

Travel management Rule Planned for Nat'l Forests

by Patrice Brazie

In 1972, then President Richard Nixon signed an executive order addressing the use of off-road vehicles on public lands. In the order, Nixon acknowledged the growing popularity of such vehicles and the potential conflict their recreational use might pose with the principles of wise land and resource management. The

purpose of Executive Order 11644, Nixon wrote, was "to establish policies and provide for procedures that will ensure that the use of off-road vehicles on public lands will be controlled and directed so as to protect the resources of those lands, to promote the safety of all users of those lands, and to minimize conflicts among the various uses of those lands."

Nixon further ordered that areas and trails designated for off-road vehicle use shall be located to minimize damage to soil, watershed, vegetation, or other resources of the public lands, minimize the harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats and minimize conflicts between off-road vehicle use and other existing or proposed recre-

ational uses of the same or neighboring public lands. He added that off-road vehicle use in such locations may not adversely affect their natural, aesthetic, or scenic values.

Beginning in 2005, managers of all of the U.S. National Forests are being required to implement a Travel Management Rule that designates those areas open to motor-

ized vehicles. During the regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, March 20th, representatives of the Lincoln National For-

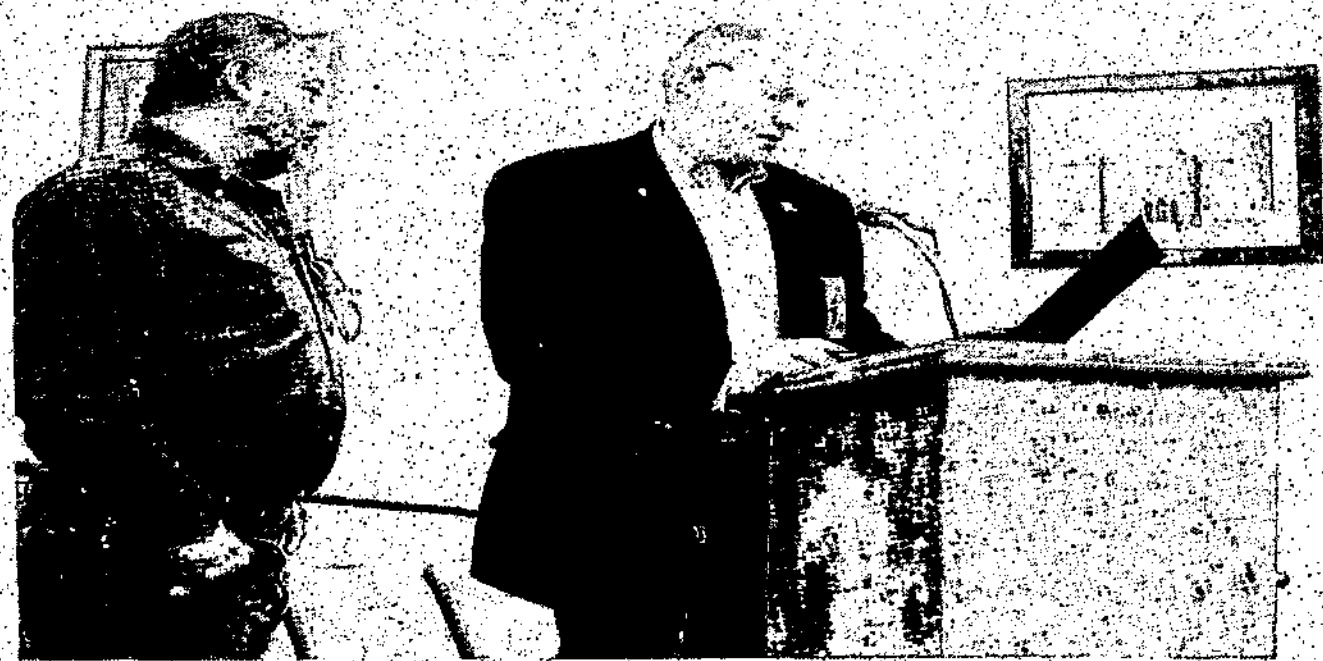
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During Tuesday's meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden presented Albert Hernandez, the county's Road Superintendent, with a certificate of appreciation for a job well done. Virden expressed his department's appreciation for Hernandez and his crew for keeping county roads passable during the snowstorms of the past winter which, Virden said, made it possible for the sheriff's deputies to do their jobs. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

County Explores Courthouse Addition

by Patrice Brazie

Among the possible solutions to issues at the Lincoln County Courthouse complex, such as a lack of ample storage space and ever growing judicial needs, is the addition of a second story to a portion of the facility. In exploration of the concept, Lincoln County Commissioners approved the hiring of an architectural firm to establish whether or not such an option was feasible.

On Tuesday, March 20 during their regular meeting, the county commissioners heard a preliminary report from Bob Calvani and George Bradley, representing Nims, Calvani Architects, the firm that designed the courthouse in Estancia, which District Judge Karen Parsons has cited as a good model for a new court facility in Carrizozo.

"The problem is, there are no existing plans, or none that we can find," Calvani told the county officials. "The structure looks heavy and looks significant," he said, "but we really need to guarantee that it is."

Bradley agreed that the absence of any drawing or blueprint of the existing courthouse posed a problem. "We would have to go in and do a variety of destructive and nondestructive testing on the building and structural components," he said.

Destructive testing can include actually taking a hammer and chisel to a wall or column to find out if there is rebar reinforcement, but other nondestructive methods, like x-ray imaging, can

work in some cases, Calvani explained.

Bradley said that, by visual observation, the structure looks as though it was designed to have a second floor, but testing of the underlying soil, the concrete, the rebar in the support columns and the slab would be required. "We also need to verify if there's any concrete walls in the building for lateral support of the structure," Bradley said. He added that some testing would be required even if blueprints were available, and core samples of the concrete would have to be laboratory tested to determine its compressive strength.

"We don't know the size of the foundation," Bradley said. "There's going to have to be some removal of the interior slab to get down to the foundations under the columns to verify the size and strength of the concrete

on that," he said.

Another big issue in adding a second story to the courthouse is that building codes have changed since the original structure was built in 1964.

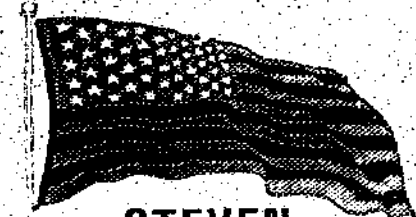
"There's a huge difference," Bradley said. He said the building codes have become much more stringent as far as designing for wind and seismic loads. "When we go in and add a second story to this structure, we have to bring the whole building up to the current building code. In order to do that, we're going to have to go in and put in concrete walls and steel bracing," Bradley said. "Typically, when we go into a building like this, it's a very costly effort."

Bradley said that the determination of the feasibility of adding the second story to the courthouse would require the hiring of a contractor, a

Carrizozo Buys Bunker Gear for New Firemen

by Ruth Hammond

The Carrizozo Town Council conducted business quickly



STEVEN MICHAEL CHAVEZ

Visitation for Steven Michael Chavez, 20, of Hondo will be today, March 22, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The rosary will be Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hondo School at Hondo where the funeral mass will be on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery at San Patricio.

Mr. Chavez was born November 21, 1986 in Kileen, Texas to Novelda and Eddie Chavez and had lived all of his life in the Hondo Valley. He graduated from Hondo High School in 2005, he loved the outdoors, football and music. He joined the Marine Corps and was serving in Iraq when he died March 14 at Al Ramadi, Iraq.

He is survived by his parents, Eddie and Novelda Chavez; a sister, Jackie Chavez; a brother, Jaime Chavez; his grandparents, Melvin and Priscilla Chavez, Lorena and Larry Andre and Annie Pena; and a great-grandmother, Inez Romero. Condolences may be sent to www.lagroneruidoso.com.

ly at their regular meeting March 13. The meeting lasted 40 minutes.

The council unanimously approved hiring Nancy Lollar as office manager for the police department. Lollar had been working temporarily at the police department while the position was advertised. Chief of police Carrie Spencer told the council that applications were received and interviews were held.

The council also accepted the resignation of Pat Voss

from the town planning and zoning committee. Mayor LeeRoy Zamora presented a key and certificate to Voss for her service on the planning and zoning committee.

J'Lane Zamora was appointed to fill the vacancy on the planning and zoning committee.

The council also accepted the low bid for bunker gear for the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department. Fire chief

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LCSWA Update Given to County Commission

by Patrice Brazie

Debra Ingle, operations supervisor of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) presented a quarterly report to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners during their regular county commission meeting on February 20th.

The LCSWA continues to grow and expand its recycling programs, Ingle said, and has created a recycling committee to further those efforts. The 10 member committee held its first meeting on February 15th.

Another new program recently established by the LCSWA is a newspaper buy back program that Ingle said is designed to benefit civic and nonprofit organizations in Lincoln County. The program offers a one cent per pound buy back of newsprint. Ingle reported that a \$750

grant has been awarded to the LCSWA to assist Ruidoso High School's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) in its newspaper recycling efforts. Organizations wishing to participate in the buy back program can get an application form from the LCSWA office at 222 2nd Street in Ruidoso Downs.

