

County Adopts Committee Rules

by Patrice Brazie

The current board of Lincoln County Commissioners has, over the past many months, made clear its desire to staff the various county committees, commissions and boards with citizens representing diverse points of view and with something in their backgrounds that might give insight into the issues associated with the position. During their February 19th meeting, the county commissioners adopted a set of general operating procedures that explain the basic quali-

cations for committee members, the application process and some rudimentary rules and guidelines.

Committee, commission and board members must be registered voters and, desirably, bring some expertise appropriate to the position.

The resolution adopted on Tuesday states: "The County Commissioners may require very specific subject matter expertise or credentials and in some cases, a position may remain vacant for some period of time to obtain this narrowly defined appointment."

Unless granted a waiver from the board of county commissioners, volunteers may serve on only one committee, commission or board at any given time.

Committee vacancies are publicized by word of mouth, through discussion at meetings including those of the county commissioners and sometimes through newspaper advertisement.

County manager Tom Stewart maintains an ongoing list of people who have indicated a willingness to serve.

Applications presented in

the form of a letter of interest and an accompanying resume can be addressed to any member of the county's board of commissioners or the county manager at P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301. To apply by fax, interested parties can send applications to 575-648-4182, or by email to lincoln@ularosa.net. Letters should state the specific committee upon which the applicant wishes to serve and a little something about why. Resumes should include the applicant's home address and phone numbers, and an indi-

cation of current employment or status as a retiree. Some description of any appropriate knowledge or expertise is encouraged.

It is considered beneficial

if committee, commission and board members have a basic understanding of the Open Meetings Act and Robert's Rules of Order, what constitutes a quorum, exparte communication, and ethical conflicts of interest.

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LINCOLN COUNTY ASSESSOR Paul Baca and Chief Deputy Assessor Yovanne Lucero were sworn into office on Tuesday during the County Commissioners' meeting. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Subdivision Fee Schedule Approved

by Patrice Brazie

In accordance with the newly approved Lincoln County Subdivision Ordinance, county officials have adopted a schedule of fees for services associated with the review of subdivision applications and approval requests. On Tuesday, February 19 the Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners during a regular meeting passed a resolution citing the ordinance requirement for the payment of fees to defray the county's costs in determining whether or not a subdivision is in compliance with the New Mexico Subdivision Act and the county subdivision regulations.

Lincoln County will soon begin to charge subdividers and land developers \$500 plus \$15 per lot or parcel for a preliminary plat review.

Review of the final plat will cost an additional \$100, and a summary plat review will cost \$250.

Requests for a variance, an appeal, a claim of exemption or a complete or partial vacation will carry fees of \$100 per request.

Last year, officers of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District voted to begin charging fees for the work they do in evaluating subdivision applications but, because the county had no ordinance allowing for the collection of those fees from applicants, the district board members opted not to charge the taxpayers but instead to wait for the adoption of the new ordinance and fee schedule before beginning to recoup some of their costs.

The fees charged for ser-

vices by the conservation district are based on the number of lots in the subdivision and are as follows: 1-25 lots, \$400; 26-100 lots, \$650; 101 to 200 lots, \$900; 201 to 300 lots, \$1,150; 301 to 400 lots,

\$1,400; more than 400 lots, \$1,400 plus \$3 for each additional lot over 401. To review and evaluate a master plan, the conservation district will charge \$300 plus 30 cents per acre.

County Manager Reports Mail Service Complaints

by Patrice Brazie

During Tuesday's meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, county manager Tom Stewart reported that the county received the state's formula distribution of funds to help cover the costs of handling felony offenders on probation or parole in Lincoln County. The county received \$128,215 from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) on January 30th.

"This is the first time we have benefitted from the appropriation granted by the legislature last year to begin to cover the state's prisoners," Stewart said.

On February 4th, the county also received its Federal Taylor Grazing Fees distribution. Stewart said the funds received, \$29,268, was short of the budgeted \$31,854. "This means that the general fund will have to transfer an additional \$2,586 to the Predator Control Program to cover the shortfall," Stewart said. The county had already allocated \$21,796 from the general fund for the program, he said. The grazing fees allocation has been reduced

each year since the 2005-2006 fiscal year when the county received \$36,784. County commission vice-chair Eileen Lovelace said that the reduced grazing fees are the result of continued drought conditions which have caused some cattle producers to reduce the size of their herds.

Stewart said that he continues to get reports from residents complaining of slow mail service within the county. "Processing time from Capitan to Ruidoso has been generally reported to be seven days," he said. He suggested that the slow delivery time was due to the fact that items mailed in Capitan must go to Ruidoso before being processed in Las Cruces, and then returned to Ruidoso.

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Lincoln County Senior Olympics

by Patrice Brazie

The Lincoln County Senior Olympics board of directors has submitted its annual report on the organization's activities during 2007 county manager Tom Stewart.

The report was provided with a request from Sandra Jourden, Senior Olympics Coordinator, for the county to continue liability coverage for the board members and officers of the organization.

Participation in Senior Olympics events is open to all residents of Lincoln County who are at least 50 years of age at the beginning of the annual New Mexico State Summer Games in August. According to the report, 53 men and women ages 51 to 82 participated in the county games last April and May, all of whom qualified for participation in the state games. 34 of them attended the state games and 25 won medals or ribbons at the state level.

The Lincoln County athletes brought home 24 gold medals. The most popular event among Lincoln County senior gamers in 2007 was bowling.

The state games, held in Las Cruces, attracted more than 1,000 senior athletes who participated in 26 different sporting events, the report said. Lincoln County seniors entered 134 events in 12 sports categories.

The local athletes who brought home the gold are: June Hence, Bart Young, Tom Douglas, Gene Nitz, Harry Allwein, Carol Antoine, Tom Bivens, Jim

Clements, Ed Fleck, Karen Joyce, Bob McCann, Leo McCaslin, Bobby Pardue and C. E. Chavez.

Seniors who finish in first or second place in their event at the state games are eligible to play in the National Senior Olympic Games, and in 2007 three Lincoln County senior Olympians attended those games in Louisville, Kentucky. June Hence brought back two ribbons for swimming in the 70-74 age division. Galen Farrington participated in the national cycling event in the 55-59 age division, and Christopher Carusona competed at the national games in the race-

walk event for the 55-59-year-olds.

The Lincoln County Senior Olympics board of directors members are: Wolfgang Diem of Alto, Jerry Longbotham of Capitan, secretary-treasurer Lucy Servies of Ruidoso, vice-chair Harry Allwein of Ruidoso, and chair Jim Clements of Ruidoso. Former coordinator Bart Young continues to serve as an advisor, and Sandra Jourden is the current coordinator.



MOST OF THE COUNTY'S SEVEN Fire Chiefs were sworn in on Tuesday during commission meeting. Nogal Chief Ken Cramer is at the far right, Lincoln Chief Bennie Long is the girl. The rest are Arabela Chief Fernando Montoya, Fort Stanton Chief Barney Mancha, Glencoe-Palo Verde Chief Mike Lopez, Hondo Chief Modesto Chavez, and White Oaks Chief Bob Cranston. Bonito Chief Carl Bartley is not pictured. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Camp Owner Concerned About Proposed Mine

by Patrice Brazie

Speaking to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting of February 19th, Tim Morrell, owner and founder of the Lone Tree Camps near Capitan, expressed concerns over the affects a proposed surface mining operation in the area might have on his business.

"We moved here in 1980 and started the first Lone Tree Camp, and since that time it has expanded to four different camps," Morrell began. "About 5,000 kids attend our camps each year," he said. Morrell said that, although his is not a huge organization, it does make a positive impact on the local economy and the lives of a lot of kids.

A perimeter fence on one of the youth camps, Fort Lone Tree Camp, which Morrell said was for 8-12

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Committee members serve as volunteers but, in the case of some committees, members are reimbursed for mileage.

The following county committees are made up, all or in part, of citizen volunteers: Lincoln County Board of Registration, Carrizozo Health Center Advisory Board, Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, Labor Management Relations Board,

Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, Lodgers Tax Committee, Planning Commission, Predatory Animal Control Board, Property Tax Protest Board, Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, Road Review Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Olympic Committee, Wafer Resource and Conservation Committee.

