

Candidacy Challenge Dismissed But Not Over

by Patrice Brazie

A petition signed by 25 voters challenging the legitimacy of Sheriff Rick Virden's voter registration and candidacy in the general election, and calling for a special master to oversee the November election in Lincoln County was dismissed in a District Court hearing in Alamogordo last week.

The petition filed by independent candidate for sheriff, Steve Sederwall, and 24 other voters alleges that Virden intentionally misrepresented his primary place of

residence both on his voter registration form and when he registered as a candidate in the Republican primary election.

Virden owns two homes, one inside the city limits of Carrizozo and another about a mile outside of town.

The petitioners allege that Virden lives in the home outside of town, but declared the Carrizozo home as his legal residence in order to illegally vote in Carrizozo municipal elections.

Virden told *The News* recently that he is staying on the ranch while renovating

the house in town. He said that he considers the Carrizozo house to be his primary residence and intends to move back into town when the renovation work is complete.

On Monday, September 15, Assistant Attorney General Scott Fuqua filed a motion on behalf of Secretary of State Mary Herrera, a respondent to the petition challenging Virden's candidacy, requesting dismissal of the petition.

The hearing on the petition and Fuqua's subsequent motion to dismiss was held in

12th District Court in Alamogordo, by Judge Jerry Ritter on Wednesday, September 17th.

Five of the 25 petitioners were present in court. Attorney for the petitioners, Timothy Rose of Ruidoso, argued that if Virden misrepresented his place of residency on his

voter registration, that registration would be invalid, as would be his candidacy for the office of Lincoln County Sheriff.

"The remedy we're seeking in this case is to determine that Rick Virden does not reside at his legal residence, the address he's declaring,

and to strike that registration," Rose said in court. "Without that declaration of candidacy, there is no proof that Rick Virden lives in the county," he added.

Rose further requested that Virden not be allowed to file an amended registration in order to correct what Rose alleges is an intentional falsification of legal residency.

Attorneys for the respondents in the case argued that candidates for county offices are required to reside within the county, and that no one is disputing that Virden meets that requirement.

Fuqua began by saying that the petition does not just question Virden's legal residency, but is an attempt to have the incumbent Republican sheriff's name removed from the ballot for the November general election.

"To be qualified to run for Sheriff, Virden doesn't have to be a resident of Carrizozo; he has to be a resident of Lincoln County," Fuqua told Judge Ritter. "He doesn't have to be a registered voter. That's not a constitutional or statutory requirement for the office of Lincoln County Sheriff," he said. "The question of whether or not Virden is a qualified voter in the municipality of Carrizozo has no bearing on his qualifications to run for sheriff," Fuqua said.

"There is no allegation made by any of the petitioners that Rick Virden resides outside of Lincoln County," Fuqua continued. "The evidence found in this court and through these petitions does, in fact, prove that he does reside in Lincoln County. As far as his residency is concerned, I think that's the only question that this court needs to answer," he told Judge Ritter.

"That sounds to me like there's an argument that there's a failure to state a claim regarding residency of a candidate," Judge Ritter responded.

Also regarding the petition's challenge of Virden's legal residency, Fuqua cited the state statute that sets a time limit for filing such a challenge.

"You have 10 days after the last day for filing a registration of candidacy in which to challenge, specifically, the residency of a candidate and, if you don't launch your challenge within those 10 days, you waive the opportunity to challenge the residency of that candidate," Fuqua explained. "That challenge is untimely under the election code."

Regarding whether or not Virden must be a registered voter to run for office, Rose argued that, by state statute, voter registration is used to determine the residency of a candidate. Language in the statute says that no person shall become a candidate for nomination by a political party or have his name printed on the primary election ballot unless his record of voter registration shows his residence in the district of the office for which he is a candidate.

As to whether or not the petition to challenge Virden's candidacy was filed within the legal time frame mandated by the state, Rose referred to the statute that allows for the 20 or more signature petition to be filed no less than 42 days prior to the election. That law says that, if a person's voter registration is found by the court to be falsified regarding residency, that registration shall be cancelled.

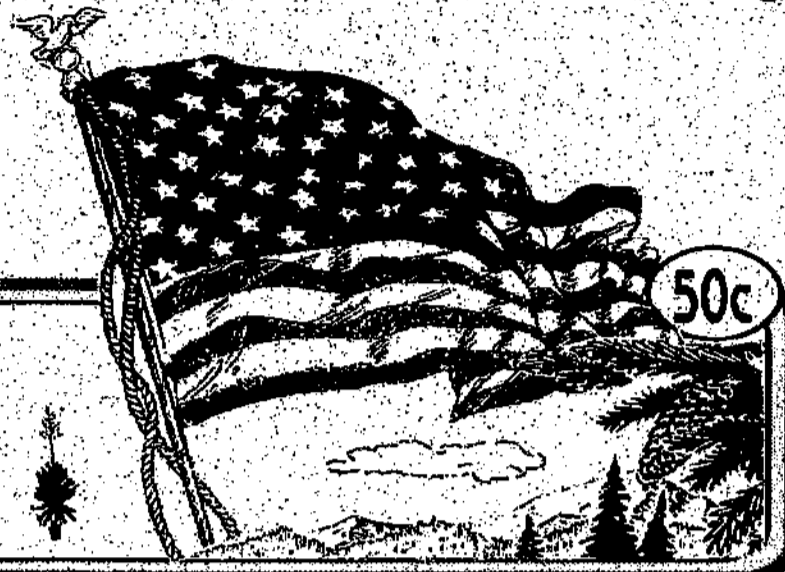
Fuqua argued again that there is no statutory requirement that a candidate be a registered voter, and said that the statute cited by Rose was written to assure that candidates reside in the district in which they seek to serve office.

"There is nothing before this court that would allow

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RESIDENTS AND VISITORS to Ruidoso's Upper Canyon area can move about fairly well since the summer flooding, but should use caution on the many damaged bridges and roadways still in need of repair. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Forest Service Office In Alamogordo to Move

After 50 years in the downtown Federal Building, the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's office will move into a new building on the north end of town.

As of Tuesday, September 30, the supervisor's office will be located off the Relief Route at 3463 Las Palomas, near the movie theater and pre-check office.

Employees will be available at the office on New York Avenue through the close of business on Monday, September 29. Phone numbers will remain the same, although service may be interrupted for a short time during the move.

Traffic may be congested around the Federal Building on New York Avenue as the Forest Service moves out and Otero County moves in.

"Although we will miss this historic old building, we are looking forward to serving the community from our new location," said Chad Stewart, acting forest supervisor, "and I hope the county employees who will soon occupy this building will enjoy it as much as we did."

"The new office is a 'green' building, with interlocking concrete form walls, solar panels and energy effi-

cient windows. The reception area will be more inviting for our many visitors and parking is more convenient," according to Ren Wood, administrative officer.

In addition to the Forest Service, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Services Agency, and Otero Soil and Water Conservation District have already moved into the new office. Access to these three agencies is on the east side of the building at 3501 Mesa Village Drive.

The old Federal Building was built as the Post Office in 1938. In 1961 the Post Office moved out and the building was occupied by the Forest Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service and the Soil Conservation Service.

In 2000, the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a good example of Pueblo style architecture. Listing on the National Register honors the property by recognizing its historical importance.

For additional information, contact the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's office at (575) 434-7200. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information on the Lincoln National Forest, please review our website at: www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln.



Search and Rescue Team Gets Van

by Patrice Brazie

White Mountain Search and Rescue, Incorporated, an all volunteer local agency that assists people who have become lost, injured or otherwise in need of aid in the forest and other areas of Lincoln County, will be getting a vehicle formerly used by Lincoln County Emergency

Medical Services (EMS).

