

LCSWA, Capitan Billing Issues Nearing Resolution

by DORIS CHERRY

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) is working with the Village of Capitan to take over residential trash billing. Representatives from LCSWA plan to be on the agenda of the April 13 Capitan trustee meeting to discuss an agreement for LCSWA to take over the Capitan residential

trash billing, said LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle to the LCSWA board on March 30.

The Capitan residential billing has been an issue between LCSWA and the village for a long time. Ingle said she has received approval from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to continue negotiations with

Capitan for this service. Ingle said LCSWA can do this because it purchased new computers with capability to do the billing.

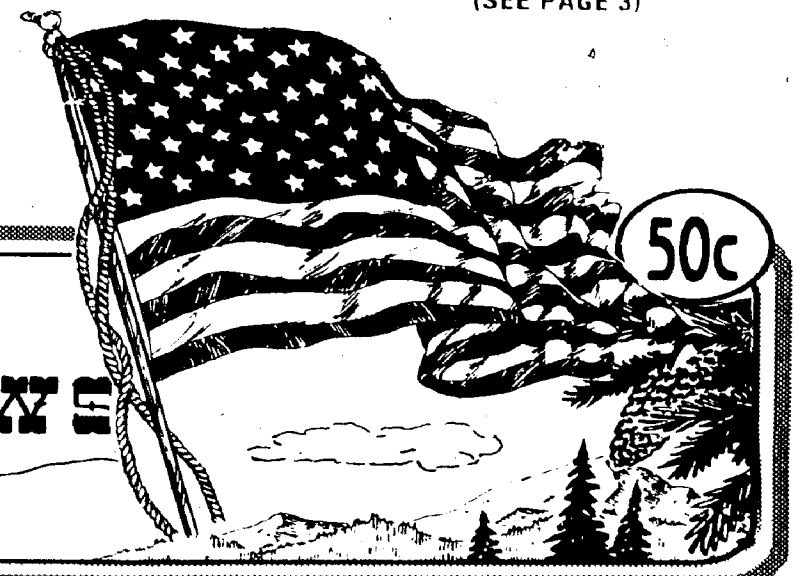
The LCSWA board will make the final decision on assuming the Capitan residential billing. Ingle said there are several issues to look at in a billing agreement, including raising of trash rates if Capitan contin-

ues with the individual poly carts. She said the only way to avoid a rate increase is for the village to pull the poly carts and go with the three yard dumpster method like Ruidoso does. Ingle said once the new LCSWA computers are up and running LCSWA will submit a proposal to the Village of Capitan for LCSWA to bill residential customers.

Ingle also reported that on March 22, she and LCSWA attorney Angie Schneider met with Capitan trustee Bobbi Shearer and representatives from the New Mexico

Tax and Revenue Department about an issue of gross receipt tax payments. Ingle said everyone agrees the language about the tax payments

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GOING, GOING, GONE went the old Carrizozo Town Hall. The building was moved away last week to clear the way for the new city hall. However, the new city hall project has been delayed because all five bids for the construction were way over the funding available. Town Clerk Leann Weihbrecht said the bids ranged from \$642,000 to \$750,000 with all options, and with all alternatives removed were still at \$581,000 to \$686,000. The town has \$400,000 in state funds for the new city hall. Town trustees will discuss the issue at their meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 13 in the city hall offices in the Carrizozo Recreation Center.

Carrizozo Settles Law Suit, But Maintains No Liability

by DORIS CHERRY

The Town of Carrizozo has settled a federal law suit filed against it by a former police officer, while maintaining it had no liability on the issue that led to the suit.

On March 9, the settlement of the federal law suit filed by former Carrizozo police officer Albert J. Padilla, Jr. against the town was finalized. Padilla's attorney Robert Beauvais told *THE NEWS*.

As part of the terms, the amount of the settlement was not disclosed.

Beauvais filed the federal law suit on Padilla's behalf on March 24, 2003 in US District Court in Albuquerque. The suit alleged that the town of Carrizozo violated its own personnel policy and Padilla's protected property right to employment when he was fired because he would not agree to return to work for the town for 18 months after completing the police academy, or repay the town \$9,965 for the costs to the town that were allegedly associated with Padilla attending the academy.

The mayor and all members of the board of Carrizozo Town Trustees were named in the suit, as well as Angelo Vega as town police chief. Vega was sued in his official and personal capacity.

"The town maintains it has no liability in the suit," said Carrizozo Town Attorney David Stevens, who called *THE NEWS* from

Santa Fe. "Even the settlement agreement states the town does not assume liability. However, the town was not the only decision maker in this settlement."

The Town of Carrizozo was represented in the suit by attorney Rich Olson of the Hinkle Law Firm in Roswell, Stevens said.

Carrizozo is covered by the New Mexico Self-insurer's Fund that provides defense for such civil actions brought against the town, trustees, mayor and other employees such as the police chief. "The town settled through its self-insurer fund which has a degree of control over the litigation," Stevens added.

Stevens said the Self-Insurer Fund approaches litigation in a business manner by weighing the costs of litigation to the cost of settlement. "At times it is more beneficial to settle a case than take it to court," Stevens added.

"A deal was struck, with the town continuing to assert it had no liability in the situation," Stevens said. "We had an excellent case and we felt we would have prevailed if it had gone to court."

"The self insurer's fund made a business decision analyzing the cost of liability exposure with this litigation to the cost of a settlement," Stevens said. "It was a business decision for the town to settle."

Stevens said as with all litigation he hopes something is learned from this

case so as to not repeat any possible mistakes. "The town will be doing some changes to the internal procedures in the police department," Stevens said. "To assure this type of thing will not happen again."

The civil law suit brought by Padilla against the town contended that the town had a personnel policy that mandates a period of probation and due process requirement prior to termination for cause. The town personnel policy provides that a person hired as police officer who is not certified is subject to a probationary period not to exceed 12 months, with six of those months being an initial probationary period with an option to extend this probationary period for an additional six months after evaluation.

The suit stated that Padilla was hired on April 22, 2002 as an entry level police officer. He was hired subject to a six month probation with possible six more months probation with an "evaluation at end of first six months; extend six more months if necessary."

"Padilla's work performance was satisfactory or above; no evaluation was done at the end of the six months probation period and Padilla was never advised his probation was extended," the suit stated.

"Padilla reasonably believed he completed his period of probation at the end of six months when no eval-

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Carrizozo Convenience Trash Site Now Open

by DORIS CHERRY

Residents in the Carrizozo area can now take their non-household trash to the new solid waste convenience station in the Carrizozo Industrial Park near the detention center.

Carrizozo area residents should call Carrizozo town hall at 648-2371 for times when the station will be open to take old furniture, white goods, non-commercial construction trash and yard waste.

Opening of the new station was announced at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meeting on Tuesday, March 30 in the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.

LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle said the Carrizozo convenience station will be open for the Carrizozo town cleanup set for Saturday, May 3. She also reported that roll off containers had been placed at White Oaks, Nogal and Enchanted Forest for community clean ups with great success.

Ruidoso Downs will have its community clean up on April 17. Residents can take their non-household trash to containers at the LCSWA yard. Residents can also

take recyclable materials such as cardboard, old carpet padding, aluminum and old appliances (white goods) to the LCSWA yard. LCSWA buys aluminum at the current market price.

Because of the success of the LCSWA recycling and yard waste programs, last year LCSWA diverted 74 transporter truck loads from going to the regional landfill south of Alamogordo. This translates to a total saving of \$37,495 in terms of hauling costs and tipping fees that would have been paid had the items been dumped at the landfill. Ingle added, "Also reducing the material dumped in the landfill will extend the life of the facility," Ingle added.

LCSWA member, county commissioner Leo Martinez said while he thinks it is better to recycle, he is concerned about having fewer loads dumped at the landfill. He said he attended the last LCSWA and Otero County Solid Waste Authority (OCSWA) joint meeting where he learned that what goes into the landfill from each county entity predates the dumping costs to the entity. "We need to figure how not sending so many loads to the landfill won't cost us in the long

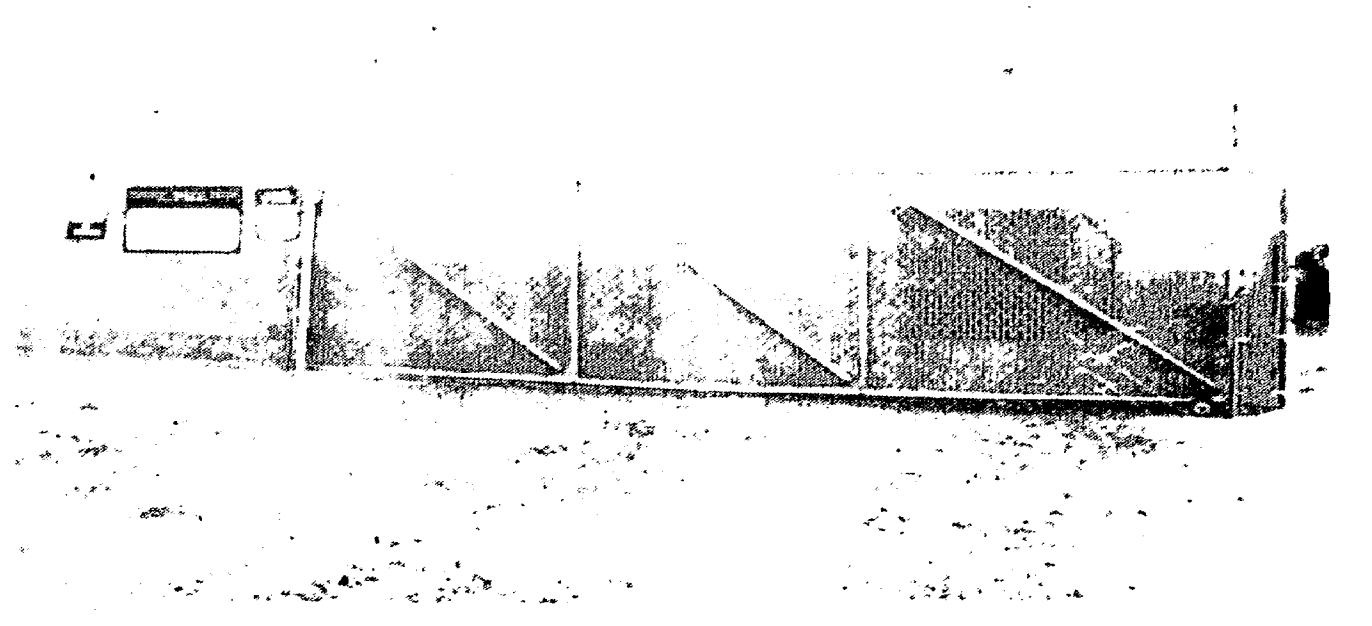
run," Martinez said. "The (LCSWA) rate payers won't be happy if we take care of recycling and the rates go up (because of higher landfill fees)," he added.

Ingle said she is working with the staff at the landfill to determine what they really don't want to be dumped there, such as white goods, and then to find a market for these unwanted

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NEW CONVENIENCE STATION at Carrizozo Industrial Park is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon every Saturday and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, to take non-household trash such as old furniture, old appliances, non-commercial construction waste and yard waste. There is a fee to dump.

Carrizozo Settles Law Suit

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uation was done nor was there any stated intent of the (chief) to extend the period of probation," the suit stated.

On September 2, 2002, Padilla was instructed by the town to attend the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy to obtain certification as required under New Mexico law. On about January 2, 2003, with only 15 days left before Padilla completed the academy, Chief Vega ordered Padilla to meet with him and demanded Padilla execute a written contract of employment that was different than the terms under which

Padilla was originally hired, the suit stated.

"That written agreement (on Jan. 2, 2003) would have required Padilla to remain in the employment of the Town of Carrizozo for 18 months or otherwise he would be subject to repay the town \$9,865.90 which represented reimbursement for the town's costs associated with sending Padilla to the academy," the suit alleged.

Padilla however declined to sign the new employment contract. On January 9, 2003 Padilla was served by Vega with a Notice of Termination of his employment

effective January 8, 2003.

The suit alleged that Vega, acting as chief, falsified Padilla's public records to back date and extend Padilla's probationary period. The suit alleged that this resulted in the wrongful termination of Padilla and damaged his protected property interest in his employment.