The county commissioners also adopted a resolution similarly establishing operating procedures for their own

meetings. That resolution describes the nature of compliance with the Open Meetings Act and the duties of the commission chair and vice chair, as well as some agenda specifics. The resolution states that the county manager is in charge of preparing the agenda for county commission meetings, and that any non-official person wishing to add an item to that agenda must submit a written request to do so. Agendas are published at least 24 hours

prior to the meeting, and any supporting documentation regarding an agenda item should be delivered to the county manager at least three days prior to the meeting for distribution to the county commissioners.

A portion of the regular monthly county commission meetings is dedicated to the hearing of comments from citizens and officials on items not on the agenda. That portion of the meeting is usually scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and no immediate action will be taken by the commission regarding the comments or information presented. Speakers are encouraged to limit comments to three minutes or less.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the county commissioners are not required to entertain public comment on each agenda item.

Public hearings at county commission meetings will continue to be scheduled for 1:30 p.m. whenever possible, and public comment is always recognized in public hearings. Individual comments made during public hearings are also encouraged to be limited to three minutes, although the commission chair may extend or reduce that time as deemed appropriate.

Certain actions, such as the adoption or revision of a county ordinance require a public hearing.

The resolution also indicates the procedures to be followed in the case of disorderly conduct on the part of

anyone attending a meeting of the county commissioners. Copies of county ordinances and resolutions are available through the office

of county administrative assistant Billie Joe Guevara, in the manager's department at the Lincoln Courthouse complex in Carrizozo.

Healthy Trek for Senior Citizens Next Thursday, in Alamogordo

A free event for senior citizens over the age of 50 will be held in Alamogordo on Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico.

The Trek to Healthy Fitness is sponsored by New Mexico Senior Olympics.

Otero County Community Health Council and Alamo Senior Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 3:30 p.m.

The event is free to all seniors age 50 and over. Pre-registration is not required.

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GRIZZLY WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School Journalism Class Sarah Ball, Instructor

Remarkable Achievements

Two elementary students and one middle school student received awards for artistic and academic achievement.

Kaycie Bishop won an award for her drawing. Kaycie's drawing was of a brain in the clouds and an egg frying on a pan. The drawing stated that this is how people's brains are on drugs. She also wrote to not do drugs.

Kaycie received a \$50 Wal-Mart card, a t-shirt and a certificate for first place in the state at the Round House in a special ceremony for the state's efforts to promote drug-free schools. She was able to spend the day in Santa Fe and to explore the Round House. She said that she saw clusters of buildings and lots of people. When she entered the building, she saw masses of staircases, other buildings, and many people dressed up doing their jobs. She was mostly curious about the elevators. Kaycie was chaperoned by Mrs. Davis, her third grade teacher, and Mr. Castenon, the superintendent. She had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Davis explained that she was filled with pride when she was able to witness one of her own students receive an award. Mrs. Davis also stated that she was excited that Kaycie was able to spend the day in Santa Fe and witness the Senate in session.

A second winner, a fourth grader, Kadee Sedillo was able to get her picture published on a calendar, which was distributed throughout Lincoln County. She drew a person with wings flying in the air. It then said, *Drugs And Alcohol Don't Fly With Me*. Kadee stated that she felt pride in herself when her picture was selected and then published.

Linda Hand, the Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program Coordinator, was able to give all the children in the fourth grade a chance to get their picture published. She gave the children the guidelines and the frame of the picture. Kadee wrote and drew what she wanted. Hopefully, this young child will be able to give all kids and people some advice.

The third winner was 12 year old Vicente Soto, a sixth grader, who won the local bee on Tuesday, February 12, in Capitan. Twenty-four students from Carrizozo, grades third to sixth, were competing to win the bee. The competition had 30 students, all from Carrizozo and Capitan. Each student had to spell the word correctly without backtracking to change the word; they were allowed to have the word used in a sentence, to have the word repeated, and be given the definition of the word. One by one the contestants were disqualified, but Vicente passed his most difficult word *pendicula* and strived to the top to reach the winning word *forgery*.

Vicente said, "At the beginning of the fourth round as soon as I saw the last Carrizozo kid step down, I thought Carrizozo is depending on me."

Vicente will now go to El Paso on March 14, to compete in the regional bee. Vicente states, "I will send you guys a postcard from El Paso when I get there!"

Scott Barela McKenna Sandoval



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Obituary

ELSIE IRENE MASON

Funeral service for Elsie Irene Mason, 98, formerly of Capitan was Feb. 16 at the Trinity Southern Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Gilliland officiating. Burial followed at the Capitan Cemetery.

Mrs. Mason died Feb. 10, in Keene, Texas. She was born May 15, 1909 at Westbrook, Texas. She was a longtime resident of New Mexico living in Capitan, Alamogordo, Albuquerque and Farmington. She married R.D. Mason November 8, 1930 at Tucumcari and he preceded her in death on August 8, 1999.

She was a charter member of Trinity Southern Baptist Church in Capitan. She retired from Air Force Civil Service in 1984.

She is survived by four daughters, Geraldine Cowan of Dallas, TX; LaNora Pickel of Alto; Dana McCracken of Dallas, TX; Tricia Mason of Aurora, CO and a son, David Mason of Spokane Valley, WA; seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.



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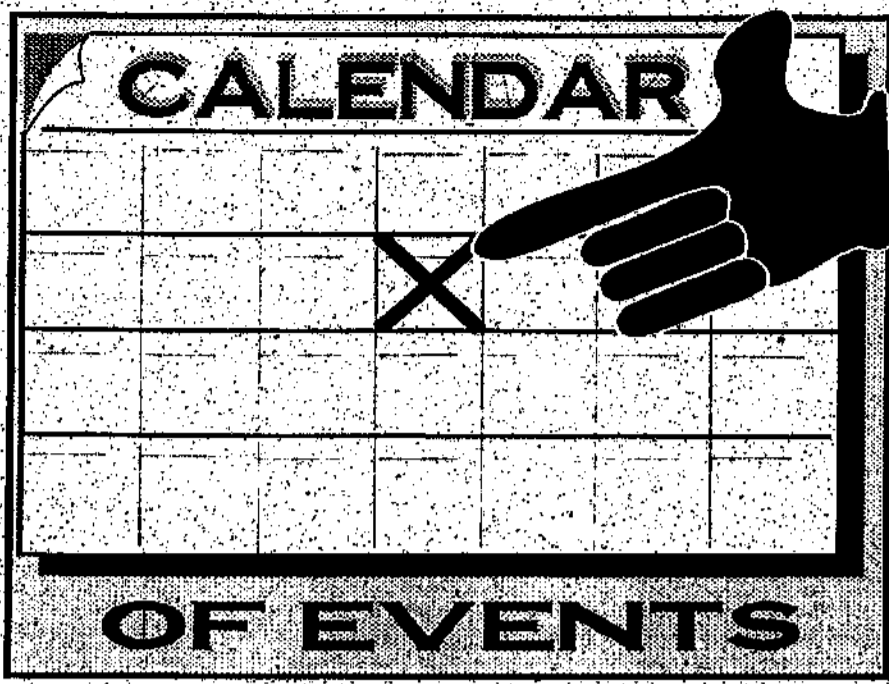
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Participants in the recently held Lincoln County Spelling Bee hosted by Capitan schools included these students representing Capitan and Carrizozo schools. 1st Place Winner was Vicente Soto (back row far left), 6th grader from Carrizozo; 2nd place went to Bryanna Parker (middle row, second from far right w/glasses), 4th grader from Capitan; and 3rd place went to Vincent Thomas (furthest to right on photo), a 5th grader from Capitan.



County Manager Reports

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"I continue to receive reports of two months' mail," Stewart said. "One family reported to me that they had a Christmas card mailed December 5th in Ohio and it got here last week," he added. "So, this is something that we've just (got) to keep complaining about," he said, "especially in light of the fact that, on May 12th, our stamps go from 41 cents to 42 cents."