The vehicle is a van that has been retired from service with EMS and was recommended for use by the search and rescue group by Lincoln County EMS Director Jim Stover.

Through a standing contract for services with White Mountain Search and Rescue, the Lincoln County

Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of the vehicle during their regular meeting September 16.

County manager Tom Stewart reported that, while the vehicle has accumulated a lot of miles in service with the EMS, Stover and the EMS crews have maintained the vehicle in outstanding fashion.

Recycle Old Tires This Weekend

by Patrice Brazie

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) is giving residents and businesses from around the county an opportunity to dispose of used automobile tires at no charge this weekend. Passenger, light truck and sports

utility vehicle tires can be dropped off at School House Park in Ruidoso between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

In disposing of the tires during this special amnesty event, residents can avoid the

usual two dollar fee charged for throwing away used tires.

As part of its ongoing efforts to expand the LCSWA recycling capabilities, the tires collected this weekend will be used in the construction of a retaining wall at the new GreenTree Operations and Recycling Center in

Ruidoso Downs. A similar event last year netted more than 500 tires that will also be used in the retaining wall.

LCSWA will not be taking large vehicle or heavy equipment tires during this event.

For more information, call LCSWA at 378-4697, or toll-free at 877-548-8772.

Books Close October 7th

Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox reminds the public that a person must be registered by October 7 to be eligible to vote in the general election on November 4. Voter registration books close October 7. Any changes to a voter registration must be made by October 7.

Absentee/Early Voting begins at the Lincoln County Courthouse on October 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday and Saturday November 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Early Voting at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center begins Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Early voting on Tuesdays thru Fridays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center will

start October 21 and will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday, October 25 and Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The County Clerk's office is in the process of hiring election workers. You may call the office if you are interested to be put on the alternate list. The only qualification to be an election worker for the general election is to be a registered voter in Lincoln County. Election workers are compensated for their work on election day.

For information about voting or voter registration call the Lincoln County Clerk's office at 575-648-2394, ext.6 or toll free at 800-687-2705 X 6.



GOT WOOD! -- The autumn season began this week and it might not be long before many Lincoln County residents will want to fire-up a wood-burner for some additional heat at night. The NMSU Cooperative Extension Service recommends buying firewood from a reputable broker and knowing what you're paying for. Common firewood types in this area include pinon, juniper, pine, oak and mesquite. A cord of wood, 128 cubic feet, should be two feet wide, four feet high and sixteen feet long when neatly stacked, but you'll pay extra to have it stacked for you. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

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the court to determine that Mr. Virden doesn't live in Lincoln County," Fuqua said. "That's the only residency requirement that's relevant," he said.

Fuqua acknowledged that the debate about Virden's precise residency might be of interest to voters, but argued that it does not affect his qualification as a candidate.

He suggested that the petitioners were attempting to use the challenge of Virden's voter registration as a "back-door way" to subvert the legal requirement to file a challenge of his candidacy within 10 days after the candidacy filing date.

"These kinds of things are supposed to be hashed out early for a reason," Fuqua said, "so that when we go into an election we are as certain as we can be that the people who are running are eligible to run for that office." Fuqua said. "This was supposed to have been decided almost three months ago. It's too late to come to the court now and say this

guy needs to be removed from the ballot."

Fuqua then addressed the petition's request for a Special Master to oversee the election. "The court's analysis needs to focus on the remedy that the petitioners are seeking," he said. "There's simply no basis, statutory, constitutional, regulatory or case law, there's no basis whatsoever for the appointment of a Special Master to do the job of an elected official," Fuqua said. "The allegations that Mr. Sederwall has made regarding Tammie Maddox and the other folks over at the Lincoln County Clerk's office are irrelevant," he said.

"You don't need to make any factual determinations as to whether or not Tammie Maddox has tried really hard to keep Sederwall off the ballot, or whether she's biased

against Mr. Sederwall," Fuqua told the Judge. "The reason you don't have to make that determination is because there's no authority in New Mexico law for the appointment of a Special Master to oversee an election. It's just not a remedy," he said.

Rose said that he could find no case law regarding the appointment of a Special Master to oversee an election. "However, in cases in which the courts have intervened and issued injunctions in other types of circumstances, I think there are circumstances where courts enforced the injunctions by appointing Special Masters," Rose said.

Following the hearing of the legal merits of the petition to challenge Virden's candidacy, Judge Ritter recessed for about 45 minutes to review the arguments, applicable state and federal statutes and case law that were referenced by the attorneys.

Upon returning to the courtroom, Judge Ritter said that he was prepared to rule on the legal arguments regarding the petition, and said that the legal arguments warranted dismissal.

The Judge said that a Pennsylvania case in which the qualification of a candidacy was challenged based on residency was not applicable to this case because the candidate in Pennsylvania had intentionally lied about his address in order to hide the fact that he was living with his fiancée.

"The court in Pennsylvania noted that Pennsylvania has two lines of analysis," Judge Ritter said. "There's a good faith mistake on those registrations, and they're very liberal about letting the public have a chance to vote for whomever they want, even in the face of a good faith mistake. There are bad faith mistakes with intent to defraud the public," Judge Ritter said. "In this case, where the issue is 'does Mr. Virden live in one place in Lincoln County or another place in Lincoln County,' either of which would qualify him to run for sheriff, I don't think (the Pennsylvania case) is on point," Judge Ritter said.

The Judge said he was analyzing the Virden candidacy challenge under the motion to dismiss and whether or not the petitioners failed to state a claim.

"I'm trying hard not to go beyond the allegations in the petition," the Judge said. "The petition alleges that Mr. Virden is not a qualified elector in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and that his registration should be cancelled."

Judge Ritter read from a paragraph of the New Mexico Election Code that defines a qualified elector as any person who is qualified to vote under the Constitution of New Mexico and Constitution of the United States.

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Friday, January 31, 1913

Supreme Court Opinion --County Seat

Supreme Court of the United States -- 322 and 483, October term, 1912.

S.T. Gray and Robert Brady, appellants (322), vs. Robert H. Taylor, Charles W. Wingfield and Romualdo Duran, the board of county commissioners of Lincoln county, territory of New Mexico.

The territory of New Mexico by its attorney general, Frank W. Clancy on the relation of Jacobo J. Aragon, appellant (483), vs. the board of county commissioners of Lincoln county, New Mexico.

Appeals from the supreme court of the territory of New Mexico.

January 20, 1913.

Mr. Justice Holmes delivered the opinion of the court.

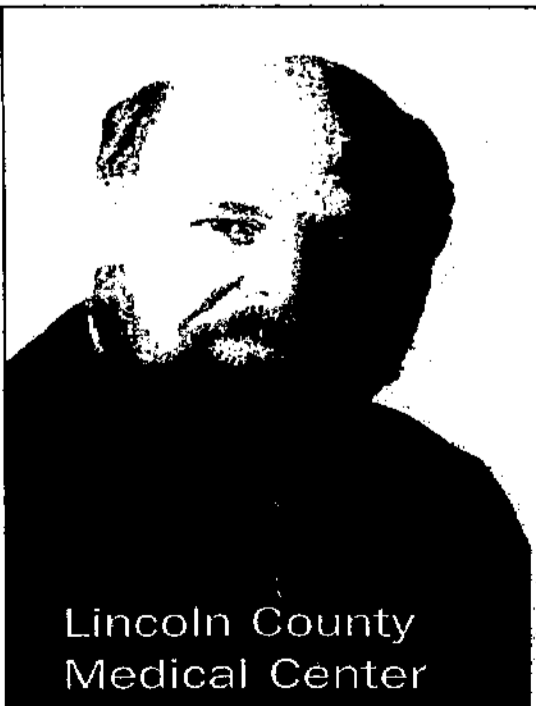
The first of these suits is a bill in equity brought by tax payers to restrain the county commissioners of Lincoln county from erecting a court house and jail in the town of Carrizozo, the board assuming that the county seat has been changed from Lincoln to that town. The second is a quo warranto at the relation of a taxpayer against the same board to stop the same and other proceedings taken by the board on the same ground. The supreme court of the territory affirmed a decree dismissing the bill and also a judgment denying the quo warranto, 15 N.M. 742, 16 N.M. 467. Both cases raised the question whether the attempted change of the county seat was void, and turn on the same facts, which may be stated in connection with the several objections that the appellants take.