The suit contended that since Padilla had a protected property interest in his employment as a result of completing the six months probation without an employee evaluation and subsequent extension of probation, that all the town parties named

in the suit were acting unlawfully and Padilla was damaged.

Padilla's suit sought compensatory damages and attorney fees and punitive damages because of the alleged acts of the defendants (town trustees, mayor and chief Vega) to falsify or alter Padilla's personnel records to change his conditions of employment and to thwart and deny Padilla his protected property interest were willful.

Beauvais said the federal court sent the mandatory settlement mediation, which happens in about 85 percent of such cases.


"Padilla landed on his feet (after he was fired) because he was able to pay to finish the academy," Beauvais said. "And shortly after he finished the academy he was hired by Ruidoso Police Department."

Beauvais said he on behalf of Padilla also complained about the allegations of falsification of public records to the district attorney because they believed there was an actual alteration of a town of Carrizozo public document. Beauvais said the district attorney would not take the case at first because he wanted to wait until the federal civil suit was over.

"Since the settlement we have met with the DA's office," Beauvais said. "However the DA has a potential conflict of interest because that office deals with the police department, so the issue was referred to the Attorney General."

Beauvais said they are alleging there was a conspiracy between Vega and the mayor because Padilla's original standard Personnel Employment Document appears to have been altered at a much later date, with different type pen, to include Vega's comments on how he discussed with the mayor how Padilla's probation had been extended to the additional six months (without Padilla's knowing or acknowledgement).

Falsifying public documents is a fourth degree felony.



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 "Carrizozo News" -- on

Friday, August 23, 1918

White Oaks; Reminiscences of the Old Days

Editor News -- In the course of human events it has become necessary as well as convenient to segregate myself from the business and social ties which have attached me to White Oaks for lo, these many years. This being so, a decent respect for the opinions of those who are compelled to remain, leads me just before going, to give the old town some kind of a send-off.

Having been a denizen of the place "ever since its bornin' early in the mornin'" of a year or two in 1880, I have been wise to most of its ups and downs, which have been many -- along with other mining towns in the Southwest -- since the first grand rush of the mineral-mad crowd down to the latest fiasco pulled off here by a "New York syndicate (with the accent of the "sin") badly mismanaged by a woman in overalls and with wheels in her head, who came west mineral-wool-gathering and found -- notoriety.

From the first town election, when Tom O'Fallard, Billy the Kid's right hand man, was elected constable by a majority vote and never knew he was counted out, down to the present uneventful days when no one cares to take the office for the meagre perquisites attached; and with the first onrush of miners and tenderfeet -- principally the latter -- on the discovery of gold in Baxter mountain, came also the bad man from nowhere in particular, one of whom stopped shooting up the town long enough to assist in locating the graveyard, and has kept very quiet ever since; while another went into camp for repairs on his slabbergaster, or whatever it was.

Then there was the fellow who taught the first school in the place, and who afterwards was violently hung to a limb of a tree, over on the Rio Grande, on the suspicion of having stolen a horse or committed some other act of savage barbarism. This is in striking contrast with the peaceful civilization of the present day, when one of the teachers at the last term of school here, after completing a course at the State Normal voluntarily submitted to an operation for appendicitis.

There was also the incident of the first alleged minister of the gospel, from somewhere, who struck the town, and who, when found short on foreknowledge and some minor qualifications belonging to his job was presented with a gay and saddle and told to get on top "and go and keep going," which he did with many thanks and much alacrity; and is probably still on the move, as he never came back.

From the many pictures that hang on memory's wall might also be noted the case of a former prominent citizen who after a severe spell of sickness was pronounced sure-enough dead and remained so until arrangements for his funeral were about completed, when he awoke, rose to a sitting posture and called for "Another of that same."

Here Emerson Hough found his "Heart's Desire," while many, very many others have found only the gardens of Hesperides with their apples of Sodom.

The town has had many meteoric outlooks for a place so shut in, but these have been grievously clouded by its black Fridays and its blue Mondays, which always somehow put the pleasant kibosh on its prospective prosperity.

Those best acquainted with the resources of its surroundings have often been puzzled to know why this is. Perhaps the following incident may throw some light on the unseemly mixup.


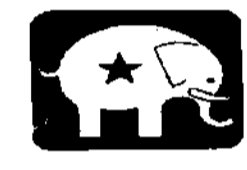
Once it had a rather undesirable resident by the name of Ed Berry, a sort of no account black Berry, inoffensive in the main but just a little off at times, which discrepancies were usually tolerated. But one dark night night after some minor misdeed some of his white brethren, thinking to work a needed reform, took him down into the gulch and pretty nearly wore out a-bunce of shingles on that part of his anatomy last past. This soured about all of the juniper there was left in him so that he forthwith went down the canyon for good and for aye, and after getting to a safe distance he turned, and shaking an angry fist at the town delivered a terrible curse and invoked a withering hoodoo against it and all its inhabitants down to the last generation! Who knows but this has rested like a calamity on the place all these years!

Then the railroad, known at the time as the

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OBITUARY



MARIANA REYES VEGA, 68, died March 21 at her home in Atmore, Alabama where she resided with her daughter and family for the past eight years. She was born March 11, 1906 and was a resident of Carrizozo for 68 years.

She is survived by three children, Frank D. Vega and his wife Ticha of Bosque Farms, Martha Sanchez and her husband George of Albuquerque, and Susie English and her husband Jessie of Atmore, Alabama; 12 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and seven great great grandchildren.

Services were held March 25 at Oakhills Cemetery in Atmore, Al. A memorial service for family and friends was held April 3 at St. Rita's Catholic Church followed by a blessing at the Carrizozo Cemetery.



Trash Site Now Open

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recyclable items. LCSWA currently recycles about 3.74 tons of items a day. However, the savings to LCSWA for diverting loads to the landfill because of recycling are not shown in the budget as actual figures, Ingle added.

LCSWA will be handling even more recyclable materials as negotiations between LCSWA and the Village of Ruidoso for LCSWA to assume all recycling in the village were done, Ingle also reported. She said she would attend the Ruidoso council meeting that night where councilors were to finalize and sign the agreement.

Even with diverting waste by recycling, LCSWA handles an average of 27 tons a day through the LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs. That is two tons more than the New Mexico Environment Department permit allows LCSWA to move through the yard under its current designation. LCSWA has purchased property on Highway 70, at the now east side of the City of Ruidoso Downs for a new yard and plans for the new offices, recycling facility and mechanic shop are being designed.

"We move a lot of waste off here," Ingle said.

LCSWA members also approved several purchases under special circumstances, Ingle said after the

March meeting she learned that metal costs are on the rise because of the Iraq War and will increase the cost of trucks, dumpsters and anything made of metal. However, if equipment and trucks are ordered now, LCSWA can save thousands of dollars than if it orders the trucks and equipment after July 1 when the next fiscal year begins.

As an example, Ingle said even though the purchase of the grapple system equipment was planned for the 2004-2005 budget year, waiting until the fiscal year begins July 1 to order the equipment will cost LCSWA an additional \$10,000 or more.

Because of the increase in metal costs, Ingle said she consulted with three LCSWA members for permission to immediately solicit request for proposals (rfps) for the grapple system, dumpsters, roll off truck and compactors.

To confirm the permission for the rfps, LCSWA members formally voted to reaffirm the rfps prior to accepting the lowest bids for each item.

LCSWA board members approved the only bid received for the grapple system for \$45,518. When the LCSWA board voted on the purchase, members Martinez, chair Don Coleman, and Corona clerk Cathy Perez, with proxy for Corona mayor Gilbert Stewart, voted for the purchase. The mayor of Capitan abstained because he said Capitan had opted out of the grapple system program for yard waste. The mayor of Capitan also requested Ruidoso member Frank Cummins not vote on the purchases, because the Ruidoso membership is supposed to only vote on issues involving the landfill.

LCSWA members, including the mayor of Capitan, also voted unanimously to approve the request for proposals for purchase of 36 three-yard dumpsters, and to purchase the dumpsters for \$14,184, from Roll-off USA, the lowest of three bids.

LCSWA members also approved the rfp and purchase of a Roll Off Truck which hauls the large 40 yard roll off containers, from the only bidder Albuquerque Freightliner for \$118,330.

Members also approved the rfp for the purchase of compactors, and they gave Ingle permission to purchase the compactors for the lowest bid to be received once the bidding is completed.

BOOKMOBILE	
Tuesday April 13	
Corona Post Office	12:00-2:00
Carrizozo Otero Electric	3:30-6:00
Wednesday, April 14	
Carrizozo Otero Electric	7:30-8:30
Nogal Post Office	9:00-9:45
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:15-11:30
Fort Stanton RLC	12:30-1:30
Camp Sierra Blanca	1:35-3:00
Lincoln Post Office	4:00-4:45
Hondo Store	5:00-6:00

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 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

--Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group meets every third Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's in Ruidoso. Call 354-3046 for more information.

TUESDAYS

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

--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, THURSDAY, APRIL 8

--Corona Schools Kindergarten registration and pre-school developmental screening 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Corona School Gym.

--Carrizozo Woman's Club 6 p.m. Election of officers.

--Capitan School Board meets at 6 p.m. school administration building.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9

--No class at Carrizozo and Capitan Schools.

--Carrizozo City Hall closed all day.

--Lincoln County Offices closed all day.

--CC Natural Gas office closed all day.

--State offices, including magistrate and district courts, close at noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

--Lincoln County Democratic Party meets at 9:30 a.m. at Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo. Come early for breakfast from the menu. Call 354-2673, or 648-2333 for more information. Congressional candidate Jeff Steinborn and other candidates will speak. All interested welcome to attend.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

--Easter Sunday, see special Easter Calendar for services.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

--No class for Capitan Elementary students because of Elementary School in-service.

--Lincoln County Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT) council meets at 1 p.m. at Ruth Birdsong home in White Oaks. Topics include discussion of May and June events. Everyone welcome.

--Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extra Territorial Zoning Authority meets at 6:30 p.m. in Ruidoso Village Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at 12 noon at Four Winds Restaurant.

--Capitan High School varsity invitational track meet begins at 1 p.m. in Tiger Stadium.

--Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m.

--Ruidoso Village Council 6 p.m.

--Corona Village Council 6:30 p.m.

--Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District 7 p.m.

--NRCS offices on Central Ave. in Carrizozo.

--Corona School Board 7 p.m.

--Capitan Trustees 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

--Carrizozo Schools host the Junior High Knowledge Bowl competition, beginning at 9 a.m. in the old gym.

--Capitan kindergarten registration and pre-school developmental screening 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Capitan School Cummins Gym. Bring birth certificate, immunization record and social security card for children to be registered. Public Health nurse will update immunizations for those who bring their records. For more information call 257-2368.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

--Developmental screening and kindergarten registration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for general public at Ruidoso Nob Hill Early Childhood Learning Center. Call 257-2368 for information.

LCSWA, Capitan

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is slightly different in all the joint powers agreements, between LCSWA and its member entities, Ingle said. Tax and Rev advised the best way to deal with the gross receipt taxes is for each entity to submit their taxes with a Type 5 certificate. LCSWA currently pays the taxes with a form TS22.

The mayor of Capitan as LCSWA representative for Capitan said the TS22 "makes us hands off". The village has sent a Type 5. "So now we are doing it properly," the mayor said.

Ingle said payment of taxes under the TS22 also requires a Type 5 form.

LCSWA and Capitan have been in dispute on what method the LCSWA member entities should use for paying gross receipt taxes on solid waste bills.

Thank You Card

The love, care, and concern that was shown to our family during this sad time was overwhelming. We cannot begin to thank everyone who has been there for us except to say how thankful we are that we live in such a wonderful community. The cards, flowers, gifts of food, prayers, and your presence have warmed our hearts and we hope that you know how much we care about each and everyone of you.

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Obituary

MILES EDWARD WALDON

Miles Edward Waldon, 67, died April 3 at the Heart Institute in Albuquerque.

He was born April 23, 1936 in Corona, the son of V.C. "Dutch" and Zanta DuBois Waldon and the grandson of Corona pioneers Thomas M. and Eula Thompson DuBois. Miles grew up on the land that his great grandfather Franklin A. DuBois had provided for the town site of Corona. He graduated from Corona High

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Did you sneeze today?

