary is driving the school bus for Margaret Woodard who is doing great after minor surgery. Get well Margaret so you can get back to working at all these odd jobs. Esther and Marilyn are two other clerks who work at most of the offices. Thanks to each of you.

Remember to stop in at Rustic Roots. They have their sign up just out of town going towards Carrizozo. They are located just this side of Becky Washburns. The food is always good. Willie has been helping Wynell when Ronnie is gone. Give them a call.

I haven't been into Lavender and Lace, but understand that Erin has her Espresso for sale. Capitan just keeps getting more and more good places.

LC Sheriff Posse Meets

The posse has had their regular meetings in November and December. It is already time to be putting out the request for our CALL FOR ARTISTS for the Pony Express Trail Ride Poster Artwork. If any of you out there are interested in submitting art work for the 2004 poster, please get in touch with Rosemary Larue at Lincoln or call me at 653-4314. This will be the ninth year and everyone seems to always enjoy seeing what the next artwork will entail.

The past artists that have been chosen for their outstanding artwork are: Bert Seaborn 1996, Gay Harris 1997, Loraine Caywood 1998, Denise Dora 1999, Mr. Rierson 2000, Helen Hyatt 2001, Holly Humphrey 2002 and Bobbie Virden 2003. Gay and Helen were willing to ride the trail ride with us making it even more interesting. So once again if you are an artist please contact us or any posse member. The deadline will be March 1, 2004.

We are also going to try and get the Lincoln County school art classes

to enter their artwork for a little extra addition. The students will not be competing for the contest, but we hope to give a few prizes for the first three places for participation. More on this as we contact the schools.

On Sunday the 7th the new officers for the posse were sworn in. They will be: president, Joe Heiser; VP, Marty Martell; secretary, Sharon Vanderhyde; and treasurer, Barbara Heiser. The officers retiring were Dave Scott, Bob Allen, Marcia Mixon, and Barbara Heiser.

The awards banquet will be coming up the middle part of January.

The posse accomplished many things in 2003. The Smokey Bear Stampede and the LC Cowboy Symposium are two of the events that the posse has over twenty five members working. This has proven very beneficial to both organizations. The kids' rodeo at the symposium has become a favorite with many of the visitors in October.

I noticed about a month ago the fairboard had brought in lots of dirt to fill in the many holes in the parking lot. It had been graded and made much better for all the trailers and cars that park in the area. I'm sure some of the funds made during the fourth of July went for this improvement.

Jim and Betty Browning were the social committee and community relations chairmen. They did an outstanding job this year and are willing to take over for next year. They are planning the awards banquet and have it all ready to go. Paula Allen was responsible for making the phone directories. She gave us updated sheets for the past year from her computer info and has done an excellent job on this project. Thanks for the much needed sheets Paula. Joe Smith led the parade group at the final parade in Capitan December 20. Santa was in town to welcome everyone. Doctor Beechie and Carol Anne joined the posse along with Rueben Marquez. Glad to have them as they are going to school us on mules.

This is a little late but want to let everyone know what a good job the new principal and the new teachers are doing. The fourth and fifth grade students spoke in front of the FFA members who chose eight from each class, then the winners of the public speaking spoke to family members in the school library. Eight fourth and eight fifth graders spoke about New Mexico culture. I was so impressed with all of the students' presentations and the excitement and support the teachers gave each student.

Kersti was one of these fourth graders and even though she wasn't one of the winners I thought she was a winner. To speak at any age in front of people is so hard, and the way each of these students spoke was so uplifting. Two of the judges were Linda Fuchs and Mrs.

Sheriff's Report

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.

Winter Storm Preparation

Snow, sleet, ice and wind combine to make power outages unavoidable. To minimize inconvenience, discomfort and danger, you should consider preparing now for the possibility to severe winter weather ahead.

* Create an emergency kit with a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and candles, extra batteries, matches, a first-aid-kit, a fire extinguisher, bottled water and non-perishable food.

* If your home has a fireplace or wood stove, keep a good supply of wood on hand. When you hear that a storm is approaching, make sure that a few days' worth of wood is stored in a protected area so it won't be wet when you need to burn it.

* If you have extra heaters that use kerosene or another fuel, make sure you have adequate supplies of fuel available, use fuel-burning heaters ONLY in a well-ventilated area. NEVER burn charcoal indoors! the fumes are hazardous. And always store the fuel in a cool, dry place -- not in your home.

* Don't toss out old, worn blankets or quilts. Keep them stored for emergencies. They not only help you stay warm, but can also be used to cover doors, windows and other sources of cold air leaks during an outage.