In the first place, it is said that the statute under which the attempted change took place is void because it is a local law, and the act of Congress of July 30, 1886, c. 818, Sect. 1, 24 Stat. 170, provides that the legislature of the territory shall not pass local or special laws in the matter, among others, of changing county seats. The statute being c. 80 of the Laws of New Mexico of

1909, is thought to be local because by Sec. 2 it enacts that the place to which it is proposed to remove the county seat "shall be at least twenty miles distant from the then county seat of said county," and that no proposition to remove a county seat from a place situated on a railroad to one not so situated shall be entertained. It is argued at great length and is obvious that at any given time this enactment does not hear in the same way on every part of the territory. In its present form the statute may be specially favorable to the change from Lincoln to Carrizozo, if, as is said, the latter town is on a railroad and Lincoln is not. It may be admitted that a local act could be disguised in general terms, if a legislature would condescend to evading its duties under a constitution or organic act. It may be assumed that general words are not necessarily enough to disguise such an intent. But it is not lightly to be supposed that a legislature is less faithful to its obligations than a court. General words indicate and affirm a general intent, and if the fact that different sections are differently affected is enough to make a law local the field of legislation would be narrowed beyond anything that Congress could have dreamed. It cannot have been intended for instance that no laws should be passed concerning cities or towns, yet such laws would be local in their application. The phrase local law means, primarily, at least, a law that in fact if not in form is directed only to be specific spot. If it has a wider meaning it involves questions of degree that cannot be decided by putting cases other than the one before us. We know nothing that would warrant us in declaring that this law was not intended according to its purport to regulate generally the change of county seats. Ritchie vs. Franklin County, 22 Wall. 67.

The full discussion in Codlin v. County Commissioners, 9 N.M. 565, has lost but little of its force and applicability notwithstanding the later amendment of the statute. The law is shown not to be a local law, and with regard to the twenty-mile limit it is said to be only reasonable to believe that

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 --Corona Library Board 9:00 a.m.
 --Lincoln County Planning Commission 6:30 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**
 --Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission regular meeting 9 a.m. at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**
 --Area code 505 changes to 575 for southern counties in New Mexico.

erwise meets the requirements of the Constitution and resides in the appropriate district," Judge Ritter said. "The Constitution describes the qualifications for holding office as a person who is a legal resident of the state and a qualified elector therein. In this case, where the election at issue is the general election for 2008, and where the underlying purpose is to determine whether Mr. Virden is qualified to run as sheriff, we've all agreed that the district is Lincoln County," Judge Ritter said. "The only precinct named in this petition is Lincoln County, New Mexico. There is an allegation that Mr. Virden is not qualified to vote in Carrizozo municipal elections, but the Carrizozo municipal elections are not an issue in this case as far I know," he said. "Nowhere in this petition does it state that Mr. Virden is not a resident of Lincoln County. To that extent, I believe the petition fails to state a claim."

Judge Ritter said that the petition states that Virden lives a few miles outside of Carrizozo. "Maybe I could take judicial notice that you've got to get more than a few miles outside of the town of Carrizozo to get out of Lincoln County, but maybe I can't," Ritter said. "If there's a real factual allegation that Mr. Virden doesn't live in Lincoln County, we can hold an evidentiary hearing on that."

"To the extent that the cancellation of voter registration in this case, which is what the statute authorizes the petitioners to attempt to do, is really being used as a device to eliminate Mr. Virden from the election ballot, I don't think there's any basis in the law for the relief sought because registration as a voter is not a requirement to hold public office in New Mexico," Judge Ritter said. "The Constitution requires residency in New Mexico for 12 months and in Lincoln County for 90 days and the precinct for 30 days before the election, in this case the precinct being Lincoln County," he said. "Candidates must be U.S. citizens, legal residents of New Mexico and qualified electors, meaning any person qualified to vote," he said. "A qualified elector is not a voter. A qualified elector must register to become a voter," the Judge explained. He said that the Attorney General determined in a 1965 case that registration as a voter is not a requirement of those seeking to hold an elected office.

"On the first issue, whether this court can entertain a petition alleging that Mr. Virden is not a qualified elector in Lincoln County, I don't think that the petition states a claim," Judge Ritter said. "If it did state a claim, I don't think that I'd be able to go beyond the cancellation of voter registration and reach what may be the petitioners' real goal: ordering that Mr. Virden be eliminated from the ballot."

"As a secondary basis for dismissing the challenge to voter registration, I find that the petition is not timely under (state statute that sets the time limit) for challenging the residency of a political party candidate in the primary," the Judge continued. "And finally, the petitioners asked for the appointment of a Special Master to oversee the 2008 general election," Judge Ritter said. "The request of overseeing is a little bit ambiguous. I'm not sure whether the petitioners want the appointment of a Special Master to substitute for the elected County Clerk, or whether they want a Special Master to watch the County Clerk and report on any deficiencies in her performance," he said.

He acknowledged that there is no law in New Mexico that provides the legal authority that would allow him to appoint someone to replace an elected County Clerk in the performance of his or her election duties. Judge Ritter said that the state provides enough safeguards to ensure a fair election, and said that the petitioners could file a complaint after the election if any deficiencies are suspected.

Daniel Bryant, the attorney for respondents Rick Virden and Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox, said that the Judge had "exactly seized on the issue."

"The question before this court is not is (Virden) qualified to vote in a municipal election," Bryant said. "Indeed, looking at the petition, if that's where it's now being suggested we go, the two elections that they're talking about, one was in '06 and the other was in March of '08. All of the dates for challenging or otherwise doing anything about those elections have long since passed under the elections code, the longest time limit that anybody

has to challenge a municipal election result is 20 days after the election result has been declared by the village clerk, so that deadline passed some time ago in April," Bryant said.

He further addressed the question of which house Virden actually lives in by referring again to state law.

Citing specific state statutes Bryant said, "the Election Code explicitly assumes that the voter can be away from his address and still be a qualified voter in terms of his address under the New Mexico election code." Judge Ritter said that he would make a note that there is a factual dispute between the parties as to the residence of Mr. Virden for voter registration purposes.

continue to construe the petition is failing to state a claim and also is being time barred by the statute regarding challenges to primary candidates of political parties," he said. Judge Ritter said that he understood, based on the prior history of the case, that

the petitioners may want to take the case to the Appellate Court as soon as possible.

Rose and Sederwall have each reported to *The News* that the petitioners will file an appeal, probably early next week.