Several drop points for the recycling of old telephone directories have been set up around the county, including the Carrizozo Town Hall, Ingle said. The phone book covers should be removed prior to dropping them off for recycling.

The LCSWA schedules regular clean up events around the county, generally in locations near the normal trash collection sites. Services include a LCSWA crew

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American Legion to Meet To All Military Veterans

An informal meeting is scheduled for 0900 Hrs., 24 March 2007 at the Gift Gallery, 1200 Avenue 'E', Carrizozo, to attempt to activate American Legion Post No. 11 in Carrizozo.

This is one of the oldest Posts in the state and members are needed in order to continue the charter. Let's not lose this valuable organization here. Please try to attend and join the American Legion. We can become an active post again and provide services for veterans.

You may contact Dean Lollar at 648-2057 or Roy Dow at 648-2921 for more information.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG! So says this little titmouse, who doesn't need a fancy birdfeeder to catch his attention. He and his friends are regular visitors to a bowl of sunflower seeds. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

by Patrice Brazie

The following items were discussed briefly by county manager Tom Stewart in his monthly report to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on March 20th.

After hearing a request in January from a Nogal resident who stated concern over a potential blind spot along Highway 37 in Nogal, Stewart requested that the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) consider installing a "hidden driveway" sign in the area. On February 28th, the county manager received a response from the NMDOT, acknowledging that there is a hump in the road, but that it does not interfere with the ability of north bound drivers to be seen by residents entering the highway from a driveway. In a letter to Stewart from Gaylan Young, NMDOT District Two permit agent, Young stated that the sign had been deemed by his department to be unnecessary.

Stewart told the county commissioners that proposed federal modifications to the Sole Community Provider Program could have far reaching effects on the county's health care system. He reported that he will accompany Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator Jim Gibson and Lincoln County Indigent Health Care administrator Rhonda Burrows to an April 25th meeting on the program. The meeting has been called by the New Mexico Department of Health and Human Services.

The Arabela Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded \$180,000 from the New Mexico State Fire-Marshal's Office for a pumper-tanker truck. Stewart said that the county will also expend \$80,000 from the Arabela department's reserve funding to support the apparatus purchase, which is expected to improve the fire department's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. A lower ISO rating could reduce the

cost of homeowner's insurance within the department's jurisdiction.

As of March 2nd, three families have taken up temporary residence in The Nest, Lincoln County's recently opened domestic violence shelter. The Nest is the first facility of its kind in Lincoln County.

In other business, the county manager reported that the Greater Ruidoso Wildland Interface Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) has been expanded to include much more of the county. Expansion of the territory of

the CWPP was approved on February 27th, and includes the Ski Apache area, the Buck Mountain communications area, Nogal, Highway 380, Capitan, Fort Stanton and Lincoln. Stewart said that inclusion in a CWPP can open avenues to additional funding for wildfire protection. According to the county manager, Lincoln County was also awarded a \$30,000

grant from the state forestry division on March 12th to fund the development of a county-wide fire protection plan.

Carrizozo Buys Bunker Gear

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Walter Hill said the gear was needed for the four new firemen. The low bid of \$5,671.00 for the four full sets was submitted by Viking Life Safety. Hill said a representative of the company came to Carrizozo from Colorado to measure the firemen to make certain the gear fit properly. The new gear will include required equipment. The other two bids received were \$6,367.60 from W.S. Darley and \$6,719.92 from Fire Authority (Galls).

The police report for February presented by Chief Spencer was: a total of six citations issued, two for no seatbelts, one for no insurance/registration, one for expired tags, one for suspended license and one for open container. The penalty assessments were \$612.00 and does not include assessments taken through court appearances. Case log included two felony, one structure fire, six misdemeanor, two information and one dog bite. Nine cases are closed, three are open and there were six arrests.

Animal control report, included 15 licenses, six dogs in shelter, four adoptions, two returned to owner, one euthanized, two sent to long term rescue and one died from injuries.

Code enforcement showed no notices sent, no verbal compliance and no court summons.

The municipal court report for February included seven cases docketed, one marriage performed, 10 days of jail time used, six orders of show cause and six bench warrants. General fund fines levied were \$370.00 and court cost levied was \$140.00. Municipal court collections were \$1,197.00 total cash collections, fines, fees and all sources, \$777.00 general fund collections, \$420.00 court costs collected and \$430.00 time payments owed. Disbursements by the municipal court were \$777.00 to the general fund, \$300.00 to correction fee, \$90.00 to court automation, and \$30.00 to judicial education fee.

A short discussion was held about the Rec Center and Zamora said a man may be interested in leasing the Rec Center. A time and date for meeting with the man will be set later.

LCSWA Update Given to

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and a 40-yard roll off container for the free pick up of unwanted appliances and furniture. Senior citizens who are unable to transport large items to the clean up site may ask for assistance in moving those items and a LCSWA crew will pick them up free of charge, on special clean up days. For more information on that service, seniors should call 378-4697 or 1-877-548-8772. For a complete list of clean up days in Lincoln County, customers can visit the LCSWA's new web site at www.lcswa.org. Clean-up days are currently scheduled for March 17th at the Highway 48 SB rest stop, March 24th at the Nogal Fire Station, March 31st in Loma Grande and Magacho Creek, April 14th at Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates and on April 28th in Lincoln.

An E-Recycling day is also scheduled for April 14th at the Sierra Mall in Ruidoso. The E-Recycling event will provide for the disposal of electronic equipment, televisions, computers, monitors, cell phones and other electronic items that should not be disposed of in the LCSWA dumpsters and compactors.

Ingle also reported that county commissioner Dave Parks has been elected to serve as vice-president of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority board of directors.



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 "Carrizozo News".

Friday, April 16, 1920

The New Mexico Oil Fields

Lordsburg -- The Buffalo Oil and Gas company is now bringing up a very pure quality of oil in every slush bucket that is raised, and while it has not yet been found in paying quantities, the drillers feel sure that they are near the big pool. According to Mr. Pylant, the head driller, the formation is the same as that of the Toyah and Pecos fields, and many experts who have visited the well feel that oil in paying quantities will be found under 900 feet. Throngs of visitors have visited the well during the past week, among whom have been some of the biggest oil men in the Texas fields, and stock in the Buffalo company is selling rapidly.

Without making any fuss at all the Mescalero Oil company has erected a derrick forty miles east of Lake Arthur in Lea county, and a standard rig is already on the ground. Drilling will start soon.

The oil well being sunk on section 27, township 24 south, range 27 east, by H.B. Cantrell, of El Paso, is going down steadily and has reached a depth of 150 feet. The contract for this well is in the hands of the K-C Construction company of El Paso and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Roswell -- C.E. Madison, the local derrick builder, who has built three Standard derricks for the National Exploration company, has the contract for the erecting of derrick five mile west of Carlsbad, for the Carter Oil company. Material is now being shipped to the site of this new drilling and work on the derrick will be started.

The Carter Oil company expects to start a deep test by May 1 on a large block of land which they own west of Carlsbad.

Roswell -- According to information received here the Bell well located at Dixieland, pumped three barrels Wednesday. This was the first test of the well and the pump showed that the well was a real producer.

Fort Sumner -- The second car load, comprising rig timbers, arrived for the Spaulding Dome Oil company's well, and has been freighted out to the location of the first test well. The car load of rigging irons, which came in recently, have all been freighted out to the well and the final car load, comprising the drilling tools, are expected to arrive today or Saturday. Everything the company has bought for the new rig is of the heaviest and best material obtainable, affording an opportunity for them to make the deepest test necessary, and either find oil in that locality or else explode the opinion of several of the highest geological authorities that the field will prove a good producer.

