

Lincoln County "War" Heats Up Over 'Billy'

Capitan Mayor Tracks His Kind of ' _____ ' To County Commission Meeting.
Tells Jay Miller where to go; wonders why commissioner has his panties in a wad.

by Doris Cherry

Had words been bullets there would have been several casualties in the Lincoln County Courthouse Tuesday when Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez demanded Sheriff Tom Sullivan immediately cease his active investigation of the 123 year old murder of deputy James Bell, allegedly killed by Billy the Kid.

Words got heated when Sullivan defended the active murder case during the Lincoln County Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 21 in Carrizozo. The

case was filed in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in April 2003. Martinez had requested to be on the agenda to discuss the "Billy the Kid Investigation--Hoax or Fact."

At the conclusion of the lengthy and sometimes very heated discussion Martinez challenged Sullivan to produce accountability for his time and potential public money spent on the case, and for Sullivan to redefine his priorities and exhibit self discipline in deciding between public and private claims.

But in the end, presiding vice chair Rick Simpson said

he has followed the situation closely as a student of history and his impression is that what Sullivan and the mayor of Capitan do in their time is their own business. "If there is wrong doing, go to the district attorney and file charges, then it becomes the DA's problem," Simpson said to Martinez.

"This county commission has no authority to tell the sheriff what to do in his spare time," Simpson said.

Martinez provided his comments in a written statement. "It is my impression that the time has come to give Sheriff Sullivan an ultimatum," Mar-

tinez read. "The conducting of the Billy the Kid Case in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the manner in which it was conducted was wrong."

"I therefore state that the Billy the Kid case should cease to be a function of Lincoln County, and that as Sheriff participating in the case, Tom Sullivan should immediately cease and desist," Martinez continued.

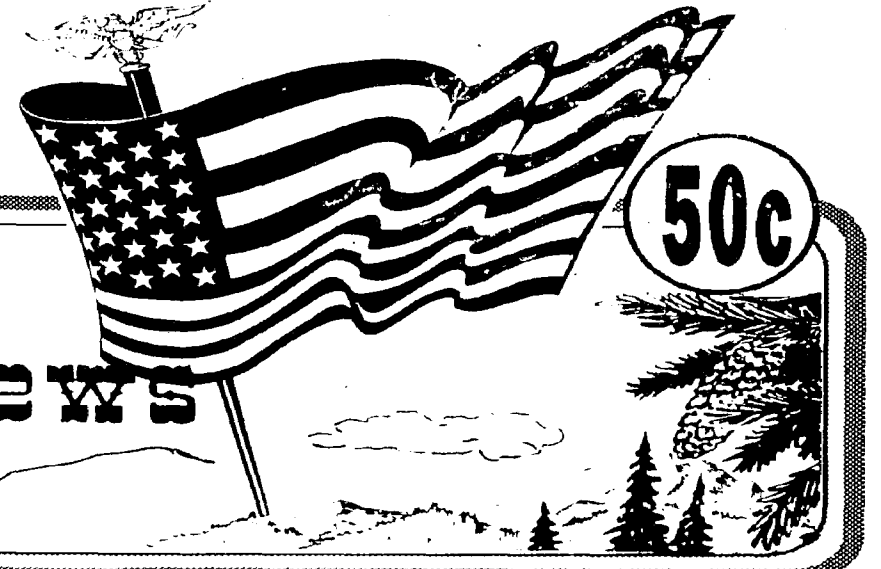
"If the Billy the Kid case is a private action, and Sheriff Sullivan refuses to cease and desist in its pursuit, then he should resign immediately," Martinez said "If Sheriff

Sullivan has accrued personal profit from the Billy the Kid case he should be required to turn over such profits to Lincoln County."

"Public office should not be used in the service of private gain," he added. Martinez said he was concerned about setting a precedent by having private money pay for an active investigation that was filed as a criminal case

in the sheriff's office, because this could lead to anyone with money being able to influence investigations.

Martinez said in keeping up with the "supposed" investigation of the case, he has concluded that the county commission needs to take a position since the county commission has been mentioned in court documents and articles. "The last article



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ABSENTEE TIME

100 year old Ruidoso resident Rue Lucas fills out an application for absentee ballot with the help of her long time friend Flo Maul who says Mrs. Lucas is probably the oldest Democrat in Lincoln County.

Registered voters wanting a paper absentee ballot mailed to them must complete an application for the ballot. The applications are available from the Lincoln County Clerk's office by calling toll free at 800 687 2705 or 648 2385 ext. 6, by going to the clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo or from the NM Secretary of State website at www.sos.nm.state.us.

When voters receive the application they should complete it according to the instructions, sign it, put a 37 cent stamp on it and mail it back to the county clerk as soon as possible. The clerk's office will begin mailing out the paper ballots on Tuesday, Oct. 5. As of this week the clerk's office has received more than 540 applications.



Hearings On Ruidoso ETZ Ordinance Are Oct. 4 and 18

by Doris Cherry

The public will have opportunity to comment on what they would like to have in a Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zone (ETZ) ordinance at two special meetings set for October 4 and 18.

Lincoln County Commissioners at a special meeting on September 9 gave the

village of Ruidoso an ultimatum to re-write the ETZ ordinance within 90 days or the county will dissolve the ET zone. The action came about because of complaints from businesses and residents in the ET zone about how Ruidoso administers the current ETZ ordinance.

At their regular meeting September 21, Lincoln County Commissioners further discussed the ETZ issue. County commissioner Earl Hobbs said he attended the September 20 ETZ Commission meeting in Ruidoso which he considered to have been very productive. He said the ETZ commissioners showed a willingness to work on the ETZ ordinance in order to keep the ETZ going.

Two of the ETZ commissioners thought the current ordinance as amended is acceptable, Hobbs added. While other ETZ commissioners thought the current ETZ ordinance needs to be totally re-written. "It was a gamut of opinions," Hobbs said.

"I was impressed by the mood of the commission members to make the necessary changes," Hobbs said.

"I did not get that feeling

from the (legal) counselor, but he does work for the ETZ commission."

Hobbs announced that the ETZ Commission will be holding a special work session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 8 in Ruidoso Village Hall. He said the county commission has been invited, and public notice that the commissioners might be attending will be published.

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Corona School Plans Day Of Play On Oct. 4

Corona Public Schools will participate in Nickelodeon's world-wide day of play on October 4. Corona students K-9 will participate in games designed to get people moving.

The high school students have a wide range of activities prepared. Kids of all ages are invited to try the games ranging from flag football to roping to races.

Prizes will be awarded in a ceremony after the games. For more information about the activities contact Melinda Harvey at 305-849-1911.

C'ozzo Learns State Highway Dept. Revokes Oversized Billboard Permit

Reissues Permit for Smaller Compliant Sign

by Doris Cherry

New Mexico Department of Transportation has revoked and canceled the permit for the existing oversized billboard located in Carrizozo and reissued a permit for a sign that meets the town's ordinance.

Carrizozo town attorney David Stevens made a report about the billboard during the regular town council meeting on Tuesday, September 14, in response to a question asked by town resident Marie Watkins.

Stevens said the New Mexico Dept. of Transportation (DOT) has re-issued a permit to the billboard company giving the billboard owner 30 days to make the sign compliant with the town ordinance, or the permit will be subject to cancellation. If this second permit is cancelled or revoked because the sign

owner does not bring the billboard into compliance, then the sign will be deemed a nuisance and be subject to removal by the DOT or someone hired to do so, Stevens said.

About 40 days ago the town made demand on the billboard sign company for the billboard to become compliant with the town ordinance that limits signs to a maximum of 300 square feet, Stevens said. (The existing billboard is at least twice that size.) "Obviously, the company did not come in compliance," Stevens said.

Meanwhile the sign owner has hired a legal firm in Albuquerque, Stevens continued. "We have had no direct interaction with the sign owner since the town meeting where he attended," Stevens added.

"The sign owner through

his attorney has made a public records inspection request from the town, and the town has provided all the documents," Stevens said.

"The sign owner is anxious to sue the mayor, councilors and anybody in Lincoln County who didn't like the sign," Stevens said.

Quail Outdoor Advertising, the company which owns the billboard in Carrizozo, has filed an appeal of administrative revocation of the permit for the sign. "But there is no appeal remedy for the sign permit," Stevens continued.

"The bottom line from the sign company is if he is forced to remove the billboard he will look to all responsible for damages," Stevens said. "The town got notice of a tort claim alleging the town of Carrizozo did a tortious act

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Republican Women Of Lincoln County To Meet Sept. 28

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will meet Tuesday, Sept. 28 at noon at K-Bob's in Ruidoso. Guest speakers will be Senator Rod Adair and Dr. Jim Miller. Call 336-7410 for information.

Magistrate Court To Be Closed Four Days Next Week

The Magistrate Court will be closed next week from Tuesday, Sept. 28 through Friday, Oct. 1. The court staff will be attending the yearly mandatory Magistrate conference.

Regular hours will resume Monday, Oct. 4.



LA FIESTA!! Ruidoso High School Fiesta Dancers perform traditional Mexican steps during the 16th of September Fiesta on September 18 in Ruidoso, sponsored by the Ruidoso Hispano Chamber of Commerce. The fiesta featured Tarahumara Indian dancers, Aztec dancers, singers, food, fun and vendors of Mexican and central American goods and is a first time event for the newly organized Hispano Chamber.

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I read I was bothered because it infers we are perpetuating the Billy the Kid hoax," Martinez said.

Martinez said that Sullivan, by having the mayor of Capitán (Steve Sederwall) acting as Sullivan's deputy, has created a liability and embarrassment for Lincoln County.

In opening the discussion, Martinez said that a year ago Sullivan said the investigation would be done on his time and the state Dept. of Tourism would provide funds. He said now there have been several Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for public records concerning the case and the county is putting in money, time and effort to answer these.

Martinez said Sullivan is shielding some questions asked under the FOIA because this is considered an active murder case. Martinez challenged this because the case is a 123 year old murder with no one involved still living. Martinez asked Sullivan to answer to the questions.

