

County's indigent Care Program Remains Viable

by Patrice Brazie

During a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on January 16th, the commissioners approved the payment of 51 indigent health care claims for the month of December, amounting to a total of \$16,378. That approval brought the total amount paid for indigent care so far this fiscal year to \$234,434.

"Thus far, our average indigent health care month for this year is \$33,490.65," county manager Tom Stewart reported. "At this pace we are projected to spend \$401,887.85. We have a budget of \$600,000 and therefore, our program remains viable." Rhonda Burrows, Lincoln County's Indigent Health Care administrator, briefed the county commissioners on some of the program's basics

and offered an update on talks with Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo regarding billing practices. Burrows reported that more and more Lincoln County residents are being treated at Gerald Champion, primarily because of the orthopedic services there that are unavailable in Lincoln County. Burrows said that her issue with the Alamogordo hospital stemmed from the way

they billed patients who were in this county's indigent care program. She explained that Lincoln County's indigent care program reimburses health care providers for 77 percent of some costs not covered by Medicare. Burrows said that the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center agrees to accept what the county


approves through the indigent care program, as payment in full for those costs. "They (Gerald Champion) were billing patients for the 23 percent difference, which

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ENMU Ruidoso Board Election is February 6th

Village of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs voters will go to the polls Tuesday, February 6, to elect the five members of the ENMU Ruidoso Branch Community College Board. Polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

This will be the first elected branch community college board in the college's history and ENMU-Ruidoso officials want to make sure voters are informed when they cast their votes. Candidates are running in positions 1-5 and voters will select one candidate in each of those five positions. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each particular position will be elected. Absentee voting is now open at the Lincoln County Clerk's office at 300 Central Ave., in Carrizozo. Absentee voting will be available through February 2.

Upon legislative approval, in 2005, ENMU-Ruidoso became a Branch Community College of Eastern New Mexico University. A condition of branch campus status stipulated that a local board be elected, with representation from the college district service area.

Candidates and position numbers for the five member board include: Timothy J. Harkins, position 1; James D. Paxton, position 2; Tommy H. Rigsby, position 3; Michelle V. Perry and Don E. Dutton, position 4; and F. Lynn Willard, position 5.

An interim Community College Board was chosen in 2005 to serve until the February 6, 2007 election.

"We are looking forward to having our first locally elected board and working with them to expand educational opportunities throughout Lincoln County," said Dr. Michael Elrod, provost.

Currently, the college district is comprised of the Ruidoso Municipal School District. ENMU-Ruidoso provost Dr. Michael Elrod says that "our future plans include asking other Lincoln County School District residents to become part of the college district." Residents living within the college district financially contribute to the college operations through a local mill levy property tax. Students residing within the college district pay lower tuition rates than those residing outside the boundaries of the district.

ENMU-Ruidoso is governed by both the ENMU Board of Regents and the Community College Board.

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NEW COMMISSIONERS -- Lincoln County's three new members of the Board of Commissioners attended their first official commission meeting last Tuesday. Shown left to right are: Don Williams, District 2; Jackie Powell, District 5; and Dave Parks, District 4. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

New Carpet and Chairs OK'd for District Court

by Patrice Brazie

The district courtroom in the Lincoln County Courthouse will see some improvements while Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart looks for ways to fund a new judicial complex.

Stewart reported to the board of county commissioners on January 16th that the courtroom chairs have deteriorated to a point that renders them unworthy of the expense of repairs, and presented the results of a request for proposals (RFP) to replace the chairs and carpet in the courtroom.

Of the four companies that responded to the county's RFP for the project, only one returned a bid. Sombreto Construction Company of Capitan submitted two bids, one for the installation of 128 fixed seat theater chairs and carpet, and another for 128 lumbar support chairs and carpet.

Samples of each of the two types of chairs included in the bids were set up in the lobby of the county manager's office for people to try out. Stewart said that the majority of those who offered an opinion preferred the lumbar support style which, along with the carpet installation, carried a price tag of \$57,734.

A Qualification Based Selection RFP was also issued for architectural and engineering consulting services to investigate potential options for expanding the court facilities which, according to 12th District Court Judge Karen Parsons, the county is rapidly outgrowing.

Among the options for consideration are the construc-

tion of a second story addition to the existing courthouse, a single story addition that could be constructed in what is now a courtyard and breezeway next to the courtroom area, or the construction of an entirely new judicial complex on land owned by the county near the Lincoln County Detention Center.

Stewart has also submitted a request to the state Legislature for \$3,215,000 for the construction of a new facility.

"I think this is something that, if you give me the mission, I can attempt to save enough funding to where we

won't have to bond out for this," Stewart told the county commissioners. "It may take me two or three years, which is why I'm very happy to provide (new) seating and redoing the carpet to keep the judge happy for a while longer," he said.

The county owned land which houses the detention center is also home to the Carrizozo animal shelter and a new warehouse recently erected for the storage of county equipment.

Stewart suggested that a new judicial complex would house the district court, pro-

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Discussion Continues About Gavilan Bypass

by Patrice Brazie

The utilization of Gavilan Canyon Road as a bypass for traffic around the Ruidoso midtown business district was first presented for consideration by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners last fall by county commissioner Tom Battin.

During the January 16th meeting of the county commissioners, Battin offered an update on the proposal.

"We have been in discussions with the mayor of Ruidoso," Battin reported, "and he is willing and interested in joining us in expressing the desire to work together between the village and the county in moving forward, and considering asking the state to take on responsibility of this road."

Battin suggested that a change in the status of Gavilan Canyon Road could happen in conjunction with the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) plan to design a new intersection at Highways 70 and 48 in Ruidoso.

"We have an ongoing study of the ownership of the

right-of-way," Battin said. The village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County share ownership of portions of Gavilan Canyon Road, and Battin said that the specifics of that ownership need to be determined. He also said that right-of-way issues along the roadway need to be addressed, as much of the property along the route is in private ownership.

Lincoln County Attorney Alan Morel said he is in the process of preparing a county resolution in support of the bypass proposal, and will encourage the Ruidoso village government officials to adopt a similar resolution. The county resolution is expected to be presented for approval at the February meeting of the county commissioners.

County commissioner Dave Parks also expressed his opinion in support of the development of the bypass route. "It is critical that we do something with Gavilan Canyon," Parks said. He referred to conditions during a flood in the Gavilan Canyon

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Preliminary Plat Ok'd for Avalon Forest Subdivision

by Patrice Brazie

Developers of Avalon Forest, a planned 57 acre, 24 lot subdivision came before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on January

16 for approval of the project's preliminary plat.

County planning director Curt Temple reported that the county's planning committee had reviewed the proposal for the development, which will be located near the Swiss Chalet on Highway 48, and recommended approval of the plat.

Don Murphy, managing partner of Avalon Forest, LLC, was also available to answer questions from the county commissioners. According to Murphy, original plans were for an 80 parcel development, but those plans were changed to reduce that number to 24. "This is a low site that rises 275 feet up to a ridge," Murphy said, "and behind that ridge is the Lincoln National Forest." Murphy said that the state had approved the project for 33 separate lots, but that he made the decision to reduce that number further after listening to concerns about wildfire fuel density and water availability.

"We had an engineer perform a master drainage study," Murphy said. "We really needed to do this because there is a spring-fed creek that runs through this property."

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THE GOOD NEWS IS that there were no injuries when this Pontiac Grand Am was struck on the railroad tracks at the E Avenue crossing in Carrizozo about 9:30 Saturday morning. James Morgan, driver and alone at the time, abandoned the vehicle for safety when he saw the train coming towards him and he couldn't get the car to move. State Police Wes Hacker is investigating the accident. (Photo by Jeff Hammond)

County's Indigent Care Program

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I thought was not really equitable based on my understanding of other types of reimbursement," Burrows said.

Burrows further explained to the county commissioners that the indigent care program carries a \$10,000 annual maximum benefit and that many served by the program still face large balances after county funding has been allocated. "In the past, (Gerald Champion) had allowed those people to apply for a sliding scale type (payment) program, but they changed that policy about a year ago," Burrows said. "I was in disagreement with them over that and I think that issue is going to be resolved."

Another policy that Burrows expects to see a change in sometime this year is Otero County's unwillingness to reimburse the Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment provided to indigent care patients from that

county. "They're in negotiations now to start paying," Burrows said.

Lincoln County's indigent care program has contracts with several other hospitals, including the Presbyterian hospital in Albuquerque. "In the past many of us have expected that, if you're insured, you take at face value what both your insurance company and the provider tells you that you owe, and if you're uninsured you get the bill and think that's what you owe," Burrows said. "I have found that all of those owed amounts may be open to negotiation."

Burrows also suggested that the \$10,000 annual cap on per person benefits from the indigent care program might be increased if the program continues to pay out less than it collects. "That does open doors for our clients to get into hospitals like Presbyterian," she said.