* If your power does go out, check your own fuses and circuit breakers first. Call your neighbors to see if they have also lost power. Then contact your co-op to report the outage.

* Remember that in an outage a cordless phone won't work. Make sure you have at least one regular-telephone with a cord to use if the power goes out.

* Keep refrigerator and freezer doors shut. A closed fridge will keep food chilled for 12 hours.

* To keep pipes from freezing in a cold house, open all the faucets slightly to keep them going.

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

December 22
11:15 a.m. phone calling card fraud in Lincoln County.

1:55 p.m. request for ambulance for 61 year old male with stomach pain at location on Lynx. Captain ambulance was paged with no response so Med 1 advanced life support ambulance out of Ruidoso responded and arrived at the location at 2:21 p.m. and transported to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso at 3:09 p.m.

1:57 p.m. request for ambulance for 74 year old female whose oxygen was low. Med 2 was paged but advised there were only three ambulances available for the whole county, but the ambulance never stopped rolling and arrived at the location at 2:40 p.m. left for LCMC at 2:49 p.m. and arrived there at 3:38 p.m.

1:59 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of 911 hang-up at location on Rancho in Palo Verde Slopes. Responding deputy advised all was okay, children were playing.

2:25 p.m. 911 request for ambulance for elderly female who had fallen on stairs and had a possible broken ankle at location on 3rd Street in Capitan. Med 8 arrived at the location at 2:49 p.m. and left with paramedic on board at 3:11 p.m. arriving at LCMC at 3:43 p.m.

3:01 p.m. injured deer on State Road 48 at Enchanted Forest. No Game and Fish officers were available so the county animal control officer responded.

3:57 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for 14 year old female with possible head injury. Med 1 arrived at 4:33 p.m. and left at 4:48 p.m. for LCMC in code 3 arriving there at 5:50 p.m.

8:04 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on 4th Ave. for two year old male who was very sick. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at the location at 8:10 p.m. and left for intercept with Med 1 at 8:44 p.m. for final transport to LCMC arriving at 9:01 p.m.

9:23 p.m. Texas caller requested deputy for attempt to locate and welfare check at location on Midiron in Alto. The caller's 19 year old daughter and 14 year old son left from Texas to the location and had not arrived.

December 23
12:01 p.m. deputy request tow truck for black car on State Road 48 near business on Alto hill.

12:52 p.m. deputy advised that abandoned vehicle on Luguna was towed.

1:38 p.m. Med 7 ambulance reported accident with injuries at mile marker 280 on Highway 70 and requested fire department. Glencoe Fire Dept. responded at 1:44 p.m. but was cancelled by 1:46 p.m.

2:10 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Las Golondrinas in Hondo for a very sick female. Hondo ambulance arrived at the location at 2:28 p.m. and left for LCMC at 2:45 p.m. arriving at 3:13 p.m.

2:33 p.m. 911 request for ambulance and welfare check at location on Lynx Road, the caller had severed pain and wanted to end it all and wanted help. Captain ambulance responded at 3:13 p.m. leaving for the hospital in Roswell at 4:20 p.m. and arriving at 5:50 p.m.

4:20 p.m. state police requested an ambulance at mile marker 6 on state road 48 for a prisoner with heart

problems. med 1 arrived at 4:43 p.m. and transported to LCMC arriving at 5:05 p.m.

5:50 p.m. accident with-out injuries vehicle v. deer at mile marker 58 on Highway 380.

5:37 p.m. deputy reported possible criminal sexual penetration (csp) of a minor in Carrizozo.

December 24
11:08 a.m. request for ambulance at ski area for 66 year old female with ankle injury. Med 1 arrived at the location at 11:42 a.m. and left for LCMC at 11:48 a.m. arriving there at 12:26 p.m.

1:54 p.m. trespass/criminal damage at location on Cora Dutton Road. Request for deputy for a lock out off. At 1:57 p.m. the female called and advised all was okay, subjects were there with the lock in their pocket and are okay to be on her property.

2:05 p.m. stolen car and accident without injuries on Homestead Drive. The vehicle was taken from a fast food restaurant in Ruidoso.

2:35 p.m. deputy requested ambulance at accident on Homestead Drive. Med 1 arrived at 2:46 p.m. and at 2:51 p.m. left for LCMC arriving at 3:01 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of possible overdoses at location on

Spring Road. Two deputies responded.

8:02 p.m. 911 hang up at location in San Patricio, a Spanish speaking young boy, with yelling the background. Responding deputy advised all was okay.