Alamogordo -- H.C. Miller, manager of the Olean New Mexico Oil company, is expecting a string of tools

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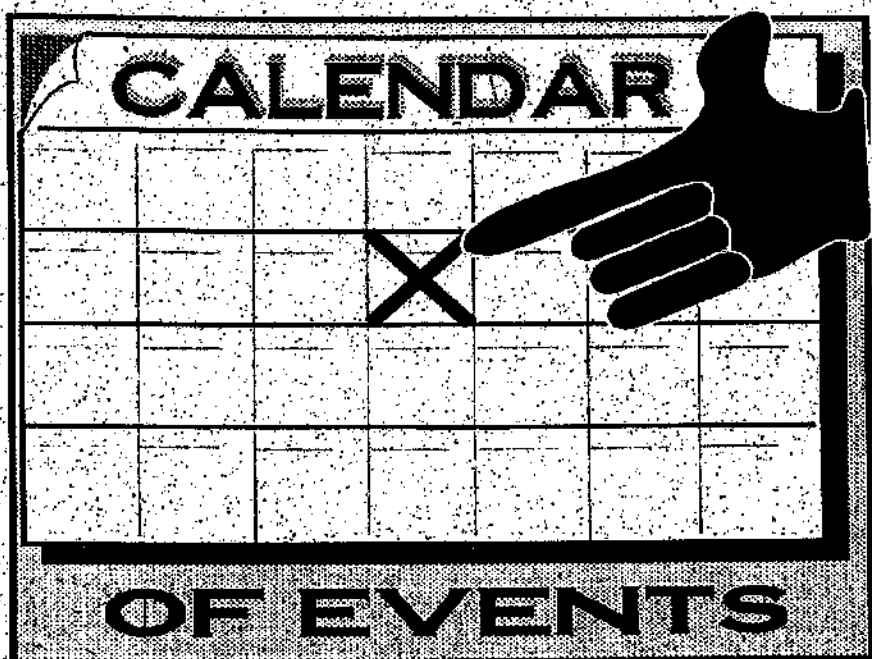


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FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS
 --Juan Hernandez from the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
 --Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group meets every third Tuesday, 6 p.m. K-Bob's, Ruidoso. 354-3046 for 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, MARCH 22
 --Open house at ENMU-Ruidoso with dedication ceremony for renovation project at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served until 7:00 p.m. Public invited to attend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
 --Informal meeting at 9 a.m. to attempt to activate American Legion Post No. 11 in Carrizozo. The informal meeting will be held at the Gift Gallery, 1200 E Ave. in Carrizozo. All Veterans are invited to attend.
 --Buddhist introductory meeting 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at esilla Valley Inn in Las Cruces.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27
 --Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meets at 2 p.m. in LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.
 --Ruidoso Village Council meets at 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28
 --Lincoln County Lodgers' Tax Committee meets at 10 a.m. at the Watson House in Lincoln.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5
 --The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission meets at 8:30 a.m. at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

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OBITUARY
Fred "Peg" Pflingsten

Funeral service for Fred "Peg" Wells Pflingsten of Lincoln was March 20 at the Church of the Nazarene at Angus with burial following at the Capitan Cemetery.
 Mr. Pflingsten died March 17, at his home. He was born August 5, 1913 at Angus. He spent his young life along the Rio Bonito in Hondo working in the family apple orchards and getting his first cow at age nine and first horse at 10. He was studying animal husbandry and horticulture at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces when he met Leota Bradford, an Otero County native. They were married July 16, 1940 in Roswell during the State Centennial celebration. Over the years, friends and family have helped celebrate their 50th and 65th anniversaries.
 Fred spent the first 30 years of his life five miles down from the town of Lincoln. He worked 10 years for the U.S. Forest Service at a logging camp before attending NMSU. He ranched 22 years on the Mesa Ranch near Nogal and worked as manager of the G Bar F Ranch for 14 years. Fred has been on the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District board of supervisors for 20

plus years and has continued to be a valuable resource for state and local ranchers. In 1979, he built a ranch style home on the Rio Bonito.
 Fred has been honored by his peers for his service to agriculture at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces. On July 4, 2006, Fred was honored when the Lincoln County Fair Board dedicated the 51st Smokey Bear Stampede to him and presented him with a commemorative belt buckle before the rodeo.
 He is survived by his wife, Leota Pflingsten of Lincoln; cousins, Nell Eddington of Las Cruces, Margaret and Hal Taylor of Grand Junction, Colorado, Harry Pflingsten and his wife Marsha of Chicago, Illinois; Joe Pflingsten and his wife Darla of Albuquerque, Pete Pflingsten and his wife Janet of Columbus, Missouri, numerous cousins, grandnieces and grandnephews and Sara Gutierrez Wally for many years as companion, ranch hand and caregiver.
 Preceding him in death are his parents; brother, Bert; sisters, Edna and Helen.
 Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagrone.ruidoso.com.

Travel Management Rule

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est discussed the process of developing a Travel Management Rule.
 In introducing forest representatives Connie Zipperer and Joseph Garcia, county manager Tom Stewart said that a similar travel policy was implemented 18 years ago in the Lincoln National Forest, so forest officials did not expect any major changes to the established vehicle-accessible routes or areas.
 "The Rule is going to help us work through the process of getting your input," Zipperer said, "as to those areas that you find very special, very valuable." She suggested that the Rule would provide a consistent national framework for local decisions regarding forest use. Zipperer said that a map will be created to identify areas open to motor vehicle use, and that those using the forest for motor vehicle recreation will be required to have the map in their possession. "So that you understand what areas you are allowed to take that particular type of motor vehicle into," she said.
 According to Zipperer, each year miles of new, unplanned trails are created by people who leave the established trails and roadways, and that all motor vehicle use has an impact on the forest lands. "Factors such as type of terrain, erosion and vegetation type affect the magni-

tude of the degradation caused by off-road vehicle use on forest land," Zipperer said. She listed the destruction of fragile soil and vegetation systems, damage to riparian areas, recreation use conflicts, the spread of invasive weeds, damage to cultural or historical sites and disturbance to wildlife and its habitats as the motor vehicle impacts most often seen by forest officials.
 In the United States, off-road vehicles have increased in number from 5 million in 1972 to 51 million in 2000, Zipperer said, and the newer types of vehicles allow riders to access areas once only accessible by foot or on horseback.
 Lincoln County residents will be offered the opportunity to make suggestions regarding motor vehicle access in the Lincoln National Forest through public meetings. "By 2008 we should have things pretty well nailed down," Zipperer said. Designations for motor vehicle use in the forest might be specific to a certain vehicle class and time of year, Zipperer explained, and may be established based on local needs.
 A public meeting will be held on May 7th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center to discuss the Travel Management Plan for the Smokey Bear Ranger District.



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from California any day and when it arrives will at once start to drilling at the drill site one and a half miles from Escondida. The Olean company is said to have one of the finest outfits in New Mexico and the Alamogordo News recently contained a description of it.

Columbus, NM -- The Clark well, north of Cojumbus, is now 900 feet and the drilling is proceeding with all possible speed. Nothing unusual in the way of formations have been encountered. There is a car load of casing on the track and more ordered. Manager Clark is attending strictly to business and his hopes are high. Many visitors are at the well daily and the stock is strong.

Duran, April 12 -- Oil was found on J. Burgett's ranch, 14 miles east of here, at a dept of 376 feet, while drilling for water. The amount of oil struck in this well is not known as the tools were lost before the drill got to the bottom of the oil sand. As soon as the drillers noticed the sand they pulled out the tools and sent the bailer down twice, which came out with about two gallons of oil in the 4-inch slush bucket. Then they lost the tools before they got to the bottom of the sand. Another concern is contemplating another well a short distance west of this, on an anticline. The prospects for oil at Duran are very promising, and several water wells have showings of oil, although none had been drilled deep enough to give a fair test.

The only company operating in this section is the Corona-Tularosa Basin Oil association which is putting down a deep test well. The drillers are setting the 15-inch casing at about 400 feet.

State Oil Lease Sale

The State, through Fred Muller, deputy State Land Commissioner, sold two large oil and gas leases here Tuesday. There were 156,770 acres involved and was sold in two tracts.

The National Exploration Company, operating in the Picacho-Roswell country, purchased one block amounting to 82,850 acres, which lies principally in the eastern part of the county.

Attorney Iden, of Roswell, bid in the second block, an acreage of 73,920 acres, which lies principally in the western and northern section of the county.

The purchaser of the first block possessed a 5-year lease from the state and the public purchase, listed by said company, carries a ten-year tenure.

The second block had been held in the same manner by Bursom, et al, and was listed by and sold to them, or their agent, for a ten-year period. The two sales were made at 5 cents and acre, the minimum price fixes in the advertisement.

Good Hotel News

Slowly but surely the funds for the building of the new hotel are being assembled. Chas R. Rollinson, who has been soliciting stock subscriptions, came in last night and reported that there was only a small amount of it secured to put the proposition over.

It is therefore, practically certain that the remaining amount will be readily secured and that ground will be broken at an early date for a modern hotel in Carrizozo.

To Light Town

The Village trustees have contracted with Geo. J. Dingwall and Geo. T. McQuillen to install twenty-two electric lights. Three of the lights will be placed across the track, four on Main street, three on Alamogordo avenue, four on 4th street, McDonald addition, and one on Elm street, McDonald addition.

The lights will be 100 watt power, and will burn all night. The village marshal is to attend to the system. Installation will begin as soon as supplies are assembled and the work rushed to completion.



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Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

WEATHER REPORT

Look for stormy wet weather at all elevations of Lincoln County today and Friday, with warm temperatures, wind coming out of the south and southwest five to ten miles an hour.

Weekend forecast is slight chance for thunderstorms at the higher elevations, cooler nights, mostly cloudy skies with winds out of the southwest around 10 miles an hour.

The moisture bearing clouds headed towards New Mexico from the South Pacific will lose most of their moisture over the mountains of Mexico, but some will still reach the ground here in Lincoln County.

As a courtesy the Lincoln County News has been including ski conditions at Ski Apache that was scheduled to be closed for operations on March 19, but due to favorable conditions remains open until conditions change resulting in full closure. The current snow conditions are 35 inches at all elevations. Surface snow is machine groomed, and spring melt. There are 38 runs open, 6 of 10 lifts are operating, and there has been no fresh snow in weeks. Currently 35 acres of skiing area is currently open for use, and little more than half of the prepared terrain is open for winter sports.

