

Emergency Coordinator Briefs County Commission

by Patrice Brazie

During his regular monthly report to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners last March, county manager Tom Stewart said that an agreement had been reached to allow for the expansion of the Greater Ruidoso Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The expansion included the Ski Apache area, the Buck Mountain communications area, Nogal, Highway 380, Capitan, Fort Stanton, and Lincoln. Stewart reported in

March.

According to the county manager, Lincoln County was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the New Mexico State Forestry Division on March 12th to fund the development of the county's own Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Stewart offered a brief update to the county commissioners at their meeting of June 19th, reporting that the expansion of Ruidoso's CWPP made it possible for the Bureau of Land Manage-

ment (BLM) to participate in the village's CWPP projects. As a result, and through the efforts of the South Central Mountain RC&D, an \$80,000 BLM grant has been procured to fund the removal or treatment of hazardous fuels in the town of Lincoln. Clark Taylor, RC&D coordinator, and Bennie Long, Lincoln's Fire Chief, will work closely with the BLM to direct and administer the project.

Speaking to the county commissioners on June 19th,

Stewart reported that the county's Emergency Services Coordinator, James Mason, has found the tasks of developing a county wide CWPP, a multi-hazard mitigation plan and a draft fire ordinance for the county to be overwhelming. Stewart said that Mason is in need of additional assistance to perform his duties regarding those efforts, and asked the county commissioners to approve a request for a \$30,000 grant from the BLM for Wildland-Urban Interface

Community Assistance Funds to hire an assistant for Mason to complete the county's CWPP. Stewart said that, because the deadline to apply for the grant was near, he had

already submitted the request, and had just been informed that the BLM had approved the award of funding.

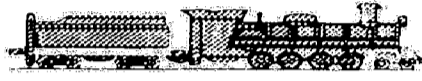
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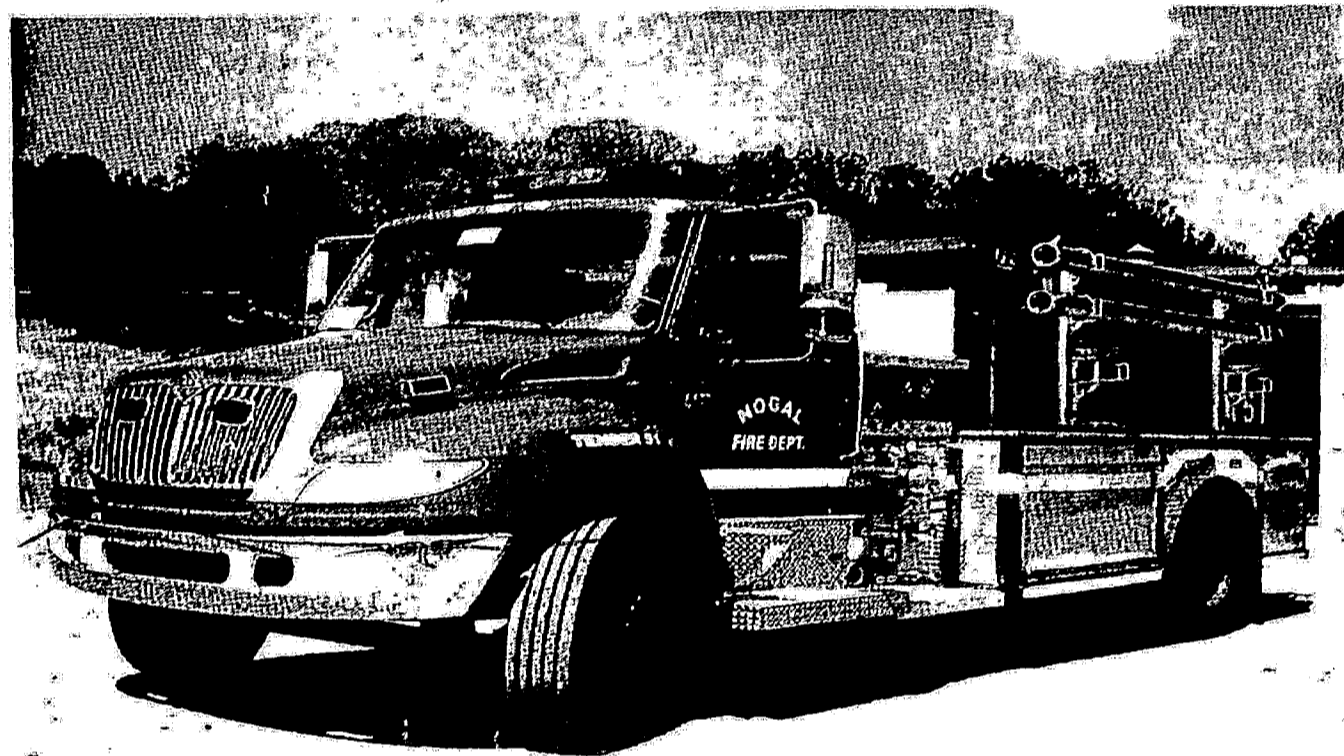
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NEW FIRE TRUCK -- The Nogal Volunteer Fire Department received its new water tender in June. The truck has already been used at one fire event near Anehó, and was introduced to the public in Capitan's 4th of July parade yesterday.

County Continues Work on Comprehensive Plan

by Patrice Brazie

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and members of the public were invited to offer comments and suggestions regarding the draft of a comprehensive plan during the June 19th meeting of the county commissioners.

County commissioner chair Tom Batten initiated the discussion by reminding the commissioners of the reasoning behind the development of a comprehensive plan. "One of our primary reasons for developing this comprehensive plan was to broaden our ability to put initiatives toward conservation and the like into our new subdivision ordinance," Batten said. He asked county attorney Alan Morel whether or not the drafted plan provides that

opportunity. "It does designate water as one of our major concerns," Morel said. "We are spending money to try to gain data to support an understanding of what we have and what we don't have, so that's something that we'll probably want to beef up in our ordinance," he said. "When we have the plan approved, we'll be able to do that."

Also resident Tony Davis, who is also a member of the county's Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAC), suggested that the comprehensive plan, as drafted, might not adequately address a plan for emergency water usage. "Typically, municipalities have a drought contingency plan, a 40 year water plan and a water conservation plan," Davis said. "The

comprehensive plan should be comprehensive and delineate the scope and role of each of these respective documents, and that's something that I see is somewhat missing from this document," he said.

County commissioner Jackie Proxell said that she had been looking for a map of the county's domestic well locations to include in the comprehensive plan, but that she might need a "pinch" from the other commissioners in finding one. She also requested that a section of the comprehensive plan be dedicated to the county be expanded to include information about the settlements of Peachtree, San Patricio, Linnie, Gilmore and Thondo. Powell said he also

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Great American Car Race Visits Carrizozo Tuesday

The Great American Car Race, the 25th anniversary of the cross country trek of antique and vintage vehicles will begin at Carrizozo, N.M. on July 10 for lunch. Car club members from southern New Mexico will also be in Carrizozo. Festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. in McDonald Park. The first of the more than 700 antique vehicles at the Great American Car Race will

begin to arrive about noon and will continue to arrive every minute.