Sullivan, who was at the meeting with the mayor of

Capitan, heatedly defended the James Bell investigation which he said is being financed with private funds from groups that want to remain anonymous. Sullivan said the discussion and questions from Martinez "smells of Jay Miller."

(Editor's note: Miller is a syndicated columnist who has in recent months written several columns criticizing the investigation and has sought through the FOIA to obtain documentation to show how public funds have been spent for the case.)

Sullivan said he had a letter from the attorney general that answered Miller's complaint (that Sullivan was not providing documentation). "The AG did not find that the inspection of Public Records Act request (from Miller) was violated," Sullivan said.

"Jay Miller is a sleeze-bag reporter from Santa Fe who hates the Governor and he has spent time accusing me and (the mayor of Capitán) of spending public money," Sullivan added.

"Show me where we've spent taxpayers' money,"

Sullivan said to Martinez.

Martinez said county attorney Alan Morel does not work for free. "Did he prepare the answers to the FOIA requests?" Martinez asked.

Sullivan loudly answered, "Listen to me, I've answered (the questions posed by) Alan (Morel) and Tom Stewart (county manager)." Sullivan went on to say that it was Jay Miller who was costing the county money. "Are you calling me a liar?" Sullivan asked Martinez. "We have not spent a penny (of county money) on this case."

Simpson slammed the gavel to bring order back to the meeting and advised that all comments had to be addressed to Sullivan.

Martinez then mentioned articles by Rene Romo of Albuquerque Journal and by Doris Cherry in the Lincoln County News about recent forensic investigation. Sullivan said he had no problem with Romo or Cherry.

Martinez continued to question Sullivan about the use of vehicles to go to hearings. "How can you investigate a crime with private funds outside of the jurisdiction of the county commission?" Martinez asked. (County commission is the board of finance for the county and controls the budget for all departments.)

Sullivan said it was none of Martinez's business if private money was being used for the investigation. Martinez said it was the county commission's business and the AG has not answered the question of whether private funds can be used to pay for investigation of a public case.

Simpson interrupted and said he did not think the county commission meeting

was the "court" where that question should be handled.

"That will come up," Martinez said. "It is not right for someone with a lot of money to go to the sheriff to investigate a crime."

Simpson said that is why there are private investigators.

"This county commission handles policy," Martinez responded. "That's why we need to run the county as openly as we can."

The mayor of Capitán then joined the discussion. "What law is that?" the mayor asked.

"You will find that out shortly," Martinez answered. "Is that a threat?" the mayor asked. He then said Martinez's questions were like Miller's, an attempt to grandstand to get his name in the papers.

"I know more than you think," Martinez responded. Simpson again said the discussion had gone far enough.

After Martinez read his three page written statement, county commissioner Earl Hobbs asked Sullivan if the case had been filed as a murder investigation. Sullivan answered yes and said the murders of James Bell and Robert Ollinger in 1881 were never solved. After more questions Hobbs said he understood Martinez's questions about the expenses for the case, especially since Sullivan and the mayor of Capitán went to Silver City and Fort Sumner to file petitions for exhumation of Catherine Antrum's remains and for Billy the Kid's remains to do DNA testing to determine whether the remains are Billy the Kid's. Hobbs said it seemed Martinez's questions about expenses were legitimate.

The mayor then whipped out a credit card bill and showed Hobbs the charges made while he went to Silver City and elsewhere on the case.

Sullivan said all expenses and funds have been separate from the sheriff's office so there is no impropriety.

Hobbs said when Morel is called upon for responses, it does cost the county.

Sullivan explained the requests for public records which were first given to the county clerk who forwarded the requests to Morel because no records exist.

The mayor then defended the investigation and how all costs were paid with their own or other private money. "I've never seen such a level of nervousness over a 120 year old case," the mayor said. "The Lincoln County War was fought over a decision made by the (then) county commission."

"We don't care about the myth or legend, we just looked at Bell as a police officer who was murdered," the mayor said.

"The sheriff has no documents," the mayor said. "I have them." He then went on to say that he will not release the documents, not as mayor or as a commissioned reserve deputy. "He (Miller) can go to hell because I will not turn them (documents) over because once they are turned over they become public documents."

The mayor said the case was filed on April 28, 2003

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Looking Back...

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"

Friday, April 28, 1922

Telling It To 'Em

An Oklahoma paper is credited with a parable of modern application which, though crude in spots, is not all fiction, if parabolic, and the comparison should be interesting to all those who wanted a "change." The author spake after this fashion:

And it came to pass that on the 4th day of March, 1921, Woodrow Wilson ceased to be president of the United States. And on that day the Republicans and sinners came in great numbers and took control of the government. And there was a long parade and a big noise; there was much red fire and many loud reports; and they said: 'Behold, the Democrats have not ruled well. Give a party a chance to rule that can rule.' And there was much hurraing and hallooing, and there were many and diverse promises of big things.

And when President Wilson gave up the governmental ghost there was much prosperity in the land and the people were happy and well fed. They wore good clothes, worked short hours and received much money, and there was rejoicing and hilarity clean down the long line. And in the course of time a year had passed by, and behold, a great change had come over the country.

Where there was work there is now want; where there was merriment there is now mourning: Millions of men and women who were earning good wages, are now patronizing bread lines and bleachers.

And the people complained and grew angry, and said: 'Why is this thus? And they began to look around, and ere long they saw a light, a great light. And they understood how a Republican senate had failed to ratify a peace treaty with many nations that needed our wares, our stocks and our grains; how they drove our commerce from the seas, and tied up our ships in their ports to rust and rot.

And it came to pass that when the ships stopped sailing, the factories closed down, the mills shut up, the millions of laborers were thrown out of employment, and the farmer was hard pressed. He sold his cattle and his lambs, and his wool, and behold, after he had paid the freight there was little or nothing left, and he looked afar off and was downcast and sad.

And it came to pass that the farmers of the great west burned their corn because it was cheaper than coal; that his wheat sold for 18 cents in the field, and that his oats would not pay the reaping and threshing bill, and he waxed not fat but sore.

And it came to pass that he dug up last year's campaign book, and he read the Republican platform, and he dwelt long and did meditate upon the plank which reads: 'By our fruits ye shall know us.' And it was so.

Bargain Hunters Pack The Carrizozo Trading Co. Store

Last Thursday morning the doors of the Carrizozo Trading Co. swung open for the announced beginning of their big "Buying Chance Sale." All day long the store was packed with men and women from every walk of life, eagerly taking advantage of the many sensational bargains offered all over the store.

The crowd somewhat resembled a game of push-ball, only there was no push-ball, but in its stead were the many bargains advertised, and the many that were not advertised. From the way the sales people were calling out "Cash!" and the way the wrapping department was reducing the size of the wrapping rolls, and the way the cash register was singing the old song, "Feed me the dough; I love the sensation", business was extremely good at the large store on the corner.

"Business not only came up to our expectations the opening day, but was even better than we hoped for on Friday, Saturday and Monday of this week," said Mr. Lutz, the manager, the first (SEE PAGE 5)

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--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.

SUNDAYS

--Mama Grizzlies booster club for Carrizozo athletics, 5 p.m. Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo. All mothers of Grizzly athletes welcome. Call Deborah Ventura at 648-2330 for information.

TODAY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

--ENMU-Ruidoso Forum to take comments on a draft plan to help people in the Capitan area attend college, 6-8:30 p.m. Capitan School Multipurpose room.
--Capitan varsity football v. Artesia JV, kick off 6 p.m. in Tiger Stadium in Capitan.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

--Regional food with Fran Altieri presentation at 11 a.m. at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum at 103 12th Street. Altieri's demonstration will be on regional cooking with an Italian flair. No admission. Call museum at 648-1105 for more information.
--Precinct 3 Democrats Meet the Candidates and Hot Dog Roast, 4:30-7 p.m. 569 West Fifth Street (house with Capitan USA sign) half block from the senior center in Capitan. Charge for sub-style hot dogs and dessert. Everyone welcome! Event moved from senior center.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

--Magistrate Court in Carrizozo will be closed beginning today, through Friday, October 1.
--Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet at 12 noon at K-Bob's Restaurant in Ruidoso. Guest speak-

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as a way to be able to fire a gun in the old courthouse to prove that the gun shot that Billy allegedly fired at Bell could be heard in the Wortley Hotel. "Heard it was, not only in the Wortley Hotel, but around the world," the mayor said in referring to the media attention the case has received.

"I don't understand why Martinez has his panties in a wad (about the case)," the mayor said.

At that point, county commissioner Maury St. John demanded the discussion stop.

Martinez said that the director of the state Office of Medical Investigation has refused to give permission to dig people up, but Sullivan says that the director is wrong. Martinez commented that the county commission should not be bullied and should stand against the use of county money for investigation of an old murder when several recent murders remain unsolved.

Sullivan defended his record, saying one murder occurred when Don Samuels was sheriff and he got the case when it was eight years old. As for the well publicized murder that happened when he was sheriff in the 1980s, there was never enough evidence to convict a subject, even though he knew who had committed the crime, Sullivan said.

Sullivan later told THE NEWS that a high profile murder happened in Ruidoso in Martinez's district while Martinez was county commissioner. That was handled by the Ruidoso Police Department and has not been solved.

Hobbs asked the mayor what authority he had to hold documents from the investigation. The mayor said most of the documents are from research of publications and other public records which he had done.

Hobbs then asked the mayor if he was a deputy for Lincoln County, a question raised in several papers that were not from Jay Miller. The mayor asked what other papers Hobbs was referring to. Sullivan answered that he had commissioned the mayor as a reserve deputy, which he has authority to do by state law. He said he has several reserve officers who assist with special events.

Martinez then asked Morel if a reserve deputy can sign court documents. Morel said he was unsure since he had not researched that question.

St. John then said her problem is if the investigation is being done under the guise of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Sullivan said as sheriff, the mayor was under his direction.

"I know my primary responsibility (as sheriff) is to conduct the business of the sheriff's office," Sullivan said. "If I am spending my own time on my own car and putting in private money, I see no problem."