County commissioner Don Williams, in his first meeting as a commissioner, questioned whether or not patients treated at Lincoln County Medical Center had to prove citizenship. "Is there any way to assure that people don't bring their grandmother from Mexico up here if they have an emergency?" he asked.

Burrows explained that, by law, hospitals are required to provide emergency medical care to anyone who comes to the hospital in need of such care. "The hospital's hands are tied on that," she said. Burrows said that she is the gatekeeper for the county when it comes to ensuring that patients have met the 90-day residency requirement for indigent care benefits. "I'm very strict on meeting that 90-day residency requirement. That's the one toe hold we have in trying to prevent that type of abuse, but I haven't seen a lot of it,"

Burrows said.

Williams also questioned why cancer treatment could be considered emergency treatment, and Burrows said that cancer is considered a life threatening illness. Burrows said that the indigent program does not reimburse for costs associated with routine medical care, and that most of its clients are employed but unable to afford medical insurance. "They just can't, or do not have the opportunity to have health insurance," she said, and added that by reimbursing for cancer treatment provided in Lincoln County, the program also supports local health care providers and prevents Lincoln County's patients from having to go to Albuquerque to receive care.

"I review the diagnosis codes and if it's for routine services I won't pay it," Burrows said. "The idea behind paying a provider for a life threatening (condition) is to avoid having someone always use the emergency room. If someone can go to their physician and get treatment at the office, you may save down the road in that they don't use the hospital," she said.

County commission chair Tom Battin suggested that the new county commissioners talk to Burrows or Stewart to get a better understanding of the county's indigent care program and how it functions to serve the community.

The county commissioners voted unanimously to approve the health care claims submitted in December.

Former C'zozo Resident in Fundraiser

Clovis Boxing Club member, Raphael J. Chavez, a 1992 graduate of Carrizozo High School, won his first amateur boxing match on January 18 in Lubbock, TX. The fundraising event was sponsored by the Lubbock Country Club with all proceeds going to the Boys Scouts and the Golden Gloves organizations.

Other participating boxing teams were teams from Oklahoma City and Lubbock. Chavez's draw on the fight card was 6'4" Lubbock heavyweight Josh Ortiz. Chavez's win, a unanimous decision, was highlighted by two second round knockdowns of his much larger opponent.

Chavez dedicated his win in the Open 178 to 200 pound weight division to his father, Natividad J. Chavez, who ran a boxing club at Carrizozo schools for many years.

Raphael and his wife Melissa are employed at Clovis schools in the field of occupational therapy, and are the parents of sons, Juden and Xander. His parents are Nat and Polly Chavez of Carrizozo.



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 103rd year of being in existence (1905-2007), we will again be randomly publishing articles that have been published in the NEWS from old files. The following articles appeared in the "Lincoln County News".

Friday, March 21, 1930

'Easy-Terms' Gentleman Keeps A Diary

"January 4 -- Bought an automobile today. Very easy terms, very fine car with cigar lighter on dash. Ought to finish payment on this in eighteen months.

"February 4 -- Paid installments due on Car. Bought a radio set on easy terms. Fine set, and payments will be small and monthly.

"March 7 -- A little late with payment on car this month, and will have to let the radio payment go over till April, as I bought a set of books and paid \$11.00 down. Very fine books. Everybody should have this set of books.

"April 15 -- Borrowed \$50.00 from the boss to meet payment on car. The radio man came to take away the set, but we put out the lights and weren't home. The chump hung around all evening, so I couldn't see to read the books.

"June 1 -- Borrowed \$100 from Uncle George to pay the \$50.00 I borrowed from the boss, and also to meet payment on the car.

Got behind a little on the book payments, because I bought a piece of land in a new real estate development. This land sought to jump in value. Paid \$50.00 down.

"August 15 -- Somehow I don't get the radio set much. And you can get plenty of books from the public library. The thing that hurts is that Uncle George could be so mean. Of course, I told him I'd pay back the \$100.00 on August 1st; but you can't do the impossible, can you? Am trying to arrange a character loan from the bank. If I can borrow \$250.00 I can get square again and everything will go fine.

"August 16 -- Bank says that I have no character. What a bunch of crooks!

"September 30 -- The garage man is holding the car for that labor bill. What right have they got to hold the car? It doesn't belong to me.

"October 1 -- It wasn't any use. I had to let the car go. Anyway, I'd rather have that piece of land. They have given me a month's grace on that. Real estate people have more heart, after all.

"November 15 -- Well, they can have their land. Good riddance. If I knew where to get \$30.00 to meet the payment on the piano I'd be all right. Bought a new automobile today, on the 'pay out of income' basis.

"November 16 -- Income stopped. Got the sack at the office. In looking for a job you've got to have a suit of clothes, so I bought one this afternoon. Five dollars down."

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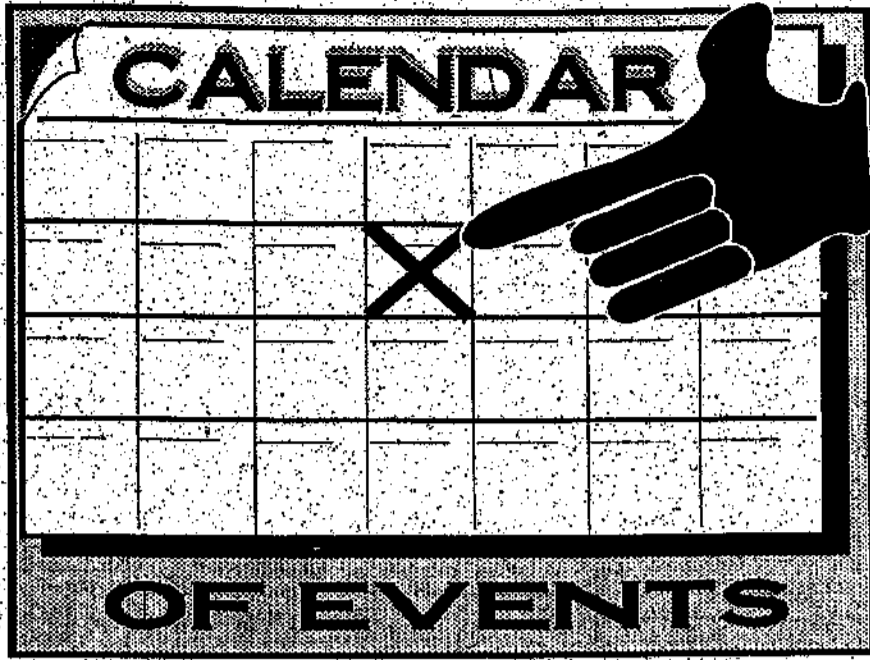
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Highway 48 area last fall when Gavilan Canyon was closed to traffic. "It showed us how much of a tremendous amount of traffic uses Gavilan Canyon," Parks said. "There's one new school being built there and the potential for another school there sometime in the future." Parks pointed out. He explained that the bypass would not serve as a route to completely bypass the village, as is sometimes done with interstate highway traffic around small towns. "The big reason I want the state involved in this is that it's going to be expensive," Parks said. "We need to improve traffic flow and start long range planning also so the school doesn't do something, or the county or

the city, that could have to be changed at a lot of expense."

Battin said that he has been impressed with the support the bypass concept has received, especially by the business community of

Ruidoso, because of the often almost gridlock conditions of traffic in the midtown business district. "If we can di-

vert through traffic that's coming to Capitan or Alto or back down to the valley area, it would be beneficial to the downtown flow of traffic," Battin said.

At a recent meeting of the county's board of commissioners, a representative of the NMDOT explained that, in order for the state to add Gavilan Canyon Road to its jurisdiction, Lincoln County

would be expected to assume jurisdiction of another road or two now administered by the state. There has been no county commission discussion of how that type of transaction may occur or what roads the county might assume responsibility for. County commissioners will review the resolution supporting the bypass at their February meeting.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
 --Juan Hernandez from 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, Ruidoso. 354-3046 for info.

MONDAYS
 --Free GED class 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School.

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
 --Corona Lending Library story hour 4 p.m.
 --AWANA club 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.
 --Tic Tac for 7th through 12th grade at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo 6 p.m.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
 --New Mexico Department of Transportation stakeholder working group meeting 2 p.m. at Lincoln Community Church in Lincoln. A copy of agenda may be obtained by calling Eric Johnson at 505-898-8848.
 --Free consumer debt/bankruptcy workshop, 5:30 p.m. at the Branigan Memorial Library in Las Cruces. For details call 1-800-876-6227.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
 --Public meeting for Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ruidoso Convention Center.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
 --Public meeting for Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 --Ruidoso Village Council

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
 --Lincoln County Lodger's Tax Committee meets at the Watson House in Lincoln at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2 & SATURDAY, FEB. 3
 --Happy World Playground project sponsored by Carrizozo Woman's Club, family photos. For appointment call Peggy at 648-2126 or Sara at 354-2301.