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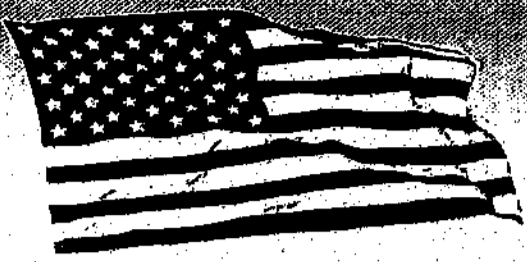
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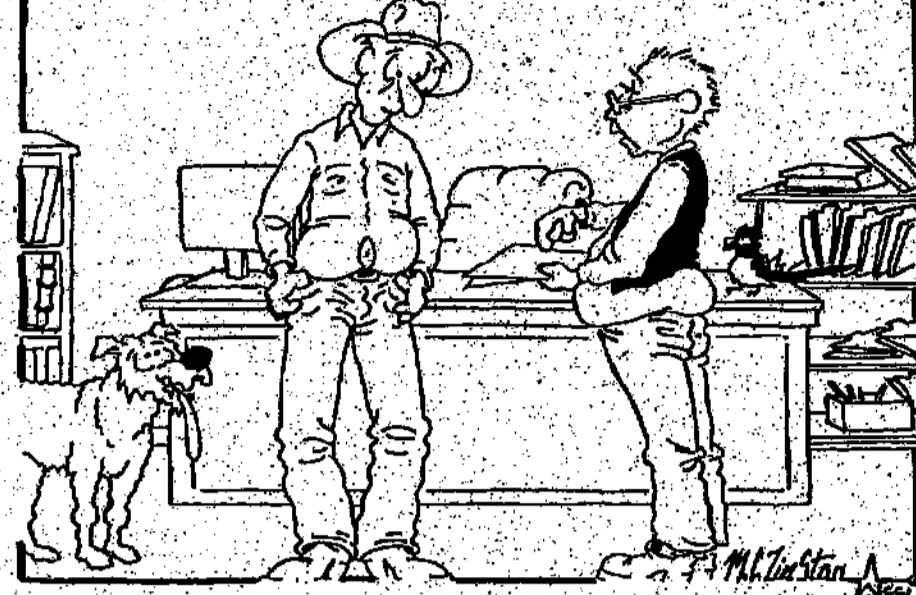
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THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Stop Campaigning For A Few Days By Ruth Hammond

Now that there is talk about possibly a hiatus in the campaigning, we wonder how long, what the ground rules will be and if anyone will comply. Do you suppose that if there were a weekly hiatus in national campaigns that voters might pay more attention? As it is more and more people are saying they are tired of hearing electioneering. Obviously things will get more vocal before general election day on November 4. Then a day or two later, as the votes are counted in all the states and precincts the healing process is scheduled to begin. At that time people are supposed to shrug and say these months of name calling were not serious. Do politicians really believe that voters will forget that one was calling the other vicious things? Do they believe that things will return to normal? The name calling may be what some voters want but the majority of the people we talk to are tired of it. They want politicians to state why they are the best candidate, not why the other person is a jerk. They want politicians to be forthright and honest, not stoop to name calling. If more politicians would list their own good points, not the things wrong with their opponent, it might be calmer but it would be a more pleasant election experience for all. And what about the losers after the general election? Will you believe they will do what they say even though you heard about their flaws before the election? Will you ever be able to trust them, even if they are no longer in the public eye as political winners? Some losers will have new jobs, probably in the public sector, which means they will be drawing pay for their previous positions and then salaries for their new positions. We've heard that some of the losers already have jobs set up at extremely high pay. But what about the voters who didn't want them to be the winners? The voters apparently have no say because the party heads have decided where some of the losers will be and that you will be stuck with them even if you voted them out. Doesn't make much sense. When voters oust a candidate that should be the end of it but we hear that some losers will remain in the spotlight even though the voters didn't want them. Does that mean party heads know more than the people who are casting the votes? Listening to the campaign speeches is boring because mostly they are saying the same thing, not 'Vote for Me because I am the best candidate' but telling us the other candidate is terrible. Seems more campaigns are being conducted that way and there is no way we can stop it. Evidently times have changed drastically, but one of the best changes would be for candidates and their party leaders to take a respite and stop campaigning for a few days and give people a chance to think about comments that are being made and try to be more positive. Could start a trend that would benefit everyone, especially you.

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Big Dry Syndicate



WEATHER

by Jeff Hammond

Expect 70s to low 80s at all elevations of Lincoln County for the upcoming week. There will be occasional mild winds out of the south and southwest, calming in the evening hours. There is still a slight change for scattered thunderstorms and showers at all elevations. Fall is officially here, so the monsoon season should have been over weeks ago, but remnants remain to drop small amounts of rain across Lincoln County.

Forecast for Carrizozo, the high plains of Lincoln County and the Hondo Valley:

- Today, Thursday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2008. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80, calm wind becoming south around 5 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50, south wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.
- Friday, September 26. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.
- Saturday, September 27. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49.
- Sunday, September 28. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 80, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.
- Monday, September 29. A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 79, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.
- Tuesday, September 30. Mostly sunny, with a high near 77, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

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

- Today, Thursday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2008. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, partly cloudy, with a high near 72, calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44, southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.
- Friday, September 26. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 74, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.
- Saturday, September 27. Mostly sunny, with a high near 71, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.
- Sunday, September 28. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

Fort Stanton Is NM's Newest State Monument

SANTA FE -- Fort Stanton has taken another big step on its way to opening as a state monument. The fort, between Capitan and Lincoln, became a state monument in August of last year. It was constructed in 1855 for the protection of area residents. Renovations have been taking place during the year. This month, the property was transferred to the Department of Cultural Affairs, which operates state museums and monuments. The state monument could open as early as next summer. Fort Stanton is the crown jewel of frontier forts in the southwest. Constructed of native stone, it is much better preserved than most southwestern forts, which were made of adobe. I had not visited the fort since former Gov. Gary Johnson closed it as a state health facility in 1995. The interest in locating a state Veterans Museum at the fort renewed my interest in making another visit. Historian and advocate for preservation of the fort, Lynda Sanchez, who made the Fort Stanton presentation to the Governor's Vet-

erans Museum Task Force revealed that the facility was more than large enough to be used as a state monument and a veterans museum. The veterans task force made a decision to build a new museum in Las Cruces but my interest was piqued to take another look at Fort Stanton. Sanchez gave me a great tour, pointing out areas that had deteriorated since Gov. Johnson pulled the plug 13 years ago and areas that have been improved recently. The parade grounds, inside the main quadrangle are as beautiful as ever with lush grass. Most of the Victorian-style stone buildings around the quadrangle are in decent shape, well painted and feature porches with white columns. Current educational and field discoveries are uncovering exciting new details. Recent oral history interviews have verified hidden underground rooms made by World War II Nazi prisoners that contained Nazi flags, photos and paintings of Hitler. In late 1939, a German luxury liner was scuttled in the Caribbean rather than have it fall into British hands. An American ship rescued the crew. Over 400 men of fighting age were detained, but not as prisoners, since we weren't at war yet. The captain of the ship was given his choice of where he wanted his men detained and he chose Fort Stanton. The Germans remained throughout the war, and were housed just across the Rio Bonito from the fort, which at the time was a tuberculosis hospital for Merchant Marine seamen. Later Japanese American detainees and then, a tough group of Afrika Corps Nazis. That likely was the source of the Nazi memorabilia, which was burned by locals as soon as it was discovered after the war. Sanchez believes there is a good chance more secret underground rooms may still be found. She is encouraging federal agencies to use ground penetrating radar to locate additional underground rooms. Oral history interviews also have revealed rumors of the existence of a large dump area where wagons

filled with saddles, spurs and other supplies were buried when the fort was decommissioned by the Army in 1896. Besides providing protection in its early days, the fort also provided economic opportunities, jobs and social activities for Lincoln County residents. It played a decisive role in the Lincoln County War of 1878. Even though it was supposed to be a peacekeeper, it took the side supported by the Santa Fe Ring. Shortly after taking office, Gov. Johnson decided the fort was too expensive to keep open for health missions. He shut it down, throwing 200 Lincoln County residents out of work. He wanted to convert it to a minimum security prison. Residents said anything but that so Johnson put it on the market for a \$1 million a year lease. The state advertised it nationally but used forts are hard to market. A museum and conference center type of usage is probably most appropriate for the facility. A living history museum with daily reenactments would be ideal, but expensive. It's unfortunate the Veterans Task Force couldn't visit the fort prior to its final decision.