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

Today, Thursday, March 22:

A good chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Calm wind, becoming south between 5 and 10 mph, night: A very good chance for showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday, March 23:

Showers and thunderstorms very likely. Cloudy, with a high near 64, night: A very good chance for showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Saturday, March 24:

A good chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 62, night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Sunday, March 25:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 70, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.

Monday, March 26:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 74, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Tuesday, March 27:

Partly cloudy, with a high near 73, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

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

Today, Thursday, March 22:

A good chance for showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. South wind around 5 mph., night: A very good chance for showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, March 23:

Showers and thunderstorms extremely likely. Cloudy, with a high near 61, night: A very good chance for showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Saturday, March 24:

A fair chance for showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 58, night: A slight chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Sunday, March 25:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 66, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Monday, March 26:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 71, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Tuesday, March 27:

Partly cloudy, with a high near 68, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Where are the plans?

By Ruth Hammond

All this time you thought that governmental entities were being efficient when they spent public money. There is supposed to be a record of all transactions, especially for any infrastructure development. These records should be in the archives somewhere, but where? There seems to have been a glitch through the years because two different situations have arisen where the records can't be found.

Lincoln County built a new courthouse in 1964 and it is assumed there were construction plans for the building. During the past 24 years county commissioners have at times said if they needed more room in the courthouse a second floor could be built on one portion. But, now that more room is needed in the courthouse, those plans from 1964 have slithered away into the sunset or somewhere. Snakes crawl under rocks but it appears the rock that is holding the 1964 construction plans hostage is in limbo.

Leap forward 43 years from when the courthouse was built and try to determine where those plans would be. Some of the older records have been whisked away to the archives in Santa Fe and they might be there. Or it could be that someone used them for wallpaper in an old house. Or during one of the unusually cold winters they might have been used to start a fire to chase away the frost from their bodies. Or they might have been stored away in one of those places where things are put to know the location.

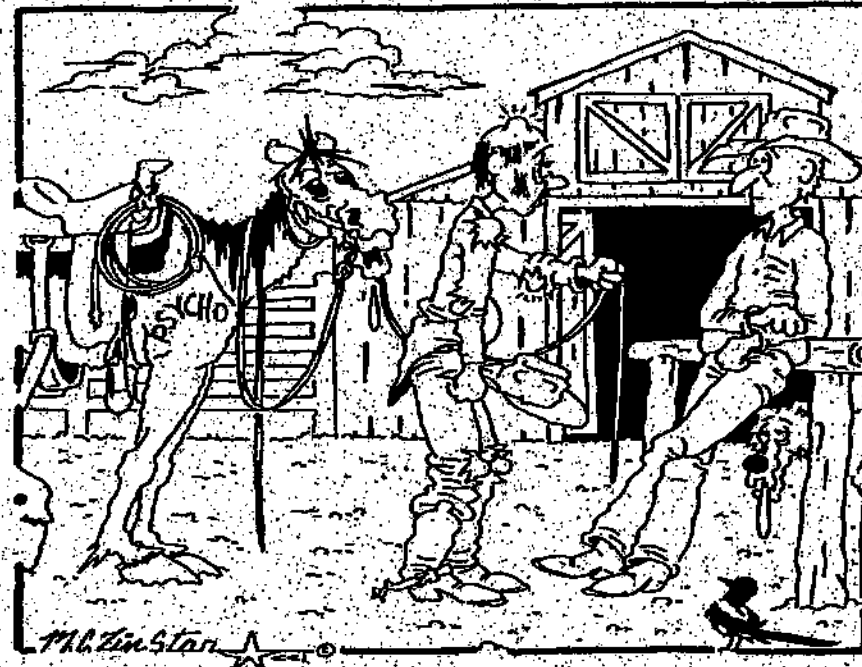
Except for that, things are fairly normal for the county. The town of Carrizozo has an even more recent situation of documents that have disappeared. It was during 1984 or 1985 when plans were made for regulated development at the Carrizozo Municipal Airport. An elaborate display with mylar overlays was prepared and presented to town officials and for a few years was housed at the airport. The mylar display would be placed on an easel and each of the pages could be lifted to indicate the progress of the projects as they were being accomplished. It was noted that it would take years before the project was completed.

Right now few people are aware of that mylar display and where it might be. Just as the courthouse plans have vanished, the display of the airport is also in limbo. And here you thought public records were to be kept forever. And you probably thought there was an index of them and where they were and if they were being stored correctly.

Granted, personnel and officials have changed through the years, but it would seem that certain records were to be kept regardless of which person was in charge at the time. Some personnel were conscientious and kept even the old envelopes with a former official's name on them.

Yes, these documents may mysteriously appear, but it is unlikely. They probably have disintegrated and nothing more than a memory will remain among dust particles.

EARL...



EARL, I'M NOT GONNA BUY THIS HORSE FROM YOU. HE'S QUITE DANGEROUS AT BOTH ENDS... AND HE AINT VERY COMFORTABLE IN THE MIDDLE, EITHER. Big Dry Syndicate

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE — Now that the annual legislative session has ended, there's a little time to sit back, catch our breath and enjoy just being New Mexican before the next onslaught of politics hits us.

Something we've enjoyed doing over the years is trying to identify what makes a real New Mexican. Many lists float about the Internet claiming to identify real New Mexicans, but most of them appear to be borrowed from other lists of what makes a Westerner, Southerner, country folk, redneck or whatever.

Here's what we got it culled down to about five years ago. At that point I asked for help making it even more authentic New Mexican. I said, if you've seen better, I'd love hearing from you at

3 La Tusa, Santa Fe 87505 or insidethecapitol@hotmail.com.

You know you are a true New Mexican when...

... you can correctly pronounce Tesuque, Cerillos and Pojoaque.

... you expect to pay more if your house is made of mud or your street is dirt.

... You can order a Big Mac with green chile.

... You buy salsa by the half gallon.

... your Christmas decorations require a yard of sand and 200 paper bags.

... you frequent restaurants beginning with "El" or "Los".

... you price shop for tortillas.

... you have an extra freezer just for green chile.

... you thin six tons of crushed rock makes a beautiful front lawn.

... you think Sadie's Restaurant was better when it was in a boojing alley.

... you know where Cruces, Silver and T'rc are.

... you buy your firewood by the pickup, not the cord.

... you see nothing odd when you hear conversation that alternate between English and Spanish.

... you're relieved when the pavement ends because the dirt road has fewer pot holes.

... there is a piece of UFO displayed in your home.

... your swamp cooler gets knocked off the roof by a dust devil.

... you can actually hear the Taos hum.

... your out-of-state friends and relatives all visit in October.

... you know Las Vegas is a town in the northeastern part of the state.

... you iron your jeans to dress up.

... your other vehicle is also a pickup.

... you know whether you want red or green.

... you have been on TV more than once telling about your alien abduction.

... you know the punch line to at least one Aggie joke.

... you think the Lobo fight song is "Louie, Louie."

... you have read a book while driving from Roswell to Carlsbad.

... you have been told by at least one out-of-state venter that you must pay an extra charge for international shipping.

... you are still using paper license tag that came with your car a year ago.

... you begin gardening with plastic flowers.

... you ask your guests to go to the bathroom before leaving home because you don't want them using your water.

... you've decided that Californians are even worse than Texans.

... you thin a red light is merely a suggestion.

... you believe that using a turn signal is a sign of weakness.

... you pass on the right because that is the fast lane.

... you know they don't skat at the Icehouse and the Newsstand doesn't sell newspapers.

... you know the difference between a farolito and a luminaria.

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ENMU/Ruidoso Open House This Evening

ENMU-Ruidoso will celebrate the completion of the campus renovation project just completed with a Community Open House, today, March 22, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tours and refreshments will be available all evening with a building dedication ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The newly elected ENMU-Ruidoso College Board and the ENMU Board of Regents will be attending to help with the celebration.

The \$950,000 renovation project resulted in four new

classrooms, a new bookstore, an enlarged library/media center as well as a student commons area. New paint was applied and carpeting was replaced in the remainder of the existing offices and computer lab. The four new classrooms, that opened in January, has allowed the college to expand its class schedule providing greater access for students that were previously unable to attend classes during the evenings.

The open house is open to the public. Call (505) 257-2120 for more information.

County Explores Courthouse

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testing agency and a technical engineer, and would likely cost the county \$50,000.

Calvani suggested that the second story addition could cost more than building a new facility. He said that there was really no way to accurately estimate the cost of a second story addition without performing the testing of the existing structure.

County commissioner

Dave Parks, chair Tom Batin and the county manager all expressed concerns over the cost of the second story option, and the unknown factors in the existing building.

The board of county commissioners agreed to review a report on the second story feasibility with square footage cost estimates at their April meeting, and will then explore the cost of building a new court facility.