Recycle Used Phone Books January 22-29

The holidays are gone and with the new year come new phone books. Area phone companies are now issuing the 2007 editions of white pages and the yellow pages and old directories are being discarded. Thanks to a new Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) pilot program, tens of thousands of old phone books may now be diverted from the regional waste stream. For the first time, a one week phone book recycling event will take place throughout Lincoln County and Otero County between Monday January 22 and January 29. Rather than throw it away, why not recycle?

Six phone or directory companies serve Lincoln and Otero counties: Quest DEX, Windstream, Tularosa Basin, Directory Plus, ENMR, and PVT. Their 2006 directories are easy to recycle. Phone directories are not part of the regular cardboard and newsprint recycling waste stream, a little harder to recycle than newspaper and other paper products. Instead, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority collects and processes directories for Durango - McKinley, the large paper recycler in Thoreau, New Mexico separate from other paper and cardboard prod-

ucts. Phone books are currently made of about 40 percent recycled material. This year's goal is to divert and recycle 13 tons of old phone directories.

Specially marked green polycarts or larger dumpsters have been set up exclusively for phone book disposal at the following locations: Alto waste convenience site; the Sun Valley compactor site; Seasons Nursery and Gift shop parking lot in Ruidoso; Ruidoso Village Hall; the Capitan and Carrizozo Town Halls, the Corona Waste Disposal site and the LCSWA offices at 222 2nd in Ruidoso Downs. Otero County residents may drop off directories at the La Luz disposal site. Tear off the front and back covers, bundle the phone books together if you have several and you are ready to 'throw the book at them' - into a recycling collection container.

Become a recycler. By recycling phone directories, you save trees, water and energy. For more information about the recycling programs in Lincoln and Otero counties, contact operational supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697, toll free 1-548-8772 or email lcswa@valmet.com. Visit the LCSWA website at www.lcswa.org.

New Carpet and Chairs

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bationary officials, the district attorney and possibly the magistrate court. The magistrate court is currently using a leased building in Carrizozo. All other offices now located within the Lincoln County Courthouse complex would remain in that complex.

The county commissioners unanimously approved the RFP for new chairs and carpet for the courtroom, and will review the responses to the RFP for consulting services in February.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Snowbirds Head North in January?

By Ruth Hammond

Snow and ice storms are playing havoc around the nation. People in some areas of Missouri continue to cope with having no electricity after several days and/or weeks. Here in New Mexico the weirdest thing about the latest storms is that they are entering the state from the south instead of barreling in from the north. Usually you think of cold weather in the north, not in southern areas that normally are warm with lots of sun and milder weather.

This last week most of southern New Mexico has had snow, with smatterings of snow at higher elevations all across the state. Major highways in the south have been closed because of the storms this past week, a different situation because the highways up north are more often closed as well as I-40 across the middle of the state from Albuquerque usually eastbound but in both directions.

Rarely do we hear of snow storms in Arizona, but the recent storms have been hitting there. And the snowbirds, people with motorhomes or travel trailers from up north who quite often winter in Arizona to get away from the bitter winters, have been surprised. There has been more RV traffic going north, not south. Maybe the snowbirds figure if they have to withstand winter they might as well be at home. And here in Lincoln County we wait to see what will happen next, and how serious the storm will be.

Accepting weather conditions is a fact. Regardless of how many inventions there are and regardless of all the modern conveniences, not much can be done to change the weather. Actually, some of the predictions are far from being accurate. Last week all the snow shovels were sold out completely in some areas because of predictions of severe weather. And this was in the south not north.

Needless to say, it is important to prepare, even if a storm does not develop. Snow shovels don't deteriorate, though they can be a nuisance to store. Having survival equipment in vehicles is a must, even if not planning to take a trip in the snow. A blanket could be a life saver if you come across an accident where a victim needs to be covered to avoid the cold while waiting for an ambulance. It could also be handy if you have car trouble or delay.

Getting prepared makes sense, just as it probably is sensible for snowbirds to brave the cold at home instead of in their planned winter vacation in a southern climate that has unexpected snow storms and no coats to wear.

Expecting the unexpected is normal this time of year, even if many people are complaining about the cold and want it to be warmer soon. A week from Sunday some of those people will remain toasty warm while they watch the battle of the animals as the Bears and the Colts go to battle. Predicting a winner might be easier than predicting the weather. Predict a winner, enter the contest, page 3.

Call Before You Dig! It's the Law

Whether you are a private homeowner installing a mailbox, a professional contractor digging up a city street, or a farmer or rancher in a remote area of New Mexico, you are required by law to notify New Mexico One Call by calling 811 two (2) working days prior to digging.

Careless digging poses a threat to underground facilities and to people. It is estimated that nationally there are about 400,000 incidents each year in which underground facilities are damaged during excavation. With many of these resulting in injuries and fatalities, 40 percent of the damages occur when people did not call the one-call center.

In the U. S., one-call centers handle over 15 million calls annually throughout the 50 states. The one-call center concept, along with other damage prevention initiatives, has significantly increased excavation safety. Calling 811 is free, easier to remember than a 10-digit number and it's the law.

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New Mexico will be one of the few states to fully implement the 811 Call-Before-You-Dig phone number ahead of the April 13 deadline.

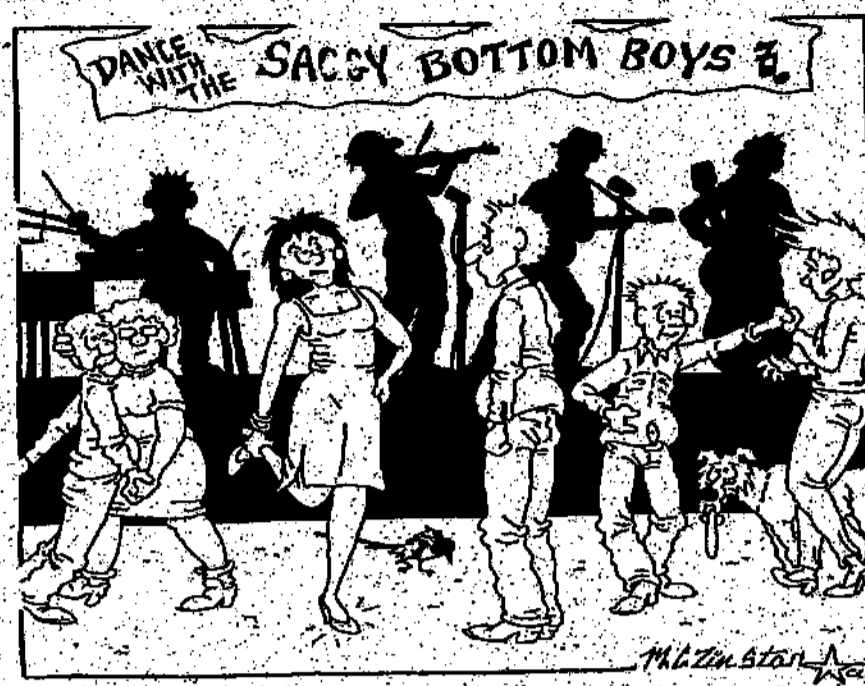
New Mexico One Call is a non-profit corporation, funded by its member companies. Membership comes from all facets of the excavation community, including underground facility owners, excavators, contractors, etc.

Pipeline mandated in the Congress Safety Improvement Act of 2002, the establishment of a national Call-Before-You-Dig 3-digit telephone number. In accordance with that mandate, on March 10, 2005, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established and designated 811 as the National Call-Before-You-Dig phone number. All states must have the 811 phone number fully implemented by April 13, 2007.

One-call systems help site excavators to identify the location of buried underground facilities, such as underground utility lines, by operating as a liaison between the excavator and the owners of nearby underground utilities.

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Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE -- After some landslides and a cliffhanger in the 2006 election, New Mexico's top politicians already are considering their political futures.

The major reason for these early assessments doesn't relate to anyone who ran this year. It has to do with the usual political chatter about whether Sen. Pete Domenici will seek reelection in 2008.

NBC's Chris Matthews expects Domenici not to run because he won't be content with being a back-bencher. Others note that the money Pete raised last year mostly was donated to other candidates in 2006 and that he has a very slim bank balance.

Pete Already has said he's going to run but that's not good enough for those who entertain dreams of succeeding him. There's nothing wrong with that. Career politicians always have to be looking for their next opportunity, lest it slip away from them.

At 74, Domenici could experience a health issue or he could decide he doesn't like life as a minority party member. A big shift in political climate would be necessary for Republicans to take back the Senate in 2007. They have 20 seats to defend, while Democrats have only 12.