"The Lincoln County Sheriff is doing this, not the sheriff's department," he added. Martinez said the murder

case does not meet criteria of public safety for an open murder case. "This is a misappropriation of Sullivan's priorities by him giving it time," Martinez said. "And I have grave concerns this will establish a precedence that if someone pays enough money they can control law enforcement."

Simpson concluded the discussion when he advised that the county commission has no authority to tell an elected official what to do on his own time.

C'zozo Learns State Highway Dept.

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to the sign company and exposed the town of Carrizozo to liability."

The state Tort Act gives immunity from law suit to governments, he added. "I have a hard time fitting the sign into a waiver of immunity," Stevens said.

When the mayor told Watkins that her name is also named on the lawsuit from the sign company, Watkins said she will sell her house to defend herself. "I am dead serious about this, it is not a joke," Watkins said.

As a final word, Stevens said his advice to everyone is to be careful what actions they take and how they proceed. "We all have risk," Stevens concluded.

Trustees later in the meeting recessed into closed session with Stevens to discuss pending litigation. The closed session lasted about an hour. After trustees returned to open session they took no action based on their discussions.

Trustees also: --Postponed the swearing in of LeeRoy Zamora as alternate municipal judge until Zamora and judge C.O. Rominger were able to attend.

--Requested all trustees and the mayor write letters to First Federal Bank asking the company to keep its branch bank in Carrizozo open. The company plans to close the Carrizozo branch December 31. Police chief Angelo Vega said he was told First Federal Bank purchased two banks in Gallup and also the Carrizozo First Federal Bank branch did not win the bid to be the financial institution for Lincoln County, which he believed was part of the reason for the closure.

--Heard that Vega had been appointed by Governor Bill Richardson to represent the governor's office on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission. Vega was sworn in as commissioner by District Judge Karen Parsons earlier on the day of the meeting and had attended the Lincoln County Juvenile Justice Committee. Vega said it is very important that Carrizozo be a participant on the local committee.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox congratulates the Lincoln County Employee of the Month, Opal Hill from the clerk's office during the Lincoln County Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 21. Hill received a marble box with her name inscribed and was recognized for her many years of service to the county.

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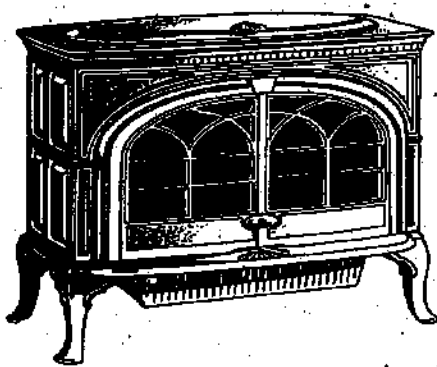
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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Private Life Ends When Elected

By Ruth Hammond

Some candidates assume (note the first three letters in that word) that when they are elected that their duties as elected officials will be for a certain number of hours a day. Wrong! As most elected officials may tell you, their duties extend to all times of the day and night. If they are eating out, it is not unusual for people to discuss matters that pertain to their office. And elected officials often get phone calls at odd hours concerning their official duties.

Unfair as it may seem, that is the way it is. And costs incurred in the line of performing any of the duties of their office should be reimbursed. There are exceptions of course, such as taking cruises to learn about conservation of water or visiting Europe to encourage tourism. These are extremes and should not be allowed, but the normal expenses of performing their duties should be reimbursed.

Rather than go through the hassle of filling out papers, some officials prefer to use their own money, as was the habit of a lodger's tax committee member several years ago. This person attended meetings that were connected to duties and reported the results back to the committee, even though not being reimbursed for any money spent.

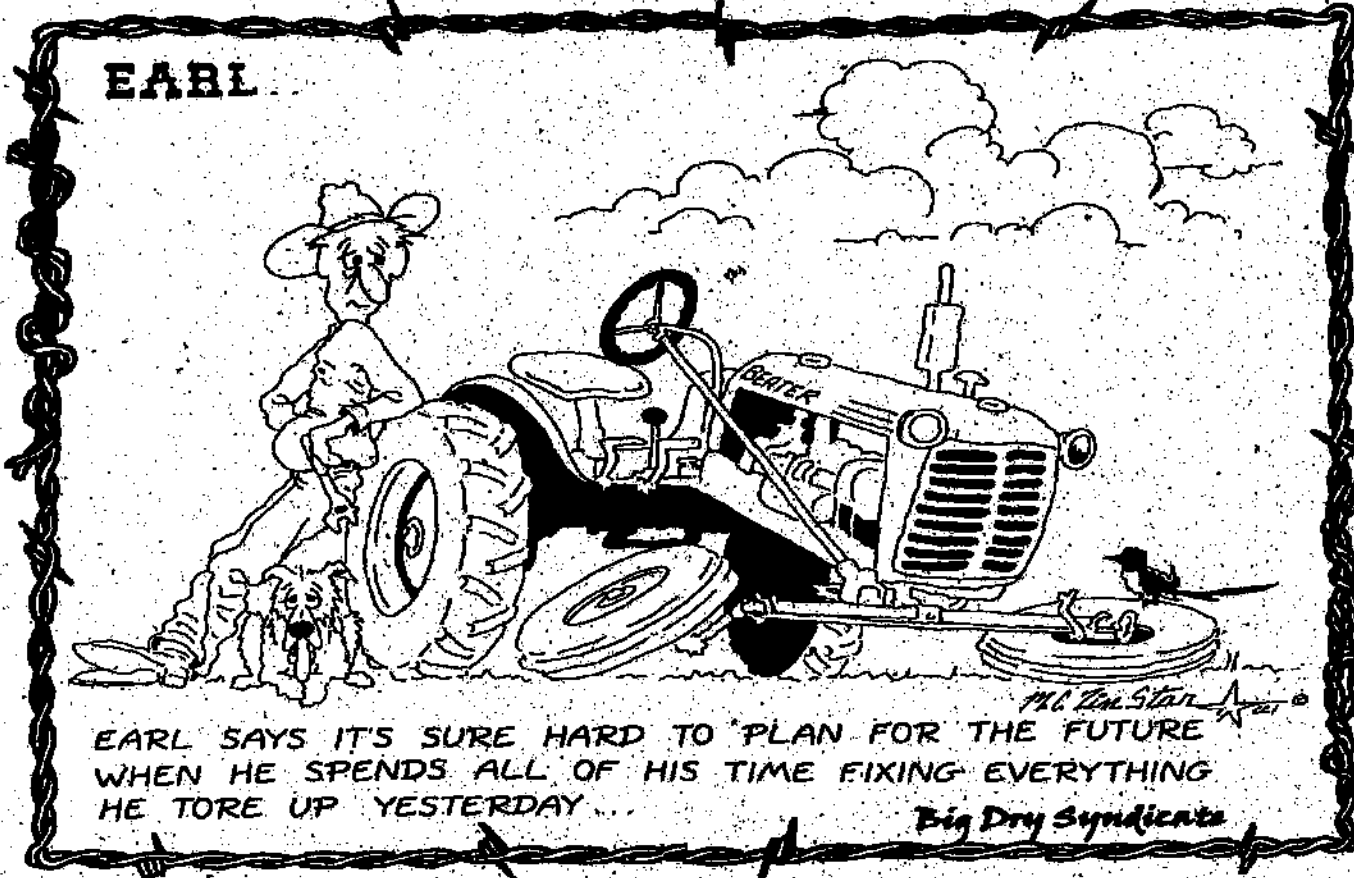
Preferring to not be reimbursed for whatever reason is acceptable, but at no time did this person assume that any of the meetings attended were personal and not for public record. Any trip or meeting that involves ANY official business is official business and should be public record.

Refusing to divulge public records is against state law. Some officials, even if in an appointed capacity, believe they don't have to comply with the state laws concerning public records. They believe they can do certain things under the guise of official duties, and by using their own money to pay expenses they are not required to comply.

Instead of being secret about what they are doing, why not be open and share information instead of acting as if it is a secret? Any time officials keep information hidden, it causes people to wonder why. And it causes people to wonder if there is impropriety, if not why the secrecy?

Sharing with others is not only good for getting things accomplished in communities, it confirms the importance of acts being taken. If officials use their time to do a thing they consider important, why not include others? If they want cooperation, officials should know that the best thing to do is include the public to participate, not wait until the movie is on the screen and ask people to watch.

Each official, elected and appointed, has a duty to do the best possible, which should include being polite and honest with the public as well as other officials. Any time an official yells and refuses to cooperate, consider what the ulterior motive might be. It could be a half million dollar deal for a book or payment for a movie script.



EARL SAYS ITS SURE HARD TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE WHEN HE SPENDS ALL OF HIS TIME FIXING EVERYTHING HE TORE UP YESTERDAY

Inside the Capitol

SANTA FE

by JAY MILLER

The Lincoln County "Hoax"

SANTA FE -- If you are Billy the Kid, you can have big days when you're alive and when you're dead. That's the advantage of being famous.

And coming up September 27 is the biggest day in Billy's history other than his hanging trial with Judge Bristol in Mesilla on April 9, 1881, his great escape from the old Lincoln County Courthouse on April 28 of that same year, and his being shot to death by Garrett a few months later on July 14.

September 27 is when the DeBaca County District Court in Fort Sumner will decide if Billy's bones will be allowed to lie at rest, and if it is the three sheriffs' Billy the Kid case that will be buried instead. That is why I have Billy on the brain this month.

Over the past year we have seen the mayors and county commissioners of Silver City and Fort Sumner united in opposition to the attempts to get at the bones of Billy's mother and Billy himself in their respective cemeteries. We have had the Office of the Medical Investigator refuse exhumation permits.

We have heard Frederick Nolan, the preeminent historian of the subject and Dr. Edward Blake, arguably the country's most prominent forensic expert in DNA analysis, calling it a hoax. But we have not seen any sign of its perpetrators backing down.

Dr. Gale Cooper, a Harvard trained M.D. psychiatrist and an amateur historian, whom I quoted before on the reason the Billy the Kid legend has such a powerful hold on its fans, said, "I have followed the case closely. And it appears to me that these citizens and experts are not only responding to the specifics of the case, but are reacting to the brazen use of police and executive power to manufacture misinformation for personal gain."

