

County Commissioner Questions Access Fees

by Patrice Brazie

For the second month in a row, county commissioner Jackie Powell publicly questioned the right of the U.S. Forest Service to charge fees for access across federal land to reach privately owned property.

Powell first briefed her fellow commissioners in October regarding a situation that she had recently been made aware of in which a local property owner is paying the Forest Service \$61 annually

for an easement across a portion of land administered by that agency. Powell said she would bring the item up for further discussion in November, after having had more time to look into the matter.

During the regular November 18th meeting of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, Smokey Bear District Ranger Buck Sanchez was on hand to answer Powell's questions and to explain the Forest Service's policies regarding easement agreements with

private land owners.

Powell said that it was her belief that the private property owned by John Cox and located north of Capitan was an old homestead property established prior to the Forest Service Reserve Act. She said that, when the property was homesteaded, the acreage allotted to the property owner did not include the tract that connected the property to the road.

"The Forest Service and the homeowner came to an agreement that the home-

owner could use this road to get to the house," Powell said, "but it was never allotted to them."

Powell suggested that the Forest Service road that is used by Cox to access his property should be acknowledged by the county as an RS-2477 road, and that Cox should not have to pay an annual fee to use the road.

The possible designation of RS-2477 roads has been discussed at length during past meetings of the board of county commissioners, and is

a means by which roads that exist within or across federal lands can be recognized permanently as public access routes. The roads must be

proven in federal court to be qualified for the RS-2477 designation, and the burden of proof falls to the person petitioning for the RS-2477 designation.

County commissioner Fileen Sedillo said that there are a lot of county residents

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County Sees Shortage of Bidders

by Patrice Brazie

Half of four recent requests for proposals published by Lincoln County for construction projects drew only bids in excess of the project's budgeted amount or no response at all, county manager Tom Stewart reported on November 18th.

Speaking to the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, Stewart said that the request for bids to construct an addition to the Arabela Fire Station rendered only one response. The bid, from Coble Construction of La Luz, estimated the cost of the project at just under \$340,000. The county has, based upon architectural specifications and a loan approved by the New Mexico Finance Authority, budgeted the project at \$121,800.

Stewart recommended that the county commissioners reject the bid, authorize a re-evaluation of the project specifications and consider the publication of another request for proposals. The county commissioner followed the recommendation.

A warehouse conversion project proposed for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department drew no bids at all. Again following the recommendation of the county manager, the board of county commissioners agreed that the request for proposals be published again.

The county did receive two responses to a Qualification Based Selection request for proposals for the development of a county mining ordinance. Those proposals were evaluated by the county manager, county treasurer and county purchasing agent. Points were awarded based on the bidding company's experience, capability and capacity, past record of performance, plans and timelines and estimated cost of completing the project.

Sanders, Bruin, Coll and Worley, from Roswell, was awarded 243 points. The other bidding firm, Goldman, Robbins and Nicholson of Durango, Colorado, scored 179 points. Stewart recommended that Sanders, Bruin, Coll and Worley representatives be invited to negotiate a possible contractual agreement during an executive session in the December meeting of the county commission.

If those negotiations fail, Stewart suggested, the second firm could be invited to participate in similar negotiations in January. The county commissioners approved Stewart's recommendation.

County commissioners Fileen Lovelace Sedillo and Dave Parks suggested that the first question that should be asked during the negotia-

tions is whether or not the county actually needs an ordinance and why.

The county commissioners also approved a bid of just over \$49,000 for the installation of a heating and cooling system at the Lincoln County

Fairgrounds. The county has legislative appropriations totaling \$80,000 for fair-ground upgrades. Stewart said that the fairgrounds

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Property Taxes Due by December 10th

by Patrice Brazie

The deadline to pay Lincoln County property taxes is next week but, according to Lincoln County Treasurer Beverly Calaway, a lot of property owners began paying their taxes soon after receiving the bill.