8:13 p.m. Torrance County sheriff's office requested agency assistance at a structure fire at mile marker 19 on State Road 42. Corona Fire Department responded at 8:28 p.m. but at 8:34 p.m. Torrance County cancelled the call advising the fire was a controlled burn, no structure.

December 25
7:34 a.m. breaking and entering of a vehicle in Alto.

8:56 a.m. burglary at location on Gavilan Canyon road.

12:07 p.m. request for ambulance at ski area. Med 1 arrived at 12:39 p.m. and at 12:49 p.m. left for LCMC arriving at 1:26 p.m.

12:25 p.m. Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) reported illegal dumping on Rain Dance in Fawn Ridge.

December 26
3 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Valley View. Captain ambulance was paged with

no response so Med 1 responded arriving at 3:39 p.m. and at 3:50 p.m. left for LCMC arriving at 4:22 p.m.

3:12 p.m. 911 report of traffic hazard on Highway 70 two miles east of Tinnie, trees fell on the highway and struck some vehicles. State police and state highway department were notified.

3:26 p.m. request for officer because the dog the caller was caring for had been shot and was in surgery at the vets. The caller was unsure where the incident had occurred, the dog just showed up with the injury. Animal control officer responded.

3:52 p.m. request for ambulance at the sheriff's office to check a Corona resident's pregnant wife who was having blood pressure problems. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 4:01 p.m. but was refused transport at 4:13 p.m.

4:07 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at ski area for a subject being brought down on a back board and in a c collar. Med 2 arrived at 4:39 p.m. and at 4:46 p.m. left for LCMC arriving at 5:22 p.m.

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Fort Stanton FACTS & FICTION

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Billingsley. What a hard job they had, but they did a good job in selecting the top three in each class.

Jace is doing excellent in many of his school projects. I asked if I could visit his room for a little while and was impressed with his teacher Mrs. Rice. She had several extra students as one of the other teachers was out sick.

Jace and Kersti stayed with me while mom and dad attended the Fort Lone Tree supper. We drew pictures for the Enchantment, made quilt blocks and Christmas tree ornaments, ran the dogs, and watched TV. Jace told me about his trip to Bandera, TX during Thanksgiving. His aunt Donna and uncle Jerry let him go hunting and what a time he had.

I have been to the school only one time to start teaching about stamps. Seems that time gets less and less. Hope to have some NM stamps ready for January. We studied about men in October and had a time with the Father Flanagan one. Do many of you know who he was? The quilt blocks are about ready with the 2003 stamps painted on them.

The classes will be learning to write their zip+four on these blocks. I hope to have the quilt top ready for some

of the events coming up with the celebration of Smokey's 60th birthday. 2004 will have the Capitan Chamber and Eddie Tudor leading a group to celebrate this milestone.

Flying J performed at the Spencer theatre recently. They always have great Christmas music to get you ready for Christmas. Cindy does and excellent job of playing Grandma, who gets run over by the reindeer. The posse will be glad to have Mr. Black joining the group.

Harriet, hope you are well and enjoyed the holidays. Give your daughter a hug and please come back to visit us real soon.

Happy holidays from me and "Here You Go" (the sheep), he continues to chase the dogs! Wish everyone could see the looks on their faces when he starts chasing them.

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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.

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

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

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
344 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 8:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (AIG)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2188
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 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, Pastor
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-258-1242
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Clanesh Community Church

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

United Methodist Churches

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

CAPITAN:

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

Christ Community Fellowship

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

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 338-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

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

Angus Church of the Nazarenes

Serving All of Lincoln County
RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 338-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction.
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM
Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. CV-03-271
Division III

PRICILLA S. ROBERSON
Plaintiff

vs.
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIVING PERSONS: TRANQUILINO S. MONTOYA AND RUBY MONTOYA;

GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: FRANK LISNET, ROY R. NORMAN, W.O. NORMAN, JOHN W. POR, and W.J. THOMPSON;

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

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GROUP II: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: FRANK LISNET, ROY R. NORMAN, W.O. NORMAN, JOHN W. POR, and W.J. THOMPSON; GROUP III: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Priscilla S. Roberson, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-271 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 situated and lying within Old Lincoln Town, Lincoln County, New Mexico, being in Section 29, Township 9, South, range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point from which the Quarter Section Corner common to Sections 28 and 29, T9S, R16E, N.M.P.M., bears N 33° 09' E, 1858.9 feet; thence from said point of beginning, which is the Northeast corner of this tract, S 22° 37' 12" W, 25.0 feet; thence S 34° 57' 54" W, 86.5 feet; thence N 61° 11' 21" W, 59.0 feet; thence N 26° 12' 40" E, 97.5 feet; thence along the curve whose chord is S 71° 36' 48" E, 71.2 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.16 acres, more or less;

Said property also being described as the lot and building thereon known as the "Building Association House and Lot", the same having been formerly deeded by said Building Association to James J. Dolan and George Curry, by Warranty Deed recorded in Book K of Deed Records, pages 395 to 397, inclusive;

TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon, SUBJECT TO Restrictions, Reservations, and Easements of record;

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before January 20, 2004, 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: Arclite 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 9th day of December, 2003.