Cooper continued, saying, "There seems to be an attempt to profit from the reflected glory of a famous and cherished piece of history of the American West. What the promulgators may not have realized is that moral outrage is a more powerful motivator than greed in causing people to take a stand."

Historians and scientists have already taken their stand on the Lincoln County Hoax. Now it will have its day in court. The tone of the three sheriffs' and one governor's case was already set in March when Texas lawyer, Bill Robins, brought in by Gov. Richardson, using only dead Billy as a client, petitioned the court to remove the respected local Judge Ricky Purcell. And he was removed.

Attorney Adam Baker of Kennedy & Han in Albuquerque and Attorney Herb Marsh of El Paso will be arguing for dismissal of the case. And Fort Sumner Mayor Raymond Lopez will be standing for his village. They will be arguing that the case be thrown out for many reasons.

It is not a criminal investigation since there is no criminal (Pat Garrett is dead) and no investigation; the case was closed in 1881 and to reopen it is double jeopardy. Since it is not real, the three sheriffs have no right to be in court as officers of the law. And they have no other reason.

It has no historical merit because evidence supports beyond a reasonable doubt that Garrett killed the Kid. And the case can never establish the contrary, since the precise location of the remains of Billy and his mother are uncertain, so DNA is useless for comparison. Lastly their client dead Billy does not exist.

The Lincoln County Hoax is about to have its day in court on September 27, 2004. Most, except for the three sheriffs, one governor, their legal eagles, and those hoping to profit from their caper, hope it will be its last.

So if you want to be a part of New Mexico history in the making, the place to be is Fort Sumner on September 27th. I'll be there myself.

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Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22) What others think, and what they really know are two different things. They can't look at your backside and read your mind. Tell only the ones that need to know and let the others just wonder about the truth.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) You have to get your money and love straightened out. Take one of them and fix it so the other can survive. People will only do what you think they should do, when you face them face to face. Tell the truth now.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Talk is cheap. Show them you mean what you're saying or your words will be nothing more than hot air. Think before you speak. Don't let your heart overflow your mouth. Speak from the heart, then your pride.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Walk away? Run away? Just go away and be by yourself and find out what you really need and want out of life. You can only give what's inside of you. Talk to the person that you really love, or risk losing someone.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) You know what needs to be done, yet you're relying on others to do what you can do even before they do it. Excuses are like ears, everyone has two. Get up, get out, get jiggy, and do this from the heart. Have fun too.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20) You can point the finger all you want, but remember there will always be three fingers pointing back at you! Don't take the blame, but at the same time, don't blame others for something they didn't do. Talk.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) You have to make a serious choice about what is important in your life. Sit down and make a list of what needs to be done first and foremost. Get your life straightened out, before you are evicted without notice. Take charge.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You have done about all you can do. Ask for help, you'll need it. Get rest before you bite someone's head off. Take some time by yourself before you say something you might regret later on. Chill and regroup.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) It's not going to do it by itself. At first try to do the way you really want it to be done, then if it doesn't work out the way you want it, then ask for help. You could make a lot of money once you put your mind to it.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Charming as some people can be, that doesn't mean they are nice. Look a person in the eye and find out if they have your best interest, or their best interest for just them. Weight it out. You can help them help you.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Get a grip. Don't allow the anger you have destroy others just because you can. You're hurt and will not allow the ones that love you help you. Let love heal you, from the ones that really love you without question.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) What is up with all these people asking you to do what they should be doing in the first place. Can we spell "NO". Yes you can and with a smile too. Give them a hug and watch them melt. Use your charm.

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ers Sen. Rod Adair and Dr. Jim Miller from ENMU-Ruidoso. Call 336-7410 for information.

--Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board meets at 2 p.m. in the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs. Public invited to attend.

--Ruidoso Village Council 6 p.m. village hall.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

--Art in Public Places arts reception 5-7 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall and Library. No admission.

--Capitan varsity football and homecoming v. Hagerman. Kick off 7 p.m. Tiger Stadium. Crowning of homecoming king and queen at half time.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

--Fall Trinity Site Tour. Guided tour organizes at Otero County Fairgrounds in Alamogordo at 7:15 a.m. for 8 a.m. departure. Gate at Stallion Site Station (37 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380) will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for self-guided tours. Call 800-826-0294 for more information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

--Carrizozo Heritage Museum and Carrizozo Women's Club present author William Dunmire who will lecture on how plants from the Old World made their way to the New Mexico frontier and America's southwestern cuisine. Free lecture at 2 p.m. at the Women's Club.



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Sheriff's Report

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

September 14

8:52 a.m. request for ambulance at business in Capitan. Med 1 advanced life support (ALS) ambulance stationed at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso was paged, but the call was cancelled at 10:14 a.m. when the patient signed a refusal.

9:55 a.m. theft at location on High Mesa. Deputy dispatched.

10:34 a.m. deputy advised of a motorcycle accident without injuries at the corner of Highways 48 and 220. Med 1 arrived at 10:47 a.m. and received a refusal at 11 a.m.

6:12 p.m. domestic at location west of Capitan. a grand-

daughter was fighting with her grandparents. Deputy dispatched.

8:43 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Hall Road for female bleeding from the eyes. Capitan ambulance arrived at 8:52 p.m. and received a refusal at 9:28 p.m.

9:32 p.m. numerous shots fired at the reporting party's camp in the O-bar-O area. Deputy dispatched.

11:41 p.m. personal alarm sounding at location on Big Bear. Deputy arrived at 12:24 a.m. and by 12:36 a.m. advised all was secure. Dispatch was notified.

September 15

10:43 a.m. K-9, left behind and starving, running at large on Chisolm in the Alto area. Deputy responded but advised he made no contact with the dog.

11:14 a.m. illegal dumping at location in Sun Valley. Deputy dispatched.

12:15 p.m. K-9 came to the caller's house and would not leave at location on Rancho Road in Palo Verde Slopes. Deputy dispatched.

1:36 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a subject at the police department who wanted to file a report of an altercation at Monjeau between a brother and sister. Deputy dispatched.

9:21 p.m. domestic/peacekeeping at location in Capitan area. Female reported a verbal domestic and requested a deputy for peacekeeping while she retrieved items from the residence. At 9:34 p.m. a male subject called to request to speak to a deputy about the problem. Deputy dispatched.

9:34 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at location on Birch for 34 year old male with fever and pain on his left side. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 9:44 p.m. and at 9:54 p.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 10:39 p.m.

September 16

8:16 a.m. animal control at location on CR22. dogs jumping on elderly people. Deputy dispatched.

9:45 a.m. Lorado, TX caller reported civil fraud at lo-

cation in Alto area. Deputy assigned.

8:40 p.m. female requested welfare check of subject at location on Valley Heights. Deputy dispatched.

9:09 p.m. possible breaking and entering at old school house in Hondo area, someone busted the door to get into the residence, the caller possibly knew who it was. Deputy dispatched.

9:13 p.m. possible poaching and drunken subjects at location on Silver Star Lane. Two vehicles with New Mexico plates. The second call advised a subject who was in the forest returned to the vehicles where two other males were. Deputy dispatched and NM Dept. of Game and Fish notified.

September 17

12:29 a.m. domestic assistante at business in the Alto area. Deputy arrived at 12:30 a.m. and transported the visitor to a hotel in Ruidoso arriving there at 12:42 a.m.

8:50 a.m. request for ambulance at location on mile marker 14 on Highway 48. Med 2 ALS arrived at 9:14 a.m. and at 9:41 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 10:04 a.m.

10:32 a.m. request for ambulance for subject who fell at location on Tanglewood in the Alto area. Med 1 arrived at 10:45 a.m. and at 10:59 a.m. left for LCMC arriving there at 11:11 a.m.

12:13 p.m. request for ambulance at location on H. Street. Carrizozo ambulance arrived at 12:21 p.m. and at 12:51 p.m. received a refusal.

7:40 p.m. motorcycle accident without injuries involving a deer on Angus Hill. Deputy first advised the subject did not want a report, but after he was advised to make sure the motorcycle was driveable, the deputy at 7:49 p.m. advised that the subjects did want to make a report.

8:27 p.m. request for deputy the following morning to take a report of the historic, Wortley Hotel sign being stolen. Deputy assigned.

9:14 p.m. accident with injuries, one vehicle rollover on Monjeau Road. Bonito fire rescue reported the accident as being near a campground on a road off ski run road, then advised of the location on Monjeau Road, and that he was bringing the patients to the business on ski run road to wait for the ambulance, which arrived at 9:40 p.m. State police were notified.

11:11 p.m. loud music at location on Gavilan Canyon. Deputy arrived at 11:23 p.m. and at 11:26 p.m. advised the assignment was complete.



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of this week, "and from all indications we are going to do a record breaking business during this sale."

Iron Claims

Lou Jenkins and W.T. Crabtree were here from Corona Saturday and Sunday. They are on a deal to sell their iron claims in the Tecolote country and have given an option on the property.

The Difference

"I speak four languages," proudly boasted the doorman of a hotel in Rome to an American guest.

"Yes, four -- Italian, French, English and American."

"But English and American are the same," protested the guest.

"Not at all," replied the man.

"If an Englishman should come up now I should talk like this:

"Oh, I say, what extraordinary, shocking weather we're having! I dare say ther'll be a bit of it ahead."

But when you came up I was just getting ready to say: For the love of Mike! Some day, ain't it? Guess this is the second flood, all right."

Ready for Business

The sale of the Co-Operative store which was made at public auction last week has been approved by the proper authorities, and Roy G. Skinner, the purchaser, has been notified to take possession.

This morning the new owner is engaged in straightening out things and will be ready to serve customers Monday, May 1. Mr. Skinner will add his stock of groceries from his restaurant to the stock purchased, to which he will constantly add new goods. He expects to conduct a first-class market in connection with his grocery business, and will at all times carry a select stock of fresh and salt meats. He will also have regular shipments of fresh vegetables twice a week, everything the market affords and the customer demands.