NMSU Astronomy Department to Host Open House Oct. 3

The New Mexico State University (NMSU) department of astronomy will host an Observatory Open House at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3 at the campus observatory in Las Cruces. Astronomy personnel on hand will be Dr. Jon Holtzman and graduate students Jessica Evans, Joe Wellhouse and Michael Sussman. Weather permitting, sky viewing through telescopes will include: the planets Jupiter and Uranus, Globular Cluster M13, the Double Cluster, the Ring Nebula, the Galaxy M31 and many more space wonders. Admission is free, and all ages are welcome to attend. Contact the NMSU Astronomy Department at (575) 646-4438 for more information.

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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"

Fort Stanton Facts and Fiction

by Betty Joiner

Fort Stanton Inc. volunteers seem to be fewer and fewer and the ones who have been so dedicated for several years sure wish some people would come to their help. I keep thinking I will try and help out one day a week but never find any extra time. A bus of 40 stopped in Saturday for a short tour of the museum and stables. The State Monument is getting closer to calling Fort Stanton theirs. We are hearing the CEC program may be moving in the next six months, but nothing definite, all is heresay. My problem is with each passing day, the buildings and the grainerys are falling apart and it will only cost more money to fix them back to their original condition. Not much we can do but hope someone will finally say, "We are ready to begin saving our FORT!"

Nathalee Taylor at Capitan Library Over 75 people were at

the Capitan Library to hear Nathalee Taylor give a report on her book she hopes to have published around the first of the year about the "Block Ranch". Nathalee, her brother Carlton and her Mom and Dad lived on the Block ranch for many years and as she said she loved every minute of her time spent there. I was very fortunate to have worked for Pauline, her mother, at our post office here from 1972 til 1986. Both Pauline and N.E. Britton were

Nathalee spoke of the size of the ranch, the many cattle, and of the several owners, foremen, and cowboys that had been a part of this huge operation. She stated that this ranch once went clear to Vaughn. That had to be a large area and to have at one time 65,000 head of cattle on it.

A spring was another interesting topic she spoke of with it being a very good water supply to the area. Everyone enjoyed the talk and the historical

people were very pleased that the topic drew such a large audience.

VOLLEYBALL AND FOOTBALL IN FULL SWING

I was glad to see Kersti, my granddaughter play volleyball against Carrizozo recently. Pam Hall was coaching Carrizozo team and Sherry Gowen is our coach. It was good to see Emogene at the game too. Was wishing the score would have been different but really enjoyed watching the girls. Brooke Caballo and Bonnie Keller along with Jainer Fields were the few I knew. Hope to get acquainted with the other ones before the season is over.

The following night the homecoming game against Carrizozo in Capitan proved to be a better deal than was the volleyball girls match. Kersti was very pretty in her bright blue dress and was representing the freshman class. Bonnie Keller was chosen the homecoming queen with her escort JT

Eldridge. The young boys and girls that were there escorts were all dressed up too.

Bobby Smith's little boy and Kelly and Kyle Traylor's little girls were the two with Kersti and her escort Patrick Trotter. The weather could not have been better and the boys did an exceptional job of winning the game. It is always so much better to win on such a special night.

WHITE OAKS CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW

Our little church just keeps on having new people and we are neatly running out of space. If everyone comes at the same time or if we have wonderful visitors, we are nearly sitting in each others laps. We all enjoy the day so much we arrive early and stay late. The cooks always have such good food and such a variety of meats and vegetables.

Buddy Payton is the best cook with everyone else coming in a close second. Posole and fresh squash and green beans were on the menu last Sunday. Anyone wanting to come, please feel free to join us.

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

- Monday, September 22**
 8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Joanie Lueras v. Carl Lueras; DM-2008-56 (JI Reg. CS)R. Hawthorne/ProSe
 Jury Trials - 8:30 a.m.
 #1 Rusty Coons; CR-2008-106 - Burson/Mitchell P.C.
 #2 Harlan Lester; CR-2008-54 Key/Mitchell P.C. (Pending Mtn/Cont)
 #3 Robert G. Sanchez CR-2008-80 A.Eley/Rose
 #4 Dale Dixon; CR-2007-19 - Esquibel/Holmes
 Andrea Hazel; CR-2008-123 - Def to Plea 10/10/08 - Cowen/Mitchell P.C.
 1:15 p.m. Javier Ward; CR-2008-49 (Mtn/Continue JT 9/23) Key/Mitchell P.C.
- Tuesday, September 23**
 8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Joe Fanning v. Janieb Fanning; DM-2008-48 (JI Reg. w/draw)Ragsdale/Harratty/ProSe
 Jury Trials - 8:30 a.m.
 #1 Javier Ward; CR-2008-49 Key/Mitchell P.C. (Pending a Mtn/Cont)
 #2 Andy Gonzales; CR-2008-124 (Pending a Mtn/Cont) A.Eley/Rose
 Torri White; CR-2008-114 - Newton/Mitchell P.C. - CrI to set COP
 David Lindberg; CR-2008-112 - Thompson/C. Hawthorne Def To Plea 10/10/08
 1:15 p.m. Telephonic - Rhonda Burns v. Ronald Romack; DM-2005-192 - Kraft/C Hawthorne
 4:00 p.m. JQ-2008-02 (JR)
 Dairrell Brantley
 10:00 a.m. Beverdine Tortilla v. Bevan Tortilla; DV-2008-67
 11:00 a.m. Josephine Chavez v. Johnny Willie Jr; DV-2008-68
 1:05 a.m. Nicholas Humphreys v. Nick Oreupli; DV-2008-69
- Wednesday, September 24**
 8:15 a.m. Arthur Mouldin - CR-2007-150 (Change of Plea) A.Eley/Holmes
 Fredrick Herbst; CR-2007-142 (Change of Plea) A.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
 Jury Trials - 8:30 a.m.
 #1 Ray Barcla; CR-2008-129 - Thompson/Rose
 #2 Tyson Cervantes; CR-2008-39 - Key/Holmes
 Timothy Coker; CR-2008-118 - Pending Mtn/Suppress A.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
 Carlos Tafoya; CR-2008-131 - Stipulated Cont. A.Eley/Klein
- Thursday, September 25**
 Jury Trials - 8:30 a.m. - 1 of 2 Days
 #1 Michael Garcia; CR-2007-57 - Esquibel/Mitchell P.C.
 #2 Greg Carzoli; CR-2008-133 - J.Eley/Torrez
 #3 Laura Williams; CR-2008-130 - Key/Mitchell P.C.
 #4 Adrian Herrera; CR-2008-134 - A.Eley/Rose
- Friday, September 26**
 Jury Trials - 8:30 a.m. - 2 of 2 Days
 #1 Michael Garcia; CR-2007-57 Esquibel/Mitchell P.C.
 #2 Joshua Stocks; CR-2008-77 Burson/Mitchell P.C.
 #3 Adrian E. Herrera; CR-2008-93 A.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
 #4 Wesley Gonzales; CR-2008-72 - A.Eley/Holmes
 #5 Miguel Castillo; CR-2008-67 - A.Eley/Torrez
 4:00 p.m. Solana Romero v. Paule Miller; DM-1999-53 TRO C. Hawthorne/ProSe

Trinity Site Will Be Open Sat., Oct. 4th

Trinity Site, where the first atomic bomb was detonated on July 16, 1945, will be open to the public on Saturday, October 4. There is no charge for the tour and no reservations are necessary. The historic site is open only two days a year, the first Saturday in April and the first Saturday in October.