"I think we're getting more payments in sooner this year," Calaway told the

Board of Lincoln County Commissioners on November 18th. "Perhaps, with the financial problems and crisis, people are concerned with making sure their number one priority is taken care of, like the property taxes or home payments," Calaway said.

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Rotary Governor Visited Carrizozo Club Nov. 6th

The governor of Rotary District 5520 made an official visit to the Rotary Club of Carrizozo on Thursday, November 6. Governor Tom Lindsay is sharing Rotary International President D. K. Lee's theme of *Make Dreams Real* as he visits clubs in District 5520 throughout New Mexico and West Texas.

Lindsay said Rotary is an organization comprised of visionary leaders who believe in acting on their visions to make their communities stronger and more vibrant places to live and work.

Lindsay's areas of emphasis within Rotary include health and hunger, literacy, and water, plus continued efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. He encourages Rotarians to look at addressing needs locally as well as regionally, nationally and internationally.



TOM LINDSAY

"Rotarians in Carrizozo are uniquely positioned to identify and act on needs in Carrizozo," said Lindsay. "Health and hunger, water issues, and literacy impact every community. Where Rotarians see a need they can mobilize and act, working to 'Make Dreams Real' in their community."

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization. Its more than 1.2 million members volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self."

Lindsay is visiting all 68 clubs in Rotary District 5520 during his term as governor. He said he is always impressed to see Rotarians' level of community involvement.

"Rotarians are involved in everything from school projects to senior citizens' outreach efforts to community-wide events to sponsoring youth sports teams. You name it and there's probably a Rotarian involved. It's exciting to see the impact Rotary clubs make in our communities," Lindsay said.

Lindsay owns a real estate business in Deming and works as a speech-language pathologist with the Deming Public Schools. He and his wife, Linda, are active in the Deming Rotary Club.

Lindsay made his official gubernatorial visit to the Rotary Club of Carrizozo during the club's regular weekly meeting, Thursday, November 6, at noon at the 4 Winds Restaurant.

Lincoln County Sheriff Patrick O'Brien is president of Carrizozo Rotary.



THE HOLMES FAMILY, from Alamogordo, sits on a bed at Lincoln County Medical Center recently, the day after the birth of Xavion. Xavion's mother, Shayla, is the patient at LCMC to be monitored with the OB Trace Vue system. Registered nurses Inaette Rider, back left, and Gracie Rheingans, back right, stand next to the OB Trace Vue monitor.

New Electronic Monitoring System Used in Hospital OB

Software for the patient monitor is used to monitor the mother and fetus.

A new electronic monitoring and patient care system for the labor and delivery department at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) has been installed and used since October 2008.

The system, OB Trace Vue, is a surveillance, alerting, storage and charting system created by Philips. The system has recently been implemented in Presbyterian Healthcare Systems' Albuquerque facilities and is now being rolled out to their regional hospitals, including LCMC.

"Having this system in place will ensure our ability to detect, monitor and care for OB obstetric patients, including some moderate high risk situations," said Patsy Parker, LCMC Director of Patient Care Services.

Parker added that the OB nurse staff now has the ability to monitor multiple patients from any labor and

delivery room providing more oversight of each patient as well as anticipating any potential labor issues earlier.

"This is very nice for a hospital this size," said Parker.

"This system will allow remote access, with a secure login, by the physicians so they can monitor a patient's progress during labor from their office. The physicians will also be able to communicate better with the nursing staff and be able to make better informed, better educated decisions throughout the patient's labor and delivery based on the data being monitored," Parker added. "In my opinion, most 25-bed critical access hospitals would not have this system as it is too expensive. Presbyterian utilized their buying power and initiative to reinvest and enhance the care in Lincoln County," said Parker. Parker referred to the capital investment made by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

Inaugural Services Shayla, 24, and William, 26, Holmes have lived in

Alamogordo for the past four years. They have one son already, Auryan, age 4 and were expecting their second child, Dr. Timothy Harkins, FACOG, is Shayla's physician.