By Ruth Hammond

Careful before you ask for rain to ease the drought because it just might rain more than you would want. Some people believe the downpour that hit areas of the state the past few days will ease the drought, but it won't. The main reason is that much of the rain disappeared before it had a chance to soak into the ground. And the heat of this summer and the wind will take water away.

One good thing about the rain is that it helped wash away some of the pollen that was causing sneezing and wheezing of allergies. Are there more plants and trees that cause allergies than there were a hundred years ago when this high, dry climate was supposed to be healthy? There were many sanitariums in Colorado and one here in Lincoln County at Fort Stanton for tuberculosis patients. TB, as it is more commonly called, was deadly, but the invention of wonder drugs helped and patients were free to live other places instead of high and dry.

Naval personnel and Merchant Marines were the patients at the TB hospital at Fort Stanton but there was a row of sanitariums in Denver for the general public. If there were as many plants and trees causing pollen back then, how did the patients cope with allergies and TB?

The pollen theory may be correct, but why is there more pollen now? Is it because non native plants have been brought into the area? Or is it because the old native plants have not been burned and allowed to go through a necessary cycle? Or is it because the aliens from the Roswell Incident brought strange specimens with them?

Rather than believe the alien hypothesis, it might be more logical to believe that migrating animals brought some pollen producing plants to this area when they were traipsing around the planet. When oryx were brought to this area there may have been a few hitch-hiking seeds of plants stuck in their coats, or horns, or in their insides.

And there were many plants brought deliberately, such as the salt cedar. Do you suppose the thistle was also brought deliberately? It has a pretty flower, but is probably not a flower you want growing in your yard. But there have been few complaints about allergy to thistle. Cottonwoods cause allergies, are they native to this area?

Sometimes people forget that many of the problems they have, including allergies, are caused by people doing things they thought made sense at the time but were not the best, as time and sneezes can attest. Achoo! Achoo!

The recent rains did help, but the moisture will cause more plants to grow, and probably cause more sneezing and wheezing than most people want. The main thing is to remember that this moisture will soon be gone and the drought will continue and this summer it will be hot, hot hot. Until those hot days return, enjoy Easter weekend.



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INSIDE THE CAPITOL

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE -- Gov. Bill Richardson was big news this year with his vetoes, but no in the way past governors have made headlines. The governor actually set some records for fewest bills vetoed, giving the ax to only three House measures and none from the Senate.

But that wasn't the news that was reported. What made headlines was Richardson's \$14 million worth of partial vetoes in the big \$375 million capital outlay bill.

In his veto message, Richardson announced he was signaling his intent to pursue the capital outlay reform he had been talking about since before the session began. The fact that the governor even ventured into the area of capital outlay reform was upsetting to New Mexico lawmakers.

Money available for one-time projects, has long been distributed through a formula that gave one-third of the money to the governor's wish list of projects, with the remainder was split evenly between the two houses of the Legislature. Within each house, other formulas decided how money would be divided among each legislator.

Richardson wanted to see capital outlay projects prioritized in terms of need, timeliness and efficiency. Lawmakers said he was treading on the Legislature's prerogative to appropriate.

Toward the end of the 2003 Legislature, the governor announced he had reached some agreements with Democrat legislative leaders on a joint committee to analyze capital outlay requests for future sessions, in accordance with the governor's desire for prioritization and efficiency.

Richardson also made a vague statement at the time about some of those reforms being put into effect this session. The meaning of his statement was a little cloudy until his partial vetoes of certain projects in the big pork bill. He said the vetoed projects were either too small or inconsistent with agreed upon priorities.

But a Republican leader and a maverick Democrat saw it differently. Senate GOP Whip Lee Rawson of Las Cruces noted that \$12 million of the \$14 million in vetoes were of GOP sponsored items and \$750 of the remainder were projects sponsored by Sen. Tim Jennings, a Roswell Democrat.

Jennings has publicly rebuked Richardson during the session for what he said were bullying tactics and abusive behavior toward lobbyists and representatives of drug companies and nursing homes. Jennings said at the time that he fully expected to get his requests for local projects vetoed.

And that's what happened. Jennings said the governor had gone after him with a vengeance. Rawson termed the vetoes of GOP items a deliberate effort to be vindictive to those who didn't support the governor's agenda. Republicans account for 40 percent of the Legislature, but 85 percent of the vetoes were directed at their projects.

Vengeance or strange coincidence? Maybe Republicans just don't follow the rules as well as Democrats. Although after observing Republican and Democrat gatherings during the past 40 years, this observer can attest that it is Republicans who form straight lines, don't take cuts and never walk on the grass.

Former Gov. Gary Johnson, the veto champion, was never accused of discrimination. His own Republicans usually squealed louder about his unexpected vetoes. Johnson even vetoed a bill for which his wife had testified.

Bruce King did that once too. Both men still are happily married, but surely both must have had to make some major atonements. King led all Democrat governors in vetoes. He also holds the record for most vetoes by a governor whose party controls both houses of the legislature.

King's attitude was much like that of former Republican Gov. Ed Mechem, who was in office when King first became a lawmaker. After getting some of his bills vetoed his first year in the Legislature, King asked the governor for an explanation. Mechem replied that most legislation really isn't needed.

But the next year King was a believer. He introduced legislation to repeal four of his six bills Mechem had signed.

Have A Good Day!



PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS

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Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Money and love, and the love of money, are two different entities. Love will heal and grow and make you a better person. Money can be cold and leave you alone when you most need a friend.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
There is a light at the end of the tunnel, but don't count on it if you can't get there alone. Don't depend on others so much that you lose track of what your goals are. You are the only one that can do this.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Don't get so wrapped up in your life that you don't have time to share your gift with others. You are needed more than you know. Give more hugs and love and a call to someone that only you can cheer up.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
You might be questioning why you're here and what has this life got to do with you? Step back and take a good look at what you have to offer. Only give what you can and don't expect anything in return.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)
The word on the street is that you have a new idea that could make you a lot of money. You didn't know that? You do now. Dust off your old dreams and carry out what you have always wanted to do.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)
Great time to start something new and invigorating. Get out there and have the time of your life. You'll see someone that could change your life forever. You choose how to live your life for the better.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
People, places and things might get in the way of your goal, but knowing you that will not stop you from getting things done in record time. Make sure communication channels are clear so you won't hurt someone.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Change is in the air. You're ready to go, but where? Just make sure this time you want to change for the better and not for someone else. Your attitude will guide you along the way, start with a good attitude.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Don't take things personal, or assume others understand what you need to do. Make sure you ask the right questions to the right people, so you don't lose valuable time or money. Start now.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
What is being said, and what was really said, is no different then gossip. You have a choice to surround yourself with good people that give love and heal with kindness and loving ways.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Eat right. Feel Right. Think right, and you'll make the right decisions. You need to be in tip-top condition if you want to play with the big boys. Leave your ego at the door of opportunity. Make a lot of money.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
Pack your bags because you're about to go on the ride of your life. Take a lunch because your new life might not have time for you to stop and eat. Wear sunglasses because your life will be so bright.



Carrizozo School Board, Public Divided

EDITOR: "We are here for the children." This is the hallowed banner under which both the school board and the public, form their two widely divided camps. How can this be? How can visions be so separate? For my part, I believe I have an answer: very different fundamental beliefs.

Let's review how we got here. This episode of collective shame started with notification to the community that the principal of our school, Mr. Steve Barron, was being fired. Those of us who know him, have worked with him, and think highly of him could not understand what could justify this loss. We asked the school board to explain. Had any reasonable response from the school board or the school superintendent been given, this matter probably would have faded from the horizon.

But, instead of a respectful, reasoned response, the community received nothing. When we presented to the board Mr. Barron's personnel file -- one that even Mr. Castanon acknowledged "had nothing" incriminating -- what explanation for some basis for the firing was given? None but arrogance and an absence of the fundamental American ideals of fairness and representative government.

The most egregious examples came from Mr. Castanon and Mr. Grider. Mr. Castanon said there was no requirement to be fair to Mr. Barron. Mr. Grider said the school board does not represent the voters or the parents. They said this is public!

Now, consider that only board member LeeRoy Zamora took issue with Mr. Castanon. NO ONE on the board challenged Mr. Grider's remark. These are the people who are directing our school, determining what and how our children are taught. What examples are they setting? That arbitrary exercise of power is the American ethic?

Please consider these two quotes from the United States Supreme Court:

"Public education must prepare pupils for citizenship in the Republic. It must inculcate the habits and manners of civility as values in themselves conducive to happiness and as indispensable to the practice of self-government in the community and the nation." *Bethel School Dist. No. 403 v. Fraser*. "School authorities (have) the power and indeed the

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Sheriff's Report

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

March 30
 3:26 a.m. Otero County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) advised of 911 report of unknown small fire at mile marker 138 on Highway 54. Carrizozo fire department arrived at the scene at 4 a.m. and were done by 4:07 a.m.
 10:20 a.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at a motel in Ruidoso. Later he advised he had one prisoner.
 10:42 a.m. request for ambulance at Ski Run Road and State Road 48 for male subject possibly having a seizure. Ruidoso advanced life support (ALS) Med 1 ambulance stationed at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso responded arriving at 10:50 a.m.

11:34 a.m. phone harassment at location on Bonito Road. Caller advised that deputy requested prior day never showed up to take a report. Deputy assigned.
 12:51 p.m. request for deputy to meet with caller about threats made at location on Reservoir Road in Ruidoso Downs area. Deputy dispatched.
 3:22 p.m. dog chasing children on Valley Heights in Alto area. Deputy dispatched.
 March 31
 2:07 a.m. request for ambulance at location on Lylin. Capitan ambulance arrived at 2:19 a.m. and requested Med 1 intercept. At 2:50 a.m. Capitan ambulance met Med 1 at location in Alto and continued to LCMC arriving there with Med 1 at 3:13 a.m.
 7:21 a.m. request for deputy for Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) referral at location on Highway

380 in Lincoln area. Deputy dispatched.
 12:38 p.m. request for ambulance at Fort Stanton for male with internal bleeding. Med 1 arrived at 1:05 p.m. and at 1:20 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 1:57 p.m.
 4 p.m. caller from White Oaks requested for deputy to make a report of Internet credit card fraud.
 7:59 p.m. 911 report of drag racing on Deer Park.
 April 1
 9:19 a.m. 911 hang-up welfare check at location on Valley Heights. 9:24 a.m. dispatch called the number and was told an eight year old and an 11 year old were there and no adults were home until 1 p.m. and they were okay. A deputy was dispatched at 9:54 a.m. and at 10:10 a.m. the deputy advised that the parent would meet him out front. At 10:19 a.m. the deputy advised he explained to the mother the situation and the girls were okay.
 10:56 a.m. request for courtesy ride for subject from Ruidoso to Hondo. At 11:22 a.m. a deputy was on route with the subject and at 12:12 p.m. advised he had dropped the subject in Hondo with a relative.
 11:20 a.m. Bonito Lake reported a stray dog, a red Chow type. Deputy arrived at 11:34 a.m.
 11:24 a.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping at location on east Deer Trail to pick up a horse. Deputy arrived at 11:54 a.m. and at 12:01 p.m. advised that the other party