JAN PERRY,
Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: Jolene Biggs,
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CV03-198

ASSOCIATES FIRST CAPITAL CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION (SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC. SUCCESSOR BY REASON OF MERGER WITH ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY OF NEW MEXICO, INC.),

Plaintiff,

vs.
CRYSTAL I. TIVIS, STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, FAMILY RESTAURANTS, INC.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 901 17th St., Carrizozo New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1 OF HIGHLAND ADDITION, CARRIZOZO, LINCOLN NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND

THE SOUTHERNMOST 10 FEET OF THAT PARTICULAR STREET KNOWN AS 17TH STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS HIGHLAND STREET, AND PROBABLY FORMALLY

KNOWN AS PACIFIC AVENUE, ADJACENT TO LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1 OF HIGHLAND ADDITION, CARRIZOZO, LINCOLN NEW MEXICO.

This sale is to begin at 11:05 a.m. on January 29, 2004, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, East entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment granted Associates First Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company, Inc. successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company of New Mexico, Inc.).

Associates First Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company, Inc. successor by reason of merger with Associates Financial Services Company of New Mexico, Inc.) was awarded a Judgment on December 4, 2003, in the principal sum of \$28,887.32, plus outstanding interest through November 20, 2003, in the amount of \$3,983.81 and accruing daily thereafter at the rate of \$10.12 per day, plus title appraisal fees of \$150.00, plus an escrow balance of \$2,458.42, plus attorneys fees through November 30, 2003, in the sum of \$850.00 and costs through November 30, 2003, in the sum of \$587.20, with interest on the late charges, appraisal fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 12.790% per annum.

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

Michael LaValle
Special Master
5120 San Francisco
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

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Cordial Greetings.

We've been wishing you a Happy and a Prosperous New Year... for a great many years.

And we haven't seen the time yet that it didn't give us a pleasant experience.

Each year we are more appreciative of the friendships and patronage that has been ours. Each new year has found us more determined to serve you better during the coming years.

This year is no exception. We are truly grateful and fully aware of your part in our progress. We value your continued good will and trust that we may merit it for many more years to come.

The Lincoln County News and Staff

"Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!"



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never be fixed with precision. And, perhaps the greatest drawback from a statistical and commercial point of view, no genuine statistical comparison between one year and another is possible, while the various subdivisions of the year itself are similarly incapable of comparison.

The suggested reforms fall into three main groups. The first group tries to simplify the reform as much as possible and to cause the least possible disturbance to existing habits and customs. This they do by equalizing three of the four quarters of the year. Thus, each of the first three quarters might consist of 91 days or three months of 30, 30 and 31 days. The extra day, the 365th, would be added to the fourth quarter which might then consist of three months of 30, 31 and 31 days with 32 in leap years.

Such leveling up of the quarters, would, it is declared, be of real advantage from the point of view of quarterly statistics, stock exchange transactions, banking accounts, and meteorological averages. Furthermore calculations for finding the day of the week on which any given date falls would be considerably simplified. Thus, if January 1 fell on a Sunday, February 1 would be a Tuesday and March a Thursday and so on. This group interferes less with tradition than any other. The issue raised, however, is whether its advantages which are considerably less than those of the other two groups of suggested reform, are sufficient to warrant a change.

The second and third main groups not only possess all the advantages of the first group in equalizing the divisions of the year, but in addition, that of establishing a perpetual calendar and completely rectifying the existing calendar. The result is obtained by making the extra day of the year -- the 365th -- a blank day, namely placing it outside the week, as for instance, between December 31 and January 1. The introduction of the blank day, however, breaks the perpetuity of the cycle of weeks, and raises certain religious difficulties, mainly in Jewish circles.