"I came up here on Tuesday, October 28th thinking I was delivering but it ended up being a false labor," said Shayla. "But then I came back on Thursday. The nurses told me that I was the first patient to use this new system they had and were learning how to do it. One nurse took care of me while another nurse entered information into the system," she added.

Shayla said that she could see the monitor and watch the baby's heart rate and the contractions and the intensity of each one.

"I learned that Dr. Harkins was watching from his office. I think it's pretty neat," said Shayla. "The nurses working Thursday did a really good job using the new system and

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Access Fees Questioned

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that own property within the boundaries of federal land, and that they should all be allowed access to their properties without being charged a fee.

"There's a lot of private property in the middle of federal property and people have to a way to get to it," Sedillo said. "It doesn't matter if it was in 1876 or 1988 or 2000," she added. "I think

it's great that the Forest Service does everything they can to preserve the forest, but we still have a lot of people out there that we need to take care of."

Sanchez told the county commissioners that the situation involving the Cox property is fairly common in the national forest system, and that there are a couple of ways that the Forest Service

deals with those situations.

"One is by special use authorization, and in this case it's an easement, or we could enter into an agreement with the local jurisdiction, the county, and work on a cooperative road use agreement," Sanchez said. "In certain cases we can actually transfer the authority of that road over to the county or local government," he said.

Sanchez reminded the county commissioners that the efforts to secure RS-2477 designation for the road are incumbent on the claimant to have the designation confirmed in federal court, and that the designation is not a ruling the Forest Service can make. He said that the easement agreement with Cox represents the typical means by which the Forest Service manages access to private properties.

"I sign maybe a dozen of these a year," Sanchez said. "I signed this particular authorization in 2004 or 2005 which, basically, grants Mr. Cox an easement to build a road and maintain a road. It's his road and he has a right to use it under this easement," he explained.

Sanchez said the easement agreement between Cox and the Forest Service is transferable and could be used by a subsequent property owner if Cox were to sell his land.

County attorney Alan Morel said that the road used by Cox appeared on a map to be essentially a driveway. He asked how long it had been there, but Sanchez didn't know.

Sanchez did say that the only way an easement agreement is initiated is by the homeowner sending a letter or asking for an application for an agreement.

"The reason I ask is that it's a little different posture if the property owner comes to the Forest Service to request an easement and is actually granted one and pays for it," Morel said. "That's a little different posture than someone who is actually claiming an access without needing a right or an easement to the access," he said. "If the private property owner went to the Forest Service, requested an access or an easement, got it and paid for it, it may take it out of the realm of the commission's authority on this issue," Morel suggested.

Powell told Sanchez that she would like to meet with him and Cox one day to further explore the situation.

In response to a question from county commissioner Tom Battin, Oscura resident Jerry Carroll said that, if the Cox property was homesteaded, the access should be a pre-existing right and not subject to permitting requirements. Battin said that, if there was evidence to prove that the homestead was established in the early part of the century, that would give Cox prior rights to the access, but the attorney suggested that the issue was not about being grandfathered.

"I don't think the grandfather clause and how it's interpreted now is actually the issue," Morel said, and reiterated Sanchez's comments. "If you're going to claim a particular access as an RS-2477 access, it's incumbent upon the person who's claiming the right to prove it, and you have to prove it in federal court, through a federal act," Morel repeated. "If it's actually proven, then it becomes a public access," he said. "It would then be a public road and a public responsibility. It would fall upon the county to be liable and responsible for that particular road, if proven to be an RS-2477 road."

The county commissioners took no action regarding the Cox access, and commissioner Dave Parks suggested that the county should simply "stay out of it."



Account Established

An account has been established at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Arleth Gonzales. Donations to this account will be appreciated.

Arleth died in a tragic accident north of Capitán recently. She was a student at Corona School.



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 103rd year of being in existence (1905-2008), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following articles appeared in the "Carrizozo News".