did not come.
 2:50 a.m. theft at business on ski run road. Missing money bag with \$3,000 in it. Deputy dispatched.
 4:36 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service to a 27 year old male at location on Suddorth Drive.
 5 p.m. criminal trespass at location in Hondo. Deputy dispatched.
 8:50 p.m. accident with injuries at Fort Stanton Road intersection with State Road 220. car v. pole. Med 1 arrived at 9:05 p.m. and at 9:22 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 9:49 p.m. Bonito Fire Dept. arrived at 9:09 p.m. and left at 10:41 p.m.
 9:12 p.m. runaway from location at mile marker 17 on State Road 48. the caller's stepson had been gone about an hour, leaving after an argument. Deputy dispatched.
 9:39 p.m. possible violation of temporary restraining order. The caller's daughter was served a temporary restraining order and the petitioner called the daughter's place of employment. Deputy dispatched.
 April 2
 8:20 a.m. accident with injuries, one vehicle rollover, at mile marker 104 on Highway 380. Hondo ambulance arrived at 8:32 a.m. and at 8:59 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 9:22 a.m. Hondo Fire Dept. arrived at 8:42 a.m. and left at 9:06 a.m.
 11:53 a.m. people dumping and moving things onto property on Forest Road 120 (lower Eagle Creek). Deputy dispatched and at 12:15 p.m. advised that forest service would investigate.
 April 3
 2:37 a.m. 18 wheeler rollover just west of Riverside on Highway 70. Hondo Fire Dept. arrived at 3:01 a.m. and left at 8:32 a.m. State police notified.
 8:14 a.m. agency assistance at accident without injuries, semi rollover at mile marker 172 on Highway 54. Deputy dispatched. Corona fire department responded and stayed until 10:33 a.m.
 11:03 a.m. found property at location on Highway 70 west. Deputy advised that stuff was left in a room until the day before when the caller's father picked it up.
 2:31 p.m. deer v. vehicle at Homestead and Gavilan and request for someone to put down the deer that was struggling. Game and Fish Department officer arrived at 2:33 p.m. and was gone by 2:46 p.m. Deputy arrived at 2:52 p.m. and advised no accident report was needed by caller.
 April 4
 5:34 p.m. deputy advised he did warrant service at location on Smokey Bear Blvd. to 19 year old subject under an Otero County magistrate court warrant.
 6:13 p.m. request for welfare check of caller's children at apartments in Capitan. Deputy dispatched.
 April 5
 3:19 a.m. accident with injuries on Highway 70 near Hondo. Hondo ambulance arrived at the accident which was at the Highways 380 and 70 intersection at 3:43 a.m. and at 4:40 a.m. a refusal for the ambulance was signed. Hondo fire department arrived at 3:32 a.m. and left at 5:03 a.m.
 8:35 a.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) for the Ruidoso magistrate court.
 8:43 a.m. request for animal control at location on High Mesa Drive. Deputy dispatched.
 1:21 p.m. accident without injuries three miles east of Carrizozo on Highway 380. Carrizozo fire department arrived at 1:48 p.m. Carrizozo ambulance responded and requested to have Med 1 intercept. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at the accident scene at 1:49 p.m. They advised an air ambulance was not needed and they were transporting to intercept with Med 1. At 2:20 p.m. Carrizozo ambulance advised they intercepted with Med 1 in Alto, and both transported to LCMC arriving there at 3:17 p.m. Carrizozo fire department also responded arriving at 1:48 p.m. and left at 2:30 p.m.
 3 p.m. deputy advised he was doing warrant service at LCDC.
 3 p.m. mail delivery company requested a deputy for a report of one of their vehicles in an accident without injuries on Mesa Ranch Road. The truck was in a ditch with a tree holding it. Deputy dispatched.

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.

Preventing Snake Bites

Snake seasons are spring and summer in New Mexico. Snakes seek shelter from the sun under rocks, bushes, in caves and animal burrows, at night when it is cooler, snakes become active hunting their prey.

PREVENTING SNAKE BITES

- *Always be aware of your surroundings.
- *Walk in areas where the ground is clear so you can see where you step.
- *Be aware of where you sit especially in shady areas.
- *Wear protective clothing such as long pants and hiking boots.
- *Wear gloves when using your hands to move brush or rocks.
- *Don't reach into cracks in rocks, animal burrows or under bushes.
- *Don't walk around at night or sleep on the ground because snakes are most active at night.
- *Don't tease, kill or handle a rattlesnake. It could be dangerous.
- *If you encounter a snake don't panic or blindly run away without looking carefully where you are going.

FIRST AID FOR SNAKE BITES

- *Get to a hospital immediately. The only accepted treatment is the appropriate serum, or antivenin, administered by a medical professional. If the trip is a long walking distance send someone for help.
- *Remain calm. Activity speeds your heart rate and your metabolism, which increases the rate the venom spreads through your body.
- *Put a safe distance between you and the snake.
- *Remove rings, watches, and bracelets from around the bite area.
- *Keep the bite area immobilized and level with your heart.
- *Carry a call phone to call for help if needed.
- *DO NOT attempt to capture the snake, or use the "cut-and-suck" method.
- *DO NOT use ice on the bite.

SOURCE: NM Poison Center

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

- Monday, April 5
 8:15 a.m. Systems Technologies v. Carson: CV-2003-200 (Wright/ProSe). Dispute claim of exemptions.
 9 a.m. Autumn Judd: JR-2004-10 (Dobbs/Mitchell) Disposition.
 9:30 a.m. Swisher v. Padilla: DM-2004-47 (Schneider) Temporary Restraining Order (TRO).
 10 a.m. Wear v. Wear: DM-2000-115 (Jordan/Schneider) Order to show cause.
 12 p.m. noon teleconference
 Jury Standing Committee
 1:15 p.m. teleconference. Tremblay v. Hovey: CV-2002-25 (Beauvais/Hawthorne) Judicial inquiry and motion to strike.
 1:30 p.m. McDaniel v. McDaniel: DM-1999-76 (Martwick/R.Hawthorne) Motion to modify support.
 Tuesday, April 6
 8:15 a.m. Ralph name change: CV-2004-48
 8:30 a.m. Jury Trial
 #1 John Day: CR-2004-54 (Singh/Mitchell)
 #2 Michael McLiskey: JR-2003-75
 #3 Jessie Roman: JR-2003-26 or JR-2003-86
 Wednesday, April 7
 8:15 a.m. teleconference. Mortgage Electronic v. Heldt: CV-2003-51 (Bradley) Writ.
 8:30 a.m. Jury Trials continue.
 Darrell Brantley domestic mediator will hear the following cases on Wednesday, April 7:
 10 a.m. Sanderson v. Sanderson: DV-2004-30
 10:30 a.m. Hidalgo v. Madrid: DV-2004-31
 1 p.m. Pullen v. Powell: DM-2003-96 (Brownfield/C.Hawthorne) Temporary order.
 Thursday, April 8
 8:30 a.m. First Appearances
 Alfred Marshall: CR-2004-17
 Broderick Kimbrell: CR-2003-138
 Dustin Reel: CR-2001-163 & 2002-91
 Uvaldo Baca: CR-2002-131
 Terri Dover: CR-2002-28
 William Parrish: CR-2004-66
 Marcus Epperson: CR-2004-67
 Tricia McClure: CR-2004-68
 Arlo Victor: CR-2004-36 & 37
 Tom Muldowney: CR-2004-52
 James Canterberry: CR-2004-34
 Cathelena Tayaba: CR-2004-43
 Frank Horn Jr.: CR-2004-46
 Roberto Orosco: CR-2004-47
 Paulo Martinez: CR-2004-48
 Lee Nanz: CR-2004-49
 John Day: CR-2004-54
 Jerry Chavez: CR-2003-142
 Donna Welborn: CR-2003-233
 Gloria Harris: CR-2004-38
 Rick Martin: CR-2004-50
 William Funderburg: CR-2004-51
 Pre-Trial hearings:
 David Dalton: CR-2004-04
 Michael Mattiace: CR-2004-03
 Jose Marquez: CR-2003-145
 Marisa Garrett: CR-2003-248
 Ricardo Tijerina: CR-2004-14
 Anthony Randolph: CR-2004-18
 Jason Pillar: CR-2004-19
 Rudolph Stermer: CR-2004-05
 Mitch Dembowski: CR-2003-222

PAUL'S TAKE OUT
 Everything is \$4.00 or \$5.00
 We also have an Atkins Plate
 Week Days:
 11:00 am to 1:30 pm
 Friday Evenings:
 5:00 to 6:30 pm
 Carrizozo / 648-2832

Church Directory

MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY
 Negal 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
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

First Baptist Church
 HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
 648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Church of Christ
 TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 REV. RON THOMSON, Rector
 Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 1-505-258-1242
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel
Jerry & Lanita Rasak

In Memory of ...
BILL WINKLER
Stearns Insurance Agency

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Baptist Church of Corona
 CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7875
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Angus Church of the Nazarene
 Serving All of Lincoln County
 RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 336-8032
 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 6:00 p.m.



Extreme Gardening

by Doris Cherry



What a wonderful surprise spring 2004 has been so far! When the winds failed to blast Lincoln County in March many of us gardeners began to wonder if we would perhaps have a "real" spring with calm breezes, flowers and gradually warming days.

Then came April and the first wonderful days of soft gentle rain and wet snow. Some areas got 2-3 inches, my garden just west of Capitan got two inches of total precipi-

itation and very little wind. With little wind and better moisture, fruit and other flowering trees have put on a fabulous show. However it appears some apricot and peach trees may have been touched by the frost and cold mornings of April 6 and 7. (One can save the fruit flowers if you have well pruned trees. You can spray water over the flowers during the early morning drop in temperature, or you can set out smudge pots which have limited effect and must be watched closely.)

a wind protected but uncovered area in the garden have come up.

We can continue to plant lettuce and greens seeds for the next three weeks, longer if the cool wet weather returns.

But wait to put out those warm weather seeds and plants until very late April or early May for Carrizozo, Lincoln, San Patricio and lower areas of the county. In Capitan, Nogal Mesa and Ruidoso areas, wait until after May 10 to plant out tomatoes, squash etc. May 10 is the last average day of frost for the upper elevations. These dates should be adjusted if we have very cold days and nights, or very hot days and warm nights.

Always be ready to cover plants, because a cold night often follows a series of rainy days that have cleared.

As April matures into May there will be some very warm days. Watch your greens and lettuces planted in the open. If they show excessive wilting in the bright day, be ready to give them a bit of shade by stretching a canopy of shade cloth, or if you don't have that, a canopy of old sheer curtain material or nylon screening material. These canopies give shade and allow rain to fall through to your plants.

By now you should have started tomatoes, eggplants, chili, etc. inside. If these are getting big with two or three sets of leaves, transplant them into bigger containers because they will not go out until the second week of May. By putting them in bigger containers they will develop better root systems and stems are usually stronger.

If you did not start plants you can purchase bedding plants for summer. Keep in mind several things when buying bedding plants. Make sure the plants are not too big or too many crowded into one

tiny pot. You do not need to purchase them from a greenhouse; plants from the hardware or discount store are okay, provided they meet certain criteria.

Resist the temptation to buy a foot tall tomato plant with blooms and tiny fruit, all in a two- or three-inch pot. The roots will be massed together and may not untangle without damage. And if you do set it out, it often takes longer to adjust than a smaller plant. If there are too many plants in each tiny pot, pass them by and look for containers that have only one or at the most two plants per each tiny pot.

Generally, if a bedding plant is in a two inch pot, it should be no taller than six inches. All bedding plants should have strong central stalks with healthy dark green leaves. If leaves are yellowed or curled, especially on tomatoes, do not buy them.

Also look closely and make sure there are no insect pests such as aphids or white flies. Aphids are suckers and stick to stems and can be green or red. White flies can be detected as tiny white flecks that fly up when gently brushing the plant.

If you just cannot resist buying those big bedding plants, bring them home and transplant them into bigger pots right away.

Once you bring the bedding plants home keep them inside in a sunny window for two to three days. If you transplant keep them away from the sunny window for one day, then move them into the sun and keep them inside about a week.

All commercial bedding plants were grown in very protected and controlled climates of commercial greenhouses and they must be hardened to the harsh conditions of outdoors. Do this by setting the plants outside in a tray with a bit of water so they do not dry out too quickly in a wind protected area. Set them out for about two hours the first day, then increase the time outside by two hours per day until they are out all day. If the nights are mild (40s or higher) leave the plants out all night. The next morning, or any time during the day if it is cloudy, set them out in their permanent places in the garden. Water them unless the soil is wet.

If you utilize a cloche for your summer plants, you can put your plants into the ground earlier than those out in the open. While you must also harden plants for the cloche, you can accelerate the hardening process. As the days get warmer, check the cloche and ventilate if necessary. Also check the soil under the cloche for moisture even though rain does penetrate the cloche material.

Variable April weather requires the gardener to be vigilant. If it is raining, do not water, rather mulch to preserve moisture. If it turns windy and dry, mulch heavily and check the soil for moisture. If it is dry one inch below the surface, water with a hand held hose device.

Beans and squash are planted right into the ground. Wait until the days and nights are very warm for beans, as they can rot without sprouting if the soil is too cold. Peas will thrive now, and into the spring if the rainy cool weather continues. If the weather turns dry and windy and warm, peas will need protection and more water.

If our spring turns dry and windy, I will give suggestions on using grey water in the May edition of Extreme Gardening.

I invite anyone to email me with suggestions, ideas or things that work for your garden, or if you have questions, or comments. Contact me by email at newsblaster@zianet.com or conventional mail at Cherry, Box 401, Capitan, NM 88316.



