

# LCCMC Requests \$83,000 Supplement

by Patrice Brazie

Lincoln County taxpayers will continue to pay for healthcare services for non-county residents unless Congress can be persuaded to increase funding to Indian Healthcare Services (IHS). Reportedly as a direct result of federal under-funding to IHS, Lincoln County Medical Center (LCCMC) adminis-

trator Jim Gibson appeared before the Lincoln County Commissioners on August 15th to request an up to \$83,000 supplemental sole community provider payment for this fiscal year. "We have not received the final numbers from the state yet, on the supplemental," Gibson told the commissioners, "but they gave us a preliminary estimate, and that's what this

letter (of request) is based upon. It estimates that the hospital would receive from the supplemental a one time distribution this year of \$286,000, and that would require a match from the county of \$83,000."

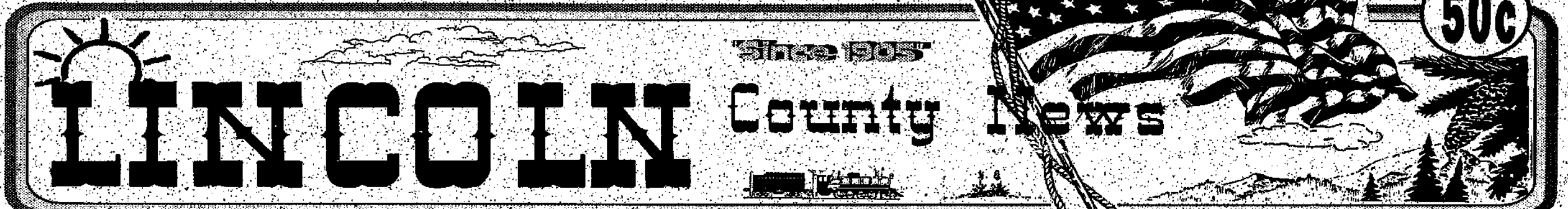
Gibson said that LCCMC, under the management of Presbyterian Healthcare Systems (PHS), provided just under six million dollars in

uncompensated care last year, but requested no increase in last year's supplemental payment from the county because the budgeted funding was expected to be sufficient. "You'll recall that

in January, when you approved the annual sole community provider program, you did so partly because we recommended that we keep it at the 2004-05 level," Gibson said. "We didn't increase

it because we felt like the growth, if it continued, would more than make up the difference," he explained. "Unfortunately our growth has flattened out the first six months of this year."

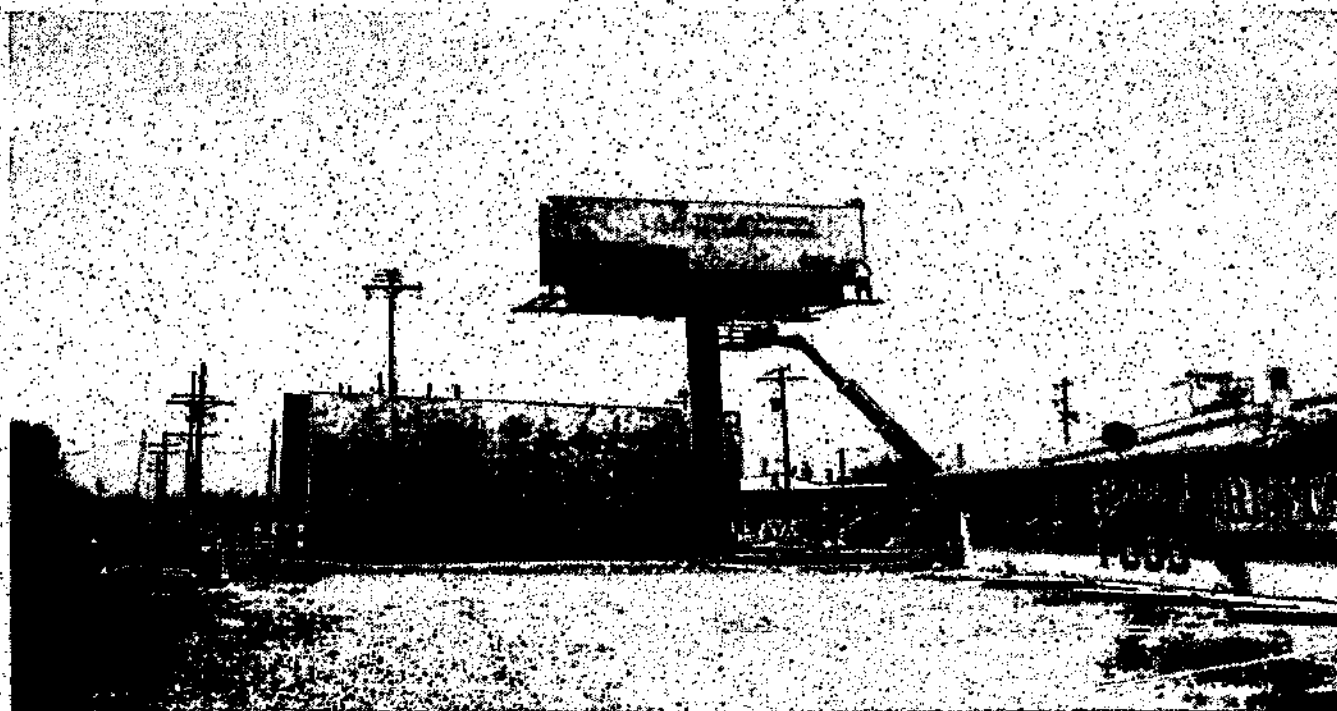
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**SIGN SNAFU SETTLED** -- More than three months after the Town of Carrizozo was ordered by District Court to reverse the decision on the controversial sign that was located behind Four Winds Restaurant at the intersection of Hwy. 54 & 380, the oversized sign was replaced with a sign that is supposed to be in compliance with the town zoning ordinance which limits advertising signs to less than 300 feet in area. The oversized sign, shown on the ground, was put up after the town granted a variance for the sign on February 9, 2005. When the town council granted the variance several people commented about honoring town laws. Carrizozo resident Marie Watkins brought a suit against the town. May 2, 2006 the town was ordered to reverse the decision. The sign was changed Friday, August 25, 2006. (Photo by Jeff Hammond)

## Carrizozo Street Fair On Monday, Labor Day

The annual Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair will be held Monday, September 4, Labor Day. Events start with a bird house auction tomorrow evening, Friday, September 1 at Four Winds Restaurant. Hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6 p.m. and the auction is at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar. Everyone welcome.

Monday, family fun activities begin with a parade down 12<sup>th</sup> Street at 10 a.m.

starting behind Four Winds Restaurant and ending at McDonald Park.

Throughout the day there is a multitude of activities in the park, including games for children, arts and crafts, food, beverages, and vehicle show.

There will be a chile cook-off from noon to 1 p.m. The chile must be cooked on-site. Those attending are invited to taste and vote on the chile

of their choice. Call Beatrice Beltran for information.

Live music throughout the day will be provided by Desert Wind, Alfonso Lucero and Albert LaFave, Sax Appeal, the 44<sup>th</sup> Army Band Sax Ensemble, and New Mexico Territorial Brass Band.

Everyone is invited to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Carrizozo Street Fair on Labor Day, Monday, September 4 in McDonald Park.

## Comprehensive Plan Agreement Presented

by Patrice Brazie

Phyllis Taylor of Sites Southwest, the firm with whom Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart is negotiating for the design of a comprehensive plan for the county, spelled out the proposed approach to establishing that plan during the August 15th meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Taylor said that her firm would work closely with a steering committee of 12 to 15 people representing different interests within the county. She said the steering committee would assist in

setting up public hearings and directing her firm to spokespersons from the county's many varied interest groups. Taylor said that her firm will look to the county's board of commissioners to help establish the steering group.