Under the second plan, the year would be divided into four equal quarters of 91 days, each quarter consisting of three months of 30, 30, 31 days (as with the first three quarters of the first group). Then the extra day of the year would be counted as outside the week. It might be called New Year's day and precede January 1. In this way all the quarters and half years would be equal. Each month could contain the same number of working days. On the other hand, the months are not equal, and could not be made to contain a complete number of weeks. Dates would not fall on the same day of the week in each month while the comparison of future dates or statistics with past dates is less complicated than in the 13-month group, but more complicated than in the first group.

The third group is the one which advocates the most radical reform. Typical of this group is the proposal sponsored by George Eastman, the Rochester (N.Y.) manufacturer, and supported by a large group of business men in this country. By this plan the year would be divided into 13 months, the extra month being inserted between June and July. Each month would have 28 days, the first of the month always being Sunday. The extra 365th day would be known as Year day and would be inserted between December 28 and January 1; in leap years the 366th day would be inserted between June 28 and July 1.

Some of the advantages claimed are that clock and watch dials could record day and date, that the four weeks would quarter each month, harmonizing weekly and monthly receipts and disbursements; that pay days would recur on the same monthly date, that periods of earning and spending would all be equal or exact multiples, that holidays and permanent monthly dates would always occur on the same days, that all months would be comparable without adjustments, that all holidays could be placed on Monday, and that there would be a faster turnover of money with 13 months instead of 12.

While business would find many of these points advantageous, it has been pointed out that the 13-month year would present certain objections, due to the fact that 13 is not divisible by two, four and six. So the quarters of the year, although they are equal, would not correspond in months or contain a whole number of months. Advocates of the plan reply that quarterly and semi-annual transactions could be worked out on a basis of 13 or 26 weeks and that many large firms in this country already are using 13 28-day periods in their accounting systems. One objection to this plan, and it is one which probably will be hardest to overcome, is that the 13-month year would upset customs thousands of years old.

There is one particular reason why 1928 may see a definite step taken toward reforming the calendar. If the committee can present to the League of Nations a satisfactory plan which it

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LEGALS

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

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

Plaintiff,
vs.
SUSAN M. PRYCE; FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO; JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SUSAN M. PRYCE, IF ANY.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on February 3, 2004, at 9:00 A.M., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

SEE EXHIBIT "A"

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

Dated: December 18, 2003.

PETER BACA
Special Master
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CV2003-219

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
JACK CASENAVE,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 101 East 4th Street, Capitán, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, of FLETCHER H. HALL, Lincoln County, New Mexico, being a tract of land 66 feet by 120 feet located at the corner of Fourth Street and Lincoln Street, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on February 6, 1950.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on January 29, 2004, outside the east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the property to pay expenses and costs of sale, and to satisfy the judgment in favor of Plaintiff, Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc.

Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., was awarded judgment on December 10, 2003, in the principal sum of \$112,782.72, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through November 23, 2003, in the amount of \$6,871.81 and accruing thereafter at the rate of 10.875% per annum (\$33.60 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$176.79, plus escrow advances for mortgage insurance due in the sum of \$948.12, plus attorney fees in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through November 30, 2003, in the sum of \$463.57, with interest thereon at the rate of 10.875% per annum until paid.

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

Michael LaValle, Special Master
c/o Leverick & Musselman
5120 San Francisco NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 858-3303

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV02-266

BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOANS OWNER TRUST 1999-3,
Plaintiff,

vs.
SCOTT E. FRENCH; FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC.; JOHN DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SCOTT E. FRENCH, IF ANY.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, or his/her designee, will, on February 3, 2004, at 10:00 A.M., at the Village Ruidoso Administrative Offices Bldg., Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 16, BLOCK 2, ENCHANTED FOREST, UNIT TWO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE AMENDED PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, OCTOBER 6, 1972, IN TUBE NO. 466;

The address of the real property is 16 MESA DRIVE, ALTO, NM 88312. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 9, 2003, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$109,709.18, plus interest from July 2, 2003 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.35000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid orally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

Dated: 12/17, 2003.

JEANIE CLANCY-COFFEY
Special Master
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.
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Colorado Springs, CO 80921
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 4, 2003, The Village of Ruidoso, c/o Atkins Engineering Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 3156, Roswell, NM 88202-3156, filed application No. 3871; 3038 & 0275-A(A) et al with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion to recapture seepage loss from existing Grindstone storage reservoir. Applicant proposes to recover leakage from Grindstone Reservoir at a rate of up to 5 cubic feet per second. Appropriation of leakage recovery will be on an instantaneous basis, no natural flow from Grindstone Creek will be appropriated for leakage recovery. The proposed new point of diversion is located in NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., at a point approximately 1400 feet east of the existing Grindstone Dam location on Grindstone Creek. Application proposes to equip the proposed new point of diversion with a pump back station to recapture seepage losses from Grindstone Reservoir.