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"White Oaks Route," came and gave it the once around although it had lived and prospered on its own resources up to that time. After that, a majority of the people and much of the value of the gold ore drifted down the canyon, the former finding a permanent lodgement at Carrizozo, and the latter stopping down about the mal pais.

And yet the old town still keeps up its lick in a manner worthy a good sport. The hecatomb of yellow-legged mineral experts have turned it down from time to time. Yet it has kept quietly pegging away until its three workable mines have each produced around million dollars worth of the yellow metal and weight enough to break a burro's back. And still there is gold, and coal and iron and tungsten and building stone enough left here to make a metropolis!

At least six newspapers have had their birth here and gone out to enlighten the other towns of the county, while the morals of the place are such that its two churches have been vacant for years, as it was found the flocks of worshippers could very readily browse around without a shepherd and with less expense.

As for lawlessness, the justice's office did not produce income enough from the machinations of evil doers to furnish the late incumbent with admission to the movies, and the calaboose has sheltered but one inmate since it was built several years ago.

At the time of the late prohibition election there were two saloons in the bailiwick, yet there were but eight wet votes cast at the polls, and these two saloons have since gone up and shut up, so that the few booze fighters must get theirs down in a dark cellar by the aid of a flash light. It can be readily seen by these pointers that the people here do not treat the Devil any better than they do the God of their fathers. In fact, neither the good Lord nor the cunning Devil appears to have a cinch on the people here.

But to those who have looked with tired, pitiful eyes, and waited with wistful, sorrowful longing for better things -- for the old town to come to its own -- there is here exemplified the paralyzing force of that ancient truism that "Hope long deferred maketh the heart sick" -- for as yet, around and over all, hangs the malediction of the black Berry and the hoodoo of his race.

But wrath, nor grouch, nor malediction, nor diabolism can rob it of its romantic past, and its emerald setting of grand old hills. Selah! signum, adios

LEE H. RUDISILLE,
White Oaks, N.M.,
August 14, 1918

The Slacker

Now since we've joined the army,
Do you think it's hardly right,
To treat the slacker better
Than the man who has to fight?
If he won't defend his country

He is hardly worth a damn;
And nothing but a nuisance
In the eyes of Uncle Sam.

From eighteen years to forty
He is supposed to volunteer,
And buckle on his armor
With little signs of fear;
But you'll find him chasing dollars,
Playing games or at the dance;
For he'd rather go to hell
Than take this trip to France.

We're not supposed to grumble,
But we think it mighty queer
That we should drink the water,
While the slacker gets the beer!
We must always be in quarters
Rather early in the night,
And line up in the morning
With our faces clean and bright--

But the slacker is a piker;
And with no one else to please,
Save the one and forty pounder
That he arms around at ease:
He is all for gain and pleasure --
For his country takes no chance --
But he ought to go to hell
If he does not go to France.

--Private Fred H. Steward

The Twelfth

A girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sabino Gonzales Tuesday, making an equal division in the household -- six boys and six girls. Sabino, in reporting the happy event, was a little excited and first said it made it twelve-twelve, but when calmer, reduced the number by fifty per cent.

ELECT

DEAN LOLLAR

Lincoln County Commissioner

DISTRICT 1

REPUBLICAN

Executive with Boys Scouts of America, 33 years, retired.
Responsible for generating and managing multi-million dollar budgets.
Ability to listen and make decisions.
Involved in Family, Civic, Community, and Political issues all my adult life.
Education Degree (BS), Tennessee Tech University.

A common sense conservative voice for you

Paid for by the candidate, Dean Lollar

US 70 HONDO VALLEY DESIGN/BUILD PROJECT

Partners in Progress and Preservation

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US 70 Activities Underway In April 2004

Shoulder and lane closures will continue along the 38-mile project corridor through the month of April. Paving has resumed in sections D, E & F with the Hondo to Tinnie 4-lane section complete by mid-April. Excavation, drainage and wall construction will continue in Sections B, C, & E. Bridgework will continue in Section B & C with Rio Bonito deck pour late April. Grading base course work on the south half of roadway from 70 380 jet westward to San Patricio will continue in April with paving in May.

Various lane shifts, detours and roadway re-striping will occur as the work progresses. Please allow an extra 20-30 minutes in your travel schedule to accommodate general construction activities.

Blasting will continue to be more frequent on weekdays (Mon-Fri), in Section B and F at the following locations: MP 271-273 located West of Glencoe East of Fox Cave and MP 295-297 located at 1st Top area. Please call the hotline or visit the website for details. Lane closures will begin at 12 pm lasting up to one hour.

Toll Free Hotline: 1-866-653-4069
Website: www.us70hondovalley.com

April Calendar of Events
Next US 70 Hondo Valley
Citizens Task Force Meeting
Thursday, May 20, 2004

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

County Candidates Announce for Election



CHARLES H. LANE

Charles H. Lane, the Democratic Candidate for Lincoln County Probate Judge, has lifelong experience in comforting grieving families and dealing with family estates.

Lane was a funeral director for 48 years, seven of which were at Clarke's Chapel of Roses in Ruidoso where he served as manager.

Lane, a nine year Lincoln County resident, obtained a business major from Frank Phillips College in Borger, TX then went on to graduate from the Dallas College of Mortuary Science. He later completed psychology classes on grief counseling.

"During my years as funeral director, I was involved with many family estates, so I am familiar with the probate process," Lane said.

"I think the probate judge should have grief training to better deal with family members in their time of sorrow," Lane added.

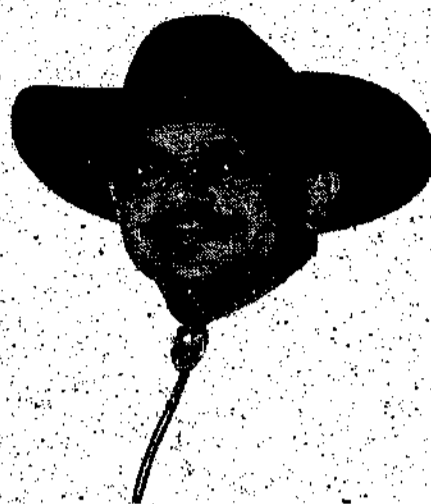
Lane is also aware and ready to fulfill the duties of probate judge that go beyond handling probate cases. These include presiding over civil cases, and

ability to sign search and arrest warrants if no magistrate or municipal judge is available.

Lane is married to Wilma J. and has grown children: Lynetta Heckathorn, Chuck Lane, Marshall Wiles, Gregory Wiles, and Lonnie Wiles. He is a member of the John Bean Masonic Lodge #1333 of El Paso, is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Capitan United Methodist Church.

"I believe my experience and knowledge makes me the best person to serve the people of Lincoln County as probate judge," Lane said.

Lane is the only Democratic candidate for Lincoln County Probate Judge.



RICHARD ALVAREZ

Richard Alvarez of Nogal is running for sheriff in the up-coming election. Alvarez believes that the Lincoln County community has changed, but the sheriff's department has remained stagnant.

Alvarez is a Viet-Nam era veteran, Desert Storm / Shield veteran, and a member of the 63rd Security Police Squadron, who played a direct roll in the capture of Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega.

After retiring from the U.S. Air Force, Alvarez joined the Alamogordo Police Department. As an officer with Alamogordo DPS, Alvarez received two departmental awards. After leaving Alamogordo DPS, Alvarez became a Lincoln County Sheriff's deputy. In September of 2003, Alvarez resigned from the sheriff's department to work as a private investigator. Alvarez currently owns and runs Black Knight Investigations. Alvarez has 29 years of combined military and civilian law enforcement experience. Alvarez has three main goals if elected:

1.) To establish communications and relations with the citizens of Lincoln County. The citizens of Lincoln County are an asset to fighting crime in our communities. We need to keep our citizens informed of problems and crimes in the county.

This can be done through the media, by establishing a web page, and if need be going door to door.

2.) To get a handle on the sheriff's budget. For many years it has been spend as you go and then ask for more. We need to take control of the department's budget and stop the increased tax burden on the property owners of the county.

3.) To establish a good and long lasting relationship with other local law enforcement agencies.

Presently, all of our local law enforcement agencies are unable to come together and work as a team. We must unite in order to serve our communities better.

Alvarez is married to the former Michelle B. Carrillo of Palm Springs, CA for 21 years. He has two daughters, Cecilia C. Alvarez, and Jessica J. Alvarez, who are both attending college.

Letters to . . .

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duty to inculcate those habits and manners." *Veronica School District 471, v. Acton.*

In separate correspondence to the school board, I have given them some fourteen New Mexico and federal authorities that directly contradict the school board's apparent opinion that parents have no authority in determining how their children are to be educated, that parents have no authority in determining what their children are taught, and that a school board owes no duty of representation to their constituents.

Mr. Barron is lost to us, but the root problem remains. The "smoke" from Mr. Barron's firing was, in fact, warning of a far more serious underlying crisis. For the sake of our children and our collective future, the public needs to get involved in resolving this travesty. Make your values known. Make sure they are taught in the schools. VOTE!

JOHN C. TATE
Carrizozo, New Mexico

Superintendent's Opinion

EDITOR: 90% of all good things happen at schools are due to the students and their parents, and to the teachers and staff that work diligently for and with their students.

Carrizozo is a great school because of the students, parents, and staff.

Carrizozo schools are fortunate to have a good staff. The teachers do their job daily by teaching the children the necessary skills to meet and exceed standards and to support each student's journey toward academic excellence and life long learning. They are much appreciated.

We appreciate our community supporting the school district by passing 2 Mill Levy and General Obligation Bonds.

The other 10% required to make a school successful is due to the administration and the school board. Carrizozo Schools are fortunate to have a good school board. Our board and present/past administration have successfully applied for and received state funds to remodel all the school buildings and also received funds to build the new pre-school industrial arts center, which is going to further make this community proud.

All these efforts have been led by Mr. Steve Harkney with support from the rest of the board members. Our board of education is a group of dedicated community individuals that represent the students and staff. They follow the laws and statutes of the state of New Mexico. They do not deserve to be criticized, they should be commended for sticking to the laws under duress. They do not owe an apology to anyone!

Our appreciation to the parents that continuously support our school and the decisions that have to be made.

God bless us . . . Everyone!

SERGIO CASTANON
Carrizozo Schools Superintendent

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD wants to thank everyone for their help and assistance, from serving food, manning the command center at Carrizozo Heritage Museum with hot coffee and food 24 hours a day, for donations of food and drinks, and for the emotional support after the tragic train wreck in Carrizozo.

The following list may not include your name, but please know your thoughtfulness and time was greatly appreciated.

CARRIZOZO HERITAGE MUSEUM

Roland and Verla Caster
Ray and Diane Dean
Van Shamblin
Rene Burton
Ann Buffington
Don and Barbara Culbertson
Cynthia Culbertson
Tyler Shropshire
Dick Bryant
Dorothy Forsythe
Polly Chavez

CARRIZOZO JOE'S

Joe and Karla Organist

FOUR WINDS RESTAURANT

Chris and Di

PIZZAZOZO

Fran Altieri

STURGES MARKET

CARRIZOZO TEXACO

CARRIZOZO ALLSUPS

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Monica Wheeler
Barbara Ward
Dean & Nancy Lollar
Gail & Bill Yates
John & Star Ducharme-Vaughn
Snooks & Anny McDaniel
Mozelle Harkey
Priscilla Mitchell
Mary Miglionico
Chris Duggar
Angelo & Ruby Vega
Carrizozo Police
Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department

NM State Police
NM Mounted Police
NM State Hwy. Dept.
NM State Hazmat Team
Lincoln County Dispatcher
Lincoln County Emergency Coordinator
Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies
Volunteers with Carrizozo Heritage Museum
Bonito Fire Department
Carrizozo Volunteers
Carrizozo EMS-OMI

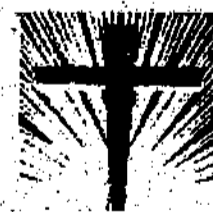
THANK YOU!

Lincoln County News

Celebrating our
100th Year.

You Are Invited to
An

Easter
Sunrise
Service



Sponsored by the First Baptist Church
of Carrizozo

**Sunday,
April 11**

6:15 AM

at the
Carrizozo Football Stadium

Breakfast will be served
at the
First Baptist Church
following the service.