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Sheriff's Report

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

March 8
 11:15 a.m. Fire reported at FR 120 and Gavilan Canyon Road, deputy dispatched.
 12:56 p.m. Children Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral at location on White Mountain in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 4:34 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at business location

on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:36 p.m. Peacekeeping presence requested at location in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 6:05 p.m. Threats reported at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 7:02 p.m. Assault reported at location on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 8:12 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
 8:22 p.m. Medical call at residence on Kit Carson in

Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 9:08 p.m. Trespassing reported on property located on Dean Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 9:59 p.m. CYFD referral at location on Antelope Drive in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
March 9
 3:29 a.m. B & E reported at business location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 8:53 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on Antelope Trail in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 9:08 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Smoker Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
 9:10 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Wild Rose Circle in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
 10:03 a.m. Fraud reported at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 11:00 a.m. Medical call at business location on Hwy

380 in Capitan, police and ambulance dispatched.
 2:19 p.m. Report of motor vehicle theft from location on Los Pinos in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 3:39 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Wolf Creek Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 3:40 p.m. Warrant service requested at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 8:07 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Fawn Ridge road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on Third Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 10:39 p.m. Disturbance/disorderly conduct reported at residence on 11th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 11:36 p.m. Disturbance/loud party reported on Ski Run Road approximately 2 miles from Hwy 48, deputy dispatched.

March 10
 8:58 a.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 246 in Capitan, ambulance and police dispatched.
 1:59 p.m. Peace keeping presence requested at residence on North Parnell in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
 2:36 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 174 on Hwy 54 near Corona, Corona emergency units and ambulance dispatched.
 3:08 p.m. Suspicious activity by person reported on Monjeau Lookout Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 3:36 p.m. Medical call at Conner Court in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 6:21 p.m. Fire reported at location near Hwy 48 and Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, Bonito emergency services, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 6:30 p.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at location on Fox Hollow Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:30 p.m. Fire reported on Hwy 380 near Carrizozo, Carrizozo emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 10:55 p.m. Motorist assistance requested on Hwy 380 west of the Malpais, deputy dispatched.
 11:42 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at location on Sudderth in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

March 11
 12:00 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
 12:31 a.m. Agency assistance requested.

New Mexico's Spanish Livestock Heritage

by William W. Dünmire

When crops, foods, and agriculture from the Old World made their way from Spain to Mexico then up El Camino Real with Don Juan Oñate to northern New Mexico in 1598, the Southwest would be changed forever. Unquestionably the most profound impact those colonists and Franciscan missionaries made on the lives of New Mexico's Puebloan residents, and on the land itself, resulted from their introduction of domestic animals. Those herds of horses and cattle and flocks of sheep and goats accompanying Oñate's caravan laid the foundation for a livestock industry that would dominate much of the Southwest in years to come. Chickens, originally from Asia, were one of the least visible animals that leap-frogged to New Spain's northernmost outpost with Oñate, yet they soon spread rapidly from village to village. But though Puebloans were already propagating domesticated turkeys they seem not to have readily accepted the novel barnyard fowl.

Pigs also accompanied Oñate's wagon trains, but they failed to significantly disperse. That's probably because New Mexico's climate was far less conducive than Mexico's humid lowlands for raising swine. Besides, Puebloans are unlikely to have tolerated domestic or feral pigs running amok in their precious corn fields where the low-statured strains of corn would permit easy stripping of ripening ears.

Horses were another matter. In the 1600s New Mexico's far-flung missions needed mules and horses for efficient farm and ranch operations. Priests couldn't possibly do all the necessary riding, so teaching horsemanship to Puebloan converts must have been a priority, regardless that Indian ownership of horses was discouraged, if not forbidden. Soon enough, though, a horse would stray from its mission settlement and become semi-wild, only to be recaptured and secretly retained by a Puebloan who likely had gained his experience in handling livestock by observing the Franciscans.

Occasional bands of short-legged feral mustangs—typically a stallion with half a dozen mares—still roam on public lands and Indian reservations in parts of rural New Mexico. Recent blood tests of horses from one of

these wild bands wandering on Mt. Taylor west of Albuquerque showed that some of the animals can be genetically linked to original Spanish stock.

Where I live in rural Placitas, untamed mustangs, apparently long ago escaped from nearby San Felipe Pueblo Reservation, still move skittishly about our unfenced countryside and are a topic of community chitchat. Either you think they're great (the animal lovers) or a great nuisance (some of our farmers).

Most of the hundreds of cattle trailed to the new colony ended up being slaughtered for the table; nevertheless, enough survived to breed. So when Franciscans fanned out to establish their network of missions, they always took at least a few cows and a bull or two. Yet Hispanic New Mexico never became a primary cattle ranching center during colonial times.

This may have been because Puebloans strongly objected to range animals trampling their irrigated fields.

If New Mexico's infant cattle industry met with only indifferent success, an explosion in numbers of the colony's sheep proved sensational. Old World sheep had actually entered the territory in 1540 with Coronado who drove huge flocks up the Rio Grande to his encampments. When that Don Quixote-like conquistador departed two years later, he left some sheep at Pecos Pueblo, but none of their offspring appear to have survived.

Just how many sheep and goats streamed into New Mexico with Oñate nearly 60 years later is hard to say, but a flock of more than a thousand was counted in Santa Fe 12 years after the colony's beginning. In another 30 years it was claimed each of the more than two dozen Franciscan missions in New Mexico owned up to 2,000 head apiece.

These were not Spain's famous merino breed of sheep, prized for their fine, high-yielding fleeces. Instead it was the lowly churro breed that first made it to the West Indies with Columbus, then proliferated across the Mexican highlands, and finally accompanied Oñate on his trek north.

The tough churros were ideally adapted to enduring environmental rigors of the arid Southwest. They seemed to thrive on sparse grama

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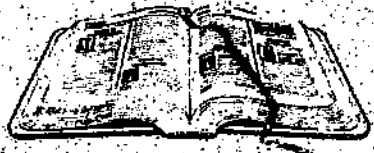
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MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
 TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 848-0105
 Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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

First Baptist Church
 HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
 848-2988 (Church) or 848-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday - Sept. - April
 AWANAS 6:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)
 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, 848-2853
 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 Nazarens
 "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.
 Warship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Warship 1:15 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

White Oaks Community Church
 Non-denominational
 Sunday Warship 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.

Olaunch 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. 848-2893 / 648-2846
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 8:30 a.m.
 United Methodist Women 6:30 p.m.
 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.
 Warship Service 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona
 CAL WES, Pastor / 848-7975
 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.
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 Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

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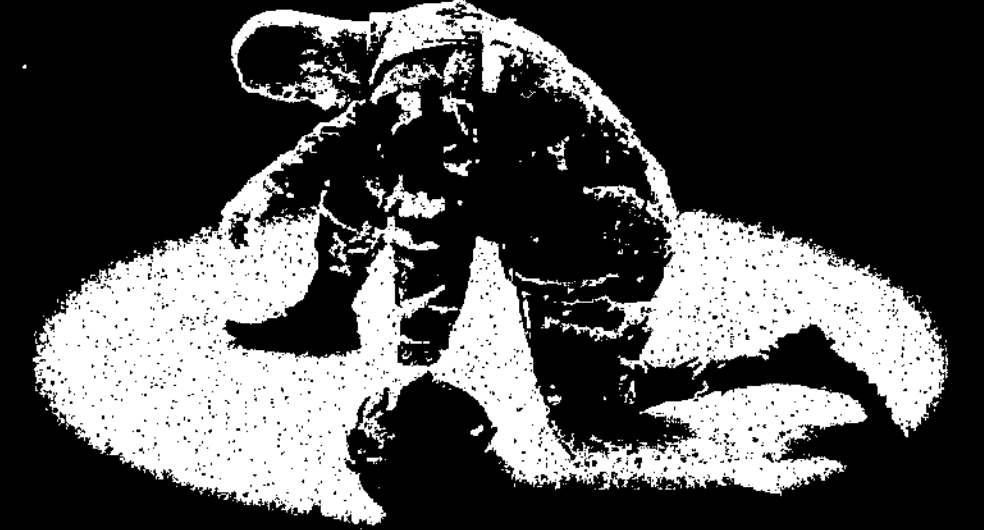
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 EPHESIANS 6:10**

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LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE PROBATE COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
No. 2201**

In the Matter of the Estate of
OLYMPIA C. ROBNETT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, at the following address: Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301-0338.

DATED: March 9, 2007.

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Post Office Box 144
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(505) 653-4786

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Attorney for Personal Representative

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-07-59
Division III**

ROSA OLGA BENCOMO,
Plaintiff,

vs.