The proposed point of diversion is located on Grindstone Creek within the Village of Ruidoso Limits, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm, 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, 1900 W. Second, Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax's) 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) 623-8559. 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-03-282
Division III

MARK ALAN BERSANO,
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: R.C. PITTS, ERNEST D. PREHM, and OTTO ERNEST PREHM;
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 ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Mark Alan Bersano, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-03-282 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:

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, of block 18, of O.P. ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO, 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. TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon. Subject to reservations, restrictions and easements of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 5, 2004, 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 Plaintiffs 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 18th day of December, 2003.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Jolene Biggs
Deputy.

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LEGAL NOTICE
CAPITAN-CARRIZOZO NATURAL GAS

RESOLUTION 2003-05
2004 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas meeting in regular session on December 17, 2003, did approve the following dates for the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of 2004 and

WHEREAS, the location of each meeting will alternate between Capitan and Carrizozo each month. The special meetings called will be held at the business office in Capitan and

WHEREAS, the time of each regular meeting and special meeting shall be 6:00 PM unless changed by the Board of Directors.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas hereby adopts the following as the official meeting dates for 2004.

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| January 21, 2004 | Capitan, NM |
| February 18, 2004 | Carrizozo, NM |
| March 17, 2004 | Capitan, NM |
| April 21, 2004 | Carrizozo, NM |
| May 19, 2004 | Capitan, NM |
| June 16, 2004 | Carrizozo, NM |
| July 21, 2004 | Capitan, NM |
| August 18, 2004 | Carrizozo, NM |
| September 15, 2004 | Capitan, NM |
| October 20, 2004 | Carrizozo, NM |
| November 17, 2004 | Capitan, NM |
| December 15, 2004 | Carrizozo, NM |

RESOLVED in the regular monthly board meeting on this 17th day of December 2003.

Angelo Vega, Chairman
Bobbi Shearer, Vice Chairman
Manuel Hernandez, Director
Tom Sullivan, Director
Tommy Guevara, Director
Clifford Smith, Director

Attest:
Kay Strickland
Administrative Supervisor

Published in the Lincoln County news on Tuesday, December 30, 2003.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Corona will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of determining whether or not the proposed transfer of the liquor license currently held by Doug's Place, Main Street, Corona, NM should be granted to Warfield Entertainment, Inc. Phillip Warfield, President/Owner, 914 South Pacific, Las Vegas, NM. The Alcohol and Gaming Division have given preliminary approval for the transfer of the liquor license. The hearing will be held at Village Hall at 431 Main Street, Corona, NM on January 15th, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. For more information contact the Village Hall, 849-5511.

Published in the Lincoln County News on Tuesday, December 30, and January 8, 2004.



Weather Report

After a mild Christmas day, extremely cold temperatures blew into the county over the weekend.

About 17,000 people in Lincoln County were cold Sunday night when temperatures dropped into the single digits and low teens, and power was lost due to equipment problems.

Temperatures are predicted to be warmer today, Tuesday, December 30. New Year's Eve is predicted to have a chance for snow showers.

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

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo and high plains of Lincoln County:

Today, Tuesday, Dec. 30
Mostly cloudy and warmer. Southwest winds 10 to 15 miles per hour. High of 52 in Carrizozo with no chance for precipitation. Tonight mostly cloudy with west winds 10 to 15 miles per hour. Low of 20.

Wednesday,
New Year's Eve,
December 31

Cloudy with slight chance for showers. West winds 10 to 15 miles per hour shifting to southeast by afternoon. High of 51. New Year's Eve night cloudy with chance of snow showers. Low of 29. Thursday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2004

Mostly cloudy with chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. New Year's night mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain and snow showers. Lows in the low to mid 30s.

Friday, January 2
Mostly sunny with highs in the 50s. Friday night mostly clear and colder with lows in the 20s.

Saturday, January 3
Mostly sunny and windy with highs in the 40s to upper 50s. Saturday night partly cloudy and windy with lows in the mid 20s.

Sunday, January 4
Mostly sunny with highs in the 40s to mid 50s, lows in the 20s.

Monday, January 5
Mostly sunny with highs in the 50s, lows in the 20s.

Tuesday, January 6
Partly cloudy with highs in the low 50s, lows in the 20s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and higher elevations of the northern Sacramento mountains:

Today, Tuesday, Dec. 30
Partly sunny and warmer with southwest winds 10 to 15 miles per hour. High of 50 in Ruidoso and 51 in Capitan. No chance for precipitation. Tonight Mostly cloudy with west winds 10 to 15 miles per hour. Low of 19 in Ruidoso and 20 in Capitan.