Friday, December 18, 1914

Good Roads Letter to The Editor

Ever since the appearance of an editorial in the NEWS under the heading "Criminally Liable" I have intended writing you, but much of the time have been on the wing. I wish to say that I regretted very much the occasion that called forth the editorial. I had nothing whatever to do with the article in the Roswell Morning News and while it stated the facts in regard to the feeling of the people of the Ruidoso valley, I regretted that any thing should have been said derogatory of the road from Carrizozo to Tularosa, or that the two roads should be mentioned as though their interests were antagonistic. My position has always been that there should be two roads from Hondo to Tularosa, that both shall be improved and that we of the Ruidoso shall not oppose your road, nor should you oppose ours. All should work together for the improvement and increasing use of both these roads, to our mutual upbuilding.

I came east to attend the American Road Congress at Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 9-15, and remained to do what I could to help forward the Southern National Highway in North Carolina and Tennessee, and to assist in the movement to secure federal cooperation in road construction and maintenance. The Atlanta meeting was the greatest of all road conventions. Its resolutions called for federal cooperation in both construction and maintenance, urged the great thorough-routes and called upon the federal government to build across its own federalized areas and in particular across all Indian and forest reservations.

The latter resolution should have influence with the government to make appropriations for some roads in Lincoln county. One of the roughest stretches on the Roswell-Carrizozo auto-mail line is the section that lies within the Ft. Stanton reservation, another section in the same reservation is a part of the road from the Poole ranch, up Devil's canyon to Fort Stanton.

Dr. Smith has for years asked an appropriation to build these roads, but in vain. It is over this road that the Ruidoso apples must be handled to their shipping point, and since that area has been withdrawn from entry and nationalized, since Lincoln county cannot impose a tax upon it, it is clearly the duty of the federal government to build the road.

Let us suppose that six ranchmen owning ranches along a valley agree to improve the road they use in common, and do so. Midway in the valley lies another ranch whose owner while using the road the same as the other six refuses to improve that road across his ranch. He would occupy the unenviable position of being an obstruction to the progress of civilization. The Hon. L.Oogan Walter Page, director of the office of public roads of the United States, sat in the Atlanta convention and heard the government referred to as an obstruction to the progress of civilization, heard the ringing resolution that called on the government to forsake its untenable position and went back to Washington I believe convinced that Uncle Sam should get on the job at once.

There is another road in Lincoln county of the same class, the Ruidoso valley road from Frank Coe's across the Lincoln national forest to the Indian reservation gate near the old Ruidoso store and from there to across the Indian reservation. This also lies across a road of increasing travel and importance. The improvement of this road is vital to the development of that region. A single illustration. The protestant churches of Roswell, backed by those of Tularosa and other towns located last summer a summer assembly grounds on the upper Ruidoso, built an auditorium seating 1000 persons, quite the largest, I believe, in the county and held from July 10 to Aug. 2 a Bible conference and summer assembly. During that assembly nine auto-loads of people from Roswell alone started to the assembly, got within eight miles of it, found the

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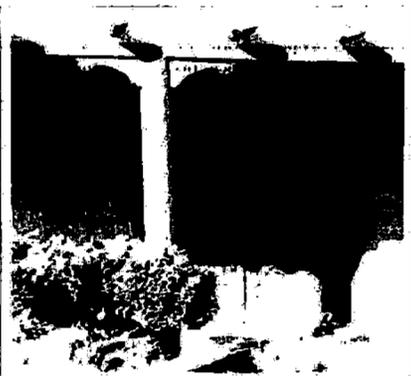
MR. and MRS. DENNIS KINTIGH stopped in Carrizozo recently and attended a meeting of the Carrizozo Town Council. Kintigh is the District 57 State Representative. Photo by Patricia Bazzie