GROUP I: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: MARTINA MONTOYA CHAVES, ALSO KNOWN AS MARTINA MONTOYA CHAVEZ, LUIS MONTOYA, FILBERTO MONTOYA, AND JUAN TRUJILLO;

GROUP II: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON IF LIVING, IF DECEASED HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON IF LIVING, IF DECEASED HER UNKNOWN HEIRS: VALINTINE BARTLET GALLEGOS;

GROUP III: THE FOLLOWING NAMED ADJACENT LAND OWNERS, AND THEIR UNKNOWN SPOUSES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: ALFRED FRANK WAGONER, ADAM HENRY ROMERO, ALSO KNOWN AS ADAM H. ROMERO, RUBEN Y. ROMERO AND JUDITH DIANE ROMERO, ALSO KNOWN AS J. DIANE ROMERO;

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

Defendants.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF SUIT**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS NAMED OR DESIGNATED IN GROUPS I, II, AND IV:

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff, Rosa Olga Bencomo, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-07-59, Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

A fraction of the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., designated as Lot 7 of that certain Survey and Plat of the Estate of Estanislado Montoya, Deceased, and filed in the office of the Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico on January 27, 1937, EXCEPT that portion heretofore conveyed to Alfred Frank Wagoner by Warranty Deed filed in the office of the Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico in Book 55 at Page 152 of the record of deeds of said County.

The said tract which is the subject matter of this cause of action being further described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 7; thence Northeast a distance of 550 feet;

thence East 108 feet; thence South 521 feet; thence West 134 feet to the place of beginning; TOGETHER WITH all improvements thereon; SUBJECT TO easements, restrictions and reservations of record.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before May 7, 2007, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is: Archie A. Witham, (505) 354-2698, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 13th day of March, 2007.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
(SEAL)

By: **Gloria LaMay**
Deputy

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LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Initiation
of the Section 106 Process:
Public Participation**

Plateau Telecommunications intends to construct a 195' guyed telecommunications tower and associated compound: US-54 & A013.

Plateau is proposing to construct a 195' self supporting tower telecommunications tower and associated compound located at US-54 & A013, Coyote, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Alternatives to the proposed project include: No Alternatives.

Public scoping will included: Please send comments regarding potential effects on Historic Properties to JRH Consulting by mail, fax, or phone.

For further information contact Brian McCallister, JRH Consulting, 53819, Towne Crossing Ste 203, Mesquite, TX 75150. (voice) 972-385.8292 (fax) 972-385-2200.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Plateau Telecommunications intends to construct a 195' self supporting tower telecommunications tower and associated compound: Dubois Ave. & Main St.

Plateau is proposing to construct a 195' self supporting tower telecommunications tower and associated compound located at Dubois Ave. & Main St., Corona, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Alternatives to the proposed project include: No Alternatives.

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facts and fiction**

by Betty Joiner

Question, Questions, Question! I always have so many about our Fort. With the fort being designated as a state monument, what will the changes be? Will there be funding? Will someone live here and hire help or will it stay the same? Just a wondering.

White Oaks Gold Rush Days is moving forward. Voices of the Past actors began their practice last week for a stage production of those very famous ones who have gone on before us. Two or three changes have been made and now things should be going in the right direction.

Evelyn Sidwell and her friends have a very special production coming to White Oaks in May, and it even includes a ghost. Make your plans.

The year was 2000, the first annual voices of the past was presented at the Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks during Miner's Day.

The Voices of the Past were all people that lived and died in White Oaks. Each presented their story as a tour guide led them from grave to grave. As was told at that time, before the show started, it gave you an eerie feeling watching each performer walk to their headstone to wait for each group of visitors to come to them so they could tell their story of life in White Oaks during the late 1800s and early 1900s. This year during the White Oaks Gold Rush Days, Voices of the Past will have their stage production in the White Oaks school house building. Seating and not hot sun will make this much more comfortable.

What a fun way to learn about Lincoln County history as you sit and listen to these talented and dedicated people from around Lincoln County tell their stories.

The White Oaks school house was erected in 1902 and still has many activities throughout the year. On the stage will be the first production of "A Journey Back in Time" with history, laughs, ghosts and music.

**Hitching Post Has New Manager
With Old Ties to Capitan**

Stopping in to get a bite to eat a couple of weeks ago we were met at the door to get a bit to eat a couple of weeks ago, we were met at the door by a very young little lady, Rianna Alexander, who welcomed us and gave us a menu. She ended up being the daughter of the new manager and the granddaughter of Ann Robinson who was born and raised here in Capitan and attended school here in my class of 1963.

Ann's mother and father lived west of Capitan just past the butane tanks on the south side of the highway. Jack and Ethel Robinson had four children: Ann, Virginia, Kathy, and Jack. Interesting stories were told that I did not know.

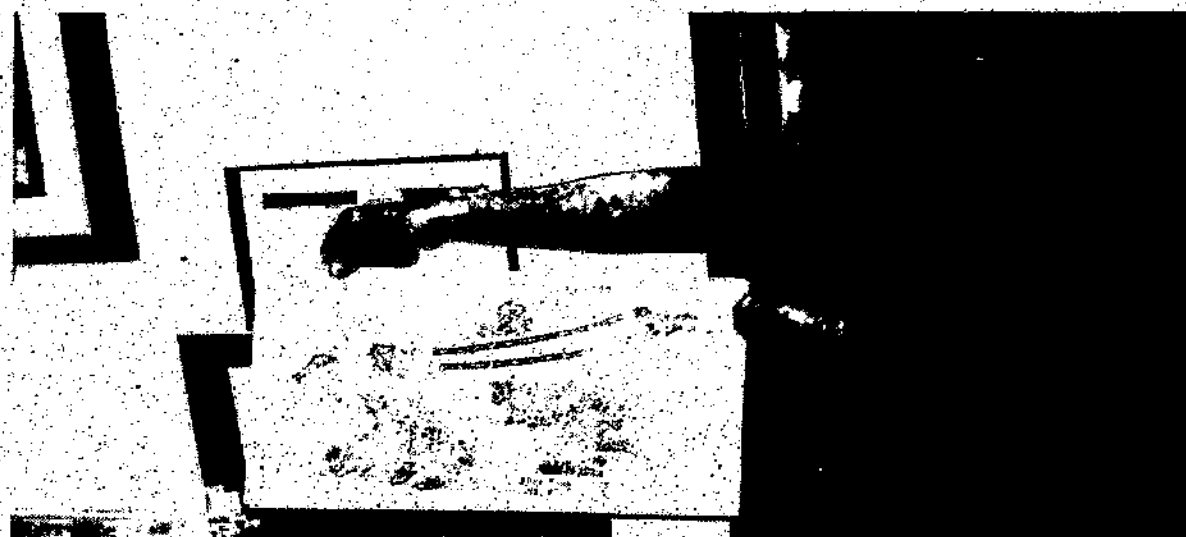
She said that her grandfather was raised on the Morris place north of Capitan. Jack is living in Texas with his son. Ethel and Kathy are both gone, but still remembered by all who knew them.

Mozie Sparks Great Secretary at Capitan Schools

Mr. Hargrave said he has the best secretary in town. He and Mozie were very busy the last time I went to take stamps to my third graders. The were drawing for prizes for students who excel in being nice, doing homework, cooperating with teachers, etc. Amanda Willingham was helping them with the drawings and writing the names on the prizes.



Mr. Hargrave, Mozie Sparks and
Amanda Willingham (helper).



Mozie Sparks holds Jace Davis's picture
he colored for electric co-op contest.

Mozie held up a picture that had been colored by the fourth grade students. The electric co-op has a contest each year and also awards prizes for the best colored picture. The one shown in the photo above was surprisingly Jace Davis's, my grandson. This will be a tough job for the co-op employees to choose a winner from.

Several here at the Fort are coming down with the flu. I took off a few days to spend time with my mother, Bessie Jones, who broke her hip and had to have surgery to fix it. The operation was on Friday and by Tuesday she was back at the Beehive Home. She is a little confused but doing exceptionally well to be 94 years young.

Her caretaker, Audrey has been unbelievably support. One of the nurses at the hospital asked me which clinic Audrey worked at as she was so good knowing how to get mother up and about with all the problems. Hopefully, she, as well as so many others, will be her old self again soon.

Smokey Bear Days

George Tippet is president of Smokey's Hometown Association and is gearing up to help David Cunningham get everything together for May 4

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D1226CV200600264

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE
FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS
CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-7.

Plaintiff,

vs

FATIMA GOLPARAST; MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC.; GOLDEN YARN
CARPET GALLERY, INC.; UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the undersigned Special Master will on
April 17, 2007, at 8:45 A.M., Lincoln
County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizo-
zo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the
highest bidder for cash all the right, title,
and interest of the above-named defendants
in and to the following described real estate
located in said County and State:

Lot 4, Block 8 of TOWN AND
COUNTRY NORTH, UNIT I,
Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New
Mexico, as shown by the amended plat
of Town & Country North, Units I &
II, filed in the office of the County
Clerk of Lincoln County, February 23,
1967, in Tube 201. The address of the
real property is 106 Valencia Rd,
Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the
Decree of Foreclosure entered on February
26, 2007, in the above entitled and num-
bered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a
mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and
wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a
lien against the above-described real estate
in the sum of \$143,020.79, plus interest
from December 15, 2006 to the date of sale
at the rate of 8.375% per annum, the costs
of sale, including the Special Master's fee,
publication costs and Plaintiff's cost
expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping
the property in good repair.

Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale
and submit its bid verbally or in writing.
The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its
judgment to the purchase price in lieu of
cash.