Sites Southwest has budgeted for four preliminary public meetings, Taylor said, which would be held in four communities within the county. "We try to cover the whole county as best we can," Taylor said. "It's a large geographic area." After the initial series of public

hearings, Sites Southwest will present a draft plan through a second series of public hearings before presenting the comprehensive plan to the county's planning commission for review. The final plan will require adoption by the county commissioners.

Speaking as a member of the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC), Leighton (Tony) Davis told Taylor that the PLURAAC members were "the keepers" of the county's comprehensive land use plan, and requested that the PLURAAC be afforded copies of two plans previously prepared by Sites Southwest for other clients. Davis told Taylor that the PLURAAC looks forward to working with her firm.

Jerry Carroll, speaking as private citizen, although he is a member of the Lincoln County Planning Commission, asked Taylor what position the county's comprehensive land use plan would hold in the development of a comprehensive plan. "How are you going to use it, or not use it?" he asked Taylor.

She explained that she hadn't read the plan yet, but planned to obtain copies of several county documents while in Carrizozo that day. Taylor said she had found the PLURAAC ordinance on the county's website, but that the comprehensive land use plan

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## County Quarterly Finance Report

by Patrice Brazie

During the quarterly meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Finance, held during the regular monthly meeting of the county's board of commissioners on August 15th, county treasurer Beverly Calaway reported that the Glencoe fire department has paid off their debt service on new equipment.

Also, computer programmers from Triadic were in the area several weeks ago, and installed new options in the treasurer's financial reporting program. "We are now able to download information to Excel spreadsheets, which has saved us a lot of time," Calaway said.

Calaway reported that the total cash held by the treasurer's office, as of July 31st was \$9,402,047.02, showing an increase in comparison to the cash held on July 31st, 2005 of \$7,839,560.74. The average interest rates for county investments are: 4.96 percent on certificates of deposit, 5.08 percent on money market accounts, 4.84 percent in the local government investment pool and 4.50 percent in the operational account.

"We have reinvested \$1,010,000.00 back into the state pool," Calaway said, "because some of our local banks could not meet the state interest rate, as required by our investment policy." Calaway said that her office calls regularly to offer investments to local banks, to try to keep them up with their pro rata share. According to Calaway, the county's investment policy is largely based on mandates from the state and, although the county attempts to support local banks through the investment of county funds, the first priority is a safe investment policy with beneficial returns to the taxpayers.

"Our investment policy states that we should first offer our money to local banks. They are classified as to their strength, and the collateral of the bank," Calaway said. "One of the things that you have to remember, in managing a county like Lincoln, is that we're not a real wealthy county and you have to have that money staggered in a way so that it can become available when most needed." According to Calaway, each bank in the county

is allowed their share of the county's investments, if they meet the regulations set by state. "When investing the public's money, we always look at safety first, then liquidity, then yields," Calaway said.

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A VARIETY OF MUSHROOMS sprouted around Lincoln County after recent heavy rains. This interesting specimen, and others, were found beneath the low branches of a juniper tree. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)



# LCMC Requests \$83,000

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The number of in-patients treated at LCMC is down eight percent from the last fiscal year, according to Gibson, but out-patient volume is slightly higher, so revenue growth is essentially flat.

Gibson said that the county-owned medical facility is seeing a significant increase in unpaid debt. "Last month, just under 12 percent of our business was written-off as bad debt," Gibson said. "I think primarily because of the change in the process at Indian Health Services. We're getting the same volume of people who are coming to the hospital from the reservation," Gibson said.

"but IHS is not qualifying them."

Gibson attributed the increase in uncompensated care expenses to the IHS. "That's the only significant indicator that I've been able to see a huge difference in," Gibson said. "They've changed their process, and so those people who would before move from self-pay into the IHS category aren't moving, because they're not qualifying them." He offered the following example: "A lady on the reservation would see a doctor, and the doctor on the reservation would send her to LCMC for a mammogram. We do the mammo-

gram, then we apply for IHS payment and they're denying it as not being qualified," Gibson said.

The patient often cannot pay for the unqualified care he or she has already received, so it becomes an uncollectible debt to the hospital. "There is a significant increase there," Gibson said. He added that, although the hospital continues to make money, it is struggling this year. "That \$286,000 will go a long way to meeting our needs this year," Gibson said.

County commissioner Earl Hobbs questioned the qualification procedure. "If you've had that experience, and it's a recurring experience, why don't you pre-qualify people?" he asked. "We're not the ones who qualify them; it's IHS who qualifies them," Gibson said. "They won't qualify them until the service has been done, and then we submit an application to them for qualification," Gibson said. He further explained that IHS will automatically fail to qualify those patients who qualify for Medicaid payments.

Hobbs asked why the county health facilities can't insure payment will be approved before providing the service, and Gibson said the LCMC contract with Lincoln County requires the hospital to accept those patients.

"But they're not from the county," Hobbs said. "They're from Otero County, where the reservation is located," Gibson explained that the contract with the county

requires PHS, in its operation of LCMC, to honor all federal contracts, including that with Indian Healthcare Services (IHS).

County attorney Alan Morel agreed. "Also under federal law, since we receive federal funding, you cannot turn away a patient," Morel said. "It just becomes an issue of who pays for it, and that's where we're at."

"I understand emergency care," Hobbs said, "but if a person has an ongoing problem of some sort, that's an entirely different thing than emergency care. The people of this county have a certain amount of money and, because the IHS will not qualify these individuals, we are required to pay for those people."

"I think we're qualified to provide the care, I don't know that we're required to pay," Morel said. "I think it's just a question of who pays, or what the process of collection is."

Hobbs said that he would be inclined to accept the request for additional funding except that, as Gibson reported, the county's medical center continues to operate at a profit. "It looks like the taxpayers of this county are being asked to subsidize people who are already being subsidized," Hobbs said. "That does not strike me as being very good fiscal policy."

Gibson suggested that the federal government's under-funding of IHS is at the root of the problem. "But that doesn't solve the problem," Gibson said, "that is that you're going to have a fiscally unhealthy hospital here if you don't solve the problem."

Hobbs pointed out that the hospital, which is showing profits, is supposed to be a non-profit organization, and Gibson explained that profits are necessary to buy new equipment like a CT scanner that will cost more than \$600,000. "If you don't have a profit, you can't do those things, and then you have a quality of care that is substandard," Gibson said. "The difference between the for-profits and the not-for-profits is that the money we make goes right back into the facility. It doesn't go to a stockholder or someone who owns that company."

Gibson said that there is no free lunch in health care, and that someone always must pay for the services provided. "The six-million dollars that we wrote-off in bad debt last year is now being paid by the people who use the hospital," he said. A portion of the sole community provider funding is also paid for by the taxpayers of Lincoln County, he added. "Someone has to make up that difference."

Gibson reported that, over the last seven years, PHS has been in constant contact with representatives in Washington, DC, to encourage an increase in funding for IHS, which receives about one million dollars each year. "They spend far more than that," Gibson said, "and it will continue to be a problem until the federal government steps to the plate and recognizes that they're under-funding."

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved Gibson's request for a supplement not to exceed \$83,000, with Hobbs casting the only nay vote.

### Between Sportsmen

"Any luck today?"  
 "Two rabbits, nine geese, a turkey and four ducks."  
 "All with one gun?"  
 "No, my car."