The vehicles and drivers will be in Carrizozo near McDonald Park for about three hours. These will include vintage cars and hot rods that were featured as late as 1969. There will also be classic and antique trucks.

The Great American Car

Race this year started in Concord, N.C. and will end July 14 in Anaheim, California. Those participating have the opportunity to drive a piece of automotive history in the classic division or make history in the technology division.

Everyone is invited to view the vehicles and visit with the drivers and participants.

Conservation District Fees for Reviewing Subdivision Applications Discussed

by Patrice Brazie

The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, one of six agencies authorized to review subdivision applications received by Lincoln County officials, has proposed a fee schedule for services it provides regarding subdivision reviews.

The Lincoln County Planning Commission has approved the fees requested by the conservation district, and has recommended that the fees be included in the county's subdivision ordinance with a requirement that the fee be paid by the subdivider or developer. The county currently has no regulation that requires the fees be paid.

Lincoln County's attorney, Alan Morel, told the county commissioners during their regular meeting on June 19th that, without a law requiring developers to pay a fee to the conservation district, or a contract between the district and the developer, there is no obligation on the part of the developer to pay for those services. "If we don't put it

in the ordinance, and they send a bill to the developers and they don't pay it, there's no penalty," Morel said.

"There has to be a penalty if they don't pay, and I can

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New LCSWA Facility Passes First Inspection

The new Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) Greentree Operations and Recycling Center has passed the first of five required inspections by the New Mexico Environment Department Solid Waste Bureau. Inspectors from the bureau in Santa Fe gave the go ahead Tuesday for the first part of the move out of the current Ruidoso Downs neighborhood location.

A grand opening of the first phase of the new facility is planned for the public in July.

In other actions at its June 26 LCSWA Board meeting,

LCSWA, --Waived \$738.65 in solid waste charges after confirmation of property usage by the county assessor's office.

--Heard a report on the new Wal-Mart / LCSWA Community recycling center in Ruidoso Downs.

--Welcomed new LCSWA representative Leann Weibrecht representing the Town of Carrizozo. LCSWA member Sherrill Bradford of Corona was also elected as the new LCSWA secretary-treasurer.

--Approved proceeding with a comprehensive solid

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OFFICIAL INSECT OF NEW MEXICO -- This spectacular tarantula hawk wasp, with a sleek black body and orange wings, is the official insect of New Mexico. The bug got its name because the female wasp will sting and paralyze a tarantula, which will eventually provide a living food source for newly hatched wasp larvae. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

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pursue funding from the state to continue employment of the assistant beyond one year, and acknowledged that \$20,000 of the county's general fund will also be needed to support the position.

According to a job description reportedly prepared by Mason and Stewart, Mason's new assistant will be expected to take over all responsibilities associated with the development of the county's EOP and will oversee, manage and coordinate the county's interoperable emergency communications systems. The new employee will also be expected to assist Mason in emergency management and fire administration, training and safety programs.

Mason told the county commissioners on June 19th that the new employee should have the title of Emergency Services Coordinator, and that his or her primary duties would be hazard mitigation. Mason's title would likely be changed to Emergency Services Director.

Mason also reported that he had been working on a draft fire ordinance for the county for many months. He said that state and federal agencies were beginning to emphasize the need for the adoption of a fire code. Mason said that the day is coming when, if the county wants to qualify for state or federally backed funding for fire mitigation purposes, the county will be required to adopt some sort of fire code. He said the ordinance he will propose is less restrictive than the fire code adopted by the village of Redwood. It's kind of a Redwood Lite, if you're familiar with their fire ordinance," Mason said. "This is probably about half as restrictive. It's the minimum."

Mason said that as he worked on the county's fire ordinance, he discovered that

his version was very similar to the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code established by the International Code Council (ICC), a private organization of building specialists. "I was putting my own program together, kept working on it, tweaking it," Mason said, "but the state said I should just adopt this," he said, referring to the ICC code. He said he was able to get permission to provide copies of the ICC code to the county commissioners for an initial review. Mason said the code is a copyrighted document, and he did not think it was wise to order additional copies until the county commissioners had a chance to look it over.

Copies of the ICC code are available through that organization's web site for \$40 each. He said that the ICC code has been adopted by numerous communities across the country, as it is general enough to be applied to communities nationwide. "I would recommend, if we adopt this, that it be applied to all new construction and new subdivisions," Mason said.

Portions of the ICC code that would likely be most applicable in Lincoln County include defensible space requirements and measures used to make homes less susceptible to fire, like enclosed soffits and crawl spaces, Mason said.

He suggested that critical priority areas in the county will be identified through the development of the county's EOP and the specifics of how and when to apply the code will be determined through public hearings on the EOP. "The big thing is that this is universal. It's that this is real basic. You can bring a property to 90 percent defensible with a rake and a chainsaw."

The county manager told the county commissioners

that they should take time to go through the ICC code book carefully, and decide what portions of it they would like to eliminate from the county's fire code ordinance. "It gives you the ability to opt out of certain provisions," Stewart said.

He acknowledged that the county had some issues regarding the enforcement of a fire code, "but I don't see an alternative to adopting these kinds of things down the road," he said.

County commissioner Dave Parks suggested that property owners should be encouraged to clear overgrowth and create defensible space around structures even though the requirement to do so has not yet been adopted by the county. "I can assure you that the insurance companies up there in New York and Hartford and places like that are casting a cold and fishy eye in this direction, and we need to be proactive about this," Parks said.

Stewart reported that Mason has completed the second draft of an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for the county, which has been sent for review by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The county manager said that the adoption of an updated EOP is a requirement for FEMA funding, and is a "general guide for how to do business in an emergency."

According to Mason, the EOP spells out standard operating procedure in the event of an emergency, and how the county's incident command system will work. "I have a personal belief that our field commanders need to be able to work within their operating procedures," Mason said. "This basically says that law enforcement duties and fire departments will come and put out the fires. It's very general and broad in its scope," Mason said.

County commission chair Tom Battin asked Mason how he will implement the new Emergency Operations Plan.

"On a normal day, it's just to ensure our command structure and decision making structure, which would include (the county commissioners), the county manager, even the county attorney and such, are aware of their place; are aware of how the National Incident Management System works in the event of an emergency incident," Mason said. "Otherwise, this kind of sits on a shelf until an incident happens." Mason said the EOP would provide an operations guide in the event of an emergency, and that he designed a checklist into every section of the plan. He said the EOP briefly and broadly describes how individual components and agencies of the emergency management system should respond to an emergency event. The plan would coordinate resources throughout the county when appropriate, Mason said. While the EOP is essentially a document designed for the upper levels of local government and incident command, Mason said he is also working on a project to specify the emergency responses from those in the field, presumably fire departments, emergency medical technicians, hazardous materials teams and other on the ground emergency responders.

Jerry Carroll, a citizen from Oscura, asked if the drafted EOP had gone through any public review prior to being sent to state or federal agencies for review.

Mason explained that, once the EOP is approved by FEMA, the county will hold an exercise to test it out. After the exercise of the plan, it will be adjusted and revised in accordance with findings from the drill.

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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 and Carrizozo Outlook".