Stewart said that the benefit of having the mail go through the Las Cruces sorting center is that mail is returned to local post offices having been pre-sorted numerically by address, which saves time at the local level.

The manager reported what he called a "partial victory" in his efforts to see the continuation of the Forest III program to fund forest related activities. He said he did not know how much longer the program will go on, but the county received \$14,873 on February 14th.

"Because I was so doubtful of receiving any money, we had not budgeted any Forest III receipts for our Search and Rescue and Weed Management Programs," Stewart said. "This receipt will help us recoup our general fund expenditures from last year and this year's general fund contribution of \$11,640 to the fund. I am one happy forest camper," he said.

Fifty new windows, escap-

able and more energy efficient than the old windows, are being installed in the courthouse annex, Stewart reported. He said the old single pane windows were installed in 1940 and could no longer be opened because of the deteriorated condition of

the metal frames. "Hopefully, we will see some energy savings and a more comfortable work environment," he said. Work continues on the heating and cooling pipes which were closed up from deposits of sediment, according to the man-

ager. Stewart said that the next improvement on the building will be to re-stucco the exterior walls, with focus on the base of the walls where cracks are permitting moisture seepage into the basement.

- MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**
-Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School Library.
- WEDNESDAYS**
-Corona Lending Library story hour 4 p.m.
-AWANA, for children age 3 through 6th grade, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo. Non-denominational, activities. Call 648-2107 for information.
- FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS**
-Representative from State Engineer's Office at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- 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.
- TUESDAYS**
-Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.
-Alcohol Anonymous 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
- TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**
-Emergency meeting of Lincoln County Commissioners at 9:30 a.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to obtain approval of an RFP for detention center operations.
-Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7:00 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln.
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**
-Carrizozo Mal Pais Colts 4-H club meets at 2:00 p.m. at Otero County Electric Coop bldg in Carrizozo. All youths between the ages of 9 and 19 are invited to join. Youth ages 5-8 and in kindergarten - 2nd grade may join Cloverbuds. Parents are welcome to attend. For more information contact Martha Bond at 648-2912 or extension office at 648-2311.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
-Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet at noon at LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Ruidoso Downs. Speakers will be candidates. Help with the food county by calling Dolores at 653-4379 or Karen at 336-1360 if you plan to participate in the catered lunch.
-Brown Bag Forum at Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso 12 noon. Call 257-2120 for information.
-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) meets at 2 p.m. at LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.
-Special Carrizozo Town Council meeting 6 p.m.
-Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
-Meet the Candidates, Traylor Gym at Capitan School, hosted by Capitan Chamber of Commerce. 6:00 p.m.
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28**
-Trek to Healthy Fitness, FREE for senior citizens age 50 and older at Alamo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico, 8:30a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
-Area code 505 is now 575 for Lincoln County, Otero County, Chaves County and southern areas.

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Brown Bag Forums Set for County

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is hosting a series of *Brown Bag* community awareness forums. The forums will focus on issues specific to Lincoln County and are free to the public. The next forum is scheduled for February 26th, noon to 1 p.m. at the ENMU-Ruidoso campus. The topic of discussion is binge drinking,

facilitated by Fort Stanton residential treatment director Jennifer Riggs and counselor Tina Adams. Pizza and drinks will be provided by Community Education Center of Fort Stanton. For more information please contact Andrea Reed at andrea.reed@enmu.edu or by calling the college at 257-2120.

Camp Owner Concerned

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year old kids, is potentially only 100 feet away from the area that could eventually be mined. "If they proceed with drilling exploration, they will totally change the setting that we have there," he said.

Morrell told the county commissioners that his business pays for an annual lease with the Forest Service for access for horseback riding and hiking. "If they (the mining company) find what they're looking for and proceed with open-pit mining, it will actually prohibit us from using any part of that forest for children," he said.

Morrell also suggested that parents who bring their children to the Capitan area for summer camp will have concerns about water quality and the safety of their kids.

The camp operation employs 17 people year round and hires 60 more, primarily college students, to work in the summer, Morrell said.

"Whatever jobs we gain in the mine we will be lost on the other side," he said. He reported that a few years ago, when there was a forest fire eight miles from the camp, parents pulled their kids out of the camp out of fear for their safety. "If this mine goes through, parents will look at the situation and say I do not want to send my children to a camp that's 100 feet away from where they're doing open-pit mining," Morrell said. "If the mine goes through, I have visions of actually having to close the camp."

The county commissioners agreed to further discuss the issues associated with the proposed mine during their March meeting, and to explore the possibility of establishing a moratorium on exploratory drilling in the area.

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AMENDED PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION
Pursuant to the Primary Election Law of the State of New Mexico, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby amend the January 28, 2008 Primary Election Proclamation as follows:
The last paragraph on page 7 shall read:
Declarations of candidacy by pre-primary convention designation and nominating petitions for the office of United States senator, United States representative, and justice of the supreme court shall be filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm.
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En la pagina 8; el parrafo 10.
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Beware of the Scams

By Ruth Hammond

We all like to think that we would know if a scam was in the works, however that isn't always the case. Some of those scams sound official and possibly frightening, while others involve money leaving your possession and going to another person or group of people. The most important thing is to remember to ask questions and get answers, and don't be high pressured into making a decision when you feel it isn't the right thing to do. Earlier this week a man offered to surface *the News* parking lot at a drastic savings on the condition that we not tell anyone the price.

It seems that same day someone, possibly the same person, also approached a property owner in Carrizozo with a similar offer, see the *Letter to the Editor* this week about what happened here. Anyway, later that day we saw a vehicle that was similar to the one that had been here at the News office, pulling a small utility trailer with some things on it that were covered, which made the contents unknown. Could it have been that there was a barrel of oil on that trailer that might possibly have been the supposed asphalt? Some people would not have asked if there was a piece of heavy equipment to roll and flatten the asphalt one it was applied. They might have thought that when oil was spread on the dirt it was the actual treatment.

Since Monday we have been told that asphalt companies must have transient merchants license which is issued by the Attorney General. It might be a good idea to keep this information handy in the event that someone approaches you with an offer to pave an area. This scam has been around for more than 30 years but knowing this won't make it go away. And if you doubt the legality of a proposed offer, contact the police or sheriff's office.

Determining the legality of a situation is a must. A new scam is to contact people, especially elderly people, and the caller on the phone will tell the person that they were supposed to report for jury duty and when they did not report for jury duty an arrest warrant was issued for the person. Apparently then the caller tells the person on the phone that the matter can probably be cleared up if the person will give them their birth date and social security number. Sounds simple enough and many older people will gladly give the information to stay out of jail.

Once that information has been given, identity theft is usually what happens. No law officer will call and ask a person for their birth date and social security number. Nor will a supposed official call from a bank wanting help in clearing up a matter and wants the person called to give their account number and other information on the phone.

Make it a point to ask questions anytime an offer is presented that is too good to be true. It probably is. And if you receive an official sounding call, don't give any of your personal information to a stranger on the telephone.

Letters to the Editor

Re -- Meeting a Wells Fargo Bank Conference Room, 2:00 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2008.

EDITOR -- Today at the meeting of the possibly new group being formed for the future economic development of and for the Town of Carrizozo and the Chamber of Commerce, a young lady from Santa Fe with the NM Economic Development Department by the name of Ms. Kathy McCormick gave a nice talk. She covered numerous possibilities that we could pursue in trying to bring some type of manufacturing or other businesses to Carrizozo that could mainly produce products that could be shipped out from here and other possible endeavors.

This is not the first time that we have had persons interested in doing something to revitalize our little community. There have been numerous opportunities in the past, even with the forming of the Carrizozo Industrial Park Committee. The Industrial Park was built in the mid 70's and the committee eventually faded away. Only the Lincoln County Detention Center and dog pound have been built there.

When I first moved here 33 years ago, there were over 1,500 people in town and about 500 students enrolled in school. Today there are about 1,000 persons, and a little over 200 students in school. We are not growing too fast that's for sure, sort of the opposite.