There are two entrances to Trinity Site:

The Stallion Gate entrance. Located 54 miles west of Carrizozo on US Hwy 380 and 12 miles east of I-25 on US Hwy 380, will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visitors are allowed to enter and exit unescorted any time between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. through the Stallion Gate.

The Alamogordo tour caravan will meet at the Tularosa High School athletic field parking lot for departure by 8 a.m. This escorted caravan will arrive at Trinity Site about 10 a.m. and depart Trinity Site at 12:30 p.m. Those who wish to stay longer may exit through the Stallion Gate.

Photo ID will be required of all visitors to Trinity Site. Cameras will be allowed only at Trinity Site and McDonald House. Cameras must not be used on either of the drives from gates to Trinity Site. Vehicles should have a full tank of fuel and a spare tire because no services are available between the entrance gates. Visitors are encouraged to bring a lunch.

Trinity Site, the 51,500 acre area which was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1975, includes ground zero where the atomic bomb was detonated, base camp, and McDonald ranch house where the plutonium core to the bomb was assembled.

Visitors to a Trinity Site Open House see ground zero, the Jumbo bomb casing, the McDonald House, one of the old

instrumentation bunkers, historical photos, a Fatman bomb casing and part of the original crater left by the explosion revealing Tinitie, the greenish colored glassy substance formed by the heat and pressure of the explosion.

For more information contact the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-826-9294.



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Sheriff's Report

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

September 8
 9:34 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Alto Vista Circle in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:34 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Capitan police at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 10:47 a.m. Public relations at location on West Grandview in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 12:03 p.m. Warrant service ordered by Magistrate Court in Carrizozo at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in

Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 12:40 p.m. Gas spill at business located at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, Carrizozo emergency units dispatched.
 1:16 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Alto Alps Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 5:04 p.m. Alarm reported at Old Schoolhouse in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 5:42 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Nogal in Capitan, police dispatched.
 5:43 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Ruidoso Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 6:00 p.m. Dog reported running loose on High Mesa Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

September 9
 6:57 a.m. Medical call at location on Nogal Canyon Road in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.
 9:27 a.m. Medical call at residence on East Last Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

10:58 a.m. Burglary reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

11:23 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Aspen Road in Capitan, police dispatched.
 5:53 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Jackalope in Capitan, police dispatched.
 7:18 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, Carrizozo police, ambulance and emergency units dispatched.

September 10
 8:24 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Doe Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

12:50 p.m. Medical call at residence on Woodwinds Lane in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.
 4:26 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

5:52 p.m. Medical call at Carrizozo High School football field on B Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

7:18 p.m. Information report at location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

7:29 p.m. Juvenile offenses reported at mile marker 13 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy

dispatched.
 9:33 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at mile marker 130 on Hwy 54 north of Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 11:46 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

September 11
 12:00 a.m. Sex Offender Checks at multiple locations in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

7:11 a.m. Medical call at residence on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

7:49 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Jackalope in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

8:21 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Alto Alps Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:20 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Old Angus Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

12:49 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Mountain Sun in Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:24 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 47 on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo, Carrizozo emergency units and ambulance dispatched.

1:40 p.m. Threats reported at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:00 p.m. Medical call at location on Screaming Eagle in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

September 12
 7:29 a.m. Accident reported at location on Little Big Horn I, Alto, Bonito emergency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

8:33 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Sierra Blanca Trail in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

9:46 a.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 380 and B Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

11:33 a.m. Information report at location on Don Jose in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

12:52 p.m. Accident reported at location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, police dispatched.

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Weather Report

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Monday, September 29
 A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 70, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Tuesday, September 30
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 70, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

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

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road construction/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options, and go from there. You can get up to the minute in depth construction updates by logging in to www.nmroads.com for any area of the state.



Church Directory

MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY
 Nogal Presbyterian Church:
 W. "Bo" LEWIS, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

Apcho Community Presbyterian Church
 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 2968 (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 Assembly of God
 Corner 13th & C Ave
 Barbara Bradley, Pastor
 Children's Ministry and Nursery Available
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

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

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

St. Matthew Episcopal Church
 Rev. d. Cannon Preter Sanderson,
 Priest in Charge
 Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 Ph: 575 257 2356
 Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

White Oaks Community Church
 (Non-denominational)
 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Claunch Community Church
 TONY SCACCIA, Minister
 849 1407
 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches
 JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
 1000 D Ave. 648 2893 / 648 2848
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practices (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women
 Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:
 Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
 ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)
 514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Leslie Church of Christ
 LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 336 4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 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 WESLEY, Pastor / 849-7875
 SUNDAY: 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.

Grace Fellowship Church
 TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 849 0105
 Ancho
 Worship 2:00 p.m.
 Sunday School 3:15 p.m.

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the legislature intended, in fixing it, to prevent cities and town situated within a few miles of each other from engaging in those injurious contests for the supremacy for the location of the county seat, based upon population only. The wisdom of these conditions is apparent, and it is within the power of the legislature to make them.

However it may be as to the foregoing question, which arises under an act of congress, the other objections are of a kind as to which we have often intimated our strong leaning toward following the local courts, and therefore will not be discussed at length. Fox v. Hearstok, 156 U.S. 674, 679; TGreat v. Grand Canyon Ry. Co., 222 U.S. 448, 453. In the first place it is said that the statue was not approved by the governor and does not appear to have reached him more than three days before the adjournment of the legislature so as to become a law by Rev. Stats. Sec. 1842. Also it is said that the bill was not signed by the president of the council or the speaker of the house of representatives, as required by the respective rules of those bodies. But the act appears in the official copy to the laws of 1909; it passed the two houses in fact, and in ample time to be submitted to the governor. The governor returned the bill to the council with the statement that he had allowed it to become a law by limitation. We agree with the court below that the governor's message is as good evidence as a note of the date on the bill that the bill had been received long enough before the return to make his statement correct. Gardner v. Collector, 6 Wall, 499, 508, 509. The journals of the two houses showed the passage of the bill and we certainly should not reverse the local decision that the evidence, if necessary, was admissible and sufficient in aid of the act.

The next objection is to the form of the petition by which the proceedings for the change were begun. The statute provides that the board of county commissioners shall order a vote whenever citizens of a county equal in number to at least one-half the legal votes cast at the last preceding general election in the county shall present a petition asking for the removal of the county seat to some other designated place. The petition asked the board to "call an election and submit to a vote ... the proposition to remove the county seat of said Lincoln county to carrizozo," etc. It is said that this did not ask for the removal, and if read with extreme technicality it did not, in so many words. But the petition very well might be held to imply that the proposition to remove emanated from those signed, the only persons from whom it could emanate under the law that the petitioners had in mind.

Again it is said that the ballot was in an unintelligible and misleading form. The board following the statute, Compiled Laws, 1897, Sec. 631, ordered that "the tickets voted shall contain "For County Seat" with the name of the place for which he voter desired to cast his ballot, either written or printed thereon." If the court was of opinion that the voters would understand that those in favor of Carrizozo would write that word on the ticket and those opposed to a change would write Lincoln, we could not say that they overruled the intelligence of their fellow citizens. There was no evidence that the voters were deceived, but it is enough that the statute was followed. There is no ground on which the law could be declared void.

It is objected that there was no registration of voters, as required in general terms by Sec. 1708 of the Compiled Laws. But that section required the county commissioners to appoint a board of registration sixty days before any election, and as the statute concerning the change of county seats in case of a special election required it to be called "at any time within two months of the date of presenting said petition" it naturally was held that the case was taken out of Sec. 1709 by the latter act.