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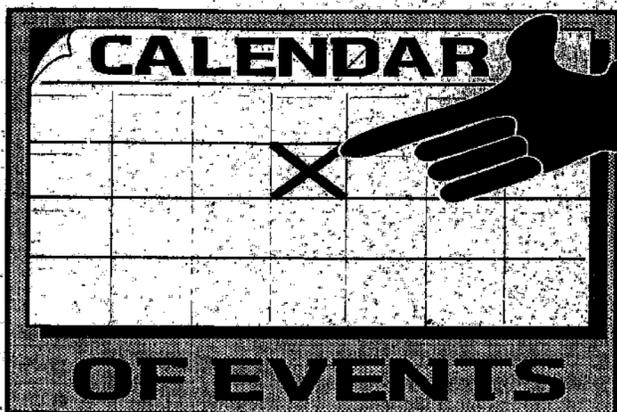
PENALTY on taxes that become delinquent, shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each month they remain unpaid. (Statute 7-38-50)

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

WEDNESDAYS
 --Corona Public 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.
 --Tic Tac, a non-denominational instruction for teenagers, 6:00 p.m. Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Light meal.

FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS
 --Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso Village hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
 --American Legion Post #11, service Carrizozo area meets at 9:00 a.m. at Wells Fargo Bank.

EACH FRIDAY
 --Al Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon, Methodist Church, Carrizozo, bring lunch.

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
 --Special meeting of Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
 --Capitan Chamber of Commerce 6:30 p.m. Visitor's Center on Smokey Bear Blvd.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9
 --Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
 --Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.
 --Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m.
 --Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
 --The Corona Elementary School program 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
 --Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
 --Assemble luminarias, Carrizozo Fire Station 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
 --Christmas Cantata Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo 5 p.m.

New Electric Monitoring

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caring for me at the same time. They were really nice towards us; how to sit, when to push, and they documented everything that needed to be put into the system," added Shayla.

"It couldn't have gone better for this patient," said Dr. Harkins.

"We told Shayla that she was the very first patient with this system and explained that she would be monitored with OB Trace Vge," said Gracie Rheingans, Interim OB Manager at LCMC. "Shayla was very excited about the whole situation," she added.

Rheingans said that despite the learning curve, things went very smooth. Xavion Holmes was born at 2:38 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Monitoring and Patient Safety

"The nurses are very excited to have this system in place," said Rheingans. "We're the first department in the hospital to go to computer charting," she added.

"This new system will allow patients to be monitored from my office so that appropriate care can be delivered in a timely fashion," said Harkins.

Rheingans said that nurses would do patient charting at the bedside that will allow the nurse more interactions

with the patient and their family.

"I'm proud that LCMC and Presbyterian are ahead of the curve on computer charting of OB patients," said Rheingans. Rheingans said that patient safety and nurse interaction are the main benefits to this system.

Nurses will be able to look and monitor all patients from every OB room to make sure that every patient is safe

during their delivery and stay here at LCMC," said Rheingans. "Since the nurses will be able to view all patients while in any room, they will be able to recognize any issues sooner than previously," she added.

Rheingans added that the software is scheduled for an upgrade January 2009 to add more safety features.

"As I understand it, this system will go through a se-

ries of upgrades to ensure that patient safety is maintained as technology continues to evolve within the hospital field," said Rheingans.

"Our goal is to make sure this system is working to its fullest potential as soon as possible," said Dr. Harkins.

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Dr. Travis Reed Joins Hospital Surgical Team

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) announces that Dr. Travis Reed joined the LCMC Surgical Clinic in November.

LCMC and its Ruidoso-based surgical clinic are managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, New Mexico's only private not-for-profit healthcare system.

Dr. Reed received his Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the University of Delaware in 1997 and his medical degree from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri in 2003. As a result of recently finishing his residency in General Surgery, Dr. Reed is board eligible.

"We're happy to have Dr.

Reed join the Lincoln County Medical Center team and feel he'll be a great fit for our hospital and for Lincoln County," said Dr. Tim Harkins, LCMC Chief of Staff.