Some people are for the new subdivision and some oppose it...but for the first time we do have a place for people wanting a nice lot to build on or to place a commercial venture on. The sub divider told us from day one to tell him what we required in way of guidelines to subdivide, build roads, remodel the golf course, new clubhouse, etc. As far as I can see he has exceeded what he said he would do. Everybody does not agree, but we have a sub division in town with great development potential over the coming years. Let's now puff together and make the best of it rather than pick it apart.

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"THIS GOLF IS LIKE RANCHIN. YOU DRIVE HARD TO GET INTO THE GREEN AND THEN WIND UP IN THE HOLE!"
Big Dry Syndicate

★ Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- The space aliens won another one. Whether it's the friendly little green men from Roswell or the ferocious-looking creatures from Alien movies, they are attracting attention to New Mexico.

This time the winner was the alien office workers, who look ready to bite off people's heads but who engage in down-to-earth conversations about New Mexico being the best place to visit in the universe.

Last fall, the office workers with the very human feelings won a golden Adrian Award from the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International. The prestigious award put them in the finals for a platinum Adrian, presented to the best-of-the-best.

To win the top award an advertising campaign had to be not only the most ingenious and creative but demonstrate exceptional results. The New Mexico Tourism Department could do that in a big way and thus the award for best in the Visitors Bureau/Destinations/Offices of Tourism category.

State Tourism Secretary Michael Cerletti accepted the trophy at the 18th annual Adrian Awards Gala, attended by more than 1,000 national tourism professionals in New York City. New Mexico's tourism ads competed against 1,300 entries from around the world.

The road to victory wasn't easy. As with the Rose Parade float, there were detractors who felt the state Tourism Office had completely blown a big chunk of its advertising budget. They felt the message of the ad campaign was that tourists should not come to New Mexico because we have monsters from outer space.

Fortunately the large number of people who responded to the ads were a bit smarter than that. They saw them as funny and light-hearted. New Mexico's Tourism Department, with a budget far smaller than surrounding states, had been able to cut through the clutter of thousands of ads with a unique and witty idea.

Sure, space aliens remind people of Roswell, but the message of the ads, which appear on television and in magazines outside New Mexico, involved all of our state. The magazine ads show the grotesque aliens enjoying many New Mexico experiences.

So, many thanks to our creative state payrollers in the Tourism Department who

came up with a way to grab people's attention from among the myriad ads coming at them every waking hour of every day.

New Mexicans who went to Pasadena to decorate the alien Rose Parade float got to know Miss New Mexico, Jenny Marlowe, who spent several days out West promoting our state. She also rode the float.

The Miss America contest in Las Vegas, Nevada was a couple of weeks later and the Miss America Reality Check competition had already finished.

Jenny couldn't tell us how she had done in that competition, but she encouraged us to watch, which made us suspect she had done well. The reality check was a new competition designed to help contestants

prepare for the actual competition. All 52 contestants spent two weeks under one roof being schooled in the basics of beauty pageants.

Some of the states that traditionally win have done this for their contestants for years, but as the contest has diminished in popularity, the preparation of the contestants evidently has decreased.

The Reality Check was televised for four weeks before the pageant and each time three contestants were chosen whom the consultants felt would have won that week if the pageant were held that night.

By the last week, Miss New Mexico was in the top three, so we tuned into the finals, ready to cheer Jenny to victory. The contest

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A Little Salve Might Help

Seems that the editorial that appeared last week in the Lincoln County News about how the new group being formed for the future economic development of and for the Town of Carrizozo handled getting the word out to the public, if that was their true intention to begin with, caused some to feel a bit of a "sting". As far as I'm concerned a little common sense could have told Trustee Dunning that maybe a local newspaper, however small, could have been used as a tool to spread his message to the general public. If getting the word out to the general public was not his intention, then that leaves one to assume that he "didn't" want everyone to know or attend his meeting and using a short list off his e-mail was the best way to do that.

Trustee Dunning was appointed to his position on the town council to represent all residents of Carrizozo and then something like this happens. Makes one wonder if he is up to the task of representing all of the people in our community. I see and hear all this talk about doing this and doing that for the good of the town and community. Someone needs to be reminded that this and any other town or community is made up of people, they are the town, they are the community.

I wish Mr. Dunning and 'his' group all the luck in the world in making Carrizozo into a community that he approves of.

peter aguilar

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WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

There is a slight chance of snow showers at the higher elevations of Lincoln County tonight with winds out of the west anywhere from 15 to 25 mph, with occasional gusts up to as high as 35 mph.

The rest of the weekend will be mostly sunny skies with occasional partly cloudy conditions in the afternoon and evening hours.

The humidity has been higher than normal for this time of year, making for stuffy heads and winter colds.

Daytime temperatures will be a pretty constant low to mid 50s at the higher elevations and as high as low to mid 60s across the high desert and high plains areas, nighttime temperatures will be from the mid to high 20s to low 30 and mid 30s.

Ski Apache is open and doing business on a very limited scale. Current snow conditions are considered primary: hard packed, secondary: machine groomed. A 12 inch base at lower and middle elevations, and 25 inches at the higher elevations.

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 21

Scattered showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 35, breezy, with a west wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph in the afternoon hours, expect wind gusts as high as 35 mph, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30, west wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, February 22

Partly sunny, with a high near 57, west wind between 5 and 15 mph, night: Mostly cloudy, with low around 31.

Saturday, February 23

Mostly sunny, with a high near 62, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.

Sunday, February 24

Mostly sunny, with a high near 64, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Monday, February 25

Mostly sunny, with a high near 63, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Tuesday, February 26

Mostly sunny, with a high near 56, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 21

Scattered snow showers before 11 a.m. then scattered rain showers throughout the afternoon hours and into the evening, mostly cloudy, with a high near 45, west wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Very slight chance for new snow accumulation of less than a half inch at higher elevations, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 25, with a west wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Friday, February 22

Partly sunny, with a high near 48, west wind between 10 and 15 mph, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Saturday, February 23

Mostly sunny, with a high near 52, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Sunday, February 24

Mostly sunny, with a high near 56, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Monday, February 25

Mostly sunny, with a high near 55, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Tuesday, February 26

Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

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

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:

February 3
 4:16 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Main Road in Corona, deputy dispatched.
 5:24 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at on Tiger Road in Capitán; deputy dispatched.
 7:02 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 163 on Hwy 54 near Corona, Corona emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

9:14 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 163 on Hwy 54 near Corona, Corona emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

February 4
 1:55 a.m. Fire reported at location on Cedar Crest Road in Nogal, Nogal fire units and deputy dispatched.
 2:13 p.m. Medical call at location on Little Creek | Bonito, Bonito emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 2:37 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Eagle Ridge Road in Alto; deputy dispatched.
 3:21 p.m. Medical call at residence on 7th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

3:29 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Larkspur in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 3:30 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Country Club Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:40 a.m. Medical call at residence on State Hwy 220 in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 8:30 a.m. Alarm reported at location on West Cedar Road in Corona, deputy dispatched.

11:58 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Main Road in Capitán, police dispatched.
 12:05 p.m. Auto burglary reported at location on Hwy 380 in Capitán, police dispatched.
 2:46 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

3:25 p.m. Information report at location on Hill Country Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
 5:27 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 52 on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo by New Mexico State Police, Carrizozo fire/emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 6:00 p.m. Welfare check re-

quested at residence on Pflingsten in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 10:12 p.m. Medical call at residence on Second Street in Capitán, ambulance dispatched.

February 5
 7:27 a.m. Alarm reported at residence on West Cedar in Corona, deputy dispatched.
 7:59 a.m. Medical call at residence on Antelope Trail in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.
 12:14 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on "S" curve by Sierra Blanca Airport, deputy dispatched.
 2:06 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Don Pablo Drive in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

3:13 p.m. Fraud reported at Ruidoso police department, deputy dispatched.
 5:48 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 7:27 p.m. Warrant service at location on Hansen Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Police peacekeeping presence requested at location on Pebbles Ranch Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:17 p.m. Threats reported at location on Little Creek Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
 9:29 p.m. Domestic battery reported at location on Bonito Lou's Lane in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

February 6
 12:00 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Pflingsten Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 3:30 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Old Schoolhouses Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 3:38 p.m. Shots fired reported at location on Midiron in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:04 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 4:11 p.m. Warrant service at New Mexico Department of Corrections Adult Probation and Parole Office (APO) located at Fort Stanton, multiple deputies dispatched.