But we've been hearing stories of Domenici's failing health for 20 years and nothing turned out to be major. And he's been through enough switches in political control of the Senate that he can deal with being a ranking minority member.

Some note that Pete's not out there right now raising money and it's getting late. But they always say that about Sen. Jeff Bingaman too. Both have such well-greased machines that can be cranked up easily.

So, although the bet should be on Pete to stay, not leave, New Mexico's top officeholders all are positioning themselves, just in case. The only one who doesn't covet Pete's job is Sen. Jeff Bingaman because he's already in

The Club.

If Gov. Bill Richardson's presidential chances don't pan out, the Senate would look very good. He started his governmental career working for the Senate and always aspired to end up there. He wouldn't have to risk his seat to run and he'd likely scare other hopefuls out of the race.

Rep. Heather Wilson likely was injured by her squeaker race, but she'll bounce back. And she's the one Sen. Domenici is likely to want to succeed him.

Rep. Steve Pearce also is sure to want the post. He declared his political ambitions last month when he ran for vice chairman of the House Republican caucus. He lost, but he attracted attention. A primary race against Rep. Wilson would be a doozy. Pearce also has his eye on the governor's race in 2010.

Rep. Tom Udall, a Democrat, would like to be in the Senate. He has a well-known name and many people grateful to him for sharing his war chest with them when he didn't need it for his 2006 campaign.

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish would take a look at the race, but her eye has been on succeeding Gov. Richardson. Her choice will have to wait on Richardson's decision.

Attorney General Patricia Madrid was badly roughed up in her 2006 congressional race, but she's not the type to give up. She's looking at both U.S. Senate and governor.

Land Commission Rep. Patrick Lyon, a Republican, would have to seriously consider a Senate run if Domenici leaves. He'll have a free shot since he will be in the middle of a four-year term. And he won't have to deal with the state Gov. Richardson would get for taking a shot in the middle of his term.

Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez, a Democrat, would be interested. He'll have some time left on his term. He says a run for the House, which requires two years and constant fundraising, doesn't appeal to him.

Interestingly, he already has endorsed Republican Domenici for reelection. He's also interested in a 2010 gubernatorial run.

ENMU Ruidoso Board Election

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This governance arrangement is accomplished through an operating agreement that is revised and approved every two years. The Community College Board has authority over taxing and local bonding, calling board elections, and other fiscal issues relating to the campus, and also serves in an advisory capacity to the ENMU Board of Regents. The Board of Regents maintains authority over curriculum and administrative issues.

The election on February 6 will establish a permanent ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board. At the first

regular meeting following the election, the new board members will be sworn in followed by a draw of lots for the following terms: two for terms of two years and three for terms of four years. Thereafter, board members will be elected for terms of four years from March 1 succeeding their election. Following the election, the board will also select from its members a chair and a secretary who will serve in those offices until the next regular board election.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Elrod or Beth DeFoor at 257-2120.

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WEATHER REPORT

By Jeff Hammond

Well it looks like Lincoln County is going to get a breather from snow and ice conditions for a weekend.

There is a slight chance for rain turning to snow showers Thursday evening into Friday morning, and then mostly clear to partly cloudy for the rest of the week.

There will be light winds out of the south daily, 5 to 15 miles an hour.

Just in time to dig out from the last heavy snow, and gear up for the next one on its way.

With the low pressure system hovering over southern New Mexico for the next 4 to 5 days, the temperatures will be colder, but no noticeable moisture.

As a courtesy the Lincoln County News is including ski conditions: at Ski Apache, current snow conditions are 33 to 36 inch base, powder, packed powder, machine groomed. There are 38 runs open, 6 of 10 lifts are operating, and approximately 5 inches of fresh snow in the last 24 hours, 16 inches in the last 72. Currently 35 acres of skiing area is currently open for use.

Ski Apache snow reports at <http://www.onthesnow.com/NM/367/skiareport.html>

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

Today, Thursday, Jan. 25
Isolated showers after 11 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 38. East wind between 5 and 10 mph., night: A slight chance of rain showers before 11 p.m., then a slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday, January 26
A slight chance of snow showers before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 45. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph., night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Saturday, January 27
Mostly sunny, with a high near 50, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Sunday, January 28
Mostly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

Monday, January 29
A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 48, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

Tuesday, January 30
Mostly sunny, with a high near 50, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 20.

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

Today, Thursday, Jan. 25
Isolated showers after 11 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 38. South wind around 5 mph becoming east, night: A slight chance of rain showers before 11 p.m., then a slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday, January 26
A slight chance of snow showers before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 44. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph., night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Saturday, January 27
Mostly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

Sunday, January 28
Mostly sunny, with a high near 49, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Monday, January 29
A slight chance of showers. (SEE PAGE 10)

Sheriff's Report

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

January 11
 8:19 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 8:30 a.m. Threats reported at 7 Rivers Ranch in Corona, deputy dispatched.
 10:55 a.m. Accident reported near intersection of Midiron and Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 1:38 p.m. Medical call at residence in Hondo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 January 12
 8:49 a.m. Accident reported at Sun Valley and La Quinta in Sun Valley, Bonito emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 1:41 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported at C Avenue and 11th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

1:52 p.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on Alamo Canyon in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 2:08 p.m. Medical call at New Horizons in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 2:17 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Little Big Horn Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:26 p.m. Medical call at Alto Country Club, Bonito emergency units and ambulance dispatched.
 3:03 p.m. Medical call at location on Pinjon Well Road in Corona, deputy dispatched.
 7:06 p.m. Assault reported at business location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
 7:22 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at Gavilan Canyon Road and Hwy 48 intersection, deputy dispatched.
 8:01 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso

police at location in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 January 13
 12:36 a.m. Assault in progress reported at business location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 9:53 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 10:05 a.m. Domestic battery reported at location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 2:43 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on CR 006 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 2:58 p.m. Warrant service at location on Mary Drive in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 3:56 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at location on Sud-derth in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 5:16 p.m. Trespassing reported at Rainmakers in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:40 p.m. B & E reported at mile marker 9 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 6:15 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at Villa Madonna, deputy dispatched.
 7:12 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on 11th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 8:08 p.m. Welfare check requested for person at residence on Goodnight Loving Trail in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
 8:40 p.m. Disturbance/loud party reported at location on Big Bear Road in Alpine, deputy dispatched.
 January 14
 1:57 a.m. Medical call at residence on 14th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 2:44 a.m. Medical call at residence on 12th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 10:10 a.m. Traffic hazard reported on High Mesa Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:20 a.m. Accident reported near St. Jutes Catholic Church in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 1:53 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 1:54 p.m. Disturbance reported at Ski Apache, deputy dispatched.
 2:56 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 5:13 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at Golf Course Pond in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 9:41 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at business location in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 January 15
 1:20 a.m. Medical call at Camp Sierra Blanca on Fort Stanton grounds, ambulance dispatched.
 7:43 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Lower Eagle Creek Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 7:50 a.m. Medical call at New Horizons on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 8:49 a.m. Death reported at location on Comanche Court in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 10:56 a.m. Burglary in progress reported at location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, resulting in agency assistance request, police and deputy dispatched.
 11:55 a.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Clinic on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 12:13 p.m. Medical call at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 2:34 p.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Mechum Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 3:01 p.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location on High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 5:32 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 307 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 10:15 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on 12th Street in Carrizozo, resulting in agency assistance request, police, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 11:13 p.m. Agency assistance requested at Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
 January 16
 2:54 a.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location on High Mesa Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 11:39 a.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Center on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 1:01 p.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Center on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 5:21 p.m. Burglary reported at storage facility in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 5:58 p.m. Accident reported by New Mexico State Police (NMSP) at mile marker 282 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, Hondo emergency units and ambulance dispatched.



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larly known as "Mother Julian," has had planted recently some pecan trees on a lot adjoining her building on the north. The writer is watching this experiment with interest.

If pecan trees thrive in this altitude it will no doubt prove a new source of income for the county. As a delicious nut, the good old Texas pecan is hard to beat.

Madam Julian has this plot of ground inclosed with a hog wire fence so the trees will be protected from the depredations of stock.

Relative to the subject of pecan trees, the writer mentioned the fact to District Judge Granville A. Richardson, setting out a number of pecan trees in or near Roswell, three or four years ago. "Yes," he said, "and they are bearing; and yours will also thrive."

Jose Trujillo has a rock on the ground for the foundation of a three-room adobe house, he plans to build near the Fisher Lumber Company and the pool hall of Batiste Givi.

The Merchant Bros., who with their father, own the old Jim and John Mocho ranch on the north side of the Capitans, were in town some days ago trading with our merchants.