The business will be conducted on a cash basis, and thereby permit the management to make low prices on the goods, because of the reduction of an overhead expense by reason of running on a cash basis. A phone has been installed -- No. 5 -- and customers may secure what they want without leaving their homes! Deliveries will be made twice a day, in the morning at 9 o'clock, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Soul of Gallantry

"I'm so sorry," said the beautiful motorist who had knocked down a pedestrian.

"Madam," replied her victim, as he made a sweeping bow, "I can't say that it's a pleasure to be struck by an automobile, but when the driver happens to be such a fair creature as you, I find that my vocabulary of oaths is reduced to a simple 'Tut, tut'." -- Birmingham Age-Herald.

School Notes Honor Roll for April

Miss Ivy Lindsay's room -- Ansel Swearingen, Albert McCall, Billy Spencer, Louise Bacot, Lorene Baldwin, Eleanor Humphrey, Gwendolyn Sparks, Floyd Stadman, Vanita Massery, Lee Carl, Vaden Elliott, Edward Gallegos.

Miss Burton's room -- Nadine Lesnet, Sam Howell, Raymond Fisher, Robert Lalone, Gordon Skinner, Domingo Montoya.

Mrs. Nora Massie Phipps' room -- Georgia Peckham, Lora Hamilton, Florine Pittman, Mabel Read, Mildred McCall, Elsie Zumwalt, Georgia Lesnet, Bethel Treat, Orene Massey, Randall Keating, Warden Maxwell, Maynard Hust, Gerald Sparks, Simon Chavez.

Miss Humphrey's room -- Hadda Corn, Marguerite English, Margie Rolland, Jané Spencer, Helen Huppertz, Julia Romero, Bertha Vega, Juanita Solis, Beatrice Pino, Alvin Carl, Jose Macias, Manual Ortiz, Presiliano Pino, Ruperto Chavez.

Miss Herron's room -- Leopoldo Ortiz, Manuel Chavez, Fulton Duggar, J.R. Taylor, Ethel Armstrong, Dollie Corn, Johnny Green, Mary Romero, Georgia Saunders, Hattie Moss.

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Celebrating our 100th Year.

Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:

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

Corona Presbyterian Church:

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 am.

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 8:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE 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, 648-2953
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 1:15 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
1-505-268-1242
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church

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

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM-88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 am
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 Smakey 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 / 336-4627
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

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

First Baptist Church of Corona

CAL WEST, Pastor / 648-7975
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Angus Church of the Nazarene

Serving All of Lincoln County
RICK HUTCHISON, Pastor / 336-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 49 & 37 Junction
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM

Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rosak

In Memory of
BILL WINKLER

Stearns Insurance Agency

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35th GOLDEN ASPEN RALLY

roared into Ruidoso Downs and the rest of Lincoln County last week, attracting more than 20,000 people and their motorcycles to the four day event which featured a trade show at the Ruidoso Downs race track, sports, "Poker Runs" which had bikers roaring across the county in search of playing cards to win prizes, crowning of rally king and queen, a special night time electric parade and the big parade on Saturday, Sept. 18.



Grizzly WEEKLY
 by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class
 Sarah Ball, Instructor

The Beginning of the End

It seems like only yesterday, my mother was helping me get dressed for my first day of kindergarten. A feeling of anxiety complemented with fear was flowing throughout my young and innocent self. I was just a kid without a single worry in my mind. Thirteen pages of my life later, I look back with misty eyes. It is impossible to relive any day of my past. Those days are over. Now, I must focus my eyes on the mystery that is the future. Relief is a rarity. A sense of urgency and frightful excitement has washed me clean of my past worry-less time. Now, at the doorstep of the next chapter of my life, my finger is shakily still ... with the fear of turning the page.

After reflecting on my past, the realization that my senior year has finally come seems unreal. My approach now is far from what I thought it would be. As a freshman, I thought it would be an eternity before I was a senior, but then senior at the time, Rob Shafer told me to enjoy high school because before I knew it, it would be over. Young and stubborn, I promised myself that I would not be even the slightest bit scared for high school to come to a close. Well, the walls are closing in on me and my time as a Carrizozo High student is beginning to expire. My promise to myself proved to be a statement that mirrored my ignorance and immaturity at the time.

Now, mature and perceptive, my outlook on my last year here is contrary to what I previously assumed. I've discovered that I became accustomed to seeing my friends, as well as my family, day in and day out. But now my time with them is more valuable than I could ever imagine. Looking at the faces of my fellow classmates, I see that we have all physically grown and matured, but all of our eyes are still colored with childhood innocence. We have evolved in the thirteen short years that we have known each other, some since birth. The friendships between us all will, at times, seem broken, but in the end, the bond will still "be".

Looking at myself, I realize that the truth is, I don't want the next day to come and I avoid the subject of graduation. Each day, my youth is beginning to set, as the sun never fails to do, and I'm staring at the horizon of adulthood. The thought of my life after high school is dreadful, partly because the path which I must choose to follow is still under construction. However, I've come to the conclusion that I must enjoy my last year in Carrizozo, but at the same time think about what career I plan to pursue. The possibilities are endless.

Approaching the future, I remember never to forget all my past influences that helped to bring me to who and what I am today. To every teacher, there are no words that can express my appreciation. Each had an impact on my life, whether it is just a scratch or a huge dent. I am forever in debt to you teachers, because of the knowledge that you shared as well as the advice you gave me. You have helped sculpt the person I am today. I would also like to recognize the cafeteria staff for serving me food, all with a smile on your faces. To the janitors, you have probably given me some key advice that I will remember forever. Thanks for being there to talk to. To all my past coaches, I cannot express how thankful I am for the life lessons you taught me. Thanks for opening up my eyes to the big picture and for showing me how sports relates to life in general. To the substitute teachers, thank you for putting up with me at times when I was immature. It may have appeared that I didn't pay attention, but know that I clung to every piece of advice you gracefully shared.

On a more personal level, I would like to thank my family for the support and love they gave me. My family pushed me to be my best and wouldn't settle for anything less. They raised me to have values, respect, and consideration for everyone. The love I have for my family stretches across eternity. Also, I would like to thank friends of my family, and of myself, for enlightening and broadening my vista of life.

In closing, I realize that my days in high school are fading as fast as the speed of light. In some few months I will be out of this school, this town, and this chapter of my life. As the cold fever of time and age strikes my exposed body, I have found that there is no antidote for this inevitable "disease".

Also, I am discovering that I have something in common with students of the past, present, and the future - though we are, were, and will be in a different time, in the end, we are all just pictures on the wall.

Brandon B. Morales

COUNTY WINNERS AT THE STATE FAIR

The junior livestock auction at the state fair was a success and Lincoln County participant Dylan Johnson, Corona Chaparral 4H, second place class 4 blackface sold for \$111.

Other winners:
 Premium placing: Wade Wilson, Capitan, champion senior bull first place, heifers born 2002 first place, Sr. champ non-hltd female, first place; grand champ non-hltd female, first place;

Dean Lollar, Carrizozo, steers born 2000-2002, first place, junior champion steer first place.

Randa Ayn Hutchinson, Corona, senior division second place, Chaparral chapter

Junior dairy goat: kids born after 6/1/02, Keith Sultemeier, Capitan, first place, Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, third place.

Sr. yearlings born 9/15/02-6/30/03, Brittany Jensen, Ruidoso-Capitan, first place; Wesley Hall, Ruidoso, second place; Keith Sultemeier, Capitan, third place.

Junior get of sire: Keith Sultemeier, Capitan, second place.

Does, born after 9/7/03, Danielle Mills, Lincoln, second place.

Does, 2 years, 9/7/01-9/6/02: Chelsey Jensen, Ruidoso, first place; Danielle Mills, Lincoln, third place; Brittany Jensen, Ruidoso, fourth place; Wesley Hall, Ruidoso, fifth place.

Does, 3 yrs, 9/7/00-9/6/01: Danielle Mills, Lincoln, second place; Brittany Jensen, Ruidoso, third place.

Does, 4-5 yrs 9/7/99-9/6/00: Chelsey Jensen, Ruidoso, first place.

Senior division res champion: Chelsey Jensen, Ruidoso, first place.

Reserve grand champion, Chelsey Jensen, Ruidoso, first place.

Inter, Kids born 4/1-5/31/04: Stephanie Gomes, Tinnie, first and second place; B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, third place.

Sr. kids born 1/01-12/31/03: B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, first and second place.

Sr. kids born 9/15/02-6/30/03: B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, first place.

Junior division champion: Stephanie Gomez, Capitan, first place.

Junior division res champion, B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, first place.

Does, 2 yrs 9/7/01-9/6/02: B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, first and third place;

Does, 5 yrs+ before 9/6/99: Brittany Jensen, Ruidoso, first place.

Senior division champion: Brittany Hones, Ruidoso, first place.

Senior division res champion: B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, first place.

Grand champion: Brittany Jensen, Ruidoso, first place.

Reserve grand champion: B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, first place.

Dam and daughter: B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, first place.

Recorded grades: Jr. kids born after 6/1/04: Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, third place.

Junior division res champion: Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, first place.

All other pedigrees: Sr yrkg born 9/15/02-6/30/03: Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, first place; Keith Sultemeier, Capitan, second place.

Junior division champion: Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, first place.

Junior division res champion: Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, first place.

Reserve grand champion: Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, third place.

Showmanship: Novice: Stephanie Gomez, Tinnie, first place; Quade Hall, Ruidoso, second place.

Junior: Keith Sultemeier, Capitan, second place.

Senior: Danielle Mills, Lincoln, second place; B. Teresa Woodard, Capitan, third place; Wesley Hall, Ruidoso, fourth place; Brittany Jensen, Ruidoso, fifth place; Wade Sultemeier, Capitan, sixth place; Chelsey Jensen, Ruidoso, seventh place.

Brdg heifers - Aberdeen Angus: Hfr jr yr Jan1-Apr 30 03: Randa Ayn Hutcheson, Corona, third place.

Breeding heifers - Limousin, heifer 05/01/01-12/31/03: Kendal Wilson, Carrizozo, first place.