Friday, June 9, 1950

A Doozy of A Meeting City Hires Auditors, Power Plant Manager

At the regular monthly meeting of the Carrizozo City Council Tuesday evening, James A. Clifford and John A. Dalton, Alamogordo were present to discuss with council members the question of the annual audit of the city's books. The Alamogordo men explained their method of operation and how they proposed to install a set of books which would simplify record keeping, yet give the city a complete picture of its income and expenditures.

It was pointed out the city does not maintain a ledger and Clifford is of the opinion its use would enable the council to have a complete picture at all times at the city's operations.

The applications of Clifford and Dalton for this work were mentioned by Mayor Petty, who informed the council he knew their reputation and felt sure their work would meet all requirements. Clifford states he had known Petty for a long time and that both had worked for the same firm in Alamogordo some years ago, at which point Petty told the council Clifford had been successful in eliminating a number of the company's problems concerning their accounting system.

Clifford also pointed out some of Carrizozo's fixture accounts are shown as depreciating while others are not, and that this should be looked into. He added a ledger would show the various amounts collected for water, garbage, etc., as well as an itemized account of moneys expended. Clifford said the forms were drawn up in such manner as to enable a city clerk to have a complete picture of the city's operations at all times, as well as afford anyone interested in looking at the records an easily understood and itemized account of the moneys received and disbursements made.

It was also pointed out the clerk would be able to present a monthly balance sheet to the council at regular meetings.

Clifford explained Mrs. Johnson's work would be easier under the new setup, and that at present the Carrizozo clerk is doing too much work for what she is accomplishing.

Clifford informed the group he installed the bookkeeping system now used by the city of Alamogordo and that even though their city clerk is also the town treasurer, in addition to being assigned many and varied duties in her capacity of clerk, nevertheless she still has "time to burn at times." Clifford informed the state comptroller has approved the discontinuance of "a lot of bank accounts" formerly kept by the city of Alamogordo, and is sure the state official would grant this privilege to the Carrizozo city officials.

Mrs. Johnson had previously informed him she was keeping 10 or 11 deferrance bank accounts.

The name of the Roswell firm which has been doing the city's auditing for a number of years was brought up at this point, and Petty expressed the opinion the City Council needs to dive more deeply into the city's operations. He pointed out the council had wanted to ask the Roswell firm many questions last year about the audit, but did not have the opportunity. He added there were at least 100 points on last year's audit which were not clear to him, but stated he might not have adequate knowledge to understand the report.

The mayor apparently is of the opinion the auditor's report should be written in such manner that it is easily understandable to everyone. Petty hastened to add the Roswell firm has always done a good job of auditing the city's books and their report has always receive the approval of the state comptroller.

The fact that the city's budget provides a maximum sum of \$275 for this annual audit

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"With a small hospital, usually you have millions of dollars in debt, but we actually are debt free. Presbyterian has been very generous with us. We have access to their legal and accounting departments, their purchasing power - those are great benefits to a small hospital."

Roger Beechie, MD, maintains a general practice through LCMC White Mountain Medical. He is Vice Chairman of the LCMC Board of Trustees.

Tell us about your practice.

I'm a general practitioner. I do call us the jack of all trades, more or less. We know a lot about a lot of things. I provide care to my patients from newborns to adults to seniors. I take care of all their medical needs and use specialists for the areas where I may not have in-depth knowledge. The more common health problems I deal with are things like allergies, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.

What health information do you wish your patients knew?

There are a few things that patients can actually do to have good health. They should exercise vigorously and regularly. They should avoid a high salt diet. Avoid saturated fats in their diet. Avoid smoke and moderate their alcohol intake. If they do these things, they probably will have to see me a lot less.

Of those things, which is the most important?

Exercise. Aerobic exercise is the best medicine. It's stress relieving. It lowers your lipids and triglycerides, and if you're a diabetic, it improves your blood sugar tremendously. It's the best thing you can do, and you should do it for an hour a day, five out of seven days.

What brought you to LCMC White Mountain Medical?

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What can you say about the quality of LCMC?

I think it's probably one of the best little hospitals in the country. It offers a lot of diversified services. We're managed financially to get a lot of upgrades, such as our MRI machine and CT scanner. We have cardiologists, oncologists, urologists, and gastroenterologists who come to town to see our patients, so we have an influx of specialists in addition to a great facility.

How does LCMC help you with your practice?

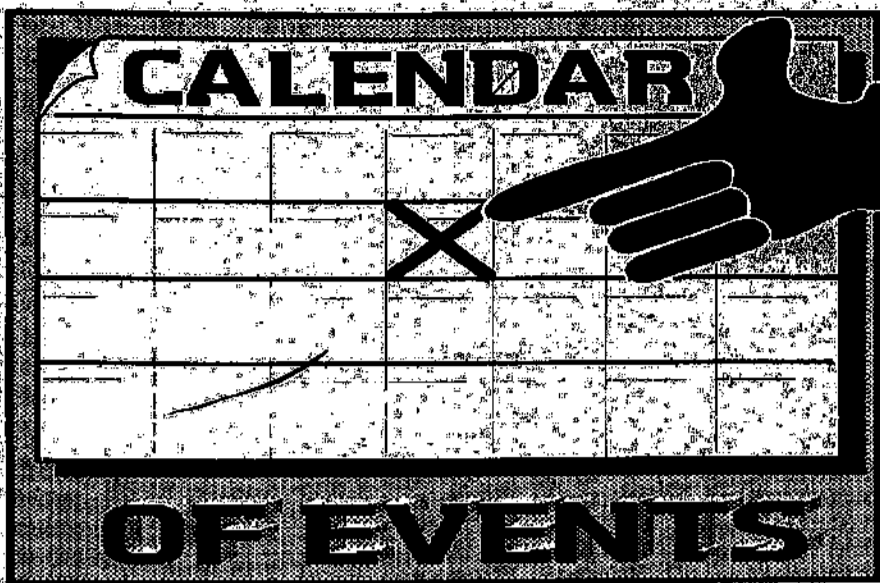
They come to my practice probably 95 percent of the health care they'll ever need, right here in Redwood.

More about Roger Beechie, MD

- MD and General Practice Residency, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.
- 33 years of experience
- LCMC medical staff member since 1979
- Raised in Mexico City
- Likes higher elevations
- Amateur photographer
- Takes multi-packing trips into wilderness areas

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Conservation District Fees for Reviewing Subdivision Applications

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only do that through an ordinance.

Of concern to the county commissioners and the conservation district board members was how to manage the subdivision reviews between now and the time the county officials finally complete revisions to the subdivision ordinance.

"There's going to be some things that occur in the interim that may not get reviewed," Morel said. "I can't order a developer to (pay the

fee) until there's a law that says he has to.

Preston Stone, speaking on behalf of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District's board of directors, addressed the county commissioners. "At this point, Upper Hondo is not asking the county to pay," Stone said. "We're simply asking to put this on the agenda. Place it in the regulations. Even if it takes six months or a year."