There is a proclamation posted in the postoffice calling for the election of school trustees on the 1st day of April. There are two directors to be elected this year. Rumor has it that Tom Hobbs, of Fort Stanton, will be pitted against one of the incumbents, J. A. Brubaker, for reelection. For the other place, Billie Ferguson is mentioned and, of course, Mr. Ferguson is very likely to be elected, if he consents to run, as no man in Lincoln county has more and stancher friends than he -- they swear by him.

To say the least, he would make a rattling good director, as he is very public spirited and has the welfare of the youth at heart. The other two are good men and number 1 good, public spirited citizens, either of whom would make a splendid director.

Nogal Nuggets

The mining business is looking up in this part of the county. We have had a number of men from the east here the past week, looking over the mining situation. They had an engineer's report on some property, which was favorable, and the mining company contemplates putting some men to work very shortly.

Farmers are busy breaking land and pruning trees.

While it's a little too early to determine how good the fruit crop will be, the prospects are very flattering.

Homeseekers; if you are looking for a nice, quiet place to live, buy a few lots in Nogal, where winters are mild and the summers ideal. Plenty of water and wood handy. As cold as it has been all over the United States, the temperature here at Nogal only one time this summer dropped to zero, and that only lasted part of one day.

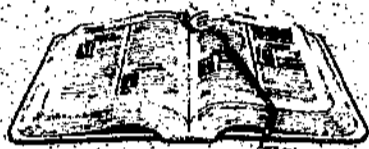
Elmer Hust has taken over the Nogal Service Station and has been quite busy for the past few weeks, putting things in order, and now and then busy on a car repair job.

Jesse J. May is preparing to go strictly into the poultry business and in a short time will be where he can supply your wants with friers, broilers and capons; also fresh eggs.

The Nogal Amusement Hall has had a large crowd at the last two dances. Everybody seemed to enjoy the dances very much, except after the last dance there was

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Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
E.W. "B" LEWIS, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 849-0105

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Corona United Presbyterian Church:

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

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. - April
AWANAS 6:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/S)

Barbara Bradley, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. FRANKLIN, Pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
DAILY MASS / Santa Rita 8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 8:30 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa 1:30 p.m.

Angus Church of the Nazarene 'Serving All of Lincoln County'

RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 336-8032
Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM
Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship and
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Family Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Community dinner 6:00 p.m.
Adult classes, Youth games and study,
Kids Klub 7:30 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.

White Oaks Community Church Non-denominational

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. JOHN HUFFMAN, RECTOR
Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
Ph. 505-257-2358
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Clainch 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 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
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 WESS, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Lincoln County News

In Memory of
BILL WINKLER

Insurance Exchange
Carrizozo Branch

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Game and Fish Dept. Seeks New Recruits

by Patricia Brazie

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) issued a press release last week to announce its intentions to recruit new conservation officers to fill a variety of positions state-

wide. The department is encouraging the people with diverse backgrounds and educational degrees to consider joining "the next generation of conservation officers who protect and conserve the state's wildlife."

Qualified candidates should have a degree from a four-year accredited college in one or more of many areas of study, including but not necessarily restricted to biology, fisheries, wildlife or animal science, forestry, range science, communications, journalism, outdoor recreation, environmental science, wildlife law enforcement, resource economics, criminal justice, ecology, natural resource management, zoology, behavioral science or social science.

Candidates must also be able to pass a physical fitness test and complete a five-month training course at the state Law Enforcement Academy.

Recruitment begins officially on January 15th, at which time the recruiting notice and application instructions will be available through the State Personnel Office web site at www.state.nm.us/spo. Interested applicants can get more information about conservation officer duties, educational and physical requirements, training and employee benefits by contacting the Department of Game and Fish Human Resources office at (505) 476-8028 or visiting the Employment Opportunities page of the dept. website, <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/>.

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is also seeking public input on a proposal to trap and relocate pronghorn antelope from the Roswell area, where large herd growth is resulting in depredation and nuisance problems. Antelope have been successfully trapped in the past, to attempt to decrease their numbers in specific areas around Roswell where some crop damage has been reported and to address concerns in and around subdivisions. According to a report from the NMDGF, antelope trapped in the past were relocated to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands on Fort Stanton near Capitan to supplement an existing herd there.

The department plans to trap antelope this winter on private property in two or three locations near Roswell. The animals will be live-trapped by the use of drop-nets and then released on specific ranches in southeast New Mexico that also could have public land within their boundaries. The NMDGF reports that the release of antelope on the ranches also could result in new herds being established in areas where there are fewer of the species present.

Comments or questions about the trapping or transplanting operations can be addressed to Mark Madsen, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Southeast Operations Division, 1912 W. Second St., Roswell, NM 88201 ; (505) 624-6135, or mailto:mark.madsen@state.nm.us.



GRIZZLY
WEEKLY
by Carrizozo High School
JOURNALISM CLASS
Sarah Ball, Instructor

Mill Levy

On February 6, 2007, the Carrizozo Municipal Schools will hold a regular school district election to elect three people to the board of education, each of those positions will last for four years.

On the same ballot the public will vote whether or not to renew the levy authorized under the Public School Capital Improvement Tax Act. The Public School Capital Improvement Act levy, also called the "two-mill levy" "is one of the major forms of financing public schools in New Mexico at the local level. The two-mill levy was established by the Legislature to fill educational funding gaps between operating funds and bond proceeds." It is important for voters to know that renewing this two-mill levy will not increase taxes. Under the levy the state will give a certain amount of money to every school's district for each student. If for some reason the taxes collected are less than the state guaranteed amount, the state pays the difference to make up for the loss. The levy is also the major source of funds to provide up-keep on schools' properties. In order to qualify for the state grant, communities must give approval by voting for the two-mill, and must also have an approved maintenance plan in place. If passed, this levy will help make repairs and maintain our school buildings as well as provide student with equipment.

This levy will benefit the students that go to the school and the school benefiting itself. The superintendent, Mr. Castanon supports the two-mill levy. Mr. Castanon says, "I personally support it greatly because it gives us funding to maintain our buildings, and purchase equipment for the classrooms and the students here, such as computers."

All registered and qualified voters residing in the Carrizozo Municipal School District will be allowed to vote. The voting place will be held at the administration building at Carrizozo Municipal Schools, 800 Avenue. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Lincoln County Clerk at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, in the office of the clerk 648-2394.

Angela Lueras

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.
W. GLENN DENNIS and KATHLEEN DENNIS,
Defendants.

No. CV-06-229

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

FROM THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: W. Glenn Dennis and Kathleen Dennis and, if appropriate, the unknown heirs, devisees, and legatees of said Defendant(s).

You are hereby notified that Plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., has filed its Complaint for Foreclosure in the above-entitled and numbered cause in the Office of the Clerk of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico seeking to recover a certain indebtedness incurred by Defendants pursuant to a Combined Consumer Note and Security Agreement dated April 2, 1999, in the original principal amount of \$79,066.76, which debt is secured by a Mortgage dated June 15, 1995, was recorded in the real estate records of Lincoln County on June 21, 1995, and which mortgage is to be foreclosed.

You are hereby notified that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion or enter or cause to be entered your appearance in this cause on or before the 15th day of February, 2007, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

Plaintiff's attorneys are Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A. (Douglas R. Vadnais), whose mailing address is Post Office Box 2168, Bank of America Centre, Suite 1000, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-2168.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of said Court, this 26th day of December, 2006.

/s/ Jan Perry

Clerk of the Twelfth Judicial District Court

By: /signed/
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 25, 2006, Ruidoso Properties Irrevocable Management Trust, P.O. Box 1307, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, filed application No. 01311 into H-974 et al with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion, place and purpose of use from surface to ground water in the Hondo Underground Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to discontinue the diversion of 9.6044 acre-feet per annum of the surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso, a tributary of the Rio Hondo, via the F. Herrera Ditch South, which diverts from the Rio Ruidoso at a point in the NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 25, Township 11 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M. by severing said water right from the irrigation of 4.8 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pt. Center	30	11S	14E	3.001

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 9.6044 acre-feet per annum of ground water with return flow credit from the following described points of diversion:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
WELLS:			
H-974	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11 S 14 E
H-974-S	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11 S 14 E
H-974-S-2	SE1/4NE1/4NE1/4	29	11 S 14 E
H-3852 POD1	SW1/4SW1/4SE1/4	20	11 S 14 E

for municipal purposes within the City of Ruidoso Downs.