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 Friday, January 21, 1927

## Short Interniews

Treating on Matters  
 Pertaining to the Town  
 and Otherwise

by M. Dorring

"Here is something I would like to see printed at the head of your column," said a Carrizozo booster to the writer. "I got it from a reliable magazine, and it is a good thing to remember during 1927 and for all days thereafter."

### It's You

If you want to live in a kind of town  
 Like the kind of a town you like,  
 You needn't slip your clothes in a grip  
 And start on a long, long hike,  
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 Real towns are not made by men afraid  
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 And if, while you make your personal stake,  
 Your neighbors can make one too,  
 Your town will be what you want to see.  
 It isn't the town -- it's YOU.

"Do you know the origin of the phrase 'Tin Lizzie' was asked of Mr. L.A. Whitaker of the Western Motors, Inc. in Carrizozo. "I think so," said Mr. Whitaker. "It was in Western Kentucky, at the time automobiles first came into use, the country roads were in between two old-time rail fences. In the summer these fences were the abiding place of innumerable lizards -- a small scaly reptile with four legs and a body about five inches long."

When the lizard moves it goes quickly from one side of the road to the other or up and down the road. Their movements and actions, are very much like those of the auto, in the narrow dusty lanes, when the auto is seen from a distance.

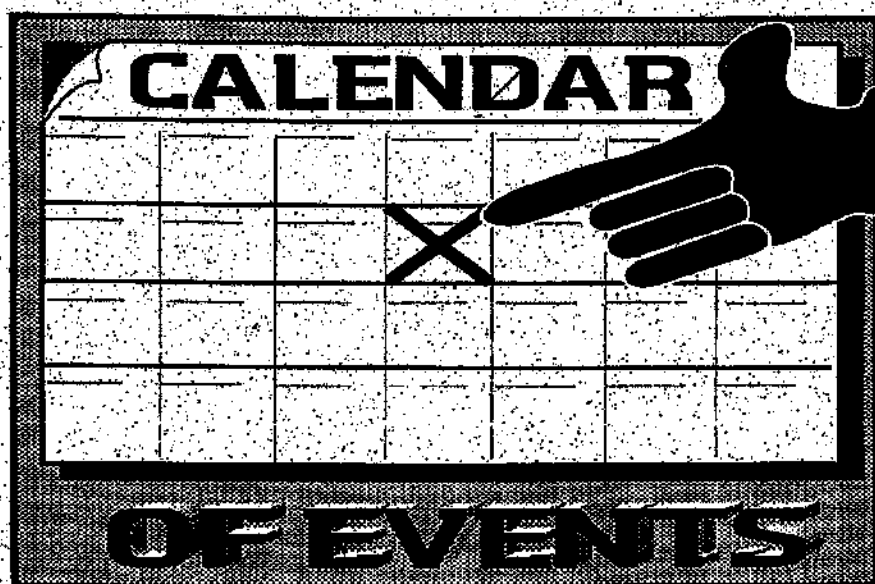
The similar movements of the auto and the lizard was the reason that the country people nicknamed the auto "tin lizard", and it was common to hear someone remark when an auto was seen coming, "There comes a tin lizard." This was naturally changed into Tin Lizzie. I believe this is the way the auto received its nickname."

"Judge," requested the prisoner at the bar. "I'd like to start serving my sentence right away, so I can get it over with."

"No hurry, my boy," replied the judge genially. "It's going to be a life sentence." -- American Legion Monthly

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**TUESDAYS**  
 -Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.  
 -Free GED class 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School.  
 -Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 -Free GED classes 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Carrizozo School.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**  
 -Carrizozo Street Fair Gala birdhouse auction 6 p.m. at Four Winds Restaurant.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 3**  
 -All American Festival, gun and western collectable show at Ruidoso Convention Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, LABOR DAY**  
 -Carrizozo annual Labor Day Street Fair, Fun.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
 -Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) meets at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
 -Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee meets at 2 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**  
 -Village of Ruidoso workshop at 4 p.m. for discussion regarding infrastructure capital improvements plan (ICIP).  
 -Village of Ruidoso workshop from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for budget discussion.  
 -AWANA club starts for children ages 3 through 6t grade at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Non-denominational program. For information contact Hayden Smith 648-2107.  
 -Lincoln County Planning Commission meets at 6:30 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Agenda includes continuation of public hearing of August 2 for preliminary plat review of High Mesa RV Ranch.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
 -Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission regular meeting at 8 a.m. at Alto Lakes golf and Country Club.

**LINCOLN COUNTY**

**Manager's Report**

In his regular monthly report to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, county manager Tom Stewart briefed the commissioners on the following items:

Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox has attended preliminary classes on the use of the county's forthcoming new voting machines. Maddox reported that she participated in a two-day training seminar on the use of the new machines and the electronic optical scanners that will read the paper ballots in the upcoming general election.

"We have found a place to temporarily store our electronic voting machines," Maddox said. "Thanks to the town of Carrizozo and mayor Zamora, they're storing them in the old, old fire station next to the senior citizens center, and we appreciate that very much." Maddox said.

She admitted that she doesn't like the change to paper ballots, but said that the new machines are easy to use. "I believe we will have a good election, and I don't foresee a lot of problems. There's going to be a lot of education for citizens and poll officials, and staff as well," Maddox said. "but I believe it will be fine and we'll do a very successful election in Lincoln County."

A suspected water leak caused the closing of the public health facility in Ruidoso on August 1st, as water was leaking onto the building's main electric circuit breaker. Stewart said that he and the county's attorney contacted the general contractor and architect. The contractor resolved the situation, Stewart said, and on August 4th the facility was reopened. Some problems still exist in the underground lines, as water is leaking into the conduits there and a crack was discovered in the

main line coming into the building. The contractor is working to resolve that issue as well.

The county manager received notice from St. Eleanor Catholic Church that a major beam in the truss of the building, which is used as the San Patricio senior center, was cracked. The senior center was officially closed

on August 3rd, but is expected to be reopened very soon.

Lincoln County closed the deal on the purchase of The Nest domestic violence shelter on July 27 for a purchase price of \$422,296. Stewart added that the state is in the process of reimbursing the county for the purchase of the facility.

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**Comprehensive Plan**

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is not available through that source.

Taylor cited the comprehensive plan for Otero County, which she said her firm developed. Otero County also has a committee that deals with public land use. "We worked with representatives of that group," Taylor said. She added that, although portions of the Otero County land use plan were incorporated into its comprehensive plan, the land use plan did require changes prior to that incorporation.

The comprehensive plans of Otero County and Socorro both have sections addressing public and private land use separately, Taylor said.

"Working with the public land agencies will also be important," Taylor said, and acknowledged the significant amount of public land in Lincoln County.

Lincoln County has been awarded a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund the comprehensive plan project.

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The auditing firm employed by Lincoln County, Accounting and Consulting Group L.L.C., has been performing the 2005-2006 audit, Calaway said, "and I am very pleased that we are back on schedule for our audit this year." The State of New Mexico Delinquent Property Tax Division is researching the county's delinquent property taxes for 2002. "We began with 78 delinquent accounts, and of this date, only 19 remain unpaid," Calaway said. "The delinquent tax sale will be held on Wednesday, September the 27th, and it is my goal to have all of the accounts paid in full before

the sale."

The Lincoln County 2003 delinquent property tax list was submitted to the state on July the 1st, and by state statute, should have those lists researched and a sale scheduled before the end of this fiscal year. "The department in Santa Fe is running behind on all accountings in the state, due to lack of manpower," Calaway said, "and I plan on meeting with the director of the property tax division in the near future to discuss the situation with them. It really hurts our county if we don't have those sales on a timely basis."