County planning director Curt Temple explained that by law, subdivision applications have to be sent to a variety of agencies for review, and the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District is one of those agencies. "I have two subdivisions right now that are in the pipeline," Temple said. "Unfor-

tunately, Upper Hondo Soil and Water (Conservation District) did not comment on them because the issue came up with the \$1,000 fee. There's two major subdivisions that have passed their 30-day review period," Temple said. "I received another subdivision yesterday, and I'm concerned that it's not going to get an opinion from the (Upper Hondo) Soil and Water Conservation District. We cannot hold up a subdivision just because it did not get an opinion from an agency," Temple explained.

Stone told the county commissioners that it would require a decision from the conservation district's board members, but he believed that the board would be willing to continue to review subdivision applications for no fee until the county can add requirements for the fee. The fees for reviewing sub-

division applications are proposed to be based on the size of the subdivision, ranging from \$400 for a subdivision of up to 25 lots to \$1,400 for subdivisions of 400 lots or more. Morel collected by the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District would be used to support cost-share projects like soil improvement and erosion reduction efforts on private property in Lincoln County.

The county commissioner unanimously proposed the inclusion of a requirement in the county's subdivision ordinance that would pass the review costs on to the developer or subdivider.

OBITUARIES

PHIL KELLY

Funeral mass for Phil Kelly, 67, of Picacho will be tomorrow, Friday, July 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Joseph's Mission in Picacho with the Rev. Al Galyan officiating. Burial will follow at the Picacho Cemetery.

Mr. Kelly died June 29 at his home. He was born November 20, 1939, at Columbus, Indiana. He retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant after 22 years, also serving during Vietnam. He moved to Lincoln County in 1980. He married Lupe Salas on August 12, 1961.

He is survived by his wife, Lupe, a son, Patrick Kelly and his wife, Eloise, a daughter, Vivian Brown and her husband, Michael, four grandchildren, one great grandchild, brothers and sisters, William Kelly, Marilyn Schible, his twin sister, Phyllis Kelly, Patty White and Linda Newport.

Condolences may be sent to www.lagroneeruidaso.com.

WALDO NUNEZ

Services for Waldo Nunez, 80, of Gomerco, NM, were held June 30 at the Prewitt Rodeo Grounds in Prewitt, NM with Pastor Bob Huber officiating. Private disposition will take place at a later date. Nunez died June 26 in Gallup.

He was born November 2, 1926 in Roswell. Waldo graduated from Roswell HS in 1945. He attended the University of NM, majoring in business. He worked as a cowboy and was involved with livestock his entire life.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Nunez of Gomerco; son, Joe Bob Nunez of Corrales, NM; daughters, Marian and Beatrice Nunez, both of Gallup; brothers, Fred Nunez of Las Cruces, Larry Nunez of Glenwood, NM, Andy Nunez of Hatch; sisters, Patsy Sanchez of Carrizozo, Annie Jenks of Roswell, Frances Nunez of Las Cruces, Carolyn Wages of Loving, NM; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Nunez was preceded in death by his daughter, Bernice Nunez; his parents, R.C. and Lucinda Nunez; brothers, R.C. Jr., Dan, and Dody Nunez.

County Continues Work on

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agreed with Davis' comments regarding conservation and drought contingencies.

County commissioner Dave Parks said that the elevation of Sierra Blanca was stated as just under 12,000 feet in the draft comprehensive plan and should be changed to 12,500 feet.

Robert Moeller of Nogal, asked if the county intended to perform scientific public surveys to gather responses from the public about the plan.

Battin said that the public hearings have been and will be advertised to inform the public of the county's interest in public input.

Another public hearing on the comprehensive plan is planned for the July 17th meeting of the county commissioners. A link to the drafted comprehensive plan can be found on the county's website at www.lincolncountynm.net.

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.

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

-American Legion Post 11, serving the Carrizozo area meets at 9:00 a.m. at Wells Fargo-Bank in Carrizozo.

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

-Corona Lending Library story hour 4 p.m.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

-Cyclists from Push America arrive in Carrizozo at New Horizons at noon. There will be 30 cyclists from the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity on the 4,000 mile Journey of Hope across the United States to raise awareness on behalf of people with disabilities.

-The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District board will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. at Bonito Volunteer Fire Department in Alto.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

-Great American Car Race arrives in Carrizozo about noon. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. at McDonald Park on 12th Street. Antique and classic vehicles and car clubs from southern New Mexico. Fun event.

-Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.

-Lincoln County Republican Party monthly meeting (changed from July 9) at 6:00 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club. Speaker will be Adam Feldman, executive director of Republican Party of New Mexico.

-Carrizozo Town Council 6:00 p.m.

-Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.

-Corona Village Council 7:00 p.m.

-Corona School Board 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

-Carrizozo Street Fair committee 6:00 p.m. at Otero County Electric Bldg. on 12th Street in Carrizozo.

-Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

-Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) board of directors quarterly meeting, 10 a.m. at ENMU-Roswell.

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An invitation is extended to all Catholics in the area to attend Mass offered by Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of the Diocese of Las Cruces on the weekend of July 7th and July 8th.
Bishop Ramirez will celebrate Mass in Capitan at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and
In Carrizozo at Santa Rita Catholic Church on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
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THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Are you computer literate?

By Ruth Hammond

Surfing years ago meant climbing on an ironing board, or rather it looked similar to an ironing board, and then trying to stand up on this thing out in the ocean and riding the waves, or the surf back toward the shore. Nowadays surfing has an entirely different meaning. Computer literate people use that term for finding things on the internet. It is confusing to think that typing in words can be referred to as surfing. And for those of you who don't know what an ironing board is, it means you are younger than those of us who don't understand why surfing is now typing, not being out on the water. Times have changed.

Using this new terminology can cause problems when trying to decipher what is meant. Operating systems years ago meant the method used by surgeons to perform their surgery. Now an operating system has to do with how the computer does its computing. And now computers crash, not vehicles colliding with other vehicles. Up and running had meant that a person was erect and moving rapidly, now it has to do with whether a computer is functioning.

Maybe you are familiar with all this computer speak, but not everyone is and it is an entirely new language. Save had previously meant setting money aside and now it has to do with making certain what you type in the computer is permanent and not likely to be lost if the power fails, or something else happens to cause electrical interruption.

Memory is another term in computer speak, not to be confused with trying to remember things. And there is RAM, which is random access memory and ROM which is read only memory. Random access means you can read it and possibly make changes but read only memory is in the computer permanently and even though you can read it, there is no way you can make any changes to ROM.

Escape, or esc as it is abbreviated, is another key on the computer. Luckily it has nothing to do with getting out of jail or from imprisonment, but it does have to do with ending a procedure quickly. Then there are the alt and ctrl keys on computers, though the most frequently used keys are enter, backspace and delete. Typists know that enter is the key to use when ending a paragraph, the backspace key is for backspacing and the delete key is the most commonly used key. Delete, delete, delete, not to be confused with expletives, is to get rid of what is there.

Regardless of whether you use a computer or not, you will no doubt hear the majority of these computer terms frequently. The situation is that you will continue to hear these terms, they won't go away. If you find computer speak discouraging, why not talk about something else such as the weather? You know it is hot now but will be cooler eventually. You also know that surviving this hot weather can't be resolved by hitting the escape key or by trying to delete it. Think surfing, that is a cool thought.