The move-from point of diversion is located 1.0 mile west of City of Ruidoso Downs, and the place of use is located within the City of Ruidoso Downs. The proposed move-to points of diversion and place of use are located within the City of Ruidoso Downs. 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 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 505-623-8559 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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Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! for Month of December 2006
3rd, 4th and 5th grade

Front Row: Rylah Zamora, Cirsten Barela, Dalton Vega, Nicholas Chavez, Deveon Arteche, Jace Hill, Fantasia Dennis.
Middle Row: Shayna Gallacher, Lexie Zamora, Dillon Najar, Lindsay Chavez, Jeremiah Sedillo, Miccah Hamilton, Jaclynn Ortiz, Kadee Sedillo, Desirae Zamora, Juanita Gallegos.
Back Row: Dominic Zamora, Sarah Ferguson, Mason Huston, Josh Hernandez, Johnathan Smith, Josh Ventura, Zachary Zamora, Issac Vega, Anthony Aragon.



Carrizozo Schools BRAVO! for Month of December 2006
Kindergarten thru 2nd grade

Front Row: Jullian Garcia, Jared Guevara, Dominic Barela, Austin Denis, Aurora Vega, Isalah Ysasi, John Wyatt Hemphill, and Andrea Apodaca.
Middle Row: Tristen Barela, Cody Carter, Victor Najera, Xavier Zamora, Steven Archuleta, Nikko Chavez, Orion Wyatt, Savannah Sanchez, Daniel Zamora, and Patrick Hooten.
Back Row: Kaycie Bishop, Haley Autrey, Deline Arteche, Gracie Hooten, Dominic Garcia, Mikhail Barela, Janae Willingham, Kristie Gallacher, Lashae Lueras, Taylor Thornton, Garrison Ventura, Danny Roper, and Alex Randolph.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

On the 6th day of February, 2007, there will be held in the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28 ("District"), Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election ("Election") for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District candidates for election to membership on the Board of Education. The question of issuing general obligation bonds for the purpose of erection, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving grounds & purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public schools.

The voting Districts for the at-large positions on the Board and the Precinct Board Members for the Election shall be as follows:

Election Precincts	Polling Places	Precinct Board Members
1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6 7, 10, 12A, 12B, 12C & 14 within the District	Lincoln County Fair Bldg. Capitan, New Mexico	Presiding Judge: Edith F. Dobbins Election Judge: Diana L. Billingsley Election Judge: Joyce A. Hansen Election Clerk: Janice M. Cox Election Clerk: Laura A. McInnes

The polls for the Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by NMSA 1978, Sections 1-6-1 *et seq.* provided, however, that pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-19, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:30 a.m. on January 12, 2007, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2007, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

The candidates for membership on the Board of Education are as follows:

Board Member Position	Candidates
Position 3 (four years)	Nathaniel P. Dunn
Position 4 (four years)	Laura L. Nall
	Mitchell M. Young
	Robin Rhodes Parks
Position 5 (four years)	

General Obligation Question

"Shall the Board of Education of the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$7,500,000 for the purpose of erection, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds, purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public schools, providing matching funds for capital outlay projects funded pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?"

This notice is published in my capacity as Principal Filing Officer for the Election.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

By:
Tammie J. Maddox
Lincoln County Clerk

(SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Date: February 1, 2007	Starting at 1:00 PM and ending approximately at 3:00 PM
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Place: County Courthouse (Commissioner's Chambers)	300 Central Avenue Carrizozo, New Mexico
Date: February 2, 2007	Starting at 10:00 AM and ending approximately at 12 Noon
Time: Starting at 10:00 AM and ending approximately at 12 Noon	
Place: Ruidoso Senior Center	501 Sudderth Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico

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Tammie J. Maddox
Lincoln County Clerk

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AVISO LEGAL

AVISO DE ELECCION REGULAR DE JUNTA DE EDUCACION

El 6 de febrero 2007 se efectuara una eleccion regular ("Eleccion") en el Distrito Escolar Publica Numero 28 de Capitan ("Distrito"), Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, con el fin de presentarles a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito candidatos para eleccion para ser miembros de la Junta de Educacion. Cuestion De Bonos De Obligacion General.

El Distritos Electoral y Los Miembros del Consejo del Recinto para la Eleccion son los siguientes:

Recintos de Eleccion	Sitios de Votacion	Miembro del Consejo del Recinto
1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12A, 12B, 12C y 14 que esta dentro el Distrito	Lincoln County Fair Building Capitan, New Mexico	Juez Presidiendo: Edith Dobbins Juez de Eleccion: Diana Billingsley Juez de Eleccion: Joyce Hansen Escribana de Eleccion: Laura McInnes Escribana de Eleccion: Janice Cox

Los Centros para Votar en la Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

La votacion en ausencia se permitira en la manera autorizada por NMSA 1978, Secciones 1-6-1 *et seq.* siempre que conforme a NMSA 1978, Seccion 1-22-19, los electores habilitados podran votar tambien en ausencia presentandose personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, durante las horas y en los dias habiles desde las 8:00 a.m. el 12 de enero 2007, siendo 25 dias antes de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de febrero 2007, siendo el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente la Eleccion.

Los candidatos para ser miembros de la Junta de Educacion son los siguientes:

Posiciones del Miembro de la Junta	Candidatos
Posicion 3 (cuatro anos)	Nathaniel P. Dunn
Posicion 4 (cuatro anos)	Laura L. Nall
	Mitchell M. Young
	Robin Rhodes Parks
Posicion 5 (cuatro anos)	

Cuestion De Bonos De Obligacion General

"Se le concedera a la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 28 de Capitan, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico la autorizacion para emitir Bonos de una serie de mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exeda \$7,500,000 con el fin de construir, remodelar, agrgar anexos y amueblar a los edificios escolares, comprando o mejorando terrenos escolares, comprando programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las escuelas publicas, proveyendo fondos iguales para los proyectos de desembolso de capital conforme a la Ley de Desembolso de Capitan de Escuelas Publicas o cualquier combinacion de estos propositos. Los dichos bonos pagaderos de los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y emisibles y vendidos en tal fecha o en tales fechas y conforme a los terminos y condiciones que la Junta determine?"

Este aviso se publica en mi capacidad de funcionario principal de archivos para la Eleccion.

Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln

Por:
Tammie J. Maddox
Escribana de Condado de Lincoln

(Sello del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado)

AVISO LEGAL

El aviso se da por este medio que la escuela de la instruccion para todos los miembros de consejo designados del recinto programar para las fechas siguientes:

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Tiempo: El comenzaren 1:00 PM y terminar en 3:00 PM	
Lugar: Palacio de Justicia del Condado (Compartimientos de las comisiones)	300 Central Avenue Carrizozo, New Mexico
Fecha: De Febrero el 2 de 2007	El comenzaren 10:00 AM y terminar en 12:00 mediodia
Tiempo: El comenzaren 10:00 AM y terminar en 12:00 mediodia	
Lugar: Ruidoso Centro Mayor	501 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, New Mexico

Requiren a los miembros del consejo del recinto atender a una escuela de instruccion y se invita y se anima a todos las personas interesadas que atiendan a los escuelas de la instruccion.

Tammie J. Maddox
Vendedor de Condado de Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

On the 6th day of February, 2007, there will be held in the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Lincoln and Socorro Counties, New Mexico (the "District"), a regular school district election (the "Election") for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District candidates for positions on the Board of Education. Also includes a public school capital improvements tax question.

The voting Districts for the at-large positions on the Board and the Precinct Board Members for the Election shall be as follows:

Election Precincts	Polling Places	Precinct Board Members
1, 2A, 2B, 3A and 13	Carrizozo Municipal Schools 800 D. Ave. Carrizozo, New Mexico	Presiding Judge: Carol L. Zumwalt Election Judge: Cheryl R. Smith Election Judge: Margo E. Lindsay Election Clerk: Susan H. Dickerson Election Clerk: Sharol Lynne Goad

The polls for the Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Absentee voting will be permitted as authorized by Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, and the Absent Voter Act of the Election Code, i.e., Sections 1-6-1 through 1-6-18, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m. Friday, January 12, 2007, being the twentyfifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. February 2, 2007, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

The candidates for membership on the Board of Education are as follows:

Board Member Position	Candidates
Position 1 (four years)	Steven P. Harkey
Position 2 (four years)	Henrietta R. Griego
Position 5 (four years)	J' Lane S. Zamora

Public School Capital Improvements Tax Question

"Shall the Board of Education of the Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, Lincoln and Socorro Counties, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms; maintenance of public school buildings or public school grounds, including payments under contracts for maintenance support services and expenditures for technical training and certification for maintenance and facilities management personnel, but excluding salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

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LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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Lincoln County Clerk

(SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK)

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 Place: County Courthouse (Commissioner's Chambers)
 300 Central Avenue
 Carrizozo, New Mexico

Date: February 2, 2007
 Time: Starting at 10:00 AM and ending approximately at 12 Noon
 Place: Ruidoso Senior Center
 501 Sudderth Drive
 Ruidoso, New Mexico

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Tammie J. Maddox
 Lincoln County Clerk

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AVISO LEGAL

AVISO DE ELECCION REGULAR DE JUNTA DE EDUCACION

En el día 6 de febrero de 2007, tendrá lugar en el Distrito Escolar Municipio No. 7 de Carrizozo, Condados de Lincoln y Socorro, Nuevo Mexico (el "Distrito") una eleccion escolar regular del distrito (la "Eleccion") para el proposito de someter a los electores calificados del Distrito candidatos para eleccion en el Consejo de Educacion. Cuestion sobre impuestos para mejoras materiales de las escuelas publicas.