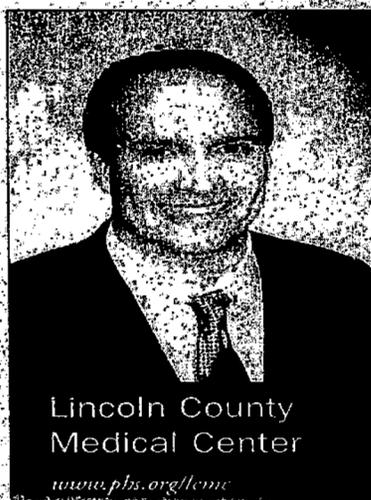
Dr. Harkins added that Dr. Reed received his surgical training at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Dr. Reed will be joining Tom Lindsey, D.O., F.A.C.O.S. in the General Surgery practice at LCMC Surgical Clinic. Both Drs. Lindsey and Reed received their surgical training at Michigan State University Consortium residencies in Michigan.

Harkins said that LCMC works diligently to recruit top-notch professionals that believe in high-quality care

and patient satisfaction.

Dr. Reed enjoys the outdoors and has been a decorated collegiate and master's swimmer.

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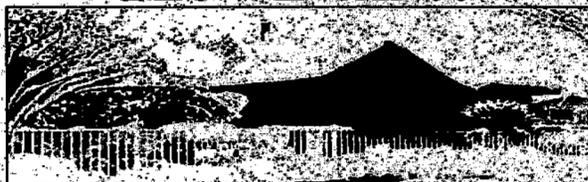
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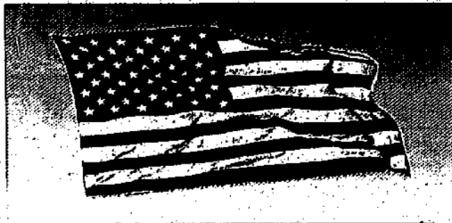
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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Are Schools Really Necessary?

By Ruth Hammond

Did you have a happy day turkey? Or rather that was supposed to be, did you have a happy turkey day? It does make a difference. Newspaper headlines can be just as confusing. Example, one said an official would name the mayor. And here we thought the mayor had a name. If not it would have been difficult if not impossible to count any votes. What would election workers do, count one vote for each blank or one vote for each non vote or what? And once those non votes were counted, who would decide which non person would receive the non votes?

It doesn't seem all that serious, but at times it is. They are referred to as "typos" when errors appear in print. It is much easier to say there was a glitch in the computer than to say, "someone goofed." But it does happen, much too often. The main thing is that a person should never proof read their own written material. Seems the person will see what should be there instead of what actually is.

Volumes have been written through the years and we wonder how many people read each of the volumes to try and locate typos and misspelled words. There are fewer mistakes these days with computers and spell checks. The problem is when one word is spelled correctly but it not the word that should be used. If the word should be there, meaning location, and the word "their" is in its place, which is possessive, it can be confusing. But it happens.

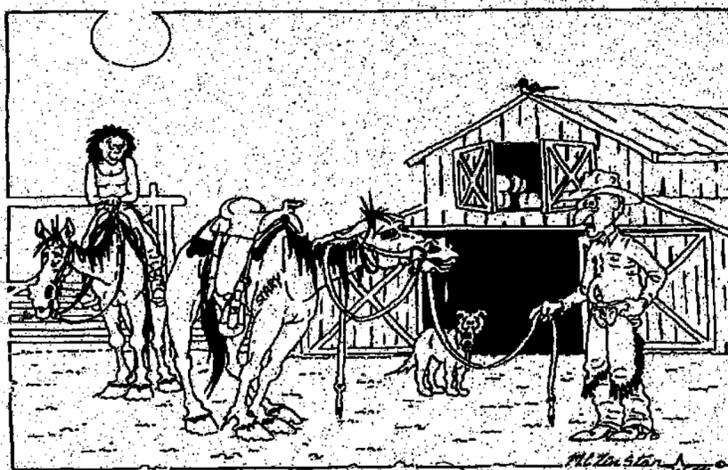
Evidently some teaching establishments don't put as much emphasis on spelling as they should. Years ago, back in the days of slates and chalk, spelling was one of the most important subjects for students to learn. There were spelling bees and the winner was announced and students ached to be the top speller. Nowadays too many teachers don't seem to care. One teacher applied for a job at a school and when a misspelled word was noticed in the resume, the superintendent did the proper thing. The resume and application were disposed in the circular file.