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L.A. SIMPLETON MARRIAGE COUNSELOR



"NOW, THEN... DID YOU TWO GET MARRIED BY A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, A CLERGYMAN, OR THE SECRETARY OF WAR?"
Big Dry Syndicate



WEATHER REPORT

by JEFF HAMMOND

With the continuing overcast and partly cloudy conditions there will continue to be slight chances for daily scattered thunderstorms and showers at all elevations of Lincoln County.

Expect lower than normal daytime temperatures for this time of year at all elevations of Lincoln County.

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

Today, Thursday, July 5
Isolated showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. Slight chance of precipitation, night: A fair chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Friday, July 6
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86, night: A fair chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Saturday, July 7
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90, night: A fair chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Sunday, July 8
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with low around 60.

Monday, July 9
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Tuesday, July 10
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

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

Today, Thursday, July 5
Isolated showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. Fair chance of precipitation, night: A fair chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Friday, July 6
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78, night: A fair chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Saturday, July 7
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84, night: A fair chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Sunday, July 8
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Monday, July 9
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Tuesday, July 10
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website.

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER

SANTA FE -- The Billy the Kid exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum is well worth seeing for any New Mexican. After all, he's our most famous resident, so we ought to know as much about him as we can.

This is undoubtedly the best exhibit on the Kid ever put together. It contains an impressive array of memorabilia gathered from public and private collections throughout the nation. It was all put together by Paul Andrew Hutton, a University of New Mexico professor of western history.

The exhibit includes the butcher knife Billy was carrying the night he was killed, the pistol with which Sheriff Pat Garrett shot him and the carpenter bench on which his body laid.

Also included are an extensive explanation of the Lincoln County War and its many characters, information on Billy's life, Garrett's efforts to capture him, Billy's correspondence with Gov. Lew Wallace who had promised him a pardon and a wide-ranging display of pop-culture memorabilia from Hutton's personal collection.

The pop-culture items include dime novels dating back to the 1880s, more recent works by noted authors such as Pulitzer Prize winners Larry McMurtry and N. Scott Momaday, movie posters from many of the more than 60 films portraying Billy, comic book series from the 1940s and '50s, musical scores by artists ranging from Aaron Copeland to Bob Dylan, Bon Jovi and Billy Joel.

Why was Billy so popular? The exhibit explores that question too. He rose to the defense of longtime locals in Lincoln County who lived under the thumb of outsiders who had taken control and were going to do whatever they could to maintain their stranglehold on the valley.

Billy and his gang were out to stop them and help the locals who were being wronged. They obviously went outside the law to attain justice and thus his image as the Robin Hood of the West.

The Kid wasn't like other outlaws, robbing banks, trains and stagecoaches for the money. He went outside the law to seek revenge and to aid the oppressed. He was also a likable person who loved to sing and dance.

In Silver City, he organized minstrel shows to raise money for school projects. He learned to speak Spanish fluently and had many friends who would hide him when the law was on his tail. Because of his young age

and violent death, he somehow managed to capture the imagination of authors, songwriters, screen writers and classical composers. In most of the exhibit collection he is pictured as a hero.

But sometimes he isn't. It is easy to cast him in many different molds. During the '60s, he was the tragic, tormented rebel with a cause. Had James Dean lived, he would have portrayed Billy. During the cynicism of the '70s, he was dirty little Billy -- lazy, degenerate and cowardly.

Little enough is truly known about him that he has been an Everyman throughout literature and entertainment. The exhibit illustrates all these sides.

The exhibit also covers the effort by three sheriffs to dig up Billy, his mother and Billy's pretenders. On this topic, the exhibit is myopic, treating only the pro-digging side. No mention is made of those of us, including noted histori-

ans, forensic scientists and the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator, who think the effort is a frivolous wild goose chase.

But the digging effort has repopularized our most famous New Mexican at a time when the Western craze in film and TV has waned. This exhibit appears to be a result of that renewed interest.

The principals, who provided much of the exhibit material are people who wanted to see the digging take place. Deputy Sheriff Steve Sederwall, artist and True West magazine president Bob Boze Bell and Hutton, himself, have been the major players in making this a great exhibit.

It is good enough that the state departments of Tourism and Cultural Affairs are discussing the possibility of a traveling exhibit. But don't wait for that. See it in Albuquerque before July 22.

EMS Coordinator Briefs County

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Carroll said he would interpret that to mean that no public input would be sought in regards to the Emergency Operations Plan.

Mason told the county commissioners that the purpose of the EOP is equivalent to that of a plan establishing standard operating procedures for the sheriff's department. "The real revision process will take place as you exercise your plan," Mason said. "You find your weaknesses in the plan, and that's when we start asking people, anyone who would like to participate, to come up with recommendations."

In response to a question from county commission vice-chair Eileen Lovelace, Mason reported that he had not yet gathered input on the draft EOP from the county's fire departments or the sheriff's department. "It's just been myself. It's just a broad basic document," Mason said. He told the commis-

sioners that the last EOP adopted by the county was written in 1996 and that the state wants to see a new plan. "It should be reviewed, revised, exercised an amended every year," Mason said.

The county's board of commissioners gave Mason the go ahead to continue to pursue state and federal approval of the draft Emergency Operations Plan. After approval from the FEMA, the county commissioners will review the plan and recommend any revisions deemed necessary before the plan is finally adopted.

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"We Salute and Thank All of Our Service People."

New LCSWA Facility

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waste study requested by the Lincoln County Commission, to be combined with a similar study already underway in the Village of Ruidoso, conducted by the Chaves/Lincoln County Small Business Development Center. The report will include a site study, operations analysis and customer satisfaction survey, to be completed by early September.

--Awarded a bid for a tire de-rimmer in the amount of \$17,668.13 to Tire Service Equipment Inc., for use in the new Green Tree Recycling facility in Ruidoso Downs.

--Approved going to bid for 36 new three yard dumpsters, 504 poly carts and new compactors.

--Approved disposal of surplus equipment in Otero County with the proceeds to be reinvested in purchase of a backhoe.

--Approved end of fiscal year budget adjustments.

--Requested that the LCSWA attorney review the existing landfill agreement for Lincoln and Otero counties to determine the possible impact of the opening of a private Class A landfill in southern Otero County.

The next LCSWA board meeting is scheduled for July 24. For more information, contact operational supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697, toll free 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com



Think Rain !!!

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State's Finest Nurses To Be Honored

The New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence (NMCNE) will host the third annual New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards...

The black tie dinner and award ceremony where the winners will be announced is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 27 in Albuquerque...

Awards will be presented in 22 nursing practice specialties, including the New Mexico Distinguished Nurse of the Year award...

Nominations are open to all registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in the state...

Judy Spinella, chair of the event and chief nursing officer at University of New Mexico Hospitals...

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IS THERE GOLD IN YOUR CELLAR? Yes, and in Your Attic Too! Turn Those Things You Don't Want Into Money with a Want Ad

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

6:45 p.m. Stand by presence requested at location on Apple Blossom Road in Ruidoso Downs...

8:24 p.m. Medical call at location on High Mesa in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

8:50 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 270 on Hwy 70 near Buckhorn Loop in Glencoe...