Wednesday,
New Year's Eve,
December 31

Cloudy with slight chance of rain and snow showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 miles per hour shifting to southeast 10 to 15 miles per hour. Highs near 50. New Year's Eve night cloudy with chance of rain and snow showers. Low of 28.

Thursday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2004

Mostly cloudy with chance of rain and snow showers. Highs in the 40s. New Year's night, mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow showers.

Smiling Back...

by **Cheyenne Evans**



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can recommend to the world for adoption. It should be done by December, 1929, since that is the last date when changes may be made for 1933 by the Greenwich and United States naval observatories. Calculations for the astronomical tide and other tables are made about six years in advance by the British, American, French, German and Spanish governments, and scientists already have begun their calculations for 1933.

The year 1933 is a particularly important one for those whose reformation of the calendar calls for beginning the year on Sunday, since the first available Sunday of New Year's day comes in 1933, after which none is available until 1939. Therefore, if the League of Nations committee can decide a plan which the league will adopt before December, 1929, the simplified calendar can go into effect most easily in 1933 and the coming year probably will see some strenuous efforts made to bring that about.

Being on Time

It has been said that punctuality is the politeness of prices; Have you thought of your failure to be punctual as a discourtesy? You may excuse yourself most talkatively, but the discourtesy is there: You have imposed upon others. You have been rankly selfish in not considering their time of value. You have kept men waiting. This is pure selfishness. The writer has heard men say that they waste hours of time waiting for others to keep appointments. Courtesy has fallen to low estate when we can't at least be prompt. — Grove Patterson, in Mobile Register.

Unruly Tongues

In the relationship between thought and its utterance, why should the tongue seem so eager to give away the secrets of the mind? — American Magazine.

Short Interviews

Treating of Matters Pertaining to the Town and Otherwise by M. Doring

"The little red wagon and its kindred line of wheel goods, such as scooters, play car automobiles and tricycles, still remain the most saleable toys," said a local dealer after the holiday rush.

"It's too early for breakfast," F.J. Smith, restaurant owner, told two men who stood in front of his cafe at 5:30 a.m. at Denver one day last week. "It's not too early for what we want," one replies and, at the point of a gun, forced Smith to fork over what he had in the cash register.

"The Anti-Saloon League makes this statement: 'Any wife whose husband spends on a bootlegger's alcohol money that he ought to spend on his children can sue the bootlegger, and the Anti-Saloon League will pay the cost of the suit.' This seems to be an admission on the part of the dry folks that the Volstead Law ain't doing its work," remarked one in a group discussing the prohibition question.

"I am opposed by nature to sumptuary legislation, but I do think something ought to be done to put hats back on high school students and others these cold days," said a local man.

"How to get rid of blackheads and pimples has puzzled a good many of my friends," said a Carrizozo woman. "I asked the family physician, and he said to correct the diet, by cutting down on sugar, starches and coffee. Eat only simple food. Avoid constipation."

"Every now and then we hear of some hold-up by bandits that goes wrong," remarked a local man. "At Tacoma, Washington, one bandit was killed and another critically wounded early Thursday in an attempt to stage a robbery in a hotel there. Police informed that the robbery was planned, were hiding behind palms in the hotel lobby when the two men entered with drawn revolvers."

"The women of Carrizozo and Lincoln county will be pleased to learn that a new fabric for wearing apparel is being put on the market at present," said a dry goods salesman. "The coat of flaring hip, length and the skirt with side godets of a travel ensemble are made of dark green kashavelline, a new fabric."

Taylor Wilkins smiled shyly as I shook his hand. Behind him hung a good-sized bull elk he had shot the evening before. It was morning at the foot of the Capitan Mountains, and the sun was warm and bright but not near as bright as the smile on Taylor's face. This was his first bull elk hunt, and his first trip to New Mexico. Taylor was as proud of his kill as any ordinary eleven-year-old boy would be. But his shining eyes and ear-to-ear smile say more than words can tell.

After a little conversation, I learned the details of the hunt. Taylor was accompanied by his father, Doug Wilkins, and his sister, Karly, who is eight years old. Taylor and his family had a long day, and by the time they arrived in Roswell, New Mexico from their home in Houston, Texas, on October 17 they were just about beat. Their guides, Joe Hesselting and Ray Mounts, met them at the airport. They drove 70 miles to where they would set up to hunt. When they arrived, Taylor practiced his marksmanship with his Dad's 25-06. He shot a few rounds at a target and soon felt comfortable with his weapon. After the practice session, Taylor decided to go on the first hunt that evening instead of waiting until morning. He was just too excited to wait around any longer.