6:40 p.m. Alarm reported at location on High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 7:08 p.m. Suspicious activity by person reported at location on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:20 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Old Schoolhouse Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 9:33 p.m. Fire reported at location on Old Schoolhouse Road in Hondo, Hondo fire units dispatched.
 10:02 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 8 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.

February 7
 12:00 a.m. Children Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral at location in Corona, deputy dispatched.
 9:39 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 11:34 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

February 8
 5:28 a.m. Fight reported at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 8:07 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 10:04 a.m. Larceny/theft reported on Sundance Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:48 p.m. Threats reported at residence on Valley View in Capitán, police and deputy dispatched.

3:19 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 269 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe fire and emergency units and ALS ambulance dispatched.
 4:15 p.m. Request for driver test at Capitán High School in Capitán, deputy dispatched.
 4:48 p.m. Medical call at Capitán Estates in Capitán, police and ambulance dispatched.
 6:04 p.m. Information report at location on Alamo Drive in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

6:38 p.m. Fire reported at location on Chavez Street in Nogal, Nogal fire units dispatched.
 9:10 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Bog Bear in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:40 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:23 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 11:20 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Biscuit Hill in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

February 9
 1:37 p.m. Fire reported at location on El Ojito Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 3:59 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) reported on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 6:23 p.m. Shots fired reported on Biscuit Hill Road in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
 7:45 p.m. Welfare check re-

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Inside the Capitol

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tariffs were introduced in five groups. Jenny's group was states that never had won the competition.

It seemed prophetic when the announcer said, "But this year may change that." When the 16 finalists were announced, however, Jenny was not among them.

Jenny's vocal talent was supposed to be her strongest suit, but she didn't even get to demonstrate it. The winner's talent was the weakest of all. What happened? The show had so many production mistakes I could believe that was just one more oversight.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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I now challenge Town Council Member Mr. Dennis Dunham and the Chamber of Commerce to proceed with providing information to Ms. Kathy McCormick with the NMEDD and send someone to the Truth or Consequences conference to learn what we can about doing something constructive with our community before it's too late. Get with the past members of the Carrizozo Industrial Park Committee that you can find and reform that group, remembering that there is money in limbo waiting to help the right person or company to get started in the Industrial Park. You need to be concerned about our clinic and ambulance service, without them we don't stand a chance. See Mr. Scott Shafer as to what can be done to get the voters out to keep our clinic. We can have controlled steady growth without overcrowding or changing our life style.

C.O. ROMINGER III
 Carrizozo, NM

Is Carrizozo Big Enough to Lure Carpenters?

I was sitting at home reading about the Boston tea party while recovering from a broken clavical when I noticed one of those luxury "trucks" pause at the head of the driveway, then drive up to the house. I watched it out the window, not knowing anyone who drove such a rig, especially one with those six-hundred dollar wheels. There was a courtesy honk followed moments later by the front doorbell.

I stepped out to greet a young gentleman with a problem. He has, he informs me, "3,000 square feet of surplus hot asphalt he has to get rid of" (coincidentally the same area as my driveway). He has "huge trucks of asphalt on the way to Carrizozo from Albuquerque (heated to a temperature of 400 degrees), that have to be used up before it cools". He needed a place for the surplus, and my first thought was that I would be doing him a favor by allowing him to offload it before it solidified.

He said he would be doing a large paving job in Carrizozo for the city, and hence the "extra" asphalt. Well, no, he couldn't exactly give me the asphalt, but he could let it go at "cost", two dollars a square foot as opposed to three twenty-five. He said it was unfortunate that it was President's Day because the city government offices were closed and he couldn't do any business there today. He pointed to the walkway and the parking area and said how nice that would look paved. "A ten by forty foot pad would only be twelve hundred dollars". By this time he was becoming impatient because his "fish" wouldn't get hooked. I wanted him to just go away. He wanted me, I'm sure, to cut him a check. I asked for his cell number and his business card. He patted his pants pockets as if searching, (none here), then pointed to his truck and said he had one there. He turned toward the safety of that truck, then glanced back and said "maybe I'll see you around somewhere", and then drove off.

So I guess the point of this story is that Carrizozo must have finally "arrived."

Anyone want to buy a railroad bridge?

S.B. FORTELYN ESQ.
 Carrizozo, New Mexico

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 CV07-370

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

vs. SANDRA KELLY, FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC

LEGAL NOTICE
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 No. CV-2008-50

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRECCA DARR DIXON,

CHANGE OF NAME.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner, by and through his attorneys, Gibson & Leonard, P.C. by Lori L. Gibson and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Twelfth Judicial District Court, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 7th day of February, 2008, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from Brecca Darr Dixon to Brecca Darr Addison.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 8:15 a.m. on the 2nd day of April, 2008, at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing her name from Brecca Darr Dixon to Brecca Darr Addison.

Respectfully Submitted By: GIBSON & LEANERS, P.C.

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LEGAL NOTICE
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
 No. CV-2008-47

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRENDA DEE DIXON,

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner, by and through her attorneys, Gibson & Leonard, P.C. by Lori L. Gibson and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Twelfth Judicial District Court, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 7th day of February, 2008, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from Brenda Dee Dixon to Brenda Dee Addison.

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LEGAL NOTICE
 INVITATION TO BID #08-01
 "Construction of Two Concrete Slabs"
 Village of Capitán

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Village of Capitán for the Construction of Two Concrete Slabs over existing culverts within the Village of Capitán. Specifications are contained in the Bid Package that is available from the Village Clerk at 114 Lincoln or PO Box 246, Capitán, NM. Bids will be received no later than 2:00 PM, February 28, 2008.

The Village Trustees will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

The Village of Capitán reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities, and award the bid to best serve the interest of Capitán.

KAY STRICKLAND
 Village Clerk

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REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNDERDOWNS'S PLUMBING, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 649 Main Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

A PART OF TRACT 2A, SHERWOOD FOREST SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF TRACT A OF SHERWOOD FOREST, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDED OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY 26, 1971, IN TUBE NO 396, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY THE METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 2A; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 01 MINUTE EAST, A DISTANCE OF 14.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 69 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 129.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 76.99 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 38 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on March 21, 2008, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, East entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the judgment granted Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee.

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee, was awarded a Judgment on February 13, 2008, in the principal sum of \$132,211.42, plus outstanding interest through December 14, 2007, in the amount of \$8,159.77 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$28.53 per day, plus late charges of \$432.56, plus escrow advances of \$1,702.00, plus property preservation fees of \$155.50, plus attorneys fees through January 31, 2008, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through January 31, 2008, in the sum of \$824.64, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow and advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 7.8750% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of Defendant(s) as specified in the judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

Michael LaValle
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The Shootout at Capitan

By Chuck Hornung

Author of: *Fullerton's Rangers, the New Mexico Mounted Police.*

"Avent (sic) is one of the fearless and daring officers who has rid his locality of some very undesirable characters."

The Tucumcari News and Tucumcari Times / 20 April 1907



The year 2005 marked the centennial of the New Mexico Territorial Mounted Police. One of the best of these early day rangers lived on a ranch near Capitan, Jessie Lafayette "Fate" Avant first saw the light of day on the family ranch near San Antonio, TX on November 11, 1856. He was the youngest of twelve children and learned early how to farm and ranch.

Avant married Ella Simons in January, 1881 at Chadbourne, Texas and they settled on a ranch near Cotulla. A long difficult South Texas drought caused Avant to seek a new future in New Mexico as a sewing machine salesman. Fate became a successful salesman and earned enough to move his large family to Roswell before finally settling on a ranch near Capitan. Here he became a beef contractor for the government and also sold timber to the mine owners at Colona. In 1905, Fate Avant, at 48, was a successful businessman and a leader in the Baptist Church. In the spring of 1905, Avant became one of the original members the first company of New Mexico Territorial Mounted Police, popularly called Fullerton's Rangers in honor of their Captain John F. Fullerton of Socorro.