Everyone is invited!!

County Candidates Announce for Election



PATSY SANCHEZ

Patsy Sanchez knows what the county needs, and she has definite goals for meeting those needs. Sanchez is the Democratic candidate for the District 1 position on the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners. She is the only Democratic candidate for Dist. 1 county commissioner who will be on the June 1 primary election ballot.

"I have definite goals that I want to help accomplish as county commissioner," Sanchez said. "These are:

- A county water inventory to manage ballooning growth and development.
- Strengthened subdivision regulations on the county level and work for changes on the state level.
- Strengthened county personnel policies.
- Review and update of the Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zone ordinance.

"My 14 years with the county gives me first hand knowledge of our growth problems," Sanchez said. "And my 14 years with the county gives me the experience to know what is expected of county employees," she added.

Sanchez is a life-long Lincoln County resident, raised on the Nunez family ranch at Border Hill on the east edge of the county. She graduated from Hondo High School and attended New Mexico State University with an emphasis on business. She lives in Carrizozo with her husband Tony Sanchez. They have three grown children.

Sanchez comes from a background of public service. Her father served as Lincoln County Commissioner in the 1960s during which time he helped expand the courthouse and modernize county operations.

"I know as Lincoln County Commissioner I can work together with the other commissioners to implement all of my goals for the betterment of the county!" Sanchez said.



DAVID HIGHTOWER

With 23 years of law enforcement and an executive level police certification, David Hightower, Democratic candidate for Lincoln County Sheriff, knows he is the right man for the job.

Hightower has been with the Ruidoso Downs Police Department for 18 years,

during which time he worked his way up from patrol, to sergeant, up to chief, then stepped down to assistant chief.

Prior to his service with Ruidoso Downs, he served five years as deputy with the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

"I have been a certified police officer since 1978," Hightower says. "I currently hold the executive law enforcement certification, the highest level in the state of New Mexico."

Hightower is an almost lifelong resident of Lincoln County. He was born and raised in Lincoln County and graduated from Capitan High School. He went on to graduate from the Western New Mexico University Police Academy.

Hightower, who lives on Ski Run Road, is married to Kayla and they have four grown children.

While Hightower has several ideas on changes for the sheriff's office he will not make any promises at this time. "I am not willing to make any campaign promises because I will not know what I can accomplish until I am in office," Hightower said. "I am fully aware of budgetary constraints from the county commission, and the need to fulfill the contractual salary agreements with the deputies."

Hightower is currently assistant police chief for the City of Ruidoso Downs.

"I believe my experience in growing up in Lincoln County along with my law enforcement and supervisory training as chief and assistant chief make me the best qualified Democratic candidate for Lincoln County Sheriff on the June 1 Democratic primary election ballot," Hightower said.



KENNETH D. JONES

Kenneth D. Jones has been a deputy sheriff with Lincoln County for 14 and a half years, and is running as a Democrat for Sheriff.

Ken and his wife Laura, came to Lincoln County over 27 years ago where he worked in Carrizozo as a Vocational Agriculture Teacher. He then worked for NM State University at the Fort Stanton experiment station ranch for seven and a half years as a research assistant. When the experiment station moved, he chose to remain living where he and his wife had their home in Capitan. Ken's and Laura's two sons, Kyle and Klay, both attended school and graduated from Capitan High School, then attended NM State University in Las Cruces.

Ken and Laura have been married for 29 years. Laura has been a school teacher for 24 years in Lincoln County, and supports Ken's bid for election as Sheriff.

Ken has a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education from NM State University. Jones became a certified graduate of

class 116 at the NM Law Enforcement Academy in Santa Fe, in 1990, and has worked continuously at the sheriff department since beginning there in 1989 as animal control officer. With over 500 hours advanced training, Jones currently holds a Mid-management certification from NM Law Enforcement Academy.

Jones is both a native New Mexican, and an honorably discharged US Army veteran.

While employed with Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Jones has been in charge of overseeing that all civil process service of Court Orders has been accomplished, and had specialized training delivered to all deputy sheriffs, at minimal cost to the county.

Part of his assigned duty has been to coordinate service to the Sheriff's Department with reserve Lincoln County deputies who are appointed by the sheriff, and to maintain training for those volunteers.

He has also been entrusted as the primary property and evidence custodian at the sheriff's department for the last 12 years. He was the first Sergeant promoted to that rank after "standardized" testing was used instead of appointment without testing.

Jones is a "Charter Member" of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, and served as vice-president of that organization for one term, and was designated liaison between the posse and sheriff's department during a previous administration.

He served as "bargaining agent" for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Association, and assisted completion of a labor contract certification for that association.

Jones is currently a member of the International Association for Property and Evidence, Inc. His goal, if elected sheriff, is to "provide the citizens of Lincoln County with the very best law enforcement possible within the budget allocated," Jones says.

"Law Enforcement demands on the Sheriff's Department requires enough well trained and equipped deputies to meet the public needs in an ever increasing population. If we do not train and equip enough deputies, we cannot meet those demands," Jones stated. He also says, "I believe we need to recruit

some deputies from our own area, who have a vested interest in what is happening in their home community."

Jones says, "Lincoln County has been a very good place to live and to raise my family. I would like the opportunity to keep it safe for others to do the same."



JAMES C. McSWANE

James C. McSwane's law enforcement career began in Lincoln County in 1976. He became certified in law enforcement and corrections in 1978. McSwane was elected sheriff of Lincoln County in three consecutive elections, serving eight (8) years from 1989 to 1996.

While sheriff of Lincoln County, McSwane believes his department was a working team. He provided constant support to his staff and was involved in all aspects of the department. McSwane was informed and active in all day to day activities involving the sheriff's department.

During his tenure as sheriff, McSwane strived to modernize the sheriff's department, providing his staff with the most modern equipment available, which allowed for a more effective department, and much of the equipment is still being utilized within the department. A top priority of his administration was law enforcement education and training of his staff. It was his belief that the education and training provided his staff the ability to better perform their duties which increased productivity and allowed more cases to be resolved.

While in law enforcement, McSwane achieved the highest certificate in training awarded by the State of New Mexico. He has personal experience in patrol, communications, corrections, inves-

tigation and administration.

McSwane and his wife Freda, have four (4) children who attended school in Lincoln County. Freda McSwane is currently a practicing attorney in Ruidoso. Both James and Freda are very active within the community. McSwane served a president of the Fraternal Order of Police, and organized the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse in 1989. He and his wife were very involved in the Santa Cops program during his term as sheriff of Lincoln County.

McSwane believes he has proved his ability to serve as sheriff of Lincoln County, and that he can again provide the best law enforcement for Lincoln County. McSwane realizes that being sheriff of Lincoln County means being obligated to each and every person of the county. He will serve the position with pride and respect, and will strive to have a working relationship with all law enforcement in the county.

McSwane is proud to call Lincoln County his home and promises to spend his time getting things done.



R.E. (Rick) VIRDEN

R.E. (Rick) Virden, Lincoln County Undersheriff, announced his intention to run for the office of Lincoln County Sheriff. Virden, a Republican, has served Lincoln County for the last seven years as Undersheriff.

The current sheriff, Tom Sullivan has reached his term limit and is not eligible to run. Undersheriff Virden says that he and Sheriff Sullivan have had a good working relationship. "With the financing available, we have accomplished many positive goals for the Sheriff's Office, and I hope to continue to direct the Sheriff's Office in a progressive, positive manner that will benefit the citizens of Lincoln County," Virden said.

Undersheriff Virden lists his past experience, which includes 29 years as a law enforcement officer in the state of New Mexico, will greatly benefit the citizens of Lincoln County. He has served two terms as Sheriff of Otero County. When he termed out, Virden went to work for the NM State Police. The majority of his tenure with the State Police has been in Lincoln County.

Virden has received both the Command Level and Executive Level Certificates from the NM Law Enforcement Academy. His is a graduate of the 144th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy, the NM State Police Academy and the NM Law Enforcement Academy.

Undersheriff Virden has received extensive

training in Law Enforcement, administration and internal affairs investigation.

Virden, a native New Mexican, born in Tularosa, has a long family history connected to Lincoln County. His mother was born in Ruidoso in 1937; his grandmother was a Wingfield, who was born in Ruidoso in 1906; and his great grandparents were married in Lincoln, NM in 1905. He and his family have very close ties to Lincoln County; his wife Carol (whose maiden name is Portillo) is the City Clerk for the City of Ruidoso Downs.

Virden says Lincoln County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state and with growth comes financial infrastructure growing pains. He has been a part of the budgetary process and has worked logically and efficiently with the County Commission to provide the best possible services for the residents of Lincoln County with the funding allocated by the County Commission. Virden is also a member of Carrizozo Rotary and is an avid supporter of the Lincoln County Fair, Lincoln County 4-H and FFA youth.

"I believe my strong background in law enforcement, police administration, a close heart-felt connection with Lincoln County, its residents and a sincere desire to fulfill the growing demands of the office of sheriff will enable me to provide the people of Lincoln County the best possible law enforcement services and leadership possible," says Virden.

DuBois Is Democratic Candidate For State Rep. District 57

Stephanie L. DuBois is the Democratic candidate for New Mexico State Representative Dist #57. (Dist. 57 is a multi county district that includes all of Tularosa to Bent in Otero County, the west side of Lincoln County through Carrizozo to Corona and east to Tiger Drive in Capitan and north of Pine Lodge Road into the northwest portion of Roswell and Chaves County.)

DuBois, a resident of Tularosa for 14 years, is familiar with local politics. DuBois was chair of the Otero County Democratic Party twice and vice-chair once. She presently serves as the Democratic Party Second Congressional District Regional vice-chair over 17 southern New Mexico counties including Otero, Lincoln and Chaves.

DuBois has also been a candidate for political office. "I have thrown my hat in the ring for Tularosa Trustee, Otero County Clerk and in the last election cycle, for Otero County Probate Judge," said DuBois.

DuBois is 58 years old. She owns and operates a dog grooming and training business in Tularosa and teaches dog obedience at ENMU-Ruidoso under its Community Education Program. She is a member of several organizations including the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, ATEC (Alamogordo Tobacco Education Coalition), Friends of Historic Tularosa, the Red Brick School Restoration Foundation, Otero County Democratic Party and the Australian Cattle Dog Club of NM.

"I am seeking this office for a number of reasons," DuBois said. "First I think everyone if able should run for public office."

DuBois is the only Democratic candidate for the NM Rep. District 57 position and will be the only Democrat to appear on the June 1 primary election ballot in the State Rep. District 57 precincts.

DuBois invites anyone with questions or comments to e-mail her at docdubois@aol.com or call 505-585-8218.

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April showers will bring flowers, rest assured; as more than two inches of gentle slow rain watered Lincoln County last weekend.

All of Lincoln County received precipitation in the form of rain, sleet, hail and snow from a major series of storms from Friday, April 2 through Monday, April 5. Some isolated storms were reported on Tuesday, April 6.

Wednesday's light breezes brought in more moisture giving most of the county a 30 percent chance for rain showers today, Thursday, April 8. Participants at Easter Sunday sunrise services should bundle up as rain and snow showers are predicted. High temperatures on Easter will be only in the 50s to low 60s.

The following information was taken from the National Weather Service website. Up to date weather reports can be viewed at www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet.

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

Today, Thursday, April 8: Partly cloudy with 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High of 63 in Carrizozo. Tonight partly cloudy with slight chance of showers. West winds 10 to 15 miles per hour (mph). Low of 42.

Friday, April 9: Partly cloudy and warmer with west winds 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. High of 72. Friday night partly cloudy with slight chance of showers. Low of 43.

Saturday, April 10: Mostly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers. Highs in the 50s to low 60s. Saturday night mostly cloudy with chance for showers. Lows in the 30s.

Easter Sunday, April 11: Mostly cloudy with chance of showers. Highs in the 50s to low 60s. Sunday night mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers. Lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s.

Monday, April 12: Partly cloudy and warmer with highs to the upper 60s. Monday night mostly clear with lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday, April 13: Mostly sunny and warmer with highs in the mid 60s to low 70s. Tuesday night, mostly clear with lows in the upper 30s.