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# Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Labor Day Weekend - End of Summer

By Ruth Hammond

Recess is often the favorite time of day for students. They have time away from studies and get the chance to use some of that energy that needs an outlet. When they get back in the classroom it is easier for them to settle down and concentrate on the subject that is being taught. Recess is not just play time, it is body rejuvenating time. Effective recess time has good results. Students are more willing to study and probably learn more. Families need a recess too. Labor Day weekend gives families the opportunity to take a recess from daily living and be able to do things together. Whether going camping or staying at home, the recess from summer is definitely needed.

Considering that the price of fuel may limit travel, it might be a good idea to plan activities closer to home, and there is much to do in Lincoln County. There will be a gala birdhouse auction at Four Winds Restaurant as a prelude to the Carrizozo Street Fair on Monday. Then on Saturday and Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> annual gun and western collectible show is at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Rather than mope around the house on Monday, attend the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair, complete with parade and activities in McDonald Park. Games for the children and music are scheduled as well as the first chile cook-off. Tasty and delicious as well as lots of fun.

Enjoyment as well as relaxing activities such as these events should help everyone get in the mood to get back to work and the daily grind. Families need this recess. Yard work can wait, anyway there will probably be more rain and the weeds will get much taller. Other household chores always need to be done, cleaning and cooking are never-ending duties that must be performed. But you can do these things after taking an end of summer respite.

As for the rain, the weather column this week gives an explanation about the weather in Lincoln County. Do you ever wonder why sometimes the wind blows from the east and sometimes from the west? And do you wonder why there is more rain here at times? Read all about it in the weather column this week in the *Lincoln County News*.

Thunderstorms are possible this holiday weekend. The main thing is to be safe. Lightning is dangerous and you should never take a chance by being out in it. Crossing low areas that are filled with water can be treacherous because a gully washer is not from rain where you are but rain somewhere else, usually at a much higher elevation.

Even though Labor Day signals the end of summer, you can look forward to autumn. Leaves will be changing colors, quite a colorful display that should be treasured, and school activities will increase. But for now, take a breath and enjoy the holiday weekend in Lincoln County.



## WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The Sacramento Mountains, and the Capitan Range form a border in conjunction with the northern Sacramento Mountains that divide Lincoln County. Oscura and Carrizozo are located in the high desert. North of Corona, northeastward gradually dropping in a southeastern manner towards the edges of the Hondo valley are considered high plains.

This dividing line working together with the high pressure systems located over central Texas, or off the southern California coast are the deciding factors of how much moisture and winds are received here in Lincoln County, and from what directions.

If the high pressure system is over the southern California coast, winds into Lincoln County commonly come in from the west and northwest, systems that drop the majority of the moisture on the north western parts of the state.

If the high pressure system is located over central Texas, winds come from out of the south and east. The moisture comes up into New Mexico from the Gulf of Mexico, out of northern Mexico, dropping most of the moisture on the south side of the Capitan range.

Recently there have been high pressure systems in both locations. As weather front pressures build up across what is the normal dividing line, larger amounts of moisture are dropped in concentrated locations where the two pressure systems collide. The last time conditions like these happened was more than 70 years ago, results then were much the same as recent events, flooding across large portions of New Mexico.

Hopefully the high pressure system over central Texas will continue to move north and eastward while the high pressure system over the southern California coast will move northward, lessening the intensity of flooding conditions here in central New Mexico.

That is real basic layman terms for why there has been such widespread flooding across large portions of the state, Lincoln and Otero Counties in particular.

More rain is forecast for the coming week, mostly at higher elevations, but not in with such devastating intensity and amounts.

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

Today, Thursday, August 31  
A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming west between 5 and 10 mph., night: A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind around 5 mph.

Friday, September 1  
A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87,

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## Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER

### SANTA FE

Congratulations to Mary Skeen on her appointment to fill the state Legislature vacancy left by the death of Rep. Avon Wilson of Roswell.

Skeen is the widow of the late U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen, who represented southern New Mexico in Congress for 22 years. Mary stayed home and ran the family's 15,000-acre sheep ranch in Picacho while Joe went to Washington.

But Mary didn't just stay on the ranch. She was frequently out about the area helping Joe's constituents. My first encounter with her was at a Lincoln County Republican Women's luncheon. It was 1987 and I had just started writing this column.

As the guest speaker, I had the place of honor, sitting next to Mary. She was gracious and charming. We had a pleasant conversation, which I no longer remember. But I do remember her final words. "You tell that Bill Richardson to stay out of my husband's congressional district."

Rep. Richardson had visited the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant project near Carlsbad the weekend before. By 1987, Richardson was in his third term and his campaign slogan had changed from "Fighter for the North" to "Fighter for New Mexico." Mary had him pegged.

She may feel a bit more charitable toward Gov. Richardson now that he has appointed her to a legislative seat. But Skeen knows that it isn't Richardson to whom she owes her gratitude. It is the Chaves County Commission that recommended her in a controversial vote.

Normally when a legislative seat becomes vacant, the appointment depends on the political makeup of the county commission. This district is spread over three counties, so each county makes a recommendation to the governor.

Otero and Lincoln counties, both Republican controlled, recommended Nora Espinoza, who won

a close GOP primary election for the seat. The expectation was that the Chaves County commission would do the same and Gov. Richardson would have to appoint Espinoza.

But a political rift in Chaves County surfaced. That close Republican party for the vacant legislative seat exposed two factions in the county that are not going away. In fact, they are likely to go statewide and could affect next year's selection of a new state GOP chairman.

Apparently three of the four Republicans on the five member Chaves County Commission are aligned with the faction that did not support the winning candidate in the GOP primary.

By recommending someone other than Espinoza, the commission gave Gov. Richardson the opportunity to not appoint the Republican candidate in the November general election for the legislative seat.

It is assumed that an appointment to a vacant seat gives a candidate an advantage in the upcoming election. Espinoza would have been able to call herself the incumbent, but she couldn't have claimed any legislative experience that would make her better qualified.

That's because there are only a little less than five months remaining in the term and no special session is contemplated between now and then.

So the interim appointment actually was not that big a deal. It appears this really was just another test of strength between the rival factions.

Espinoza is not really hurt by not being appointed to the vacancy. She still is highly likely to be elected to the seat in November. The only thing she loses is the head start in seniority she would have had on the class of

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Open Letter to Mr. Tom Stewart and Lincoln County Commissioners

Please pardon the delay in responding to Mr. Tom Stewart's remarks at the last Commissioners meeting in a timely fashion, as I was away from home recuperating from surgery.

For the record, I have never met with Mr. Stewart, nor did I ask him to appear before the Public Lands Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) to "cuss or discuss" anything as stated in the news reports of the meeting.

I was not aware of the County manager's offer to resign and in my opinion, his comments against PLURAAC were unprofessional and uncalled for.

Since I have been a committee member I can't recall that he has ever attended any of the PLURAAC meetings so it is understandable that he attributed someone else's statement to me.

At the July 11th PLURAAC meeting I did second a motion, which passed unanimously, that a special meeting with Mr. Stewart be arranged, at his convenience, to discuss interaction and communication between Mr. Stewart and PLURAAC.

Since its inception, the members of PLURAAC have worked diligently to help protect the custom and culture of Lincoln County as well as its property rights and economy. I should think that would be a goal for the County Manager as well, so why shouldn't we be working hand in hand for the good of the County?

The PLURAAC is not engaged in "rudderless activities". We have a mandate to coordinate the development of and monitoring of proposed uses of public lands and natural resources, and proposed actions by State and Federal agencies that could impact the County of Lincoln with regard to economy, custom, and culture.