Los Distritos Electoral y Los Miembros del Consejo del Recinto para la Eleccion son los siguientes:

Recintos de Eleccion	Sitios de Votacion	Miembro del Consejo del Recinto
1, 2A, 2B, 3A and 13	Carrizozo Municipal Schools 800 D. Ave. Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico	Juez Presidiendo: Carol Zumwalt Jez de Eleccion: Cheryl R. Smith Jez de Eleccion: Margo E. Lindsay Escribana de Eleccion: Susan H. Dickerson Escribana de Eleccion: Sharon Lynn Goad

Los Centros para Votar en la Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el día de la Eleccion.

La votacion en ausencia se permitira en la manera autorizada por Secciones 1-6-1 et seq NMSA 1978; siempre que conforme a Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, los electores habilitados podran votar tambien en ausencia presentandose personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, durante las horas y en los dias habiles desde las 8:00 a.m. el 12 de enero 2007, siendo 25 dias antes de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de febrero 2007, siendo el día viernes que antecede inmediatamente la Eleccion.

Los candidatos para ser miembros de la Junta de Educacion son los siguientes:

Posiciones del Miembro de la Junta	Candidatos
Posicion 1 (cuatro años)	Steven P. Harkey
Posicion 2 (cuatro años)	Henrietta R. Griego
Posicion 5 (cuatro años)	J' Lane S. Zamora

CUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS

¿Se le debiera otorgar la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito de Escuela Municipal No. 7 de Carrizozo, en los Condado de Lincoln y Socorro, Estado Nuevo Mexico para que imponga un impuesto de propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignado a dicho Distrito conforme al Código de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, y 2012 con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales siguientes en el Distrito, es decir, construir, remodelar, añadir a, proveer equipo para y ameblar los edificios escolares: comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares; comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas; el mantenimiento de los edificios publicos y de los terrenos escolares, incluyendo pagos bajo contratos para servicios supportales de mantenimiento y gastos para mantenimiento tecnico y certificacion de mantenimiento y personal directivos de facilidades, pero excluyendo gastos de los salarios de los empleados del Distrito; y la compra de vehiculos para las actividades escolares con el fin de transportar a los estudiantes a las actividades extracurriculares?"

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Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln
 Por: Tammie J. Maddox
 Escribana de Condado de Lincoln

(Sello del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado)

AVISO LEGAL

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 300 Central Avenue
 Carrizozo, New Mexico

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 Lugar: Ruidoso Centro Mayor
 501 Sudderth Dr.
 Ruidoso, New Mexico

Requiren a los miembros del consejo del recinto atender a una escuela de instruccion y se invita y se anima a todos las personas interesadas que atiendan a los escuelas de la instruccion.

Tammie J. Maddox
 Vendedor de Condado de Lincoln

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LEGAL NOTICE

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On the 6th day of February, 2007, there will be held in the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 ("District"), Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school district election ("Election") for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District candidates for election to membership on the Board of Education.

The Voting District and the Precinct Board Members for the Election shall be as follows:

Voting District	Election Precinct	Polling Place	Precinct Board Member
1	3, 12A, 12B & 12C	Lincoln County Clerks Office, Carrizozo, NM	Lincoln County Clerks office staff

The polls for the Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by NMSA 1978, Sections 1-6-1 et seq. provided, however, that pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-19, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business, from 8:00 a.m. on January 12, 2007, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2007, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

The candidates for membership on the Board of Education are as follows:

Board Member Positions	Candidates
Position 2 (two years)	James M. Cooper
Position 3 (four years)	Joseph I. Torrez
Position 4 (four years)	Corinne P. Prudencio
Position 5 (four years)	Godfrey K. Gomez

This notice is published in my capacity as Principal Filing Officer for the Election.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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 Lincoln County Clerk

(SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK)

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 Lincoln County Clerk

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AVISO LEGAL

AVISO DE ELECCION REGULAR DE JUNTA DE EDUCACION Y ELECCION DE BONOS ESCOLARES

El 6 de febrero 2007 se efectuara una eleccion regular ("Eleccion") en el Distrito Escolar Publica Numero 20 de Hondo Valley ("District"), Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, con el fin de presentarles a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito candidatos para eleccion para ser miembros de la Junta de Educacion.

El Distritos Electoral y Los Miembros del Consejo del Recinto para la Eleccion son los siguientes:

Distrito Electoral	Recinto de Eleccion	Sitio de Votacion	Miembro del Consejo del Recinto
1	3, 12A, 12B & 12C	Lincoln County Clerks office, Carrizozo, NM	Lincoln County Clerks office staff

Los Centros para Votar en la Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el día de la Eleccion.

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Los candidatos para ser miembros de la Junta de Educacion son los siguientes:

Posiciones del Miembro de la Junta	Candidatos
Posicion 2 (dos años)	James M. Cooper
Posicion 3 (cuatro años)	Joseph I. Torrez
Posicion 4 (cuatro años)	Corinne P. Prudencio
Posicion 5 (cuatro años)	Godfrey K. Gomez

Este aviso se publica en mi capacidad de funcionario principal de archivos para la Eleccion.

Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln

Por: Tammie J. Maddox
 Escribana de Condado de Lincoln

(Sello del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado)

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Tammie J. Maddox
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Looking Back

THROUGH OLD NEWS FILES

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a little drunken row, but no one badly hurt. It is expected that the law will be present to take care of such actors in the future, as the Hall now carries a license and is entitled to the protection of the Sheriff and his deputies.

Just About the Same

An eastern physician predicts that in 50 years there will be no bald headed men. Pairing him off with the other doctor who, a few weeks ago, declared that in 50 years we'd all be bald.

We have come to the conclusion that in 50 years there will be some bald and some hairy. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Moriarty to Willard Road to be Improved Soon

The State Highway Commission has called for bids for surfacing 22 miles of the Moriarty-Willard road. The bids will be opened on March 21.

The grading has been done and the drainage structures built by the State Highway Training school, under the supervision of J.S. Taylor, superintendent of the school at Encino.

May Sell Ranch

M.U. Finley has a tentative agreement with J.V. Taylor, who recently purchased the I-X ranch, to sell his Cub Mountain ranch to Mr. Taylor and associates, the principal one being an oil man from Dallas, Texas.

We are not prepared to say the deal has been closed, neither do we know the price to be paid, but do know that it will be a good round sum, as the ranch is a very inviting prospect, and most attractive to investors.

Buys Picnic Ground

L.R. Hust has added to his holdings in Nogal Canyon by the purchase of the LeBaron 160-acre tract, adjoining his home place.

On this tract of land many public gatherings have been held and is familiarly known as "The Picnic Ground". It is a beautiful spot and is a favorite retreat, in summer for all this section.

South West News Items

Mrs. Virginia Lopez was found frozen to death in the mountains near the George Gore Ranch near Magdalena while her 2-year-old baby snuggled warmly in clothing which the mother had sacrificed from her own body to protect the child.

Max Talamante and John Vigil settled their personal differences in Rio Arriba county fashion when they met on a road near Lumberton, N.M. Talamante took a shot at Vigil, who returned the fire and Talamante fell dead. Vigil is at liberty under bond of \$5,000 and said he would plead self-defense in District Court.

Investigation of the mystery murder of Arthur Manby, wealthy Taos recluse whose decapitated body was found in his home last summer, and the ax slaying of Floyd Hamblin, storekeeper in Questa last fall will go forward immediately with the receipt of \$1,500 from Gov. R.C. Dillon's contingent fund for that purpose.

The check was received by District Judge H.A. Kiker at Raton with instruction that it may be used in any way officials see fit in investigation.

The Wrong Hand

Old Lady — If you really want work Farmer Gray needs a right hand man.
Wanderer — Jus' my luck, lady — I'm left handed!

New Mexico's "Other" War

by David L. Caffey

Nearly everyone who knows anything about New Mexico's past knows about the Lincoln County War — a protracted conflict between competing economic interests, erupting in repeated episodes of violence and bloodshed. Occurring between 1878 and 1881, the Lincoln County War was spawned by greed, fueled by an intense rivalry, and made possible by the presence of a concentration of men unconstrained by law or ethics. In William Bonney, *Billy the Kid*, the Lincoln County War also had at least one bona fide star, and a supporting cast that included Pat Garrett and one of the more celebrated territorial governors, Lew Wallace.