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

Today, Thursday, April 8: Partly cloudy with 30 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Calm winds becoming northwest between 5 and 8 mph becoming northwest. High of 57 in Ruidoso, 60 in Capitan. Tonight partly cloudy with 30 percent chance for showers. Northwest winds 8 to 14 mph. Lows of 38 in Ruidoso and 39 in Capitan.

Friday, April 9: Partly cloudy and warmer with west winds 10 to 20 mph in the afternoon. 10 percent chance for showers. High of 65 in Ruidoso and 66 in Capitan. Friday night partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph with low of 39 in Ruidoso and 40 in Capitan.

Saturday, April 10: Mostly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers. East northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Highs in the low to mid 50s. Saturday night mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s.

Easter Sunday, April 11: Mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and slight chance for upper terrain snow showers. Highs in the low to mid 50s. Sunday night mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance for snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s to near 30.

Monday, April 12: Partly cloudy and warmer with highs in the mid 50s to low 60s. Monday night mostly clear with lows in the mid to upper 30s.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV-03-267

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ROY T. HAVENS, CHARLOTTE H. HAVENS, WELLS FARGO BANK NEW MEXICO, N.A., THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND REVENUE, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, will on April 27, 2004, at 10:00 A.M., Ruidoso Administrative Building, Cree Meadows Drive, 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 9 OF RIVER'S EDGE LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY DECEMBER 4, 1992 IN CABINET E, SLIDE 278.

ALSO TO INCLUDE THE MOBILE HOME; 1999 CARSTON 27x52 DOUBLEWIDE

The address of the real property is 9 RIVER'S EDGE DRIVE, GLENCOE, NM 88324. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 25, 2004, 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 \$142,703.34, plus interest from March 1, 2004 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of the 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 mobile home 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 to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: March 19, 2004.

"/s/"
Jeanie Clancy-Covey,
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
No. CV03-101

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ROBERT FREEMYER AKA ROBERT W. FREEMYER AKA BOB FREEMYER; WILLIAM E. FREEMYER; WESTERN BANK ALAMOGORDO; CAROLYN W. FREEMYER; JOHN DOE; TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN, JANE DOE, TENANT WHOSE TRUE NAME IS UNKNOWN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master, will, on April 27, 2004, at 10:00 A.M., Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 7, BLOCK 2, OF GOLD COURSE ESTATES, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW

MEXICO, ON AUGUST 11, 1972, IN TUBE NO. 456.

The address of the real property is 219 BARCUS ROAD, RUIDOSO, NM 88345. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 24, 2004, 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 \$185,501.46, plus interest from January 16, 2004 to the date of sale at the rate of 10% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of the 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 to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: March 19, 2004.

"/s/"
NICK VEGA,
Special Master
c/o Shapiro & Meinhold, L.L.P.
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-02-167

CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
GEORGE M. HOLMAN, MARY HOLMAN a/k/a Mary L. Holman, and RUIDOSO STATE BANK,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 21, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 132 Main Road, Capitan, New Mexico 88316 (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control), and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 13, Block 4 of BIG COUNTRY SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, February 8, 1973, in Tube, No. 478, 1986 Redman mobile home Vehicle Identification Number #12014765

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

Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$69,746.24, and the same bears interest at 8.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$16.24 per diem, commencing on October 1, 2003, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against said Defendant George M. Holman and George M. Holman and in personam judgment against said Defendant Mary Holman a/k/a Mary L. Holman for the amount due after foreclosure sale. For costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed Peter Baca, as its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees,

then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fees to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$69,746.24, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$3,312.96 for a total judgment plus interest of \$73,059.20. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-03-208

WHISPERING BLUFF INTERVAL OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a non-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS, IF LIVING: THOMAS A. THOMPSON, AND B. DIANE THOMPSON, AND IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: THOMAS A. THOMPSON, DECEASED, AND B. DIANE THOMPSON, DECEASED; AND, FIRST WESTERN FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO:

THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS, IF LIVING: THOMAS A. THOMPSON, AND B. DIANE THOMPSON, AND IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: THOMAS THOMPSON, DECEASED, AND B. DIANE THOMPSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in the above styled cause, Plaintiff has filed an action to foreclose their Claim of Lien against you and the following lands in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

An undivided one fifty-second (1/52nd) interest in and to Apartment Number 406 in Building 4 of WHISPERING BLUFF CONDOMINIUMS, together with an undivided one fifty-second (1/52nd) in and to an undivided 1.8867% of the general common element of Whispering Bluff Condominiums, a condominium described in that certain Declaration of Condominium recorded in Book 78, Pages 1063-1098 of the Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Together with: The exclusive rights to occupy the said Residence Unit and as between owners of interest in said condominium to use and enjoy the said Common Areas and rights and easement appurtenant to the said condominium, during Unit Week #4 and as said Unit Week is defined in the instruments entitled "Declaration" and "Master Deed" of Whispering Bluff Condominiums.

Unless you enter your appearance in this cause on or before the 17th day of May, 2004, judgment will be rendered against you by default. O'Reilly & Doherty, LLP (Mel B. O'Reilly) 7125 Prospect Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 are attorneys for Plaintiff.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court this 19th day of March, 2004.

JAN PERRY,
Court Clerk
By: Elizabeth Ysasi,
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Board of Education of Carrizozo Municipal Schools, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for multi-term audit for the 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. MDT, Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 99, 800 D. Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301. Specifications and additional information may be obtained from the same office or by calling (505) 648-2348.

The Carrizozo Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and award the proposal to best serve the interest of the Carrizozo Municipal School District.

SERGIO CASTANON
Superintendent

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 No. CV-04-53
 Division III

MARLIN O. ALSTON,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
GROUP I: THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIVING PERSON, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIVING PERSON: DEL SALAI,

GROUP II: 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: BOYD H. HENLEY AND MARY M. HENLEY,

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

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTIONS

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GROUP II: 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: BOYD H. HENLEY AND MARY M. HENLEY.

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

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Marlin O. Alston, Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-04-53 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

Lot 54, Block 15, of ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, UNIT 7, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County on April 29, 1971, in Tube 404, TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon, SUBJECT TO reservations, restriction and easements of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 29, 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: 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 11th day of March, 2004.

JAN PERRY
 Clerk of the District Court

(SEAL)

By: Mickie L. Vega
 Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 NMSA, 1978 that the Board of Education of Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will meet on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, 6:00 p.m. M.D.T., in the board room of the administration building, 150 Forest Street, to present and publicly review the budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.
 Done at Capitan, New Mexico, this 31st day of March, 2004.

CAPITAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
 GARY TREGEMBO,
 Board President

ATTEST:
 DANNY HAYNES,
 Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 No. CV 03-285

WHISPERING BLUFF INTERVAL OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.,
 a non-profit corporation,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 DOROTHY N. McBRIDE, and if married,
 JOHN DOE McBRIDE, her spouse,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 28th day April 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the northeast entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

An undivided one fifty-second (1/52nd) interest in and to Apartment Number 406 in Building 4 of WHISPERING BLUFF CONDOMINIUMS, together with an undivided one fifty-second (1/52nd) in and to an undivided 1.8867% of the general common element of Whispering Bluff Condominiums, a condominium described in that certain Declaration of Condominium recorded in Book 78, Pages 1063-1098 of the Miscellaneous Records of Lincoln County Clerk's Office, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Together with: The exclusive right to occupy the said Residence Unit and as between owners of interest in said condominium to use and enjoy the said Common Areas and rights and easement appurtenant to the said condominium, during Unit Week #1 and as said Unit Week is defined in the instruments entitled "Declaration" and "Master Deed" of Whispering Bluff Condominiums.

Hereinafter called the "real property"

Said sale will be conducted pursuant to the Judgment entered March 19, 2004, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a Lien, wherein the Plaintiff was adjudged to have a valid first lien upon the real property and said lien was ordered foreclosed to satisfy Plaintiff's Judgment of \$9,447.61, plus interest from January 1, 2003 which to the date of sale is \$689.80, plus court costs and the expenses of foreclosure sale to accrue after entry of Judgment.

Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash.

DATED this March 23, 2004:

PETER BACA
 Special Master
 P.O. Box 215
 Carrizozo, NM 88301

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, on April 6, 2004, that Capitan Municipal School District is soliciting bids for the remodel of office space within the District Administration Building.

Bona fide bidders are advised to request specifications and examine the site at the Capitan Municipal Schools' Administration Building to become familiar with the project.

Capitan Municipal Schools
 Administration Office
 150 Forest Street
 P.O. Box 278
 Capitan, NM 88316
 (505) 354-2239 office
 (505) 354-2240 fax

Bids will be received until Monday, April 26, 2004, 3:30 PM.

Capitan Municipal Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all technicalities.

/s/ Dr. C. Larry Miller
 Superintendent
 Capitan Municipal Schools

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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 No. PB-2004-07

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH R. SKEEN, deceased,
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at PO Box 67, Picacho, NM 88343, or filed with the Lincoln County District Court at PO Box 725, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Mary Helen Skeen
 Personal Representative
 PO Box 67
 Picacho, NM 88343

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by Rosalie Dunlap

Old Lincoln Town

What a week! Beverly Hammond hit a slick spot east of the Hattie Bridge and rolled four times. She is in the hospital in El Paso with her injuries. She may come home tomorrow (Tuesday).

She is the fourth one to hit that slick spot in the highway when it rains, in the past month or so. I saw the first one that involved two motorcycles, a pickup that rolled over and landed in the Burchette's pasture and now Beverly. The other I just heard about.

We were in Portland, TX last week visiting our daughter and family. We left there Saturday morning, slight mist and fog. When we hit Ft. Stockton we had rain all the way home. Carlsbad streets were running high with water, all the fields to Roswell were like lakes.

We were anxious to get home but made a quick visit with my mother. When we got home we were greeted with stripped trees of their blossoms and leaves. Lincoln had a severe hailstorm Friday. Reports of close to two inches have been reported.

The Mountain Tops Gymnastics team of boys traveled to Albuquerque to compete in the state meet. They are currently in class 7.

John Hobbs, 12 years, took first place all around state champion with a score of 53.75. He also brought home several other medals, 1st in high bars with a 9.6 in rings, with a 9.4 second place on the vault with a score of 9.0.

Daniel Hobbs, 8 years, placed 7th all around in state with a score of 49.80. He placed 3rd on parallel bars with 8.6; 7th on the high bars, 8.9; and 7th on the rings with 8.4; and 10th on the pommel horse with 7.7.

John and Daniel are the sons of Bobbie and Cheri Hobbs.

Quade Hall, 10 years, placed 1st on vault with 8.9; 4th on parallel bars with 8; 4th on high bars with 9.3; and 5th on the pommel horse with 8.6. Quade is the son of Robbie and Courtney Hall, Alto.

John will move up to class 6 next year. Quade and Daniel will remain in class 7.

The boys appreciate you for saving the ink cartridges and still need them. Congratulations to these fine gymnasts.

Entertainment at the NM Rural Water Assn. meeting was a treat. Mr. Albino played several flutes with the haunting Indian music. Mr. Albino, who is 57 years, began playing the flutes in 1999. He did not have any training and can't read music. He had four flutes of different woods, all having a different resonance.

This Friday is Good Friday and Sunday is Easter. Everyone have a great holiday and join the church services of your choice. It is also the Passover for those of the Jewish faith.

Keep all our armed forces in your prayers, especially those in Iraq. You can also send needed wipes, (they have no way to take showers), food that won't melt, deodorant, kool-aid type of instant drinks, anything that won't break or melt.

There are great grandchildren blooming everywhere. George and Nancy Cronin got to meet his new great granddaughter Allison Dawn Colbert; Pam and McArthur have a great granddaughter Tatum Riley Savreda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Savreda, and Gary and Beth Stillwell have a great grandson Vicente Ontiveros. Congratulations to all the new great grandparents.

Easter Week Calendar

Several churches and religious groups are holding special Easter Services and invite everyone to join them for worship. The following is a calendar of Easter week services.