Junior breeding heifers, champion: Kendal Wilson, Carrizozo, first place.

Skeen Ranch, Picacho placed in several wool show entires, range division; first and second place in 64's ewe (southern division), first and second place in 1/2 blood (southern division), third place in 70's-80's ewe lamb, second, third and fifth place in 64's ewe (northern division), third place in 1/2 blood and coarser ewe lamb. First place in 70's ram, second place in 1/2 blood and coarser ram, first and second place in debouillet ewe, first and second place in debouillet ram.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL
 DISTRICT COURT
 No. CV-04-49

AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE COMPANY,
 Plaintiff,

MARK S. JEFFCOAT, SUZY D. JEFFCOAT,
 ROW MANAGEMENT, CORP., RICHARD H.
 GAINES, and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
 RICHARD H. GAINES,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on October 13, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 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 2A, Block 5 of WOODLAND HILL SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the replat of Lots 2 and 3, Block 5, Woodland Hills Subdivision, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, April 22, 1992, in Cabinet E, Slide 246

The address of the real property is 752 Center Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on August 27, 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 \$120,753.72, plus interest from August 20, 2004, to the date of sale at the rate of 9.659% per annum, or \$27.88 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or 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.

Dated: September 7, 2004.

Peter Baca
 Special Master
 Box 215
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 (505) 648-9925

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 SEPT. 24-25
 at Capitan Classic
 Thursday, Sept. 30
 Corona V @ C'ozo 6:00 p.m.

JR. HIGH FOOTBALL
 Thursday, Sept. 30
 C'ozo at Mescalero 4:00 p.m.

Corona News

Rains from .5 to more than inch were welcomed by the grass which was already beginning to dry.

There are certainly less antelope around. The season seems to have been a success.

Sadie Yancey Weiss died August 28, in Tulsa, Ok. She is survived by a son and a daughter, a sister Lorene, Wichita Falls, and three brothers, Bee, St. Thomas, AZ, Cotton, Aztec and Byron, Corona.

Janetta Stewart returned Monday of last week to Albuquerque from UCLA Medical Center where she had a brain aneurysm wrap.

The Bells report that their granddaughter, McKayla Marie Gunn, Ft. Sumner, had the grand champion Duroc at the state fair this year.

Steven Aubrey spent about 10 days with his grandparents here while his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Steve Mulkey and two siblings had a Gulf of Mexico cruise. It was a

cruise because Ivan kept them from making their port landings. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mulkey took their grandson home to Clovis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ravid Perkins were in Holbrook, Az, for the rodeo weekend.

Gayle May and Sherrill Bradford attended Grand Temple Pythian Sisters of New Mexico Friday and Saturday in Belen. Both are Grand officers. Grand Chief Ruth Auge provided lunch and gave each officer a cameo pin that she had made. Corrine Coble, Deming, was installed as the new grand chief. \$500 was donated to diabetes research. Ruth Auge's project, with an additional \$300 in matching funds from Bristol-Meyers-Squibb.

Mrs. Tom Perkins left by plane Tuesday for St. Louis where she attended a three day REA training session. Tom and Kimber spent two of those days and nights in Corona.

Matthew May, Boys' State delegate from Corona High School was honored by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary with a covered dish dinner at the Legion Hall. Bill Smith introduced Matt, who gave his report and thanked those who had made it possible for him to attend. He displayed his official T-shirt, Boys' State money (intact because of no fines) and his certificate. His father and mother and grandmother were in attendance.

The American Legion Auxiliary is planning a flag retirement ceremony in October. Anyone who needs to retire a flag is asked to contact Johnnie Faye Harelson.

Corona Public Schools hosted their first Knowledge Bowl on September 8 in the school gymnasium. Teams from Cloudcroft, Ruidoso, Hondo, Capitan, Carrizozo, Tularosa and Corona participated in the competition. Linda Greer, Corona's Knowledge Bowl coach, directed the competition.

Old Lincoln News

by Rosalie Dunlap

Fall officially arrived yesterday, Wednesday. We have had fall weather and then it has been on the warm side this week. Parts of New Mexico received heavy rainfall over the weekend as a result of Hurricane Javier off the Pacific coast.

The election is not too far away. Oct. 5 is the deadline to register to vote if you haven't done so already. Absentee voting begins Oct. 5th also and ends Oct. 30. Absentee/early voting at the County courthouse in Carrizozo and the Ruidoso Senior Citizens begins October 16 through Oct. 30.

There were quite a number

of motorcyclists in Lincoln the past few days.

Episcopal church services will be held the first and third Sundays of the month beginning in October. The coffee hour will be held at the church. After a number of years hosting the coffee hour I have some projects that I want to do and need the room. I won't have to put up my work and then organize it again. We have enjoyed having the coffee hour and will miss it.

With the fall weather so many are suffering from laryngitis and allergies. It seem the allergies are getting to be a year-round problem.

It has been a great summer with so many old friends that we haven't seen for so many years come by. The former Debbie Shaw and her husband were the latest. She and her husband live in Albuquerque where he is in the Armed forces.

Jane Livingston is in Santa Fe for a few weeks.

The Hubbard Museum deadline for their annual photography show is next Monday, Sept. 27.



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DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Patsons

- Monday, September 20
 - 8:30 a.m. Jury trial. #1 Steven Anderson; CR-2004-89 (Dobbs/Holmes) Two days.
- Tuesday, September 21
 - 8:15 a.m. Teleconference. Youse v. NM Motor Vehicles Department; CV-2004-197 Restore license.
 - 8:30 a.m. Jury trial continued. #1 Steven Anderson; CR-2004-89 (Dobbs/Holmes)
 - 1:00 p.m. Teleconference, JID Conference call regarding juror database.
- Wednesday, September 22
 - 8:15 a.m. Teleconference. Dominguez v. Dominguez; DM-2003-78 (R.Hawthorne/Jordon) Motion.
 - 8:30 a.m. Jury trial. #1 Troy Slaby; CR-2004-54 (Dobbs/Mitchell) Two days.
 - 1:00 p.m. Quinn Estate; PB-2000-04 (O'Reilly)
- Thursday, September 23
 - 8:15 a.m. Teleconference. Hurley v. Village of Ruidoso; CV-2004-133; (R.Hawthorne/Cook)
 - 8:30 a.m. Jury trial continued. #1 Troy Slaby; CR-2004-54 (Dobbs/Mitchell)
 - Darrell Brantley domestic mediator hears cases on Thursday, September 23:
 - 10:00 a.m. Davis v. Singleton; DV-2004-104
 - Hufstedler v. Jesser; DV-2004-105
 - 10:30 a.m. Griewahn v. Kellogg; DV-2004-63 Terms.
 - 1 p.m. Copeland v. Copeland; DM-2004-105 (Brownfield/Pro Se) Interim support.
- Friday, September 24
 - 8:15 a.m. Teleconference. Johnston v. Countrywide; CV-2004-181 (ProSe/Nesbitt)
 - 8:30 a.m. Bench trial. George Padilla; CR-2003-207 (Dobbs/Holmes)
 - 11:00 a.m. William Gardner; CR-2002-23 (Esquibel/Mitchell) Judicial inquiry.
 - 1:30 p.m. Bench trial. William Parrish; CR-2004-66 (Schryer/Mitchell)

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT
No. JQ-2004-03
Div. III

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel.
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND
FAMILIES DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of J.H., E.M., and D.R.,
Children,
And Concerning Jennifer Romero, Tomas
Parra, Mario Montalvo, and George
Romero,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TOMAS PARRA

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the above named Court and County by the State of New Mexico in which the State of New Mexico has filed a petition alleging that you have abused and neglected J.H., E.M., AND D.R., children. The above proceeding could ultimately result in the termination of your parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Lincoln County, New Mexico, thirty days after the last publication of this notice.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court.

(SEAL)

by: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
Lynne Pruett, 2200 Indian Wells Rd.,
Alamogordo, NM 88310
(505) 434-5950

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-2004-234
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
OF JIM W. PEEBLES and ROSEMARY
B. PEEBLES FOR THE CHANGE OF
NAME OF THEIR DAUGHTER,
PAIGE PEEBLES.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Jim W. Peebles and Rosemary B. Peebles have filed a Petition in the above Court for a change of their daughter's name from Paige Peebles to Paige Ellenor Peebles. Said Petition will be heard by the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge, Division III, on the 19th day of October, 2004, at 8:15 A.M.

ALAN P. MOREL, P.A.

ALAN P. MOREL
Post Office Box 1030
Ruidoso, New Mexico
88355-1030
(505) 258-2202, Ext. 1
Attorney for Petitioners

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

Cause No. 233
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
SARA THOMASINA BAILLARGEON
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE PETITION

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 15, 2004, Sara Thomasina Baillargeon filed a Petition to change her name to Sara Rivest Smith in the District Court of Lincoln County.

Hearing on the Petition will be at the Ruidoso Municipal Court Complex on Oct. 12, 2004, at 11:45 o'clock A.M.

(SEAL)

Jan Perry, Clerk
By: Clydene Baca, Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Counties of Lincoln and Socorro, New Mexico, on the 21st day of September, 2004 adopted a resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of \$150,000 general obligation school building bonds of said District. The Resolution awards the sale of the bonds to the best bidder therefore; provides for the form of the bonds; fixes the maturities of, and interest rates on the bonds; provides for the

levy of taxes to pay the principal of, and interest on, the bonds; makes certain covenants to the bond purchasers; and provides other details concerning the bonds. Complete copies of the Resolution are available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours at the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, 800 D. Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6 NMSA 1978.

DATED this 21st day September, 2004.