It is objected that various allegations of the bill were admitted because not denied. If any such matter is open the allegations not denied were mainly if not wholly erroneous conclusions of law from the facts proved at the trial. Equitable Life Assurance Co. vs. Brown, 213 U.S. 25, 43. But it is not open. The arrangement seems to us to need no further or more elaborate reply.

Decree affirmed. Judgment affirmed.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE CALL FOR BIDS

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will open Sealed Bids at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346; on the following:

Construction of Fence for Greentree TS/RC

Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, or you may call Operational Consultants, (505) 437-8986. Mailed Bids should be addressed to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, P.O. Box 2405, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346; with the envelope clearly marked: Construction of Fence for Greentree TS/RC on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that their Bid is delivered to the Authority's office by the date and time set for opening. If the mailed or delivery of said Bid is delayed beyond the opening date and time, Bid thus delayed will not be considered. A public opening will be held on Friday, October 3, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., any bidder or their authorized representatives are invited to attend.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to reject any/or all Bids submitted.

LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
Debra Ingle, Operational Supervisor

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2008-131

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION JPMAC 2007-CH4,
Plaintiff,

vs.
DAVID CLARKE, WENDY CLARKE A/K/A WENDY B. CLARKE, AND CHASE BANK USA N.A.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 am the undersigned, Special Master, or his designee, will, at the North Side entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate or the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 101 Del Monte Drive, Alto, New Mexico 88312, (if there is a conflict between the legal description the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 28, BLOCK 15 OF ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION, UNIT 5, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, JULY 8, 1969, IN TUBE NO. 344

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendant from entry of an order approving sale. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on September 2, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$251,801.65, and the same bears interest at the variable rate of 7.9000%, which accrues at the rate of \$54.50 per diem, commencing on July 9, 2008, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment against said Defendant, David Clarke, for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for

the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees; costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the in rem judgment due is \$251,801.65, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$5,123.00 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$256,924.65.

EDWARD LITTLE, Special Master
1509 37th St SE
Rio Rancho NM 87124
Telephone: (505) 891-1918
E-mail: sale@littledrattel.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-2008-268
Div. III

ANCHO CATTLE COMPANY,
Plaintiff

vs.
GROUP I
JOHN W. & ELLA DALE,
ELMO DALE, and Spouse, if any
W.D. CLAYTON, and Spouse, if any,
PAUL CHALMERS GORDON, and
Spouse, if any,

GROUP II
JOHN DOES, I THROUGH 12, and
all of their lawful heirs,
devises or assigns, and,

GROUP III
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE
PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE
PLAINTIFFS

Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDING

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

To: JOHN W. & ELLA DALE, ELMO DALE, and Spouse, if any; W.D. CLAYTON, and spouse, if any; PAUL CHALMERS GORDON, and Spouse, if any; JOHN DOES, I THROUGH 12, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns; and, Unknown persons who may claim a lien, interest or title adverse to Plaintiff.

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Plaintiff has commenced a proceeding against you in the above entitled Court and Cause, the object thereof being a Complaint for Quiet Title with respect to real property located in Ancho, Lincoln County, New Mexico as more particularly described in the Complaint on file herein.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, unless you serve and file a responsive pleading or motion in said Cause on or before the 14th day of November 2008, judgment will be rendered against you in said Cause by default.

Plaintiff's attorneys are: Gibson & Leonard, P.C., whose address is 1221 Mechem Dr. Ste. 1, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, this 12th day of September, 2008.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
By: Gloria LaMay
Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PB-2008-11

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF

ROBERT H. STEPHENS, 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 months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Personal Representative at P.O. Box 850, Roswell, NM 88202-0850.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2008.

Thomas Lee Stephens
c/o Kraft & Hunter, LLP
Richard L. Kraft
P.O. Box 850
Roswell, NM 81202-0850
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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Obituary

MARY RUTH REAVES TURNER

Memorial service for Mary Ruth Reaves Turner, 85, of Ruidoso was Sept. 23 in the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Turner died Sept. 19, at Mesalero. She was born July 25, 1923 at Blue Mountain, Mississippi.

She married Bill Turner on August 15, 1948. They both taught in Mississippi and later moved to New Mexico in 1955 to continue their teaching careers. They moved to Ruidoso in 1995 where they were active in the First Presbyterian Church in Ruidoso until their health slowed their involvement.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, William T. "Bill" Turner; a brother, Allen Reaves and his wife Patsy of El Paso and Ruidoso; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Reaves, Ralph Reaves and Oscar Berry Reaves.

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



Banned Book Week Celebrating Our Freedom to Read

American libraries are the cornerstones of our democracy. Libraries are for everyone, everywhere. Because libraries provide free access to a world of information, they bring opportunity to all people.

Some people challenge and ask that certain books be removed from library shelves, public libraries as well as school libraries.

Censorship denies our freedom as individuals to choose and think for ourselves. For children, decisions about what books to read should be made by their parents!

In support of the right to choose books freely for ourselves, libraries are sponsoring *Banned Books Week, September 27 - October 4*, an annual celebration of our right to access books without censorship.

CARRIZOZO GRIZZLY

2008 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

August 29	Carrizozo 46	Tucuman 20
September 5	Capitan 20	Carrizozo 14
September 12	Marfa, TX 17	Carrizozo 14
September 18	Alamo JV 46	Carrizozo 32
September 27	Escalante	Away 1:00 PM
October 3	Hagerman	Home 7:00 PM
October 10	OPEN	
October 17	Ft. Sumner	Away 7:00 PM
October 24	Mescalero	Away 7:00 PM
October 31	Jal	Home 7:00 PM

JR. HIGH SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Carrizozo 8	Mescalero 6
Sept. 11	Carrizozo 6	Capitan 28
Sept. 25	Mescalero Home	4:00 PM
Sept. 29	Capitan	Away 4:00 PM
Oct. 9	Cloudcroft	Home 4:00 PM

"Have A Good Day!"

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF CAPITAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Capitan, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall Meeting Room of the Village of Capitan. The public hearing is concerning the following:

1. Ordinance 2008- An Ordinance Revising Village Officers and Employees, Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 1-6-2(A) - Appointment of Village Officials and adding to Section 1-6-3 item B(1) - Duties of Appointive Officers.
2. Ordinance 2008- An Ordinance Revising Public Ways and Property, Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 7-1-2 -- Curb Cuts to Existing Curbs.

The Public is invited to attend the Public Hearing.

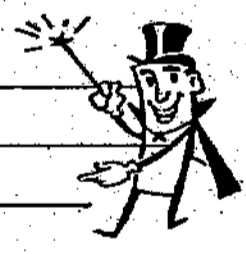
Comments or inquiries should be directed to Village Hall, PO Box 246, Capitan, New Mexico 88316; 575-354-2247 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

ATTEST:
Kay Strickland, Village Clerk

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P.O. Drawer 459
309 Central Ave.
CARRIZOZO, NM 88301
Ph. or Fax: 575-648-2333



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Now All Together

The unfavorable advertising that Lincoln county has received because of the county seat litigation, may now be turned to good account. It is true, the long drawn-out fight has had its heart-breaking incidents -- equally to both sides of the contest -- but perhaps no county in the state has become better known, and, unfortunately, none more studiously avoided by capital. Unsettled conditions retard any county's growth, and capital is wary of investment where costly litigation is in progress.

The final settlement of the litigation should, therefore, be hailed with a high degree of satisfaction by tax payers and all who want to see the county advance. Advancement will come more quickly by the investment of capital and the location of settlers -- all of which we now have a right to expect. And in this connection, allow us to again say, let us begin anew to build for a better and greater Lincoln county.