We are to coordinate activities of common issue with other established committees of the County of

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## WARNING

Is Rural Lincoln County Now In The Hands of The New World Dis Order (Global/Federal Socialism/ Fascism?)

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# Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's office, located in the Lincoln County Court house in Carrizozo.

**August 21**  
 9:43 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Paradise Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 10:37 a.m. Shots fired reported at location on Ceder Crest Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

2:01 p.m. 911 Hangup from residence on Aspen Street in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.  
 2:47 p.m. Vandalism reported at location on West Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

4:04 p.m. Warrant service requested at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on

Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:49 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Paradise Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

6:35 p.m. Accident reported at Hwy 48 and Bramble intersection in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:42 p.m. Suicide/threats reported at location on CR C006 in Capitan, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

6:53 p.m. Arrest at location on CR C006 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:21 p.m. Disturbance/other reported at location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police dispatched.

**August 22**  
 1:27 a.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location near mile marker 11 on Hwy 48 in Ruidoso, deputy dis-

patched.

8:51 a.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

9:29 a.m. Dog reported running loose on La Queva Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:57 p.m. Medical call at location on Kerr Avenue in Corona, deputy dispatched.

12:36 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 276 on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

4:14 p.m. Medical call reported by Life Line alert at location close to fire department building on Hwy 37 in Nogal, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

6:13 p.m. Public relations at location on SR 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

6:15 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Mountain View in Capitan, police dispatched.

11:29 p.m. Warrant service requested at mile marker 15 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:29 p.m. Driving Under Influence (DUI) reported at mile marker 15 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

**August 23**  
 8:10 a.m. Dog reported running loose near FR 120 and Eagle Creek intersection, deputy dispatched.

9:01 a.m. Warrant service requested by Magistrate Court in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

11:07 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 112 on Hwy 54 near Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

2:43 p.m. Burglary reported at location on Reynolds Circle in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

4:14 p.m. Medical call at residence on Moon Dance in Alto, ALS dispatched.

5:34 p.m. Peacekeeping presence requested at location on Ceder Creek in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:06 p.m. Medical call at Nazarene campground in Bonito, ALS dispatched.

11:38 p.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location on White Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:55 p.m. Accident reported on Old Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

**August 24**  
 12:00 a.m. Threats reported at location on Mesa Heights in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:00 a.m. Medical call at residence on Du Bord in Ruidoso, ALS dispatched.

3:25 a.m. Fire/damaged power line reported at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, Hondo fire units dispatched.

2:05 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Forest in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:00 p.m. Agency assistance requested by New Mexico Adult Probation and Parole officer at location in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:37 p.m. Medical call at New Mexico Corrections Alcohol/Drug treatment facility located on Fort Stanton grounds, ambulance dispatched.

5:22 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Cowboy Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:34 p.m. Disturbance/other reported at business at Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 intersection in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

7:49 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Ski Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

**August 25**  
 9:16 a.m. Warrant service  
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## Retreat for Cancer Patients, Families

Cancer Services of New Mexico will hold a Free family cancer retreat at Glorietta, NM September 15-17. The retreat is for cancer patients, cancer survivors and their families.

This free three day education program will provide New Mexico adult cancer patients, survivors and their families with the tools and information they need to manage the treatment and recovery process. The program will combine discussions and lectures by many leading cancer specialists with fun activities that provide a break from day-to-day challenges of living with cancer.

There is no charge to participate, the entire program, including meals, lodging and all education activities is provided at no charge. Space is limited, interested families should apply as soon as possible. For more information or to request an application packet, contact Mike Capless at 505-266-2884 or to [www.CancerServicesNM.org](http://www.CancerServicesNM.org)



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## Aged Texan Tells of Buffalo Hunts

**Tahoka, Texas** -- Frank M. Sherrod of Tahoka is one of the few men still living who hunted buffaloes for their meat in the 70's. His first trip to the plains region of northwestern Texas on a buffalo hunting expedition was before the wholesale slaughter of the animals for their hides began. As a means of preserving Mr. Sherrod's reminiscences of pioneer days, J.E. Haley, field representative of the Panhandle-Plains Historical society, visited Sherrod a few days ago and obtained from him an account of his buffalo hunting experiences. One of the interesting statements made by Mr. Sherrod was that in 1875 buffaloes were killed in great numbers for their tongues, considered a great delicacy.

### His First Buffalo Hunt

"I was just a boy and was out here on the buffalo range in 1874 and 1875," he said. "I was seventeen years old when I came out the first time. We came out from Brown county, about 200 miles to the east, and there were only five of us. We hunted for meat. That year you could see 200 and 300 coyotes in a bunch, but the second year these animals were thinned out. There were many men buffalo hunting, who killed the coyotes for their skins.

"We really came a lot further out than necessary to kill the buffaloes but we had lots of fun. There were tens of thousands of buffaloes everywhere. When we got tired of one place we would move to another. We made houses of poles, covered with buffalo hides, lined and floored with the same. The second winter we came out here there were thirty-two of us from Brown county, and I killed 365 buffalo that winter myself. I didn't do anything but hunt.

"The first winter we loaded our wagons with meat. We took yearlings and two year olds and dried their hams whole. We brought a wash kettle along with us and rendered up thirty-two kettles of full marrow and tallow. This got as hard that you could throw it around like a chunk of wood. We would take an ax, break the bones and then scrape the marrow out. The marrow and tallow were used for cooking, making soap and the like.

"We killed enough buffaloes to furnish the people of Brown county with meat all the next year. Twelve months afterwards the meat would be as hard as a stove on the outside, but good and fresh when cut into. We didn't salt our meat. The majority of the meat we cut in big chunks, as large as a ten pound bucket, and dried. Some of it we carried back in the whole hams.

"In killing the buffaloes we used needle guns and it cost us five cents a shot. We met two fellows up on the head of the Colorado river the second year who had been out two months and hadn't killed a. They had these 'citizen' rifles and trade us some tobacco to kill some buffaloes for them. We went out and killed about fifteen for them.

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### NO TROUBLE WITH INDIANS

A blonde is terribly overweight, so her doctor puts her on a diet.

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When the blonde returns, she's lost nearly 20 pounds. "Why, that's amazing!" the doctor says. "Did you follow my instructions?"

The blonde nods yes. "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead on the third day." "From hunger you mean?" asked the doctor. "No, from skipping!" the blonde exclaims.

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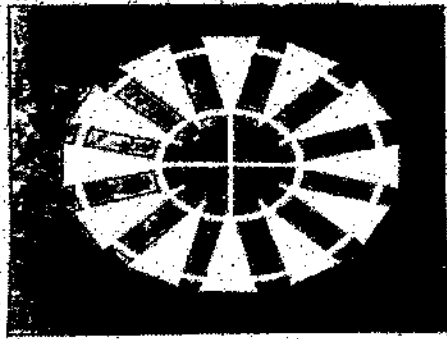
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joined City Bank New Mexico as Vice President/Operations.

Lucy, a long time resident of Carrizozo, New Mexico, brings with her an extensive bank background with 22 years of experience. She is an active participant in her local community and the surrounding Lincoln County area. A 2004 graduate of Leadership Lincoln, Lucy currently serves on the Board of Leadership Lincoln as Treasurer. Other affiliations include: President of Karios Outside New Mexico, Women's Club Community Improvement Project and Treasurer of Trinity United Methodist Church.

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# Livestock Board Seeks New Mexico Solutions for Animal Identification

With the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) setting its sights on a national animal identification (NAIS) the New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) is working to protect the rights of livestock owners within the state and ensure that if a national system is ever implemented that costs to New Mexicans are minimized, according to NMLB Chairman Bill King of Stanley.