9:50 p.m. Medical call at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

10:39 p.m. Agency assistance requested at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) by LCDC staff for assistance with transported prisoner...

June 16 8:08 a.m. Illegal dumping or littering reported at location on Miriam Drive in Ruidoso Downs...

8:53 a.m. Burglary reported at business located near Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 intersection, deputy dispatched.

10:27 a.m. Medical call at location on Pfingston Road in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.

10:47 a.m. Civil dispute reported at Bonito Lake, deputy dispatched.

1:15 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Las Estrellas in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

1:54 p.m. Suspicious activity by person reported at location on La Luz Lane in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

3:09 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 71 on Hwy 380 near Carrizozo, Carrizozo fire units and deputy dispatched.

5:31 p.m. Medical call at location on Bancroft in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

7:57 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:06 p.m. Warrant service at location on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

11:15 p.m. Accident reported at West Lake Campground on Bonito Lake, deputy dispatched.

June 17 8:45 a.m. Medical call at business location on Bonito Park Road in Bonito, ALS ambulance dispatched.

10:48 a.m. Burglary reported at residence on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

11:22 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Hwy 70 in Riverside, deputy dispatched.

12:08 p.m. Medical call at residence on 18th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

2:22 p.m. Welfare check requested at Alto Alps, deputy dispatched.

2:51 p.m. Alarm reported by alarm company at mile marker 11 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:54 p.m. Disturbance/other reported at location on Mogul in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:31 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 301 on Hwy 70 in Timmie, Hondo emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

4:42 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Alta Mira in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

June 18 5:18 a.m. Alarm at business located on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:27 a.m. Welfare check requested for person(s) sitting in vehicle on the south-bound shoulder of Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:52 a.m. Breaking and Entering (B & E) reported at location on Del Monte Drive in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:57 a.m. Motor vehicle theft reported from location on Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

11:27 a.m. Information report at location on Eagle Creek Road in Eagle, deputy dispatched.

12:55 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Second Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

3:50 p.m. Report of animal biting person at location on Tunstall Canyon Road in Glencoe, deputy dispatched and report taken at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) on Suddreth Drive in Ruidoso.

5:05 p.m. Dog reported running loose on White Cat Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

8:57 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Nogal Canyon Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

11:08 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

June 19 12:05 a.m. B & E reported in "In Progress" at Carrizozo Country Club on Country Club Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:48 a.m. B & E reported at location on Pine Shadow trail in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

7:43 a.m. Burglary reported at business location on Hwy in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

8:20 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:37 a.m. Smoke reported at Kokopelli in Alto, deputy dispatched.

12:09 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported near intersection on 11th and B Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:07 p.m. Information report at Bonito Lake in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

1:36 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Ghost Town Road in Ancho, deputy dispatched.

7:07 p.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported at location on Hidden Valley in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:57 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 48 near Cora Dutton Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

11:02 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on De Bord in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:19 p.m. Accident reported on Tall Pines in Alpine Village, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and deputy dispatched.

June 20 12:06 a.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

8:33 a.m. Agency assistance requested at Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 intersection, deputy dispatched.

11:02 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:21 p.m. Illegal dumping or littering reported on CR C006 on forest grounds, deputy dispatched.

1:48 p.m. Threats reported at mile marker 284 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

2:40 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport

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Church Directory



- 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 / 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 a.m.
First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2688 (Church) or 648-2107
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 (AIG)
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 7:30 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 8:00 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 354-3136
Ave. D 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 Oak Community Church
Non-denominational
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

- St. Matthew Episcopal Church
REV. JOHN RUFFMAN, RECTOR
Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
Ph. 505-257-2358
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Claunch Community Church
TONY SCACCIA, Minister
848-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 8:00 a.m.
United Methodist Churches
JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 849-2848
Carrizozo, NM 88304
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Chair 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.
Chair Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday 8:30 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 6:00 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 WES, Pastor / 849-7875
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month
Sunday:
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

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THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU, IS NEVER AS GREAT AS THE POWER BEHIND YOU. BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. EPHESIANS 6:10 "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, Amen"



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was mentioned during the discussion concerning the Roswell firm. Petty then disclosed he had received a written "bid" from that firm and read a portion of it to the council.

The Roswell firm's bid, in the form of a contract, was for \$275. Clifford asked the mayor if it covered the type of auditing he was prepared to do, and was given the contract to read. After looking it over, Clifford informed the council it covered substantially what he proposed to do, and that he would meet that price.

Mrs. Johnson informed the group the Roswell firm had discussed the matter of installing a new system last year, but she had asked them to wait as her plans at that time were to quit within a couple of months.

Mrs. Johnson also informed the group the Roswell firm sent three men to make the audit, which took approximately a day and a half. The Alamogordo men said it would take several days to do the work and install the new accounting system.

It was agreed by council to award the job to Clifford and Dalton on a verbal agreement pending receipt of their written contract.

--Council minutes disclosed there were two special meetings held during May. One was on May 11 to accept the resignation of Fred Schlarb and the other on May 29 to approve the appointment of Lawrence Queen as superintendent of municipal utilities at a monthly salary of \$300. The minutes indicated no other business was transacted.

Your News-Outlook reporter asked the council why the citizens of Carrizozo had not been notified of these meetings in order they might exercise their right to attend if they so desired. Mayor Petty stated they really hadn't thought about it since the meetings were hurriedly called. This reporter also asked why Carrizozo and Lincoln County people had not been notified through the medium of The News-Outlook the position was available and what procedure they used to fill the opening.

Council explained they contacted the Albuquerque and El Paso employment services as well as made personal contacts. The News-Outlook reporter asked whether there might have been other qualified people in the county who would have submitted applications for the council's consideration had they known the job was available.

Roy Shafer said he had never given it any thought as the subject had never before been brought up, but that it would be a good idea to publish any future job opening.

The reporter pointed out that state and federal governments regularly send notices of their job vacancies and are very appreciative for any space allotted for such information. C.A. Snow said there had not had a vacancy in five years and it had never before been suggested.

--The subject of the repair of the "big" motor was brought up by The News-Outlook reporter and was informed they expected it to be completed by Sunday.

A power failure occurred about that time which put the hall in darkness for approximately 30 minutes and delayed council proceedings.

Queen departed to do some "trouble shooting" and the mayor went in search of candles.

During the delay, The News-Outlook reporter asked if there was anything additional concerning REA or Community Public Service, or whether council plans to do anything about the power plant. Snow said there wasn't anything wrong with the plant and that it is a good one.

Upon being told by the reporter of the numerous breakdowns which have occurred since she had lived here, Snow informed her she ought to be in a certain town in Texas where they were without power for two days at one time. The reporter replied she had lived in a large number of towns in various states over the country and she has never before experienced the type of service with which Carrizozo is forced to contend.

When the lights went back on Queen returned the subject was again brought up. Petty suggested The News-Outlook ask Queen about the "big" motor, now being repaired, but not put him out on a limb since he had only assumed his duties the previous day. The reporter told the mayor she was not trying to crucify anyone, that she was merely seeking information which concerns public welfare. Queen said the "big" motor, when again installed, should handle the load but said he could not predict how long it might work before another breakdown occurs; that no one could predict that -- not even REA.