Joe and Ray had been scouting and already had selected a bull for Taylor, now all they had to do was locate him. The sun was on its way down as the little party spotted a herd of elk in the trees. They all crept closer, sneaking behind the brush and trying not to scare the herd. A 5x5 bull with a u-shaped brow tines appeared out of nowhere. This was the one! Shadows were getting longer as Taylor set up his shot. Tension was mounting, and everyone was holding their breath. The first shot was high, and the herd began to scatter. Ray got out his cow call and the perfect opportunity presented itself. The bull stopped and looked. Taylor quickly jacked another round in the chamber and took a quick aim. He fired, and the bullet hit squarely behind the right shoulder. Taylor's bull took off through the brush and out of site, but it was too good of a shot to go bad. They tracked the wounded bull and found him fifty yards away. It was almost dark, but his had been a wonderful day, one Taylor Wilkins will never forget. It was finally his turn for something to go right.

It was June of 2002 when Taylor was diagnosed with myelodisplastic syndrome, a form of leukemia rare in children. Chemo therapy has little effect on this disease, only a bone marrow transplant can bring improvement. In answer to many prayers, Taylor's bone marrow transplant was a success, and he is getting better. The thing that could have ruined Taylor's life actually gave him a reason to live. Against the odds, Taylor completed his fifth grade year of school at home and now attends Dulles Middle School as a sixth grader. He takes choir, which he likes, and he

does a few more extra-curricular activities. Taylor has a 2nd degree purple belt in karate, and he says it is useful because "If a burglar tries to hurt you, you can just hurt him back." But Taylor's favorite activity, besides hunting, is baseball. He plays for the Scorpions baseball team, and he says he likes baseball because "I'm pretty good at it." In fact, he either wants to be a baseball player or a chef when he grows up. If all these things aren't proof enough of Taylor's fighting spirit, he also told me of one of his other favorite pastimes: dances. "I'm a ladies' man, I dance with a lot of girls." And meeting Taylor, I'm sure he isn't lying.

Taylor is one of the children whose wish is granted by Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization founded for the purpose of giving terminally ill children hope for the experience of life. Taylor and his family live in Houston where he has been treated for the last year. While Taylor was in the hospital, he found out about Buckmaster's handicap program.

"When I was sick last year, I heard about hunts for sick kids," Taylor added excitedly. "And I got to shoot an elk."

By this time, his father Doug and sister Karly (along with the rest of the crew) have finished cap-

ing out the elk. Taylor takes the time to admire his conquest. He plans to have it mounted and home in Houston by Christmas, that is, if Mom will let it in the house. He would like to tell other kids to try elk hunting. "It's lots of fun," he says. Karly said she was jealous, because Taylor is the first in the family to shoot an elk. She hopes to shoot one some day, too. Taylor and Karly are more than happy to pose with the elk's head for pictures. Tonight they plan to eat some of this bull for dinner, and pack the rest

in coolers to be sent home. Wonder what Mom will say to that?

After all Taylor has experienced, no matter how scary the illness has been, he and Dad both say that God helped them through it. With the help of a loving Crator, Taylor Wilkins can look at his future and smile back at all he has been through.

Joe Hesselting watches Taylor whittle a stick with his knife. He says thoughtfully, "We're proud of him. We admire his courage." What more can be said about Taylor Wilkins?



Taylor Wilkins and sister Karly after Taylor bagged bull elk.

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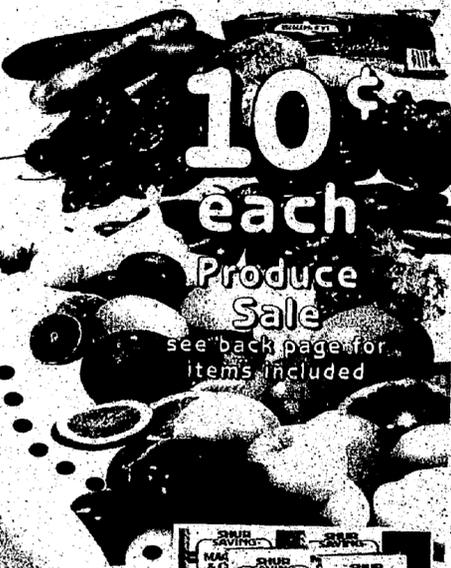
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