"New Mexico has had a mandatory livestock identification system in place for well over 100 years," King reported. "New Mexicans have been required to brand their livestock since the late 1800's. The Livestock Board sees no reason that New Mexico's existing system cannot and should not be integrated into what ever system the USDA finally settles on and the Board is working toward that goal."

Efforts have been underway to develop a national animal identification system for over a decade, he explained, but since the diagnosis of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in late 2003, the USDA has been in a rush to develop a system that many believe could become mandatory as early as 2009.

"Over the past three years the USDA has altered course numerous times on its vision for the system," King noted. "Initially there was talk of a single data base held by the federal government. That concerned livestock producers because of the potential disclosure of proprietary information and potential liability."

The USDA then decided that a single private entity should hold the data, he continued. That, too, raised concerns about the privacy to market sensitive information. After pressure from the NMLB and others across the nation, the USDA has now determined that there can be multiple data bases that provide access to the federal government in the event of an animal health emergency.

The NMLB is now working toward USDA acceptance of brands as the method of identification until New Mexican livestock enter another state where a brand is not recognized as animal identification, King said. At that point, owners would have to comply with the identification requirements of that jurisdiction.

New Mexico has one of the strongest brand inspection systems in the U.S., King reported, but there are numerous other brand states that already have systems in place and there are several individual livestock species that already have some sort of identification in place. The cost of switching these systems to one envisioned by USDA could be prohibitive.

"The question that the USDA nor any of its partners have been able to answer is what the cost of the system will be to individual producers," King pointed out. "Until someone can give us that number and producers see a value to individual identification other than

brands, it is going to be impossible for anyone to gain acceptance for a program."

New Mexico's livestock industry organizations, such as the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association, have adopted positions that support only a voluntary animal identification system, preferring to let the market drive decisions rather than the government, King said. If there is a benefit to identification, such as price premiums at sale time, producers are

much more likely to adopt a program, he noted.

The NMLB has been working with the USDA on NAIS for several years, including participation in a tri-national pilot that demonstrated the challenges animal ID will face in states like New Mexico where there is an international border.



**GRIZZLY WEEKLY**

by Carrizozo High School JOURNALISM CLASS

Sarah Ball, Instructor

## First Day

On August 17, Carrizozo Junior High and High School went into session. The day started off with the usual greeting of students, but soon enough the morning bell rang and off to class the students went.

Dean of students Mel Holland had sixth through twelfth meet in the old gym for an early welcoming. He summarized the new rules concerning cell-phone use and attendance, and addressed the parking issues to all the upperclassmen. Also, he mentioned how our school has increased in population. "We are up in the 70s now where we used to fall somewhere around the 50s. This is the most students we have had enrolled in the past three years." The junior high and high school now have 138 students, still one of the smaller schools in the state.

Carrizozo elementary began school on Thursday, August 26. For most young students it was a warm welcoming.

Mrs. Ferguson, who was teaching the first grade, is now teaching fifth and Mrs. Gaines has taken over her position as first grade teacher for half a day. The other half of the day the students go with the second grade. Like first and second, third and fourth have also combined instruction.

Being a senior, this year will be my last time to walk through the doors of the Carrizozo Municipal School for the first day. As most students are upset about having to go back to school, I, on the other hand, am proud to say that I am happy to be back here where I will be with my friends, fellow teammates, coaches, and even teachers for the last time as a high schooler. Every day that I walk through the doors of Carrizozo Schools, even the very first day, will feel like my last—my last homecoming, my last prom, my last English essay, my last time to log-on as a grizzly, my last time to hang out with my friends in the school parking lot.

There's going to be a lot of "lasts," and if I think about it too hard, I just get sad. But at the same time, excitement about the upcoming future will be flowing through me waiting to pour out and begin.

Robert Dutchover

### Carrizozo Grizzly Varsity Football Schedule 2006

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 25	Ramah 0		Carrizozo 40.
Sept. 1	Ft. Sumner	Here	7:00 pm
Sept. 8	Tularosa	There	7:00 pm
Sept. 14	Alamo JV	Here	6:00 pm
Sept. 22	NMMI	There	7:00 pm
Sept. 29	Loving	There	7:00 pm
*Oct. 6	Clayton	Here	7:00 pm
Oct. 13	Jal.	Here	7:00 pm
Oct. 20	Hagerman	Here	7:00 pm
Oct. 27	Mescalero	There	7:00 pm

\* October 6 -- Homecoming

### Jr. High Football

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 7	Mescalero	There	4:00 pm
Sept. 21	Capitan	Here	4:00 pm
Sept. 28	Mescalero	Here	4:00 pm
Oct. 12	Capitan	There	5:00 pm

### Girls Volleyball

Aug. 31 -- Carrizozo at Capitan, JV/V, 4:00 pm.  
Sept. 5 -- Mescalero at Carrizozo, JV/V, 5:00 pm



## Recycling Scrap Metal:

# Put the Petal to the Metal

Imagine driving down a scenic Lincoln County or Forest Service road. Lovely, green, majestic. But, there alongside the road is a discarded washing machine or an old hot water heater that someone has illegally dumped. Illegal dumping of metal items too often happens in Lincoln County making it the county's worst dumping problem. It's also a problem of size. Illegally dumped metal items are often large and noticeable. And ugly. According to the Environmental Protection Agency in 2003, metal makes up an estimated eight percent of the nation's solid waste stream.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) currently accepts ferrous and non-ferrous metals of several kinds for recycling at its drop off location at 222 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Ruidoso Downs. Most scrap metal collected in drop off or buy-back programs within Lin-

coln County is sold elsewhere. Scrap metal including discarded appliances and crushed vehicles are delivered to Commercial Metals Inc. in Anthony, NM. A company from Mexico also picks up unusable hot water heaters and white goods. Although LCSWA will accept steel/tin cans on a limited basis, there is currently no market for that recyclable product. LCSWA is currently working with a potential steel can recycler based in Arizona.

Speaking of "putting the pedal to the metal," wrecked or discarded cars can be disposed of at the LCSWA yard. For \$50, LCSWA will first strip off the tires, and pull the battery and gas tank, then crush the vehicle. LCSWA also operates a metal abatement program assisting private property owners with discarded cars, white goods and large scrap metal removal to im-

prove the appearance of private property including along arroyos and river beds. LCSWA also works with local banks in abandoned car removal from repossessed property. The city of Ruidoso Downs is the largest public sector user of this service. Private wrecking companies can also assist private property owners with abandoned car removal outside of the Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs area.

"It is important to point out that the number one raw material consumed by the steel industry is steel scrap," states the Steel Institute, an industry association that promotes and sustains the recycling of all steel products. The Institute also notes that "In 2005, [there was] a 75.7 percent recycling rate, or 76 million tons, a five percent increase over 2004." Steel scrap includes cans, appliances, construction and demolition ferrous debris and the automobile.

More exotic metals such as aluminum, copper and brass are also collected through the LCSWA buy-back program. Recyclable copper is typically used pipe and stripped wire. Clean or "dirty" brass (brass soldered to other metal objects) can also be recycled. Structural aluminum such as automobile tire rims, discarded aluminum siding, and used door and window frames are accepted with buyback prices ranging from 25 to 30 cents per pound. LCSWA buyback program prices for all metals change weekly according to fluctuations in the national and worldwide metals market. Rapid economic expansion in China currently has the greatest impact on the metals market and resulting buyback prices even here in rural New Mexico. Exotic metals are crushed, sold and delivered to Wise Recycling Inc., an Albuquerque-based company, in Roswell.