New Mexico's "other" major civil conflict of the territorial period — the time between the American Occupation of New Mexico and the attainment of statehood — occurred several hundred miles to the north, in Colfax County. The "Colfax County War" preceded the conflict in Lincoln County, but had much in common with it. Both pitted local factions against forces allied with the Santa Fe Ring — a collective of attorneys, businessmen, and public officials acting in concert to manipulate political and judicial matters for personal gain.

The violent phases of both conflicts began with the murder of a controversial figure — the reform-minded Rev. F.J. Tolby, killed from ambush in Cimarron Canyon in October 1875; and the insurgent British entrepreneur John Tunstall, shot to death near his ranch in Lincoln County in February 1878.

The Lincoln County War quickly escalated into a confrontation between two armed camps. "The House,"



Territorial Gov. Samuel Axtell, suspended in 1878, by President Rutherford Hayes.



Lew Wallace, was named by President Hayes to replace Samuel Axtell in September of 1878 as Territorial Governor.

(Photos courtesy of Museum of New Mexico)

representing the interests of L.G. Murphy, James Dolan, and the Santa Fe Ring, enjoyed the support of a corrupt civil government and an impartial military garrison. The "Regulators," on the other hand, were comprised largely of cowhands loyal to John Tunstall.

In Colfax County, the sides were neither so sharply defined nor as well organized. In the turbulent period following the assassination of Tolby, a series of vindictive murders ensued, and then the conflict was transformed from a range war to a political struggle. Gov. Samuel Axtell enraged the contrarians of Colfax, first by sending troops to the county following the initial outbreaks of violence, then by inciting the legislature to suspend sessions of the district court and attach Colfax County to Taos County "for judicial purposes."

Axtell's refusal to meet with dissident citizens of Colfax further alienated prominent locals and intensified calls for his removal as governor.

When, in September 1878, President Rutherford Hayes suspended Axtell and appointed the popular Civil War general, Lew Wallace, as the new territorial governor, the Colfax County War was effectively ended. In truth, it is a stretch to dignify either conflict — the one in Lincoln County or the one in Colfax, by calling it a "war." At best, these conflicts were indicative of the growing pains that New Mexico experienced in the transformation from a territory peopled by Native Americans and succeeding waves of conquerors, to a society reflecting diverse cultural traditions but subject to American law.

David Caffey is the author of *Frank Springer & New Mexico: From the Colfax County War to the Emergence of Modern Santa Fe*.

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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

We all woke up to snow again Monday. Many schools and offices were closed or on a delay schedule. Lincoln received 6 to 8 inches Thursday night and Friday morning and around 2 inches Sunday night.

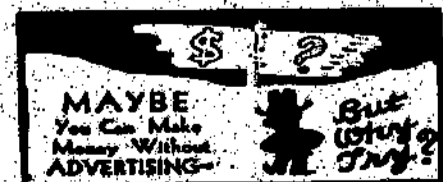
So there is not much news.

The Episcopal Church of Holy Mount will have their annual meeting in Ruidoso Sunday January 28th.

The La Junta Club met at the lovely home of Marilyn Burchett last week. A delicious ham dinner with the trimmings was served. Fundraising projects were discussed, and the upcoming Lincoln County Cultural Arts in March. All members are encouraged to participate. It will be at the Tinnie Fellowship at Tinnie. More info later.

Take care and don't get on the roads unless really necessary.

I know there are many residential roads still snow-covered.



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LEGALS

NOTICE OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

On the 6th day of February, 2007, there will be held in the Corona Public School District No. 13 ("District"), Lincoln County, New Mexico, a regular school election ("Election") for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District candidates for election to membership on the Board of Education.

The Voting District and the Precinct Board Members for the Election shall be as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Voting District, Election Precinct, Polling Place, Precinct Board Member. Row 1: 1, 1, 2A & 3, Lincoln County Clerks Office Carrizozo, NM, Lincoln County Clerks office staff.

The polls for the Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by NMSA 1978, Sections 1-6-1 et seq; provided, however, that pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-19, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m. on January 12, 2007, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2007, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

The candidates for membership on the Board of Education are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Board Member Positions, Candidates. Positions: 1 (four years), 2 (four years), 3 (four years). Candidates: Shad Heath Cox, Richard L. Gage, Mark Sultemeier.

This notice is published in my capacity as Principal Filing Officer for the Election.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

By: Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

(SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Schools of Instruction for all appointed Precinct Board Members has been scheduled for the following dates:

Date: February 1, 2007. Time: Starting at 1:00 PM and ending approximately at 3:00 PM. Place: County Courthouse (Commissioner's Chambers) 300 Central Avenue Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Date: February 2, 2007. Starting at 10:00 AM and ending approximately at 12 Noon. Ruidoso Senior Center 501 Sudderth Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Precinct Board Members are required to attend one school of instruction and all interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend the schools of instruction.

Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

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AVISO LEGAL

AVISO DE ELECCION REGULAR DE JUNTA DE EDUCACION Y ELECCION DE BONOS ESCOLARES

El 6 de febrero 2007 se efectuara una eleccion regular ("Eleccion") en el Distrito Escolar Publica Numero 13 de Corona ("District"), Condado de Lincoln, Nuevo Mexico, con el fin de presentarles a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito candidatos para eleccion para ser miembros de la Junta de Educacion.

El Distrito Electoral y Los Miembros del Consejo del Recinto para la Eleccion son los siguientes:

Table with 4 columns: Distrito Electoral, Recinto de Eleccion, Sitio de Votacion, Miembro del Consejo del Recinto. Row 1: 1, 1, 2A, & 3, Lincoln County Clerks office, Lincoln County Clerks office staff.

Los Centros para votar en la Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

La votacion en ausencia se permitira en la manera autorizada por NMSA 1978, Secciones 1-6-1 et seq; siempre que conforme a NMSA 1978, Seccion 1-22-19, los electores habilitados podran votar tambien en ausencia presentandose personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, durante las horas y en los dias habiles desde las 8:00 a.m. el 12 de enero 2007, siendo el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente la Eleccion.

Los candidatos para ser miembros de la Junta de Educacion son los siguientes:

Table with 2 columns: Posiciones del Miembro de la Junta, Candidatos. Positions: 1 (cuatro años), 2 (cuatro años), 3 (cuatro años). Candidates: Shad Heath Cox, Richard L. Gage, Mark Sultemeier.

Este aviso se publica en mi capacidad de funcionario principal de archivos para la Eleccion.

Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln

Por: Tammie J. Maddox, Escribana de Condado de Lincoln

(Sello del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado)

AVISO LEGAL

El aviso se da por este medio que la escuela de la instruccion para todos los miembros de consejo designados del recinto programar para las fechas siguientes.

Fecha: De Febrero el 1 de 2007. Tiempo: El comenzaran 1:00 PM y terminar en 3:00 PM. Lugar: Palacio de justicia del Condado (Compartimientos de las comisiones) 300 Central Avenue Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Fecha: De Febrero el 2 de 2007. Tiempo: El comenzaran 10:00 AM y terminar en 12:00 mediodia. Lugar: Ruidoso Centro Mayor 501 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Requiren a los miembros del consejo del recinto atender a una escuela de instruccion y se invita y se anima a todos las personas interesadas que atiendan a los escuelas de la instruccion.

Tammie J. Maddox, Vendedor de Condado de Lincoln

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Preliminary Plat Ok's for Avalon

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We have a lot of water on this site; with the terrain dropping 275 feet, we're going to have a considerable amount of storm run off," he said. Culverts that are 30 inches are planned to manage the run off that is expected to be carried under the two streets planned for the development.

County commissioner Dave Parks said that the Avalon Forest site is within the one mile extraterritorial zoning district around Ruidoso, and that Ruidoso requires thinning of the forest growth prior to development.

Murphy said that the property was part of the National Forest until about 14 years ago. "It is a thick forest," Murphy said. "The National Forest has thinned their right up to our property line and theirs looks better than ours. I'm going to match theirs," he said. "I won't be developing any homes until we get this thinned."

According to the project hydrologist, the water quality is fair to good, with high levels of dissolved solids and sulphate, typical to the area, and will require a treatment system be installed for each home. Wells will be drilled at 500 to 600 feet deep. Individual wells and advanced septic systems are proposed for each house in the development, but water use will be limited to .24 acre feet per unit. Usage will be metered at each well and enforced through the development's protective covenants. Murphy said he plans to build a home for himself and live in the planned gated community.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved the preliminary plat for Avalon Forest and will review the final plat for approval in February.

Weather

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Partly cloudy, with a high near 47, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

Tuesday, January 30. Mostly sunny, with a high near 48, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For more up to date weather reports, which are updated every four hours, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet.

For up to the minute road conditions, the New Mexico Highways Department has a toll-free number you can call for road closures and driving conditions; the number is 1-800-432-4269.

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