Livestock crimes were not the only cases investigated by the Mounted Police, as shown by one of Fate Avant's duty reports. In July, 1905 Avant took into custody Robert Russie and charged him with "house breaking" at Capitan. The young man was escorted to the county seat at Lincoln to await his preliminary hearing before the local justice of the peace. Sometime during the evening of the same day that Avant took Russie to the Lincoln County jail an accused arsonist escaped from that same jail. The man was Robert Rusher and on Wednesday morning Deputy Sheriff Phil Blanchard was in Capitan looking for the escapee. The *Capitan News* remarked that Rusher had "left jail, without hobbles, or bell, and without any instructions to the sheriff about forwarding his mail." Five years earlier, the *Santa Fe New Mexican* has called the Lincoln County jail "a good one, better than found in most of the counties of the Territory." What had happened in those intervening years? Had the jail building not been maintained for security or had the current jail guards just become lackadaisical in their duty?

Avant's field report for the first week in August was upbeat in tone. "I saw one of the parties yesterday that we were expecting to catch says he has quit (stealing cattle), he is scared (I'll catch him). I believe his intention is to leave the county. We can not arrest him on any charge yet as we have no evidence against him." Fate also said the cattle stealing had stopped and that the "noted thieves" were packing up and heading for new vistas. "One went about 2 weeks ago and 2 more of them are going today from Capitan." The ranger's final comment was "sent me cartridges to Capitan." Ranger Avant's next report seemed to reflect a frustration with his "Operation at Capitan." Fate told Captain Fullerton about his fruitless all night stakeout at the Welch & Titsworth Store. Avant also explained his pre-dawn patrol's trying to trap some of the remaining local stock thieves. Neither of these efforts had yet produced results.

For four days during this stakeout period, E. B. Welch, George Titsworth's partner from El Paso, and his friend E. H. Rogers were visiting the Capitan area. The countryside was a bee hive of excitement because the Baptist's annual camp meeting revival was in full swing a few miles south of Capitan along the Rio Bonito at the village of Angus.

George Titsworth was one of Capitan's community leaders and he was a visionary businessman. He lived in a large two-story house a block west of his store. His store was a single level building with a high pitched roof running down the center length and he had bicycles hanging from these center rafters. Each week he offered his patrons a chance to win a prize from the store. Each dollar of purchase earned a chance on the weekly prize. This contest boosted store sales and kept return business. Titsworth was also very liberal with his store credit, but he was not beyond seizing property if the high interest credit payments were not kept current. He eventually foreclosed on many of the old Spanish

homesteads in the area. One present day Capitan resident remembers, when she was a young girl, how her relatives lost their heritage to the mercantile company. "Mr. Titsworth was such a churchman, but he was not a nice man to our family. I'm sure the meek and lowly Jesus would have approved of him."

Three days after Avant mailed his weekly report to Socorro he got more excitement than he ever dreamed about experiencing. August 22, 1905 began as a normal Tuesday in the high mountain country around Colona. Fate Avant was at home resting from his past week spent in the saddle when his son Bundy rushed into the house to tell him that he had found a VV branded cow tied up in the Avant's north pasture. The ranger suspected that his slippery cattle rustler neighbors were planning their latest move, so he was going to be there to catch them in the act.

About sundown three men, riding in a hack, drove up to the staked out cow. One man got out of the wagon and hit the cow in the head to kill it. All three then joined in the skinning process, while Avant watched the butchers from his hiding place. Soon, a fourth man rode up to join the group. Avant decided it was time to make the arrest. Captain Fullerton described the gang's arrest to the governor, in a very concise report. "These (men) were caught red-handed and in the act of killing beef. A running fight ensued there being five (four) of the thieves - upward of twenty-five shots being fired."

The *Capitan News* reported the incident with a little more excitement. "He (Avant) jumped up from his hiding place, threw down on them and ordered them to hoist their hands." One man quickly complied, but the other three "responded with rifles, after taking refuge in the weeds and underbrush. However, the policeman worked his 30-30 in such a scientific manner that, if they didn't, 'like the Arab', fold their tents, they 'silently stole away.' This was a pretty risky affair for the policeman, yet Avant's (sic) muzzle is just the color to indicate that when once started he was enlisted for the war." Bundy Avant was with his father that day and told of the adventure over 70 years later. "Father raised up from our hiding place and told the (four) men to put their hands up, that they were under arrest. The bullets went to flying but as we had the protection of the canyon bank, the men soon saw it was the better (part) of valor to surrender."

Fate Avant was able to arrest Abrian Miller and Severo Perez and he charged both men with cattle stealing. In a preliminary hearing, before Justice J. A. Haley. He placed the two men in jail upon their failure to post a \$50 bond each. Avant turned over to the court the hack and team, a rifle and a bottle of whiskey. The Angus VV Ranch kept the dead cow and the hide. The *Santa Fe New Mexican* bragged, "Private Lafayette Avent (sic) of the Mounted Police, stationed in Lincoln County, is evidently the right man in the right place at the right time. There will be less cattle stealing in Lincoln county if Private Avent's (sic) station is not changed."

Two days after the canyon shootout Avant received a message from one of Capitan's "lewd females" claiming that one of her "johns" was planning to rob the Welch & Titsworth General Store that evening. Avant passed the word to George Titsworth and the two men hid in the store after closing to await the arrival of the thief. This was the second time the two men had spent pre-dawn hours at the large merchandise store in anticipation of a robbery.

Avant had described that first stakeout to Captain Fullerton in his August 9th report to Mounted Police headquarters. "I had information that a certain party who was in jail at Lincoln (about 10 miles southeast of Capitan) and was allowed the liberty of a cook intended to breakaway from jail and come to Capitan and break into this store. This prisoner did get away from (the) Lincoln jail and was away one day and was captured by a ranchman and taken back to jail that evening." Thus Avant spent a long night and no attempt had been made to rob the store.

The *Alamogordo News* narrated the story of Avant's second watchful night at the Capitan store. The paper told how Fate Avant and George Titsworth "secreted themselves in the store to await the burglar. In due time the thief entered

(via a side window) and was ordered to hold up his hands but instead of obeying the officer's command he proceeded to empty a six shooter, shooting at random in the dark room and without touching either the Ranger or Mr. Titsworth (sic)." The newspaper said Avant, hiding in the dark, had the advantage of the burglar because the would-be bad-man stood under the doom of a sky light. "Buckshot, as well as pistol balls were soon flying thick and fast," reported the *Capitan News*. "Ten buckshot took effect on (Robert) Rusher's body, and he fell near the front of the store, and his body was found face downward, a 32-calibre pistol grasped in his right hand, all six of the chambers empty."

The *Las Vegas Daily Optic's* "special correspondent" datelined their account August 25, via Santa Fe, and wrote that the Rusher had fired at Avant after being ordered to surrender. "This was answered by a load of buckshot, from a gun in the hands of the officer, which put an end to the earthly career of another desperate criminal." The *Optic* account added the fact that Rusher's pistol was a "double action gun" and that he continued to fire it after being hit by Avant's buckshot. The report concluded by saying that Avant had "demonstrated the cool judgment and undoubted valor so essential in an officer. Lincoln county may well feel proud of such an officer." The subheading for the story said, "One Criminal Dead and Several Missing as Result of Efforts of Young Men to Enforce Laws Against Cattle Stealing." Avant must have felt flattered to be called a "young man" because he was three months short of his fiftieth birthday.

Avant had remembered the words of Captain Fullerton when he had told his men that some of the outlaws that they would face "are well equipped with arms and ammunition and will fight if they have half a chance so do not risk one movement" but shoot to kill. Attorney General George W. Prichard, in Opinion 252, had also ruled that the Mounted Police "may use sufficient force, in making arrests, where resisted, to effect his purpose." When the coroner's jury examined the body, the next morning, they found five finger rings and four pocket knives, with the Welch and Titsworth's mark, in Rusher's pocket. The inquest found that Rusher's death "was justifiable homicide, and that the deceased met his death while resisting lawful arrest."