Aluminum appears to be the most under-recycled metal in New Mexico and nationally. Only 43.9 percent of cans are currently recycled. In 2005, 800,000 tons of aluminum cans ended up in landfills. LCSWA is willing to work with groups who collect aluminum cans and will write a check to the organization or club. The SADD group at Ruidoso High School for example earlier this summer earned nearly \$300 in recycling aluminum cans through LCSWA. Their recycling drive continues with a can collection trailer at School House Park in Ruidoso.

The impact of illegal dumping of all kinds of scrap metal can have far reaching environmental and economic consequences across the southcentral mountain region. "Illegal dumping of metal products can cause high levels of chemicals such as lead, refrigerants, rust and several other by-products to seep into our ground water if left over time," stated LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle. And, with tourism in Lincoln County heavily dependent on scenery, discarded items along the roadside or in arroyos ruins the beauty of Lincoln County for the tourist visitor.

Improved scrap metal recycling capabilities are on the horizon for Lincoln County. Both Commercial Recycling and Wise Recy-

cling corporations have indicated once LCSWA is in its new Ruidoso Downs facility, they will offer a complete setup for LCSWA including free hauling of collected metal out of the county. The new facility is expected to increase the size of LCSWA

recycling in a business where size or volume is everything. A new scrap metal recycling program is also underway in Otero County. There, residents can bring their scrap metal to the La Luz disposal site for recycling. LCSWA will be estab-

lishing other Otero County sites and working with potential local buyback vendors in the near future.

For more information about the metals recycling program in Lincoln County, contact operational supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697 or via email at [lcswa@valornet.com](mailto:lcswa@valornet.com). The fall 2006 recycling and solid waste disposal brochure for Lincoln and Otero counties is also available via email by request at [lcswa@valornet.com](mailto:lcswa@valornet.com).

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Lincoln and advising the County Commission of its activities.

Our directive is to protect private property rights and interest in public lands in accordance with the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. We are also directed to coordinate with the County Manager on relevant issues.

I say, we have work to do. Let's join together and do it.

**RONNIE MERRITT**  
PLURAAC Member  
Yeso, NM 88136

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 18, 2006, Rui, Inc., 1096 Mechem Dr., Suite 312, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 filed application No. H-2501 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well by ceasing the diversion of 147.64 acre-feet per annum of groundwater from well No. H-2501-2 located in the SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to drill a replacement well approximately 1250 feet in depth and 10 3/4 inches in diameter at a point in the SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the continued irrigation of 42.68 acres of land at the Kokopelli Club Golf Course located in Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The replacement well will be located 20 feet east the existing well.

The above described, move from and move to well locations and place of use are located in Alto, Lincoln County, NM.

Any person or other entity shall have standing to file an objection or protest if they object that the granting of the application will:

(1) Be detrimental to the objector's water right; or

(2) Be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state, provided that the objector shows how they will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application.

A valid objection or protest shall set forth the grounds for asserting standing and shall be legible, signed, and include the complete mailing address of the objector. An objection or protest must be filed with the State Engineer not later than 10 calendar days after the date of the last publication of this notice. An objection or protest may be mailed to the Office of the State Engineer, 1900 West Second, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, or faxed to 505-623-8359 provided the original is hand-delivered or postmarked within 24 hours after transmission of the fax. The State Engineer will take the application up for consideration in the most appropriate and timely manner practical.

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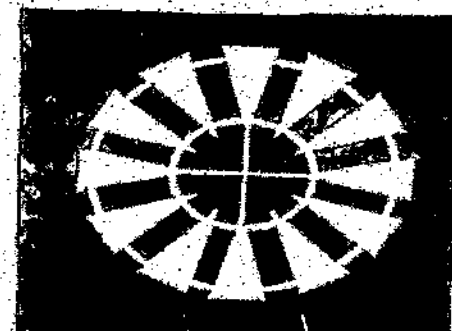
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## We're Big On NEW TEAM MEMBERS



**David Ingalls**  
Vice President of Lending

Carl Bartley, CEO City Bank New Mexico, is pleased to announce David Ingalls has joined City Bank as Vice President/Lending.

A native of Capitan, New Mexico, David has been an active member of the New Mexico banking community since 1977 bringing with him 29 years of experience in the financial industry. With a lending background centered around Commercial and Real Estate Lending, David is looking forward to being an active partner in the continued growth and success of Ruidoso and surrounding Lincoln County area.

David is involved in a number of community activities which include affiliations with the Ruidoso Kiwanis Club and Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce where he served as a Board Member and was in the Leadership Lincoln Class of 2005-2006.

Come by our Midtown Branch at 1850 Sudderth Dr. and meet David or give him a call at 257-2265!



**City Bank**  
NEW MEXICO







**LEALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 26, 2006, Forest Niccum, JEH Stallion Station NM, P.O. Box 128, Hondo, New Mexico 88336, filed application No. 01266 & H-49, H-50 into 0275-A & H-272 et al (T) with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to temporarily change point of diversion, place and purpose of use of surface and supplemental groundwater in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to discontinue the diversion of 244.8 acre-feet per annum of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Rio Hondo, via the Pablo Chavez Ditch, which diverts from the Ambrocio Chavez Ditch at a point in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, and said Ambrocio Chavez Ditch diverts from the Rio Ruidoso at a point in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, and supplemental shallow groundwater diverted from shallow well No. H-49 located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, and well H-50 is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, both in Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M. by severing said water right from the irrigation of 76.5 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	3	11 S.	17 E.	11.10
Pt. N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10	11 S.	17 E.	37.5
Pt. W3/4	10	11 S.	17 E.	27.9

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 110.16 acre-feet per annum (consumptive irrigation requirement) of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, and supplemental shallow groundwater, from the following described points of diversion:

SURFACE:	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
Rio Ruidoso	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	19	11 S.	13 E.
WELLS:				
H-272	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	36	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	25	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-2	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	2	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-3	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	2	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-4	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	11	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-5	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	14	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-6	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	15	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-7	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	10	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-8	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	14	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-9	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	23	11 S.	13 E.
H-272-S-11	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	25	11 S.	13 E.

for municipal purposes within the Village of Ruidoso.

It is requested that this water right be approved for diversion by the Village of Ruidoso at times of substantial flow of the Rio Ruidoso as follows: May 1 through October 31 greater than 6.0 cfs at Hollywood Gage; November 1 through April 31 greater than 4.0 cfs. This flow condition would apply for the Rio Ruidoso surface diversion and Hollywood well No. H-272-S, only. Applicant requests a minimum diversion for municipal purposes of 244.8 acre-feet per annum to balance the move-from consumptive irrigation requirement recognizing 45% (of diversion) as consumptive use for municipal use.

It is the intent of this application to transfer this present years duty of water, and additionally the previous two years duty of water, since the move-from land has been fallow during this five-year accounting period. This is a temporary application with all rights to revert back to the original points of diversion and place and purpose of use on October 31, 2006. A total of 330.48 acre-feet of consumptive use will be transferred and return flow credit will be applied as described above.

Emergency authorization is requested.