Today, Thursday, April 8

--5:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper at Capitan Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan.
 --7 p.m. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

Friday, April 9

Good Friday Services
 --3 p.m. Santa Theresa Catholic Church in Corona.
 --5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan.
 --7 p.m. Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

Saturday, April 10

--8 p.m. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

Easter Sunday, April 11

--6:15 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Carrizozo Laabs Field at Carrizozo School. Breakfast will be served afterwards at Carrizozo Baptist Church.
 --6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at Two Rivers Park in Ruidoso (next to the chamber of commerce). Service sponsored by Community United Methodist Church. Hot coffee and chocolate and doughnuts served. Parking at Two Rivers Park or chamber parking lot. For information call 257-4071.
 --6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at Angus Church of the Nazarene on Highway 48 in Angus. Breakfast served at 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the church.
 --7 a.m. Resurrection Sunday Easter Sunrise Service, open area east of Capitan Shell station on Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan, Floyd Goodloe minister. Refreshments after the service.
 --7:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass at San Juan Catholic Church in Lincoln.
 --9 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Capitan.
 --10 a.m. Easter worship service at Angus Church of the Nazarene. Sunday school and evening worship services cancelled for Easter.
 --10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.
 --1 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass at Santa Theresa Catholic Church in Corona.



Grizzly



WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School
Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor

**A Young Life Cut Short,
and A Friend Lost**

Patrick Ross Hightower, a former Carrizozo student, was taken from us in a fatal train wreck on March 25, 2004. Pat, a Carrizozo graduate of 2002, who was currently enrolled at NMSU, had come down to visit his family and friends in his old hometown. Unfortunately, his stay was short-lived.

Pat was more than just a student at Zozo High. He was a companion, teammate, and a really good friend. He was only twenty-years young and was taken before his time. His company and his friendly vibe made any room a more enjoyable place to be. With a smile that could light up the room and a personality that lifted hearts, Patrick touched the lives of many.

Why was such a young life taken prematurely? Many remember Pat as being the tall cowboy who was tough as nails, but under his rough exterior was a big heart. I, along with many others, had the privilege of playing basketball with Patrick. The one thing I remember most about him during the games was that no matter how many points we were losing by, he would always tell us "It ain't over yet," and if I looked into his eyes, I could see the determination. He was a fighter, in all that he did, whether it be basketball, school work, FFA, or ranching. He made sure the job was done... and done right.

On Monday, March 29, the funeral services were held at the Carrizozo Old Gym. Family and friends arrived one by one to pay their respects to a kid who had not yet seen the world. Hundreds solemnly piled into the gym, cars crowded the streets, and tears flooded the room. Just then, it hit that a young life was taken before its prime. Patrick's death was unexpected, and the atmosphere in the gym was surreal.

The hush was deafening and the shock was evident. The amount of love and respect in the room was unbelievable, but very understandable. It was ironic that a soul so young was given the kind of respect usually reserved for older people who have lived longer lives. People gathered not just to respect Pat as a student, a teammate, or a worker, but as a kind spirit who had every rare quality that is scarcely seen today. He had respect, given and received, a positive attitude, and a fearless approach to life's challenges.

Following the services in the gym was the burial, which took place in Pat's homeland of Ancho. A row of cars, miles long, caravanned in order to see their friend put to rest underground. Normally, the scenery of Ancho is relaxing and peaceful, but not when such a young life has been removed. Although he may have been removed from us physically, he will live on in our hearts until the day we shall meet again.

Pat didn't get to live half of his promising life and didn't have the opportunity to start a family or follow his career. But Pat's time on earth was not wasted. Everyone who had the privilege of knowing him learned a lot, and maybe Pat didn't know it, but he had an impact, small or large, on everyone whom he spoke to.

He always used to tell me, "Grab life by the balls and give it hell!" To this day, I remember those inspirational words. No words can express the pain that I felt, or the pain the community felt by the tragic passing of a friend. My heartfelt sympathy goes to the Hightower family, along with friends who were close to Patrick. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

No one can ever take the place of you, Pat. You're one of a kind. God bless you, Pat. I'll miss you.
Brandon Morales

What Does Prom Mean to Us?

At the beginning of each year, a thought comes along that lingers all year long... PROM. I begin thinking about what am I going to wear, long or short dress? A black dress or a blue dress? Then, once I buy the dress, I begin to think, is it the right one? Does it look okay?

But then I realize, it's too late. I've bought the dress. There is no turning back.

Now it's time to accessorize. So now I'm thinking about what shoes I'm going to wear. Strappy, or lacey? High heeled, or short heeled? Black or clear? There are so many choices. Then I think about jewelry. Real or costume? Cheap or expensive? Flashy or plain? Again, there are so many choices. Then I look at hair styles. Do I want an up do, or not? Do I want hair pieces to match my jewelry, or not? Do I want any type of crown or princess like look or not?

After all this is done and out of the way, I still have one thought left lingering in my mind, the biggest question of all... who shall I take to prom? Shall I take a sophomore, a senior or a class mate? Or, should I go with a fresh face, someone that no one has seen before? So with this thought still in mind, I still have at least seven months left before prom. I still have school work to do, places to go, people to see, and things to do. But then, time is up.

Prom is here. With prom only two weeks left, I'm getting ready. I'm so nervous and happy. Excited and worried. There are so many mixed emotions. It's crazy.

Is this actually worth all that I've put into it? Prom is a traditional dance that happens each year. It lasts until midnight and then we all go to the after prom party. Prom, to me, is supposed to mean a lot. It's supposed to be the best night of high school. It's supposed to be what I have always dreamt it would be. It's supposed to be a time to have fun and to cherish for the rest of my life. It's supposed to be a time to hang out with friends before the year ends, the summer comes along and people move, they graduate or just, for some reason, don't come back.

But, so far it has been none of the above. Because we're such a small school, the freshmen have been able to join in on the prom activities. Kristin

Carrizozo School Principal's Report

Carrizozo School principal Steve Barron gave the following report to the Carrizozo Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday, March 30.

Sports:
Track is in full swing. "A big thanks to everyone who helped make our Grizzly Relays a success on March 26," Barron said.

Adrienne Zamora has qualified for state in javelin, and we expect more to qualify in the next weeks," Barron added.

Carrizozo School will host a Junior High Track meet pm Thursday, April 1.

Problems with track did not seem to affect the performance of athletes at the track meet, the superintendent reported earlier in the meeting. Unfortunately, the company that installed the track went bankrupt as soon as the Carrizozo track was done, so there is no one to repair the "bubbles" in the neoprene track.

Bravo Award:
"We had 76 students receive the Bravo Award on February 4," Barron reported. The next recognition, for March, will be at 2:15 p.m. on April 8 in the multipurpose room.

Student of the Month:
Students of the month for March were recognized on Wednesday, March 30.

FFA:
Carrizozo FFA Invitational held on March 6 hosted 38 schools and 4-H clubs from around the state. Approximately 140 people from the community donated their time and resources to this effort. "A tremendous thank you goes out to all who helped," Barron said.

Carrizozo FFA teams will compete in the State FFA Competitions April 1-3 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. Barron reported.

Carrizozo FFA teams also competed in the March 20 District FFA competition held in Roswell. Team results were:

Forestry team of Sam Ungaro, Jake Riddle and Josh Calvert placed first.

Land team of Ariel Vallejos, Whitney Whittaker, Josh Calvert and Stacia Calvert placed first.

Livestock team of Brent Dixon, Kaitlyn Vega, Justus Wilson and Kendal Wilson placed first.

Meats team of Ryan Gaines, Brent Dixon, Jr. Corley, Kendal Wilson and Justus Wilson placed first.

Wool team of K.C. Hendricks, Kaitlyn Vega, Kendal Wilson and Hightower placed second.

Ag Mechanics team of Ryan Gaines, K.C. Hendricks, Jr. Corley and Matt Barela placed 2nd.

Entomology team of Erin Hightower, Stacia Calvert, Whitney Whittaker and Ariel Vallejos placed 2nd.

FBM team of Sam Ungaro, Jake Riddle, and Vallejos placed 3rd.

Wildlife team of Greg Vigil, Matt Barela, Casey Barcia and Kevin Gore placed 8th.

Barron also reported on the Carrizozo FFA team results

at the March 13 FFA Invitational in Moriarty. Overall Carrizozo FFA Sweepstakes placed 19th out of 46 schools at that event.

Land Team of Brent Dixon, Ariel Vallejos, Josh Calvert and Justus Wilson placed fourth.

Ag Mechanics team of Ryan Gaines, Jr. Corley, K.C. Hendricks and Matt Barela placed ninth.

FBM team of Hannah Corley, Hendricks, Jake Riddle and Sam Ungaro placed 14th.

Meats team of Gaines, Jr. Corley, Kendal Wilson, Justus

Wilson and Dixon placed 14th.

Wool team of Erin Hightower, Kendal Wilson and Kaitlyn Vega placed 15th.

Forestry team of Ungaro and Riddle placed 16th.

Entomology team of Hannah Corley, Erin Hightower, Stacia Calvert placed 25th.

Wildlife team of Greg Vigil, Casey Barcia, Matt Barela and Kevin Gore placed 33rd.

Knowledge Bowl: Carrizozo High School Knowledge Bowl team will compete April 7 at Ruidoso

High School. Carrizozo Schools will host a junior high knowledge bowl competition at 9 a.m. April 14 in the old gym. Both Carrizozo high school and junior high knowledge bowl teams will participate in the Knowledge Bowl tournament on April 21 in Ruidoso Convention Center.

Accelerated Reader: Congratulations to Mrs. Debra Corley for making the Renaissance Modeled Classroom in Reading," Barron reported.

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Saturday & Sunday
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Heathcock, a current freshmen, says, "Prom is going to be fun, I have heard so much about it and I just hope that all that I've heard is true. That it is enjoyable, and the greatest time spent with a bunch of friends. Prom to me is a time to chill before finals come along. It's a time to get you calm and ready for the end of the year, before all of your friends leave and, some you may never see again. It's a party time, meant for the juniors and seniors, but the whole high school shows and has a 'ball' together. It's going to be fun this year, and I'll make sure of it. I hope to see all of my high school friends there!"

For those who have been to prom before, their whole outlook has changed some. They don't see it as the "most special night ever" any longer. The newness has worn off.

Britni Ward and Amanda Hurley said, "Prom is a time of un-organization and 30 minutes prior to, there is total chaos. It's so hard to get our boyfriends ready in time."

For most girls, this is still a big deal, and their dates, usually, never want to get ready. They like to chill out and are never in the mood to go. Prom is more of a girly thing that the guys really don't get into as much.

Prom, too many, is a very special, and expensive day. There is so much to get done and so little time. This is a time to have fun and cherish, and we are going to do so this year. The Prom will be in the old gym on April 17, 2004.

And I can't wait.

Cassie Heathcock

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of DEPUTY SHERIFF in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, must possess a New Mexico Basic Police Officer's Certification or be certifiable by waiver, and willing to work anywhere in Lincoln County. Employment will be condition upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Obtain application at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. Friday, April 30, 2004. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A. 4tc/3/25-4/15

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The estimated population of the United States is 293,730,045

So each citizen's share of this debt is \$24,282.79

The National Debt has continued to increase an average of \$1.85 billion per day since September 30, 2003

How are Lincoln County citizens affected? Could the Money Changers be involved? "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

St. John 8:32

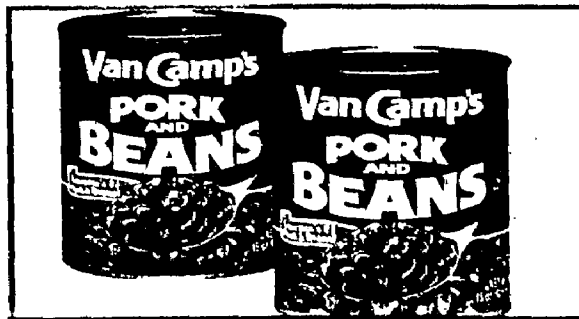
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Community Mother / Daughter Banquet
Saturday, April 24, 2004, 6:00 PM
First Baptist Church, Carrizozo
Tickets \$15.00 per Mother/Daughter(s)
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TenderCrust 8 count
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Asstd. Reg. \$2.99
13 oz. bag
3 \$5 FOR

GENERAL MILL'S CEREAL
13.7 oz. Cocoa Puffs, 13 oz. Kix or 12 oz. Trix
2 \$5 FOR

BBQ SAUCE
Kraft Assorted
18 oz. btl.
69¢

WESSON OIL
Assorted Blends
48 oz. btl.
\$1.59

FOLGERS COFFEE
Select Grinds PAC
11.5-13 oz.
\$1.69
(excludes decaf)

RED RIPE STRAWBERRIES
1 lb. pkg.
99¢ EA.

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