The *Capitan News*, "A Journal Devoted to the Interest of Lincoln County," concluded its front page report on the Rusher killing, and the official inquest, by saying, "The county has been rid of a desperate, dangerous character, and the parties responsible for his taking off, and the manner surrounding the homicide deserve and receive the heartiest commendation of the citizens of the county." Robert Rusher was unceremoniously buried, at county expense, in an unmarked grave in the Capitan Cemetery.

Unfortunately for the history of Fullerton's Rangers any Mounted Police report that Avant may have filed concerning the Rusher shooting affair is not now a part of the official records. Historians have no first hand account of Avant's feelings concerning the shooting incident. It would seem, from their inquest testimony, that George Titsworth joined Avant in returning Rusher's fire. However, the contemporary press makes it clear which man fired the fatal shotgun.

A *Santa Fe New Mexican* editorial seems to have caught the general feeling of citizens in the territory's rural areas. "It cannot be denied that the New Mexico Mounted Police are having a wholesome influence in repressing lawlessness in sections where police protection has been out of the question." The final comment concluded that the ranger service was of great value "in making known the fact that the days of desperadoism in New Mexico are of the past."

Just to keep Avant's heroic actions in the proper focus it should be noted that on the same day that the *Capitan News* lauded Avant's police actions they also published the county's delinquent tax list. It seems that Avant owed Lincoln County \$51.68 for the value of his personal property, plus \$2.58 in late penalty and thirty-five cents for court costs. Avant, like most

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE; DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES; PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS; AND NOTICE OF ELECTION SCHOOL FOR THE PRECINCT BOARDS

VILLAGE OF CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO

In connection with the regular municipal election to be held on March 4, 2008 and pursuant to 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

- A. Notice is hereby given that the following qualified electors are candidates for public office of the Village of Capitan, New Mexico. The candidates' names are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot as determined by the drawing by lot. For the office of Trustee for a four year term: Gregory Flores, James R. Davis, Lilly M. Wood, Glynis Racine.
- B. Notice is hereby given that the following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the regular municipal election to be held on March 4, 2008:
 1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 3 and 14 within the municipal boundary shall vote at the Lincoln County Fair Building.
 2. Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk 114 Lincoln, Capitan, New Mexico.
- C. The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:
 1. Judges in Consolidated Precincts: Edith Dobbins, Carmen Burch, Laura McInnes.
 - Clerks in Consolidated Precincts: Robert Hellman, Joyce Cox.
 - Alternates in (Consolidated) Precinct(s): Juanema Spear, Jo Townley.
 - Translator in Consolidated Precincts: Carmen Burch.
 2. Judges in Absent Voter Precinct: Edith Dobbins, Carmen Burch, and Laura McInnes.
 - Clerks in Absent Voter Precinct: Robert Hellman and Joyce Cox.
 - Alternates in Absent Voter Precinct: Juanema Spear and Jo Townley.
 - Translator in Absent Voter Precinct: Carmen Burch.
- D. Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held on the 20th day of February, 2008 at the Village Hall in Capitan New Mexico. The school will begin at 10:00 A.M. The school is open to the public.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2008.

Signed: Kay Strickland
Municipal Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO DE NOMBRES DE CANDIDATOS PARA CARGOS PUBLICOS; DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR; MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE RECINTO; Y AVISO SOBRE LA ESCUELA DE ELECCIONES PARA LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL RECINTO

Pueblo de Capitan, New Mexico

Con respecto a la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 4 de marzo de 2008 y de acuerdo con 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

- A. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes electores calificados son candidatos para puestos publicos del Pueblo Capitan, New Mexico. Los nombres de los candidatos aparecen en la orden que figuraran en la balota segun determinado por sorteo. Para el puesto de Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años: Gregory Flores, James R. Davis, Lilly M. Wood, Glynis Racine.
- B. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que los siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la eleccion municipal regular que se llevara a cabo el 4 de marzo de 2008.
 1. Votantes en los Recintos Consolidado 3 and 14 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en Lincoln County Fair Building.
 2. Votantes en el recinto de votantes absentistas votaran en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad 114 Lincoln, Capitan, New Mexico.
- C. Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto han sido nombrados:
 1. Jueces los Recintos Consolidados: Edith Dobbins, Carmen Burch, Laura McInnes.
 - Escribanas los Recintos Consolidados: Robert Hellman, Joyce Cox.
 - Suplentes en los Recintos Consolidados: Juanema Spear, Jo Townley.
 - Traductor en los Recintos Consolidados: Carmen Burch.
 2. Jueces en el recinto del votante absentista: Edith Dobbins, Carmen Burch, and Laura McInnes.
 - Escribanos en el recinto del votante absentista: Robert Hellman and Joyce Cox.
 - Suplentes en el recinto del votante absentista: Juanema Spear and Jo Townley.
 - Traductor en el recinto del votante absentista: Carmen Burch.
- E. Por medio de la presente se da noticia que se ofrecera una "Escuela" sobre la Eleccion del Cuerpo Directivo del Recinto el dia 20th de February de 2008 en el Village Hall en Capitan, Nuevo Mexico. La "Escuela" empezara a las 10:00 A.M. La "Escuela" esta abierta al publico. Fechado este dia 7th de February de 2008.

Firma: Kay Strickland
Escribana Municipal

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audit to a quorum of the Town Governing authority at a Public Meeting for approval and adoption of Resolution No. R2008-06 Authorizing a completed application to the New Mexico Finance Authority for a Class A Pumper. Any other business that should properly come before the Board of Trustees.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution No. R2008-04, unless otherwise specified. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four hours before any regular meeting.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact Leann Weibrecht or Margaret LaBelle at (505) 648-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Leann Weibrecht, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-2008-48

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRECCA DARR DIXON FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF KELTON JAMES COPELAND a/k/a KELTON JAMES DIXON, MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 7th day of February, 2008, requesting that the Petitioner's minor child's name be changed from Kelton James Copeland also known as Kelton James Dixon to Kelton James Addison.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 8:15 a.m. on the 2nd day of April, 2008, at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing the minor child's name from Kelton James Copeland also known as Kelton James Dixon to Kelton James Addison.

Respectfully Submitted By:
GIBSON & LEANERS, P.C.

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Attorneys for Petitioner

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-2008-49

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CHARLES QUAYDE LANE COPELAND a/k/a CHARLES QUAYDE LANE DIXON

CHANGE OF NAME
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner, by and through his attorneys, Gibson & Leonard, P.C. by Lori L. Gibson and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Twelfth Judicial District Court, Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 7th day of February, 2008, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from Charles Quayde Lane Copeland also known as Charles Quayde Lane Dixon to Charles Quayde Lane Addison.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 8:15 a.m. on the 2nd day of April, 2008, at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing his name from Charles Quayde Lane Copeland a/k/a Charles Quayde Lane Dixon to Charles Quayde Lane Addison.

Respectfully Submitted By:
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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D1226CV200700425

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. CHARLES R. CRAWFORD; RITA J. CRAWFORD; RONNIE D. KENEMORE; WYNELL J. KENEMORE; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN.

Defendant(s):

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

undersigned Special Master will on March 18, 2008, at 8:45 A.M., Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, 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:

TRACTS 3, 4, AND 5, BLOCK 4 OF HIGHLAND VIEW SUBDIVISION, CAPITAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 5, 1969 IN TUBE 349.

And all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto. The address of the real property is 3 School Road, Capitan, NM 88316.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 2008, in the above entitled and numbered 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 \$153,967.48, plus interest from January 21, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.25% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs 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 Master 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 cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and mobile home and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded 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: February 8, 2008.

Peter Baca,
Special Master

c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawarski
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013 / (719) 634-4868
02-1319 Crawford, Charles and Rita,
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE PROBATE COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
No. 2244

In the Matter of the Estate of JERRY D. RICE, 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: February 12, 2008.