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that
the real property and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be sold subject to
any and all patent reservations, easements,
all recorded and unrecorded liens not fore-
closed herein, and all recorded and unre-
corded special assessments and taxes that
may be due.

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

Dated: March 8, 2007.

Peter Baca, Special Master
c/o Castel Meinhold & Stawiariski
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868
06-2899/Golparast, Fatima, P280959

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commis-
sioners is hereby accepting nominations to
the Road Review Committee for three mem-
bers to serve on the Board. The nominee(s)
must be domiciled and registered to vote
within Lincoln County.

Nominations or letters of interest will
be made in writing to the Lincoln County
Board of Commissioners for appointment to
the Road Review Committee.

Nominations or letters of interest will
be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of
Commissioners at the Lincoln County
Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New
Mexico 88301, until 5:00 P.M., April 16,
2007.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on February
28, 2007, an application was filed with the
Federal Communications Commission,
Washington, D.C., by MTD, Inc., licensee
of Radio Station KNMB-FM at Cloudfcroft,
New Mexico, seeking consent to change the
community of license of KNMB-FM to
Capitan, New Mexico.

KNMB-FM currently operates on
assigned frequency of 96.7 MHz. If the
requested application is granted, KNMB-
FM would continue to operate on 96.7 MHz
but at a new transmitting site located on
land within the Mesqalero Apache Indian
reservation, with geographical coordinates
of North Latitude 33-23-23, West Longi-
tude 105-48-41. A copy of the FCC Appli-
cation is available for public inspection dur-
ing regular business hours at the following
location: 1086 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso, NM.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-200600275

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE
FOR STRUCTURED ASSET
INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST
SERIES 2003-BC2.

Plaintiff,

vs.

MANUEL R. FELIX A/K/A
RODOLFO FELIX AND
TRINIDAD M. DE FELIX
A/K/A TRINIDAD FELIX,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March
27, 2007, at the hour of 9:15 am the
undersigned Special Master, or his
designee, will, at the front entrance of the
Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central,
Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights,
title and interest of the above-named
Defendants, in and to the hereinafter
described real estate to the highest bidder
for cash. The property to be sold at Tract M
Eagle Creek, Alto, New Mexico 88312, (if
there is a conflict between the legal
description and the street address, the legal
description shall control) and is more
particularly described as follows:

Tract M, EAGLE CREEK ACRES,
Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown
by the plat thereof filed in the Office of
the County Clerk and Ex-officio Re-
corder of Lincoln County, New
Mexico, August 7, 1973, in tube no.
488,

including any improvements, fixtures, and
attachments, such as, but not limited to,
mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility
liens and other restrictions and easements of
record, and subject to a one (1) month right
of redemption by the Defendants, the fore-
going sale will be made to satisfy foreclo-
sure judgment rendered by this Court in the
above-entitled and numbered cause on Feb-
ruary 26, 2007, being an action to foreclose
a mortgage on the above-described
property. The Plaintiff's judgment is
\$508,790.55, and the same bears interest at
the rate of 8.5000% per annum, which ac-
crued at the rate of \$118.49 per diem, com-
mencing on December 1, 2006, with the
Court reserving entry of final judgment
against said Defendant Manuel R. Felix
a/k/a Rodolfo Felix for the amount due
after foreclosure sale, for costs and attor-
ney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed
by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to
bid at such sale all of its judgment amount
and submit its bid verbally or in writing.
The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its
judgment to the purchase price in lieu of
cash. The sale may be postponed and
rescheduled at the discretion of the Special
Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby
given that in the event that said property is
not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will
as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to
the highest bidder for cash or equivalent,
the lands and improvements described above
for the purpose of satisfying, in the
adjudged order of priorities, the judgment
described herein and decree of foreclosure
together with any additional costs and attor-
ney's fees, costs of advertisement and publi-
cation, a reasonable receiver and Special

Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The
total amount of the judgment due is
\$508,790.55, plus interest to and including
date of sale of \$13,863.33 for a total judg-
ment plus interest of \$522,653.88. Sale is
subject to the entry of order of the Court
approving the terms and conditions of this
sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Telephone: (505) 833-3036
E-mail: sale@littledrantedel.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 2007-02
AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL
REVISE LODGERS' TAX FOR THE
VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

WHEREAS, The Village of Capitan is a
New Mexico municipality; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the
Village of Capitan is charged with making
laws to insure the efficient operation of the
Village; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the
Village of Capitan acted in regular session
on February 13, 2007 to approve the fol-
lowing proposed changes to the Lodgers'
tax:

Section 3-3-6: Use of Tax Proceeds

3. A credit/tag line must appear or be
given, whenever applicable, on/in ads,
posters, and brochures as follows: "Paid
for by the Village of Capitan Lodgers'
Tax" or "Paid for in Part by the Village
of Capitan Lodgers' Tax", whichever
one applies.

Section 3-3-9 (D): Collection of
Tax-Reporting

D. Each vendor shall file a report by the
twenty-fifth (25th) day of each month
"immediately following the month for
which the report is made unless the 25th
day falls on a weekend or a legal
holiday; then the report must be
submitted the next business day."

Section 3-3-11 (A): Failure to Pay Tax; Fai-
lure to Make Returns; Computation; Pen-
alty; Notice

A. If the return and tax are not filed with
the Village Clerk on or before the 25th
day of the month, the vendor shall be
liable for the tax and a penalty. The
penalty for late filing of the report is
\$10.00 plus 2% of the Lodgers' Tax due
or \$5.00 (whichever is greater) for each
month the report is late.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the
Governing Body of the Village of Capitan
to include the changes made to Section 3-3-
6 (3), Section 3-3-9 (D), and Section 3-3-11
(A) of the Capitan Lodgers' Tax.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED
THIS 13TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007.

SAMMY L. HAMMONS,
Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
Kay Strickland, Village Clerk

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

No. PB-2007-14
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF ANITA LOUISE PONS,)
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the undersigned has been appointed Per-
sonal Representative of this estate. All per-
sons having claims against this estate are
required to present their claims within two
(2) months after the date of the first publi-
cation of this notice, or the claims will be
forever barred. Claims must be presented
either to the undersigned Personal Repre-
sentative at the address listed below, or filed
with the Twelfth Judicial District Court
within and for the County of Lincoln at the
following address: Post Office Box 725,
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301-0725.

DATED: February 22, 2007.

JOHN BRADLEY SCHAFFER
Post Office Box 911
Coleman, Texas 76834-0911
(325) 625-5080

Alan P. Morel
ALAN P. MOREL, P.A.
Post Office Box 1030
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030
(505) 257-3556
Attorney for Personal Representative

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Old Lincoln
Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

This past week has been
really a sad week. Fred "Peg"
Pfungsten passed away Satur-
day morning. Peg was a Lin-
coln County fixture. He was
so knowledgeable of so much
Lincoln County history. He
could tell so many stories of
his life and happenings in
Lincoln County. He was an
authority on the history of the
railroad and the Bonito Dam.
He loved his horses. The
family would tell that he was
fascinated with horses from
childhood.

We have lost a good, gen-
tle, and loving fiend.

Allene Mann, mother of
Tom Mann (Jr?) passed away
in Albuquerque last week.
She was the widow of Tom
Mann who did so much of
the surveying in Lincoln
County. They had a home
east of Lincoln where their
son Tom and wife Sadie live
now.

The Iraq War has hit home
with the death of Steven
Chavez. He thought so much
of his country. It hurts when
we lose our young men. Ste-
ven was to come home this
week and was ready to go
fishing with his Dad.

David Elam is home for a
few days.

The Zamora house will be
sporting a new porch soon.

I was out of pocket last
week but am doing fine now.

John and Daniel Hobbs are
continuing to compete in
gymnastics. At the recent 4th
meet in Las Cruces John
placed 1st. In the all around
score of 49.80. His scores
were 1st in all categories:
floor, 8.1; pommel horse,
7.3; steel rings, 8.1; vault,
9.4; parallel bars, 8.3; high
bars 8.6

Daniel Hobbs placed sec-
ond all around in his age
group (11 and older): floor,
6.7; 1st, pommel, 8.6; 3rd,
steel rings, 8.00; 1st, vault
9.3; 1st, parallel bars; 9.7;
3rd, high bars; 8.35. Wow!
Daniel, you are moving up!

The level four team of
Ruidoso placed 1st at the
meet and they have been un-
defeated all season. Congrat-
ulations.

The state meet will be in
Albuquerque in March. As
John and Daniel are the only
ones on level 5 and 6 team
from Ruidoso they don't
qualify for a place in the
team scores.

Sheriff's
Report

(Con't from P. 5)

tance requested at location
on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso, dep-
uty dispatched.

12:09 p.m. Medical call at
business location on Smokey
Bear Boulevard in Capitan,
ambulance dispatched.

1:04 p.m. Medical call at
Ski Apache, ALS ambulance
dispatched.

4:38 p.m. Unknown trouble
call from Pinon Hill RV in
Nogal, deputy dispatched.


4:50 p.m. Medical call at
Carrizozo High school foot-
ball field, ambulance dis-
patched.