The reporter said she held no brief for REA, was not an elected expert and was merely asking information. Queen explained there are a number of factors involved and that motors of the type used in Carrizozo are often repaired or rebuilt and

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What was the "Santa Fe Ring?"

by David L. Caffey

Rarely does one hear of the "Santa Fe Ring" these days, but in Territorial times -- the period between the American Occupation and attainment of statehood in 1912, newspapers of a certain political stripe were full of allegations concerning misdeeds of the infamous Ring. Despite a complete lack of membership rolls, meeting minutes, corporate photos, or any other evidence of formal organization, virtually every historian of Territorial New Mexico agrees that such a combination existed and held sway in economic and political affairs for a period of several decades. The kind of machine politics practiced by the Ring was not peculiar to New Mexico, but was typical of that period popularly known as the "Gilded Age."

Historian Howard Roberts Lamar characterized the Ring as "a set of lawyers, politicians, and businessmen who united to run the territory and make money out of this particular region."

The Albuquerque Review of January 1878 called it "a systematized organization of

rascality."

The Ring's membership is a matter of conjecture. It is generally acknowledged that the Ring had its origin in the years just after the Civil War, when immigration to western territories increased. Stephen Benton Elkins and Thomas Benton Catron, natives of Missouri, are commonly cited as founders and leaders of the Ring, but both survived occasional public criticism to become members of the United States Senate -- Elkins from West Virginia, where he settled after a 10 year sojourn in New Mexico; and Catron as one of New Mexico's first two senators elected when the former territory attained statehood.

Catron was the presumed leader through much of the Ring's history; otherwise, its composition tended to shift over time.

Though most closely associated with the Republican Party, the Ring also included prominent Democrats. It was dominated by non-Hispanic immigrants, but Hispanic allies were critical to its success.

Edmund G. Ross, Governor from 1885 to 1889, was appointed by President Grover Cleveland, and was expected to curb excesses of the Ring. Ross attained limited success, but he necessarily became one of the most astute observers of the Ring. He found it an organism of considerable complexity. Its core activity involved speculation in Spanish and Mexican land grants, but the group also spun off "Cattle Rings, Public Land Stealing Rings, Mining Rings, Treasury Rings, and rings of almost every description." In Ross's view, Ring members worked in concert with corrupt Territorial officials -- governors,



Thomas B. Catron

judges, attorneys general, surveyors general, whose influence in the grant confirmation process was great.

The Ring was occasionally accused of inciting violence in pursuit of its interests. In reality, violent acts ill suited the group's purposes, which were better served by less sensational forms of corruption.

The Santa Fe Ring enjoyed its heyday between 1873 and 1878, when troubles in Col-

fax and Lincoln counties were raging; and again around 1884, when a legislature dominated by presumed Ring members defeated a determined opposition and put through appropriations for a territorial prison and a new capitol; skeptics wondered how much public money would find its way into the hands of political officials who had advocated these projects.

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Pulling the Rug Out From Under the Carpet

There is money under your used rug. For most of us, it's the multicolored foam, the polyurethane foam of the type that accounts for 90 percent of the padding that goes under carpet in this country. Whether the carpet work is done by a home owner, by a contractor or by a professional carpet installer, the used foam padding under old carpet is a valuable and recyclable material. Too often in Lincoln and Otero counties, it's not properly disposed of. And, there is a lot more out there that goes to waste.

Annual carpet production in the United States equals 1.5 billion cubic yards (approximately 485 square miles, enough to carpet 90 percent of the City of Houston). Carpeting typically lasts 7-10 years (residential) or 8-10 years (commercial). Recarpeting accounts for 55 percent of all new carpet sold, generating annual waste of approximately 3.5 billion pounds (1.75 million tons). All of it has one of three types of carpet padding or cushioning under it, mostly polyurethane foam. Carpet and carpet padding represents nearly one percent by weight, but nearly two percent by volume, of overall municipal solid waste. These values do not include the 125,000 tons of annual post consumer carpet pad waste generated by residential (homeowner) recarpeting.

In 2006, 2.51 tons of carpet padding (or carpet cushion as it is also known in the trade) was baled and sold in Lincoln County to Durango McKinley Corporation which transports the material to its plant in Thoreau, New Mexico. More was baled and sold directly from carpet sellers to Master Fibers of Albuquerque. Later, most of the used pad is ground into small bits, rebonded and recast to be used again as carpet pad or cushion. Figures for Otero County are unavailable since carpet padding recycling had

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The Great American Race Lunch Stop in Carrizozo, NM

Tuesday, July 10, 2007 9am to 3 pm

The 25th anniversary Great American Race is set to make another trek across North America this summer.

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Sheriff's Report

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Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 3:27 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Air Port Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 3:52 p.m. Accident reported at Hwy 48 and High Mesa intersection in Alto, Bonito emergency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 3:55 p.m. Fire reported on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, Hondo fire units dispatched.
 4:26 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 4:53 p.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Edwards in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 5:34 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 48 in Alto,

Bonito emergency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 8:35 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Loma Grande in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 9:28 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Aristeo Road in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 9:38 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on G Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 10:37 p.m. Fire reported on A036 just north of Ancho, Carrizozo fire units dispatched.
 11:29 p.m. Unknown trouble call from residence on Hall Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

June 21
 1:19 a.m. Reported a quarter mile south of the Ancho turnoff on Hwy 54, Carrizozo fire units dispatched.
 8:24 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Sonora Loop in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:12 a.m. Civil dispute reported at business location

on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 9:36 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mount Capitan in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 4:58 p.m. Trespassing reported at Business location on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 7:23 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at Copper Ridge in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:52 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 3 on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 9:12 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 288 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, Hondo emergency units and ambulance dispatched.
 11:54 p.m. Agency assistance requested at residence on North Parnell in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

June 22
 6:40 a.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 48 in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 8:25 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 48 and Lake Shore in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 9:06 a.m. Medical call at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 9:14 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at business location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 9:47 p.m. Medical call at Mills Canyon parking lot, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 9:51 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at business location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 11:07 a.m. Trespassing reported at location on Valle Loop Aristeo Road in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 12:19 p.m. Medical call at residence on Calle de Corte in San Patricio, ambulance dispatched.
 12:46 p.m. Fire reported at location on Sun Valley in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.
 3:21 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Hwy 380 near Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 4:49 p.m. Burglary reported at location on Stables Road near Alto Lakes, dep-

uty dispatched.
 5:52 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 305 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.
 7:22 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Mesa Loop in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.
 8:09 p.m. Disturbance reported at business location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 8:48 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Third Street in Capitan resulting in agency assistance requested by Capitan police, deputy dispatched.
 11:02 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at Ruidoso police headquarters on Mechem

Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 11:08 911 Hang-up from location on Main Street in Corona, deputy dispatched.