/s/
Lisa Crenshaw
Secretary, Board of Education

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LEGAL NOTICE

Results for
Alto Lakes Special Zoning
District Commission Election
held on September 13, 2004

Total Registered Voters: 384
Total Voters: 92

	VOTES
Office of Commissioner <u>Earl Adamy</u>	82
Office of Commissioner <u>Francis J. Higgins</u>	70
Office of Commissioner <u>Harry Gevertz</u>	79
Office of Commissioner <u>William T. Doyle, Jr.</u>	78
Office of Commissioner <u>Robert E. Allen</u>	84
Office of Commissioner <u>Lynette Guy Ranton</u>	35

Publication made this 23rd day of September, 2004 in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

Charlotte Emmons for
Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTADOS DE UNA ELECCION
ESPECIAL PARA LA REGION
ESPECIAL DE ALTO LAKES;
ELECCION DE UNA COMISION
PARA EL DISTRICTO REGIONAL
QUE TUVO LUGAR EL 13 DE
SEPTIEMBRE DE 2004

VOTOS TOTALES REGISTRADO: 384
VOTOS TOTALES RECIBIDOS: 92

	VOTOS
Oficina de Comisario <u>Earl Adamy</u>	82
Oficina de Comisario <u>Francis J. Higgins</u>	70
Oficina de Comisario <u>Harry Gevertz</u>	79
Oficina de Comisario <u>William T. Doyle, Jr.</u>	78
Oficina de Comisario <u>Robert E. Allen</u>	84
Oficina de Comisario <u>Lynette Guy Ranton</u>	35

Esta publicacion hecha segun la Seccion 1-22-15, NMSA 1978, 23 de Septiembre de 2004.

Charlotte Emmons por
Tammie J. Maddox,
Escribana del Condado de Lincoln

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Trinity Site Tour Saturday, Oct. 2

Trinity Site will be open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 2. There is no charge for the tour and no reservations are necessary. Trinity Site is where the first atomic bomb was tested at 5:29:45 a.m. Mountain War Time on July 16, 1945.

Alamogordo tour line-up begins at 7:15 a.m. with departure at 8:00 a.m. from the Otero County Fairground parking lot on US 54/70. This tour enters through the Tularosa gate at 8:30 a.m. and arrives at Trinity Site around 10:00 a.m. and departs Trinity Site at the parking lot by caravan at 12:30 p.m. Those who wish to stay longer may exit through the Stallion Gate.

The Stallion Gate is open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visitors are allowed to enter

and exit unescorted anytime during these hours. Stallion Gate is located 54 miles west of Carrizozo on Hwy 54.

Trinity Site, the 51,500 acre area, was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1975. The landmark includes base camp, ground zero and the McDonald ranch house where the plutonium core to the bomb was assembled.

Visitors to Trinity Site will see ground zero, the Jumbo bomb casing, the McDonald house, one of the old instrumentation bunkers, historical photos, a Fatman bomb casing and a part of the original crater left by the explosion revealing Trinitite, green colored glassy substance formed by the heat and pressure of the explosion.

County Responds To First Federal Bank Pulling Out of C'zozo

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners, and the county treasurer are upset with how the First Federal Bank has announced the closure of its branch bank in Carrizozo.

During the Lincoln County Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 21 in the courthouse in Carrizozo, county manager Tom Stewart provided commissioners with copies of a September 15 letter that was mailed to customers of the First Federal Bank branch of Carrizozo announcing that the bank will close on December 31. In the letter, Lincoln County division bank president Tom Rigsby states the closure is "due to the Lincoln County Treasurer's decision to move the County's accounts to an out of town bank."

Stewart said the county treasurer "has given a piece of her mind to all involved and Aubrey Dunn (bank president in Roswell) will be sending out corrected letters to all concerned customers."

County commissioner Earl Hobbs said he was real upset with the letter. He said the county treasurer was not to blame for taking the county funds out of that bank. Rather the county treasurer is obligated by state law to make request for proposals (rfp) for banking services. Hobbs said Beverly Calaway, the county treasurer, used the rfp to get the best deal for the county. "This blame is grossly unfair," Hobbs said.

Hobbs went on to say that the First Federal Bank sent another letter dated September 17 in which it blames the county commission for closing the bank. "We did not close the Carrizozo branch bank," Hobbs said. "The decision to close the branch was a business function of First Federal Bank."

"This county commission and treasurer acted in accordance with state law," Hobbs added.

"The public needs to know that First Federal Bank has the right to say what they want and do business as they see fit," Hobbs said. "But the bank cannot put the blame on the county commission or the treasurer."

Hobbs explained that the county put out the rfp to all local and other banks requesting them to submit proposals for banking services. All submitted proposals, including First Federal Branch Bank in Carrizozo, were reviewed by a committee, based on various criteria. "In the course of the analysis required by the rfp, it was determined that First Federal Bank branch in Carrizozo did not meet the requirements," Hobbs said. "The best offer was from First National Bank in Ruidoso (which was awarded the banking services)."

"It was First Federal that determined it was to their advantage to close the Carrizozo branch," Hobbs added.

Because of the letters, the treasurer has received complaints from residents about the closure, Hobbs said.

Treasurer Calaway said the letter from the bank to its customers is a "classic example of sour grapes." She said she is required by state law to go to rfp for banking services every four years. "I will not give up my integrity as treasurer by being strong armed by a company that is not in this county," Calaway said.

Calaway said Rigsby and all the branch bank employees have been great to deal with, but the decision to close the branch bank was made by the corporate office that is not in Lincoln County.

When county commissioner Leo Martinez said he would talk with the First Federal Bank people, he added that First National Bank has its headquarters in Otero County.



It is now autumn. Temperatures are predicted to be seasonal averages with chances for showers beginning Saturday.

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, Sept. 23
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms before noon. North winds 5 to 10 miles per hour (mph) becoming southeast. High near 76. Tonight partly cloudy with southeast winds around 10 mph. Low near 46 in Carrizozo.

Friday, September 24
Partly cloudy with southeast winds to 10 mph. High near 77. Friday night partly cloudy with low around 48.

Saturday, September 25
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. High near 79. Saturday night partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low around 49.

Sunday, September 26
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. High near 79. Sunday night partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low near 51.

Monday, September 27
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. High around 79. Monday night partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Low around 52.

Tuesday, September 28
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. High near 78. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with low near 51.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona.

Today, Thursday, Sept. 23
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon. North winds 5 to 10 mph in Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and becoming east in Ruidoso and Capitan. Highs around 70 in Ruidoso, near 72 in Capitan and 70 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with southeast winds to 10 mph. Lows of near 40 in Ruidoso, near 44 in Capitan and 42 in Corona.

Friday, September 24
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms after noon. Southeast winds to 10 mph. Highs near 71 in Ruidoso, 73 in Capitan and near 72 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms in Ruidoso and Corona, no chance in Capitan. Lows around 43 in Ruidoso, 46 in Capitan and 45 in Corona.

Saturday, September 25
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 70 in Ruidoso, near 74 in Capitan and near 73 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 44 in Ruidoso, 47 in Capitan and 46 in Corona.

Sunday, September 26
Partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 71 in Ruidoso, 74 in Capitan and 73 in Corona. Tonight partly cloudy with 10 percent chance for showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 46 in Ruidoso, 48 in Capitan and near 49 in Corona.

County Managers Report

by Doris Cherry

The following is the report given by the Lincoln County Manager to the Lincoln County Commissioners during their regular meeting Tuesday, September 21 in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Interim Committee Meeting
On August 25, Sam Montoya from the New Mexico Association of Counties made a presentation regarding the small county assistance funding to the (state) Revenue and Stabilization Tax Policy interim committee that was meeting in Ruidoso. To be eligible, a county must have imposed all of its eligible gross receipt taxes. Stewart said Lincoln County is not eligible because it has not imposed all of its possible gross receipt taxes.

Ruidoso Wildland Urban Interface Meeting
On August 31 members of the Ruidoso Wildland Urban Interface (RWUI) group met to review a community wildfire protection plan being prepared by New Mexico State Forestry Department. The plan is generally a requirement for future funding and it will be circulated for approval of all governing bodies and entities involved with the RWUI. Commissioners were provided copies of the preliminary draft plan, which the public can obtain from the office of the county manager at the courthouse in Carrizozo.

Public Health Clinic Completion Date
At a final construction meeting for the new Public Health Clinic in Ruidoso it was announced that the move in-date for the facility will be at the end of September. Currently all utilities are being connected and preparations for three additional "handicap" spaces are underway with an associated ramp for wheel chairs. District Judge Karen Parsons recently lost use of a municipal location for the Ruidoso juvenile and drug court. She has requested a once every other week location for these functions in the vacated county sub-station. "I currently plan on moving into the old substation the Indigent Health Care Coordinator, accommodating an office for the assessor representative and establishing an emergency operations center which will also serve as a small commission chamber or courtroom for the judge's requirement." Stewart said. "Some construction of walls and offices will be required to isolate the facility from unruly children."

Stewart said he thought it would cost about \$10,000 to remodel the offices in the old substation to provide security. County commissioner Earl Hobbs asked why the judge no longer can use the municipal courtroom for the drug court and juvenile cases. Stewart said Ruidoso municipal court advised him that unruly children who were in the building for Judge Parsons' juvenile/drug court messed up some of the municipal court computers. For now the judge is utilizing a room in the Ruidoso Schools administration building at 200 Horton Drive in Ruidoso.

Hobbs asked if the judge would help pay for the remodeling in the substation, or if the county is obligated to provide this space. Hobbs said he did not believe remodeling would only cost \$10,000 especially with the cost of permits from Ruidoso.

Stewart said the county is obligated to provide the judge a space in the courthouse, but he was not sure about the juvenile court which is being held in Ruidoso for the convenience of residents.

"I believe we should always meet our obligations and be helpful," Hobbs said. "But I see this as darned unreasonable."

Stewart said the judge has not demanded a space, rather

she brought her problem to him. He said he thought that just one day every two weeks could be accommodated in the county building. He said the main cost for remodeling will be to secure the waiting room for the unruly children.

County commissioner Maury St. John said the county commission needs a meeting room in the substation in Ruidoso so the commission will not have to use anyone else's space for special meetings.

Stewart said the county can move into the sub-station (into the space being vacated by the public health offices

in the substation) without any remodeling, but there is a need for a secure waiting room. He said the remodeling expense would be to wall off an area to make two secure offices for the court. If commissioners do not want to provide a space for the judge, then the money can be used to make a nice county commission chamber.