Never was the outlook better for Lincoln county. The season has been excellent, prospects were never brighter for farmer and stockman. A spirit of advancement pervades the atmosphere, better roads are being built and still better are coming, we are to have an up-to-date auto daily mail service, beneficial to every part of the county. Carrizozo will have an experiment farm that should prove profitable to the entire farming community, and allow us again to say: Let us turn our faces to the future -- it's bright -- to rake over the dead ashes of the past will bring no profit.

Auto Mail Service

If no further hitch occurs or has occurred, -- the old rawhide-stage line -- or rather three of them, between here and Roswell will be superseded tomorrow, Saturday, February 1, 1913, by an up-to-date auto mail line -- an auto starting each morning at both Carrizozo and Roswell. The establishment of this line will be of untold convenience to people who live between this point and Roswell, making daily communication with either point possible.

It is quite probable that no section of the country has had as poor mail facilities as has fallen to the lot of the people of Lincoln county who have been served by this tri-stage line between here and Roswell. If a letter was sent from this point to Hondo, Finnie or Picacho it required as long to get an answer as from the National Capital, and if the reply had to come from some of the postoffices off the main line, such as Arabela or Meek, optimists didn't expect a reply under ten days.

While Lincoln county has a magnificent area -- sufficient in which to plant four Rhode Islands -- yet its people like to hear from one another occasionally and know what is taking place in various sections, which was a difficult problem in the past. This, we hope, ends tomorrow; and with a daily auto service we may become better acquainted.

Juvenile remarks are not always so naughty as they seem. Small Sam for instance, had no intention of using bad language when he got into such severe trouble in class.

His teacher was trying to press home certain facts concerning a volcano. In reviewing the lesson she drew on the blackboard her own conception of a flaming mountain, using colored crayon with extraordinary effect.

"What is it?" she asked, the picture finished. "You don't know? Well, what does it look like?" the teacher persisted.

Piped Sammie, whose home boasts a colored pictorial Bible:

"I think it looks like hell." -- Chicago Record-Herald.

United States government will provide foot powder for the shoes of soldiers. Watch the price of powder go up immediately.

The department of agriculture says that lightning may strike more than once in the same place. Usually, however, in the political sense, one stroke is sufficient.

Sheriff's Report

(Con't. from P. 6)

4:16 p.m. Welfare check requested at intersection of FR 120 and Bonito Lake Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

5:45 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Old Schoolhouse Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

6:22 p.m. Shots fired reported at Westlake Campground on Bonito Lake in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

6:24 p.m. Warrant service at intersection of FR 107 and Bonito Lake Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

7:28 p.m. Fight reported at location on Hwy 279 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

7:42 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on C Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance and police dispatched.

9:52 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Jackalope in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

September 13

7:52 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Orchard View in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

8:31 a.m. Dog reported running loose at New Mexico State Highway Maintenance yard in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

10:47 a.m. Abandoned vehicle reported at location on Corrida de Rio in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

11:27 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Cora Dutton Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

12:35 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Jackalope in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

4:14 p.m. Medical call at business location on Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

4:41 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 9 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:45 p.m. Medical call at location on Stable Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:52 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at intersection of Mechem and Sam Tobias Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:10 p.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:32 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on White Cat Road in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

2:20 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Old Schoolhouse Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

2:46 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at mile marker 5 of Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:55 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Long Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

September 14

7:26 a.m. Trespassing reported at location on Nogal Canyon Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

10:28 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on Little Creek Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

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FAST ACTION

Lincoln County News

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Indigent Health Care Administrator

The County of Lincoln has an opening beginning October 27, 2008 for an Indigent Health Care Administrator. The administrator will be responsible for rules, policies, forms and procedures used in the program. The administrator will run the program to include the reviewing and processing of applications, applicant interviews, and filing necessary reports with the Board of Commissioners. Location of work will be primarily in Ruidoso. The ideal candidate may have a degree in accounting or finance and 3-5 years of experience in similar health care programs; experience in finance or a cost accounting area; and excellent interpersonal skills. Word processing and strong PC spreadsheet experience is especially desired. This position includes excellent benefits. Interested candidates should submit a resume and complete a county employment application. Salary is \$32,116.66 per year to start, with an increase to \$33,722.42 six months after the initial employment date. Applications and additional information may be obtained from Billie-Jo Guevara, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Phone 575-648-2385 x100. Applicant deadline is Monday, October 6, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. with the desired start date of employment of October 27, 2008. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

DRIVER/CLERK/COOK AIDE -- Zia Senior Citizens Center in Ruidoso Downs. The applicant must perform driver/clerk/cook aide duties, obtain application and job description from Billie-Jo Guevara at 575/648-2385 x100 or at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., October 6, 2008. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

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ELSIE'S FLAME CHARBROILED BURGERS, HOMEMADE ENCHILADAS AND BURRITOS, HOT DOGS, SANDWICHES, FRESH SALADS, ICE CREAM, SHAKES, FLOATS AND SODAS. CARRIZOZO 380@54, VISIT US SOON. LOCAL BUSINESS DELIVERY 648/4200

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HOUSE FOR SALE, 1,200 sq. ft. home on 1.5 acres off B Ave., Carrizozo. Recently remodeled, new roof, siding, electric service and carpet. Three bedroom, two bath, handicap accessible, good well with 3 acre foot water rights and city water and sewer. Horses OK. Great mountain views and good location. Appraised at \$90,000 asking \$80,000. Possible owner finance with 10 percent down. Contact Cathie Eisen at 575-937-6321.

Tfn-June12

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

TEMPORARY CLERK -- Lincoln County Treasurers's Office. The applicant must have skills in computers, ten key calculators, basic accounting, filing, and good communication skills, both orally and in writing. Obtain application and job description from Billie-Joe Guevara at 575-648-2385 ext. 100. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 P.M., October 14, 2008. Lincoln County, Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

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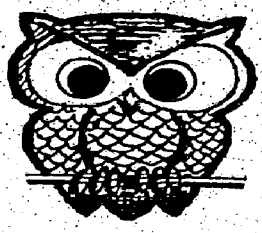
JOB POSTING VAUGHN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER, (GRADES 7-12)

Qualifications: Possess or be eligible for NM licensure
Salary: Appropriate step on salary schedule.
Application procedure: Submit letter of interest, resume, reference letters, and district application to the following address:
Lorena Garcia, Superintendent
Vaughn Municipal Schools
PO Box 489
Vaughn, NM 88353
(505) 584-2283

Deadline: Open until filled.
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MOBILE FOR RENT -- In beautiful Mesa Verde of Capitan, nice 3 bdr, 2 bath, new carpet, decks, storage, security light, 1 year lease. \$650.00/mo, \$600.00 deposit. 117 East Cedar 575-544-1028.

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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap

The BLM planted some fruit trees in their new orchard west of town. Ralph Dunlap assisted them. It will really be nice when they mature.

Lincoln was a busy and noisy place over the weekend. We had our share of motorcyclists. We seem to get such a great group. There were quite a number who were not participating in the events in Ruidoso. One couple, who was from Belgium was disappointed when they first arrived Saturday afternoon. They had left Santa Fe due to the weather and then it was raining in Lincoln. It finally quit and they got to do the tour of Lincoln.

Church was held at the home of Cleis and Jerry Jordan recently. Cleis had a new pipe organ and everyone thoroughly enjoyed her playing. Jerry explained the organ and its parts. They had quite a time figuring how to put all the pipes, etc. together.

Gene Cristman's brother, Richard, passed away Friday in CO. They had visited Richard and family last week.

Ralph Dunlap will have some new neat spinning books for the classes October 11. Also some new wheels. So make plans to attend the beginning spinning and weaving classes.