June 23
 1:10 a.m. Fire reported by Union Pacific Railroad (UPR) at location on CR A012, bordering UPR property, Carrizozo fire units dispatched.
 2:54 a.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at business location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
 3:40 a.m. Domestic dispute at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:21 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Little Big Horn in Rancho Ruidoso

Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
 10:42 a.m. Information report at Lincoln County Sheriff's Office located in the Lincoln County Courthouse complex on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 11:44 a.m. Welfare check from medic alert alarm at residence on Santiago in Ranches of Sontero, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.
 4:50 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 118 on Hwy 54 southbound, Carrizozo fire units and deputy dispatched.
 5:49 p.m. Fire reported near Hwy 54 and White Oaks turn off north of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 COURT**

No. CY-07-238

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN G. SPANDE, KATHRYN A. SPANDE, AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMEAMERICAN CREDIT, INC. D/B/A UPLAND MTG.,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO: Steven G. Spande

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff, LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in which LaSalle Bank National Association prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the property described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of the Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located at 106 Birch Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, and more particularly described as:

LOT 17, 18, AND 19, BLOCK 1 OF PONDEROSA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, JULY 30, 1956, IN TUBE NO. 148, including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause within twenty (20) days of the third consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association is Little & Dranttel, P.C., 7430 Washington Street, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

BY ORDER OF the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, entered on June 22, 2007.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 13, 2007, the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, filed application No. H-1497 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well by ceasing the diversion of 1498.49 acre feet per annum of groundwater and supplemental ground water from well No. H-1497 located in the SW¼ NW¼ SE¼ of Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the combined diversion of 1498.49 acre feet per annum of ground water and supplemental ground water from exploratory well No. H-1497-Expl, located at a point in the SW¼NW¼SE¼, Section 31, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The move from and move to locations are located approximately two and half miles west of the intersection of State Highway 532 and State Highway 48. All are in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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

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

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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Looking Back

used for a long period of time.

--At the close of the session but before council adjourned, The News-Outlook reporter told the members she wanted some points of information concerning the council's policy on certain matters. First, she asked if council would inform the public through the press of any future job openings. Petty said he was not sure he was willing to go along on advertising such vacancy. The paper's representative assured him she was not soliciting business; that such information would be considered newsworthy and handles in the same manner as the federal and state governments' publicity releases concerning job openings.

The council said they were glad to know that inasmuch as it had never been brought to their attention previously.

--Then the reporter asked for an official statement concerning any possible negotiations with REA or Community Public Service for purchase of the local power plant.

At that point Snow said he had to go to Roswell at 3:00 a.m. and left (the meeting had not yet been officially adjourned). Petty said The News-Outlook reporter had heard the REA attorney at a previous meeting ask the council for a rate chart and say he would be glad to talk to the citizens of Carrizozo when he had more information to offer. Petty said they have heard nothing further from REA or Community Public Service (the latter company had sent a letter of inquiry some time ago which was read at a regular meeting but council indicated they were not interested in considering that offer for negotiation).

The News-Outlook reporter informed the remaining council members information from reliable sources disclosed Community Public Service had talked with Carrizozo's mayor recently and did not feel they are welcome to come into the town.

Since any purchase of the local power plant would entail heavy expense to the company in running the line up from Tularosa and contemplated necessary changes in town outside wiring, it was revealed the company does not want to start negotiations unless they feel the town is interested in hearing what they have to offer.

The question of special meetings held by the council to transact city business without previous notice to the public was also raised. Petty said the council is privileged to call a special meeting at any time, and that the May 29 meeting had been called on "10 minutes notice" and they could not even locate the clerk to have her there. The reporter pointed out Schlarb had resigned on May 11, according to council's records, and asked whether they had had time to let the public know through the medium of the local paper the job was available. Petty asked the reporter if she felt anyone had been harmed and she replied she didn't know, she was only seeking information as to how the city let the people about such matters.

She also pointed out council is elected by the people of Carrizozo to serve their interests and a newspaper serves as a public utility in informing the citizenry concernign civic affairs.

Petty said he was glad to hear that and hadn't known about it previously.

The reporter recalled another special council meeting which had been held without notifying the public, and reminded Petty he had promised The News-Outlook editors there would be no more meetings held without notifying that paper so its representative could be present to report to the people any action taken by the council.

Council members dispersed then, without further formal discussion or formal adjournment. T.E. Kelley, council member, was not present at this session.

Lincoln Boy Selected As Conquistadore Officer

Chris Zamora of Lincoln has been installed as sergeant-at-arms in New Mexico A&M's Conquistador Club.

The club held their annual banquet at State College recently at which time installation of officers was the highlight of the evening.

Rancher Offers Use of Plane to 'Rainmakers'

Tobe Foster of the Block Ranch has offered the use of his Beach craft plane to the newly formed Precipitation Research Corporation for conducting rainmaking experiments.

The corporation, composed of Lincoln and Socorro County ranchers, was recently organized and will work under the supervision of the Socorro School of Mines

"Santa Fe Ring"

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A popular construct rather than a formal organization, the Ring had no distinct beginning and no definite end, but by 1890 its influence was fading and a progressive reform movement was gaining momentum. Few of the charges hurled at presumed Ring members ever resulted in an indictment, much less a conviction, but with the aid of a romantic moniker, the Santa Fe Ring lives on in pulp western novels, and in the annals of New Mexico's Territorial history.

David L. Caffey is vice president for Institutional Effectiveness at Clovis Community College and the author of *Frank Springer and New Mexico: From the Colfax County War to the Emergence of Modern Santa Fe*.

This column is provided by the Historical Society of New Mexico, www.hsnm.org.

State's Finest Nurses

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healthcare community and to thousands of individuals and families throughout New Mexico. These awards are a way to give back to our nurses.

"We don't announce the winners until the night of the event. We want to celebrate all of the nominees," said Karrie Brazaski, chief nursing officer at Lovelace Westside Hospital and co-chair. "It's important that we recognize excellence in practice and reflect and honor the special relationship between patients and nurses."

A committee of professional nurses will evaluate nominations through a rigorous selection process which will eventually determine approximately 25 winners. Those individuals selected will receive a special award designed by renowned Laguna/Zuni artist De Haven Solimon Chaffins.

The New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence was established as a nonprofit organization in 2002 to develop initiatives and advocate for efforts to curb the statewide nursing shortage. The Center focuses on nursing education, professional development of nurses and promoting the nursing profession in New Mexico.

For more information about the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence or for further details on the New Mexico Nursing Excellence Awards, please call (505) 889-4518, (505) 604-NMCN (6626) or visit www.nmnursingexcellence.org.



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Pulling the Rug Out From

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not started in Otero County in 2006.

"Contractors and installers can save disposal costs by bringing padding to Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA)", said operational supervisor Debra Ingle. "There is no charge for disposal at LCSWA sites in Lincoln or Otero counties." Carpet padding should not be put in trash dumpsters, compactors or poly carts, or in other types of recycling containers. The dozen or so carpet vendors located in both counties can set up special arrangements with LCSWA by calling 378-4697 or toll free 1-877-548-8772. Become a recycler.

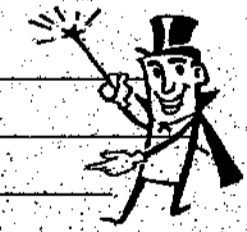
For more information about the carpet padding recycling program in Lincoln and Otero County, contact operational supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com. The most current recycling and solid waste disposal brochure for Lincoln and Otero counties is also available.

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