KEITH RICE
1753 Pallsade Street
Grand Junction,
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(970) 242-0908

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Attorney for Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 6:00PM, City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the purpose of re-approving Resolution No. 2007-09 fiscal year 06/07 Budget Adjustment, presentation of fiscal year 05/06

CORONA NEWS

Lanita Rasak of Canyon CowBelles has returned from attending the 2008 Cattle Industry annual convention & trade show of the American National Cattle Women, Inc.; National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Cattleman's Beef Promotion & Research Board; and CattleFax held in Reno, Nevada, Feb. 4-9.

The week started off with committee meetings including the National Beef Cook-Off, the National Beef Ambassador Program, beef promotion, consumer education and legislative & issues management.

Genevieve Lyons, Church Point, Louisiana, conducted the meeting of the ANCW

state president's council.

State presidents presented updates on state programs and evaluated national programs.

Jane Lee, Goldendale, Washington, chair of the ANCW board of directors, conducted the business meeting with over 95 members and guests in attendance.

The new board structure allowed attendees to develop policies, share ideas, and return home full of enthusiasm for the future of both American National Cattle Women and the cattle industry.

The ANCW education seminar featured Wendy Boglioli, a former Olympic swimmer and motivational speaker focusing on long

term care education and planning. Dave Zino, executive director Beef and Veal Culinary Center and Kari Underly, president, Range Partners, provided a cutting and cooking demonstration, discussing grading, cooking methods and muscle composition off new chuck roll cuts.

Many New Mexico CowBelles attended as one of our own New Mexico Cattlewomen, Fita Witte, Belen, was installed as the 2008 president of the American National Cattle Women, Inc. President elect will be Kristy Lageof Arthur, Nebraska. Lana Staten, Cullman, Alabama will be vice president. Immediate past president is Wendy Petz, Huntsville, Arkansas.

ANCW is the national organization to our local and state CowBelles. Barbara Jackson, Tucson, Arizona, was named the 2007 Outstanding Cattle Woman of the Year, an award sponsored by Purina Mills. This award is given to a cattle woman who has excelled at continued beef promotion on the local, state and national level, while contributing, dedication, commitment and support to the ANCW.

The American National Cattle Women is a nationwide membership organization representing over 1800 members involved in cattle production and related agribusiness. If you would like more information, please contact ANCW directly at 9110E. Nichols Ave, Suite 302, Centennial, CO 80112. (303) 694-0313; emailancw@beef.org. For activities, opportunities, and information, visit our website www.ancw.org.

Old Lincoln Town

By Roslie Dunlap

Carolyn and Gene Christmas are with their daughter in Colorado. Their daughter will undergo hip surgery next week.

The Corriente CowBelles met at the lovely home of Jill Yates. After the business meeting, Julie Carter, the guest speaker, gave a talk on the differences in ranching between Colorado and New Mexico. Julie, having lived in both states on ranches, was well-qualified about the difference in the two states. Julie hopes to have her second book out in July.

Twenty-some members and guests were present. Following the wonderful luncheon by the hostesses, the members took a tour of Jill's beautiful home.

Fort Lone Tree was a buzz with 38 Creative Memories members working on their albums. They all are so creative and all enjoy looking at the other members' albums, get new ideas and just visit.

Ralph and I have been on the road a lot the past month. We visited with Ralph's brother at Wilcox, AZ, then home one day to wash clothes, etc. Then we headed for Texas. We spent two days in Kerrville and Fredricksburg, Kerrville has a fantastic cultural arts center with 22 artists involved in so many different crafts, and artistic works.

Then on to Portland, TX (Corpus Christie) to visit our daughter, Lois and husband

David. I have a cousin from Montana, who spends three months in the winter time at Rockport and had a wonderful visit with her and her husband. We also visited some of Ralph's family in Persimmon Hill area.

I just have to tell this cat story. Lois and David have named Gato, very independent cat and doesn't want any one to touch him "but I will stay around." Gato decided he liked Ralph and all the time that Ralph was watching football he was right there, either on the arm of the chair or sitting beside him. When he decided Ralph hadn't petted him enough he would stare at him until he did.

After we left Lois said the cat looked for Ralph and found where he had been sleeping. So guess where he is sleeping when he can get in the bedroom?

The Shootout at Capitan

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people, did not like to pay taxes. He was human after all.

Within a few months Fate Avant had gone from a small rancher to a territorial ranger to a man-killer. There was no training course to prepare Avant for that transformation. The author has found no evidence to indicate that Avant ever publicly bragged about having killed Robert Rusher. It is doubtful that anyone in 1905 had any concept of what the medical profession today calls posttraumatic stress syndrome. Available evidence doesn't indicate that Avant ever suffered any lasting trauma from his two shootouts with men bent upon doing him severe bodily injury. Ranger Fate Avant's blazing gun had set the tone for the reputation of the infant New Mexico Mounted Police. People came to believe that the Mounted Police, like their Canadian namesake, would stand their ground and defend the law, if needed, with their life. Fate Avant's action had set the pattern that the Mounted Police would give no quarter. He had been in two life and death shootouts in one week and this was a record that no other ranger would have the opportunity to equal. Captain Fullerton told the press that during their first five months of operation the rangers had made nearly 50 arrests, but that only Avant had "been called upon to spill blood in fulfilling their duties as guardians of the peace."

The ranger from the Capitan country would spend nearly four more years with the Mounted Police. Territorial ranger records and contemporary newspaper accounts contain tales of Avant's many fearless arrests as he brought in wanted men accused of cattle, goat, sheep and horse theft, murder and arson. Fate Avant even made arrests for drunk and disorderly conduct and assault cases. However, at no other time would he ever again reach the zenith he had reached during that week in the late summer of 1905.

The 53-year-old Fate Avant retired from the ranger service in December 1909. Six years later, he sold his Lincoln County holdings and relocated to a ranch in Sierra County. After five years of fruitless labor in an unbreakable drought, Avant was broke and separated from his wife.

Once more the six foot two inch Fate Avant accepted an appointment to ride with the Mounted Police. It was 1920 and the state rangers were now commanded by A. A. Sena. Fate served the year and was reappointed under Captain Lorenzo Delgado. Fate Avant and his son Howard were the only father and son team to serve as rangers in the New Mexico Mounted Police. They were together just over a month before the rangers were permanently abolished in February 1921. Avant was the only ranger to have been present at both the Mounted Police's birth and at their funeral. He served under four of the Mounted Police's five captains.

After leaving the Mounted Police, Fate Avant spent the next two decades earning a living doing a variety of odd jobs in central New Mexico. In the hot summer of 1940, the 84 year old former rancher-ranger became very ill and he knew he might die, so he asked to be taken to a hospital in El Paso. Fate Avant's last wish was to die in, and to be buried in, the Lone Star State. On Saturday July 13, 1940, Fate Avant found his final peace. He is buried in El Paso's Evergreen Cemetery near the grave of the deposed Mexican President Victoriano Huerta.

Sheriff's Report

(Con't. from P. 5)

quested at residence on Nogal Canyon Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

February 10
8:27 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Hunters Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:06 a.m. Accident reported at intersection of White Oaks Road and Third Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

10:25 a.m. Burglary reported at location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

2:47 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.

5:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on C Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

9:26 p.m. Sex offenses reported at location in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

Domenici Seeks Summer Interns in Washington

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici announced that his Washington, D.C. office is accepting application from qualified students for its summer internship program.

The summer internship program takes place in two six week sessions, the first running from May to July and the second from July to August. Priority is given to applicants who are either New Mexico residents or attending school in the state. Applications must be post-marked by March 3.

Interns will gain first hand experience in all parts of Domenici's office, including the constituent services, legislative and communication portions. Applications are available on Domenici's website and can be accessed at <http://www.domenici.senate.gov> in the Student's Corner section. For more information about the program and intern responsibilities, email internships@domenici.senate.gov or call 202-224-6621.

Eligible applicants must have completed at least one year of study at a higher learning institution. Students from all majors, including those outside of history/political science, are encouraged to apply.

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