5:08 p.m. Medical call at
Pinon Hills RV in Capitan,
ambulance dispatched.

5:17 p.m. Vandalism re-
ported at location on West
Third Street in Capitan, po-
lice dispatched.

7:40 p.m. Suspicious activ-
ity by person(s) in vehicle
reported at business location
in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

March 12
12:01 a.m. Suspicious ac-
tivity by person reported at
location on 11th Street in
Carrizozo, police and deputy
dispatched.



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

Track is Back

It's that time of year again, when our athletes are running around in circles like a chicken with its head cut off. Yes, that's right, it's track season! Currently the high school track team has 18 boys and 6 girls.

The Grizzlies had their first track meet on Friday, March 16, in Dexter. Our boys' relay team placed 4th in the 4x100, and 6th in the 4x200. Jeremy Zamora placed 4th in the 110 meter hurdles, Mark LeBlanc 6th in the 100 meter dash, and Cody Ventura 5th in pole vault. Kaitlyn Vega placed 3rd in discus and 3rd in shot put, and qualified for state in both. Carl Lueras also qualified for state in discus and shot put.

Congratulations Grizzlies!!
Coach Mel Holland said, "It's a good start for this early in the year. They all did really well."

The schedule of events for varsity for this season is as follows:

Dexter	March 16
Hagerman	March 23
Tularosa	March 31
Cloudercroft (in Tularosa)	April 5
Grizzly Relays	April 13
William Slade Relays (in Tularosa)	April 20
District 7A (in Carrizozo)	April 27
State Track Meet (in Albuquerque)	May 4th and 5th.

The schedule of events for junior high for this season is as follows:

Cub Relays (in Carrizozo)	March 22
Hagerman	March 29
Tularosa	April 3
Cloudercroft	April 10
Ruidoso	April 19
Go Grizzlies!!	

by Jordan Grider

Yearbooks for Sale

Yearbooks are on sale from March 19 to May 4 for \$15. They may be purchased in Mrs. Ball's room before school or after school.

New Mexico's Spanish

(Continued from Page 5)

grass and shrubby foliage. Compared with merinos, churros produced a better quality mutton, and their wool, consisting of hard, straight fibers, had a naturally worsted property that lent itself to hand spinning and weaving. Furthermore, churro wool was particularly suited for absorbing the vibrant pigments Puebloans knew how to extract from a number of wild dye plants. Rugs and garments woven from churro wool are prized among collectors more than ever today.

And finally - dogs. They were already here, for domesticated dogs had traveled

with nomadic Native American tribes for thousands of years. Ancestral Puebloans kept spaniel-sized dogs, most likely for flushing our wild game during hunts and possibly as household pets. But, in contrast to some parts of Mexico, there is no evidence that dogs ever ended up in Puebloan stew pots.

(Placitas, NM, resident Dummire is an Associate in Biology at the University of New Mexico and serves on the Board of Directors for the Historical Society of New Mexico.)

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Ft. Stanton Facts

(Continued from Page 6)

5. Vendors, street dances, a car show, a special cancellation, and many other fun things will be happening in downtown Capitan on these two days.

As usual when April arrives, everything be-gins to happen from April to October in Lincoln County.

The White Oaks church is getting the rest of the sheetrock in place. Cracks have been covered, gutters will soon be in place, tile will be on the floor and a paint job will make this little place to worship even more special.

Five men from Holloman have been very kind to come give of their time and service to heap us all finish up this job. Sandy and Norm Ballas from Tularosa were the two who contacted them. We sure appreciate their help.

Two services were held at Ruth and Walt Birdson's home while the finishing touches were being made.

We have a couple from Canada that attend every Sunday and we will be so sad to have them go back to their homeland in April.

Come join us and sing in key or out of key, whichever you choose.

Just a few little things about the postal service. March is woman's month. Be sure and buy your Ella Fitzgerald stamp. Not sure how many women have been issued on a stamp, but know there are many.

The breast cancer stamp has just passed the \$53 million dollar mark of helping find a cure for this disease. The US Postal Service has done lots of good with these stamps, helping with the domestic violence, and the September 11 stamps that have also been issued, to give financial support.

Did you know that the mail carriers handle an average of 2,300 pieces of mail a day? That is a lot!

My third graders along with all the other classes are taking their tests this next two weeks, so will be backing off from our stamp collecting fun.

Obituaries

CLEOFAS MONTES

Cleofas Montes died March 17. She was born in San Patricio and lived her 73 years in the Hondo Valley. She married Johnny Montes from Glencoe in 1951. Johnny preceded her in death in 1987.

She and Johnny together raised a family of five. All survive her along with their spouses and children: Monroy and Susan Montes, Gary and Patricia Rue, Julio and Lucy, Montes Sandoval, Johnny Montes, Jr. and Lynette Baldwin, Carlos and Cathy Molina. She also has 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her 99 year old mother, Lucia Y. Romero and three brothers and four sisters also survive her. Cleo was a 25 year cancer survivor.

Funeral services were held March 19 at St. Jude's Catholic Church at San Patricio with burial at St. Jude's Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.lagroneruidoso.com

SHARON WILLIAMS

Memorial services for Sharon Williams were held March 10 at the Capitan Church of Christ with Leslie Earwood officiating. She died February 24.

She was born in Carrizozo on January 30, 1941 and graduated from Carrizozo High School in 1957.

She is survived by daughters Cynthia Ferrara of Los Banos, CA, Jeri Bianca and husband Robert of Diamond Springs, CA; son Andrew Ferrara and wife Ann of Shawnee, OK; brothers, Patrick Jones and wife Laura of Roseburg, OR, Michael Jones of Nogal; seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father Manuel Jones in 1984, her mother Edna Jones in 2004, and her husband Richard in 2004.

ORLANDO RAY BELTRAN

Prayer service for Orlando Ray Beltran, 46, of Carrizozo was March 21 at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo where the funeral mass was today, Thursday, March 22. Burial followed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Beltran died March 14 at his home. He was born July 18, 1960 at Carrizozo and had lived there all of his life. He attended Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo.

He is survived by three sisters; Quirina Jaramillo, Mable Zamora and her husband Barney, and Frances Zamora and her husband LeeRoy all of Carrizozo; two brothers, Lorenzo Beltran of Carrizozo and Ernie Beltran of Albuquerque; his lifelong companion Albina Chavez of Carrizozo and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be sent to www.lagroneruidoso.com.

PAULINE McCLOUD

Pauline Rose McCloud, 88, died March 18 at her home in Cedarvale, NM. Pauline was born December 31, 1918 in Cedarvale. Pauline married Everett Holt (Pete) McCloud February 23, 1928 and he preceded her in death on May 15, 1980.

Pauline was a member of the First Baptist Church in Corona; the Cedarvale Quilting Club and was a Pythian Sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Leroy McCloud; grandson, Richard Coy McCloud; granddaughter, Jennifer May and brother, Leon Smith.

Pauline is survived by her daughters, Nora Ann Odell and husband Alfred of Chattanooga, TN, Mildred Faye Criddle and husband Bill of Jumping Branch, WV, Gayle May of Corona, Bonnie Belle Laekey and husband James of Aztec, Shirley Dix and husband Phil of Cedarvale; brother Frank

Smith; sister Madeline Shannon; 17 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

Viewings will be held today, Thursday, March 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Harris-Hanlon Mortuary Chapel in Moriarty and Friday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Corona followed by funeral services at 10:00 a.m. Cal West will be officiating. Pallbearers are James David Laekey, Randy McCloud, Russell McCloud, Matthew May, Chip Odell, Todd Odell, Bob Burrough and Dusty Burrough. Internment will follow at the Cedarvale Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Harris-Hanlon Mortuary.

LORENE CARPENTER

Funeral services for Lorene Carpenter, 91, of Ruidoso Downs were March 19 in Community United Methodist Church with burial following at Forest Lawn Cemetery with the Rev. Ed Barlow officiating.

Mrs. Carpenter died March 15 at her home. She was born September 7, 1915 at Mill Creek, Oklahoma. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs from 1950 until 1973; she moved to Farmington in 1975 and lived there until moving back to Ruidoso Downs in 1997. She married Charlie Carpenter in 1932 at Quitaque, Texas and he preceded her in death on August

15, 1973.

She is survived by her children, Betty Efurd and her husband Carl of Ruidoso Downs, Jim Carpenter and his wife Cindy of Ruidoso, and Debbie Behringer and her husband Harry of Spring, Texas; 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT WATER/WASTEWATER TECHNICIAN

The Village of Capitan is accepting applications for a permanent full-time Water/Wastewater Technician. Will perform a variety of semi-skilled and unskilled duties in the repair, maintenance, and operation of water and wastewater distribution and collection systems. Must have a valid state issued drivers license and preferably a CDL endorsement. Starting salary is based on experience plus benefits. Applications are available at 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM or by calling 505-354-2247. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE.

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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

THE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN is accepting applications for a Part-Time employee to work in the Smokey Bear Museum. Applications may be obtained at City Hall at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM or by calling 505-354-2247. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Village of Capitan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

KAY STRICKLAND
Village Clerk

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