The move-from point of diversion is located 1.0 mile west of Hondo, and the place of use is located at Hondo. The proposed move-to points of diversion and place of use are located within the Village of Ruidoso. All are in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person or other entity shall have standing to file an objection or protest if they object that the granting of the application will:

- (1) Be detrimental to the objector's water right; or
- (2) Be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state, provided that the objector shows how they will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
No. CV-06-136

DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
RAYMOND A. GALLEGOS A/K/A  
RAY A. GALLEGOS A/K/A RAYMOND  
GALLEGOS, CHARLOTTE GALLEGOS  
A/K/A CHARLOTTE SANDOVAL  
GALLEGOS A/K/A CHARLOTTE S.  
GALLEGOS A/K/A CHARLOTTE O.  
GALLEGOS, TAXATION AND  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO, PETE  
MONTROYA, AND THOMAS  
M. BROWN,

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on September 5, 2006, at the hour of 9:00 am the undersigned Special Master, Peter Baca, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 306 Porr Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the great address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 15, BLOCK 7, OF CREE  
MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB  
SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO,  
LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW

MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE  
PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK  
AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF  
LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY 3, 1947,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants, except for Defendant Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico, which has a nine (9) month redemption right, the foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on July 31, 2006, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$328,293.32, and the same bears interest at the current rate of 12.0000%, which accrues at the rate of \$107.93 per diem, commencing on August 1, 2006, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment as to Defendant Raymond A. Gallegos a/k/a Ray A. Gallegos a/k/a Raymond Gallegos for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment amount and submit its bid, verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the in rem judgment due is \$328,293.32, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$3,885.48 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$332,178.80. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master  
P.O. Box 215  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Telephone: (505) 648-9925  
E-mail: sale@littledrantel.com

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has received the following road review request:

- \* Request to vacate Sandia Court, Capitan North Subdivision, Block 4, Capitan, New Mexico petitioner is Ruidoso Land Surveying for Grady Hobbs.
- \* Request to vacate Soto Drive, Valley East Subdivision, Ruidoso, New Mexico, petitioner is Ruidoso Land Surveying for Joann Hall. Road was already closed.

Pursuant to Section 67-6-9, N.M.S.A., the Board of Commissioners has appointed a Road Review Committee which will meet at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. The Road Review Committee will meet at the Lincoln County Road Department, in Capitan and then proceed to the road-review sites.

The report of the Road Review Committee will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on September 19, 2006.

Anyone wishing to make comments or recommendations may do so at either of the two above mentioned meetings.

RICK SIMPSON, Chairman  
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

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**WEATHER**

(Con't. from P. 4)

night: A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Saturday, September 2

A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Sunday, September 3

A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Monday, September 4

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Tuesday, September 5

A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81, night: A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, August 31

A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. West wind around 5 mph becoming south, night: A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind around 5 mph.

Friday, September 1

A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A fair chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Saturday, September 2

A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 77, night: A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.

Sunday, September 3

A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 75, night: A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Monday, September 4

A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 76, night: A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Tuesday, September 5

A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 74, night: A good chance for showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

**Inside the Capitol**

(Con't. from P. 4)

new legislators next January. And a few months seniority doesn't count for a whole lot in the New Mexico House.

Gov. Richardson may have taken pleasure in appointing someone other than the Republican House nominee, but he may also have enjoyed honoring the wife of a longtime colleague.

*Have A Good Day.*



# Sheriff's Report

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requested at location on Reservoir Road in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

9:52 a.m. Funeral escort requested at 3rd and Stanton in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

10:24 a.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 3 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

11:05 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Wolf Springs in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

11:14 a.m. Escort re-

quested to Sierra Blanca Airport from location in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

2:24 p.m. Medical call at location off SR 48 in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

4:20 p.m. Public relations at Hondo School in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

6:37 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Maverick Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:04 p.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location

on White Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:05 p.m. Alarm reported by person at location on Deer Park in Alto, deputy dispatched.

August 26

2:41 a.m. Medical call at Ski Run Road softball field in Alto, ALS dispatched.

8:10 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Screaming Eagle Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:15 a.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location

on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

11:45 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS dispatched.

3:35 p.m. Accident with injury reported at mile marker 60 on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

5:29 p.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location on High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:36 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on Reynolds Circle in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

7:48 p.m. Public relations at location on 17th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

7:58 p.m. Harassment reported at residence on 4th Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:57 p.m. Medical call/stand-by request from New Mexico State Police in the Mills Canyon area in Bonito, ALS, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

10:08 p.m. Report of disturbance/loud party at West Lake campground on Bonito Lake, deputy dispatched.

11:51 p.m. Welfare check requested for person in car near Hwy 54/Hwy 380 intersection, deputy dispatched.

August 27

12:49 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

1:43 p.m. Shots fired reported at location on El Vado in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

2:30 Abandoned vehicle reported at location on Cowboy Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:59 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Maverick Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:59 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at location on Goodnight Loving trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:37 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at location on Little Creek Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:03 p.m. Missing/lost person reported from residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

8:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on Screaming Eagle Drive in Alto, ALS and deputy dispatched.

9:54 p.m. Assault reported at location on West Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

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**LOCAL BUSINESS DELIVERY 648-4200**

tfn/1/19

**BIG YARD SALE**  
 (Weather Permitting)  
 1204 5th Street, Carrizozo, Dorothy Payne. Friday, September 1, Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 3. Start 8:00 a.m. Something for everyone.

1tp/8/31

**FOR SALE -- by owner,**  
 3BR/2Bath Manufactured Home, w/attached garage, fenced yard, pellet stove insert, on 3 lots, in Carrizozo, 801 18th Street.  
 648-5813  
 or  
 491-5930  
 cinnajar@tularosa.net  
 3tp/8/24-9/7

**YARD SALE --**  
 Saturday, Sept. 2, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exercise Equipment, Craft & Show Tent, Golf Clubs, Ladies clothes, Rain or shine. Carrizozo Orchard 407 17th St.

1tp/8/31

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
 Relief direct care workers needed at New Horizons, Carrizozo. New Horizons operates two group homes developmentally disabled adults. Call for application 648-2379, or drop by 810 "E" Avenue.

4tc/8/10-31

**FOR SALE -- 2004**  
 Polaris Scrambler 500, high output. Low, low hours, like new. Asking \$3,000 o.b.o.  
 Call cell: 937-2412

tfn/nc

**YARD SALE -- Good**  
 stuff. Just south of B Avenue on Hwy. 54, Carrizozo. Monday, September 4, Labor Day. 8:00 a.m. to ???

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**POSITION AVAILABLE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR --** Arts Council-Ruidoso, College Degree in Management, Marketing, or Liberal Arts; Excellent written and oral communications skills; 3-5 years administrative experience; ability to multi-task; computer skills. Must be able to work with artists, volunteers and Board members. Responsible for day-to-day operations, grant writing, fund raising, and developing arts programming and budgets. Salary range \$18,000-20,000 + commision. For full job description, call 505-257-7272. Applicants must submit letter of application and resume. Mail to RRCA, 1712 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Applications must be postmarked by 9/13/06. Position available by Oct. 1.

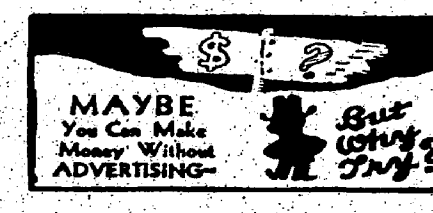
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**VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALE**  
 Saturday, Sept. 9 -- 8:00 a.m. Participants need to pick up a registration form at Capitan Public Library or the Capitan Chamber. A \$5 fee will cover advertisement, a yard sale sign, and a map to your sale. Anyone within a 5 mile radius of Capitan may participate.  
 Call 354-3035 or 354-2273 for additional information

2tc/8/31-9/7

**YARD SALE -- 306 10th**  
 Street, Carrizozo.  
 Saturday, Sept. 2 -- 8:00 a.m.

1tp/8/31



**EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**  
 Lincoln County is now accepting applications for a RECORDS COORDINATOR in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must have skills in bookkeeping, use of personal computer and records maintenance. Employment will be condition upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Obtain applications and job description at the Lincoln County Manager's Office in Carrizozo or by calling 505-648-2385. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

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