St. John said she would be willing to allow the judge to use the sub-station if she held the drug court and juvenile cases during regular working hours. Stewart said he would include that request in a letter to the judge.

"I have no problem with the judge no." Stewart County commissioner Simpson did not favor no to the judge. He has a problem with the lack of a lock in the pal court and supervisory children, the issue of the judge a space juvenile and drug court put off on the taxpayers the county. County Alan Morel said the pal court has no separate offices for the secretaries their computers were ones damaged.



(Continued from Page 5)

Mary Gallegos, Marguerite Malone.

Mrs. Tuton's room -- Clark Hust, Edward Johnson, Otto Prehm, Mack Shaver, Pablo Pino, Ruth Brickley, Glenneth English, Evelyn Hamilton, Frances Skinner, Jessie Rustin, Helen Sterling.

Mrs. Vaughn's room -- Earl Carl, Raymond Lackland, Native Brady, Josephine Brady, Lorena Dinwiddie, Lena Harris, Vera Richard, Lorene Stimmel, Ella Bell.

Mrs. Clark's room -- Ethel Johnson, Jeanne Reilly, Stacy Rustin, Mary Tuton, Nellie Shaver, Louise Sweet, Lena Yates, Amelia Gallegos, Estella Chavez, Rainona Duran, Jean Stewart, Don English, Walter LaFluer, Ernest Lopez, Donald McLean, Roy Richard, Andres Sandoyal, Raymond Sterling, Roy Adams.

Mrs. West's room -- Dora Anderson, Maurine Collier, Lillie Elliott, Jessie Rustin, Clinton Branum, Miller French, Fred Lalone, Julian Lalone, Alfredo Lopez, William Moss, Lee Stimmel, Albert Roberts.

High School -- Alta Carl, Robana Corn, Jeanette Johnson, Audrey Miller, Juell Miller, Kastler Taylor, Edward Lane.

The Farmer's Lot.

President J.H. Kimbel of the Farmers' national congress said the other day: "The farmer can't help envying the union man with his short hours and high wages. A union man, while striking for a 44-hour week, visited his cousin, a farmer in the country. The striking union man said one day over his pumpkin pie at dinner: "Well, there's one thing you farmers can be thankful for anyhow, George. The death rate is smaller in the country than in the towns." "Yes, said Farmer George; folks that have to run a farm don't git no time to die."

Easy.

Bobby wanted a donkey -- and he had seen the donkey in a nearby field. "What would happen if I stole that donkey?" he asked his father. Bobby thought a while and then said: "You wouldn't forget to feed it while I was away, would you father?"

The Buying Chance Sale

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- Men's Dress Sox . . . 11c
- Men's Overalls . . . 98c
- Work Shirts . . . 69c
- Work Sox . . . 11c
- Ladies' Vests . . . 14c
- Ladies' Cotton Hose . . . 15c
- Children's Hose . . . 19c
- Huck Towels . . . 14c
- Clothes Pins 3 Dozen . . . 10c
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- Stetson Hats . . . \$5.45
- Ladies Patent Pumps . . . \$3.95
- Ladies' Suits . . . \$15.00
- Ladies' Dresses . . . \$10.00
- Boys' Suits . . . \$6.19

Ready Reply.

Troops on a British barracks square were doing musketry drill. "I told you to take a fine sight," said the sergeant to a new recruit. "You ought to know what a fine sight is by now. What is it?" "A very big boat full of sergeants sinking in midocean," answered the recruit.

* Reports of the hunters of the Biological Survey show that 126 predatory animals have been killed in New Mexico since the first of the year. In the Black range and the Gila country many mountain lions have been killed.

* At a recent election held in Tularosa, N.M., a majority of the residents of the city went on record as in favor of the \$75,000 bond issue for the building of a new waterworks.

* The First National Bank of Deming has closed a deal with the bank of Columbus by which the business of the letter will be transferred to Deming and will be handled by the First National here.

FAST ACTION



Lincoln County News

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Hearings On Ruidoso

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He also said the public will be given opportunity to make comment during the work session.

The next meeting of the ETZ Commission will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 18 also in Ruidoso Village Hall, Hobbs added.

Lincoln County attorney

Alan Morel said he spent two and a half hours with the Ruidoso ETZ Commissioners who in his opinion are extremely positive and willing to work in the next 90 days to revise the ETZ Ordinance. "It is a challenge they are willing to undertake," Morel said.

ETZ commissioners have asked Lincoln County Commissioners to submit their comments and/or revisions on the ETZ ordinance to the ETZ commissioners so they know where to start, Morel added.

Morel then said the main reason for the October 4 workshop and the October 18 formal hearing is to review and possibly adopt the current ETZ ordinance plus all of the amendments which he (Morel) had compiled. The ETZ Commission has been using this ETZ ordinance compilation, however the latest amendments and the compilation were never adopted, Morel said. Because of this, the ETZ Commission decided to hold the special workshop and public hearing to adopt the current ETZ Ordinance compilation and amendments so they can be used until the new ETZ Ordinance is drafted and adopted.

County commissioner Leo Martinez said the county commission communicates with the ETZ Commission, but the ETZ Commission has no control over the Village of Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission. "The ETZ Commission determinations do not override the P&Z," Martinez added.

County commission vice-chair Rick Simpson, who was presiding in chair Rex Wilson's absence, said he did not understand. Martinez said the real problem is the Ruidoso Village P&Z does not answer to the ETZ

Commission. County commissioner Maury St. John asked what authority the Ruidoso P&Z has over the ETZ.

Ruidoso has jurisdiction over planning and platting properties in the county in a three mile zone around the village limits, Morel said.

Hobbs further explained that while the properties in the ET zone are part of the county, "certain things" take place in the zone over which the village has jurisdiction. He said problems have come out of the "heavy handedness" from the Ruidoso Planning department in administering the ETZ.

Hobbs said one thing in revising the ETZ ordinance would be to make it a more "user-friendly" to those in the ETZ, by instructing ETZ enforcement officers. Hobbs also said he thought the Ruidoso fee schedule is a bit "heavy handed". Hobbs said ETZ property owners should not have to pay anything in addition to the permitting fees paid by property owners in the rest of the county.

Hobbs included three written pages of suggested elements for the new draft ETZ ordinance. Those included a request the ordinance be written in simple language and short as possible; recognize the ordinance is for the ultimate benefit of the municipality; recognition the municipality does not provide municipal services in the ET zone; all fees shall be minimal; applicants shall have ability to present cases to the ETZ Commission with no requirement to meet any stan-

dard for application which shall be heard within 45 days; no case before ETZ commission or authority will exceed 45 days; cases will be prepared by staff prior to ETZ commission/authority meetings; in cases where questions raised by an applicant are not addressed by the ordinance, resolution will be in favor of the applicant; only state or national building codes shall be applicable in the ETZ; ratify that the purpose of the ETZ ordinance is only to insure reasonable continuity across the municipal boundary and the municipality shall not zone any area or change zoning within the ETZ without the approval of the ETZ Commission and ratification by the ETZ authority; and the ETZ ordinance shall be reviewed annually by the ETZ commission and authority.

Hobbs also suggested the ET zone shall not include the boundary of Sierra Blanca Regional Airport as within the municipal boundaries when setting the ET zone.

Morel said Ruidoso issues building permits for properties that are within the three mile planning and platting zone. If the property is within the one mile ET zone, the property is controlled by the ETZ Ordinance. Morel said the fees for planning and platting are set by the Village of Ruidoso and the village is entitled by state law to collect these fees in the three mile ET zone.

"No matter what we do to the ETZ, the village has jurisdiction up to three miles," St. John said.

Simpson commented that if Ruidoso already has the three mile planning and platting jurisdiction why

was an ETZ needed. County commissioners also discussed their desire to have the county planning department administer the ETZ, and negotiate the fee structure with Ruidoso. Martinez said it is a good point to consider a county planning enforcement officer, but he did not want more "bureaucracy." He suggested the county officer not be out of Ruidoso.

Currently the Ruidoso Planning department has an associate whose wife is on the village council, and three people on P&Z who have no building background. "If they have no people on P&Z, who are sensitive to people's rights, we have problems," Martinez added.

St. John said she thought it was wise for the county commission to give Ruidoso and the Ruidoso ETZ 90 days to draft a new ETZ ordinance. She urged her fellow commissioners to submit their comments about the ETZ ordinance at the October 4 ETZ commission workshop.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll suggested the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) be added as an appendix or incorporated into any new draft of an ETZ ordinance to serve as guidelines. "The land use plan is always in favor of the people," Carroll said. He said there was a lot of resistance to the CLUP being used, especially from the Ruidoso P&Z.

Carroll said Socorro County is using the Lincoln County CLUP, considered to be one of the best written, as a basis of its county wide zoning planning ordinance.

Sheriff's Report

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caller advised she received a call from her bank in Roswell about a subject who was trying to cash one of her checks, the bank had advised her to make a theft report. Deputy assigned.

5:38 p.m. vicious dog at location on Screaming Eagle, the vicious dog kept coming into the caller's property where she has cats. Deputy dispatched.

6:03 p.m. domestic with weapons at location on Highway 70, two males and one female were fighting on the side of the road and weapons were seen by a witness. Deputy dispatched.

7:15 p.m. Carrizozo ambulance advised they were on route to LCMC from the Carrizozo football field with an injured player. They arrived at LCMC at 8:07 p.m.

11:01 p.m. possible stolen vehicle from location in Sun Valley. At 12:24 p.m. deputy

cancelled the report because it was not a stolen vehicle, rather the vehicle was entered into the NMCIC in connection with a wanted subject who could be driving it. Deputy arrived at 12:39 a.m. and checked the area until 1:11 a.m. and advised he made no contact.

September 19

11:25 a.m. K-9 was headed for Highway 54 at mile marker 136. Deputy dispatched.

12:28 p.m. burglar alarm at location on Highway 70. State police were on the scene so the deputy call was cancelled.

3:17 p.m. Ruidoso Downs police advised of a domestic at a business, but that call was also cancelled because state police were on the scene.

5:11 p.m. noise, kids on motorbikes in the Mira Monte area. Deputy dispatched.

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