Rather than indicate the error to the applicant, it was the choice of the superintendent to toss the resume. The superintendent didn't want a teacher that unconcerned to be teaching children in that school. Made sense to me.

Some people disagreed and said the superintendent should have made allowances. It was never explained if the teacher would have been that remiss in teaching if hired, or have been more diligent when working with the students. And nowadays some teachers want students to bring a spell check to class. Is that better than spelling?

Everyone has a right to their own opinion, but it seems if students will not be taught there is no reason to send them to school. If spell checks and computers take the place of students learning, why have schools anyway? If students are only there for field trips and in service days there is no reason for them to attend classes each day.

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YA KNOW, DEAR... THEY SAY EXERCISE IS GOOD FOR YOU. SO I'M GOING TO UNSADDLE THIS HORSE AND WALK TODAY!
Big Dory Syndicate

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- New Mexico's three new Democratic U.S. House members won election by solid margins. But can they all survive?

The representatives from Congressional Districts 1 and 2 took over seats that Democrats have not held in over 25 years. The 3rd Congressional District looks plenty safe for Rep. Ben Ray Lujan.

His most likely competition would likely come from another Democrat and that isn't probable as long as his father remains a power in state politics.

Freshman members of Congress are expected to sit on the back row and be seen, not heard. They are told not to expect any prime committee assignments until they accumulate some seniority.

But Martin Heinrich and Harry Teague might be able to expect a little better than that. Off-year elections normally don't go especially well for the administration in power. President-Elect Barack Obama's record in the next two years will have much to do with how Democrats from marginal districts fare in 2010.

But House Democrat leaders can provide help by giving some preferences to new members from shaky districts. Committee assignments will be the first order of business.

Assignments to committees with heavy impact on New Mexico, and the congressional district in particular, would be a big help. Keeping our national laboratories and military installations will be of prime importance.

Democrat leaders also can be of assistance in easing the way for bills introduced by Heinrich and Teague and seeing that they receive a nice share of pork projects for their districts.

Their predecessors, Reps. Heather Wilson and Steve Pearce both did well on committee assignments. Wilson landed the Armed Services Committee and Select Intelligence Committee.

Pearce was appointed to the Natural Resources Committee and during his second term advanced to chairman of the National Parks Subcommittee.

If Heinrich or Teague don't survive reelection to a second term, it will be unusual for New Mexico. Once elected to Congress, our senators and representatives typically stay as long as they want.

The only exceptions to an elected U.S. senator being reelected in the past 80 years have been when returning astronaut Harrison Schmitt, a Republican, beat

Democrat Sen. Joe Montoya in 1976 and then was defeated by Jeff Bingaman in 1982.

Exceptions in the U.S. House in the past 55 years occurred in 1969, when Republican Ed Foreman won the Congressional District 2 House seat when it was created and then was beaten by Democrat Harold Runnels in 1971.

The other exception was in 1997 when Republican Bill Redmond won election to Rep. Bill Richardson's unexpired term when Richardson was appointed United Nations ambassador by President Bill Clinton. Redmond was then defeated by Democrat Tom Udall in 1999.

Another frequently asked question these days is whether Lt. Gov. Diane Denish would become the first lieutenant governor to move up to governor. The answer is that it hasn't happened in a long time. Two deaths early in our statehood moved up lieutenant governors who

didn't win reelection.

If Denish successfully runs for governor in 2010, she will be only New Mexico's second lieutenant governor to ever to be elected governor.

Ezequiel C. de Baca was elected New Mexico's first lieutenant governor in 1912. In 1917, he was elected New Mexico's second governor but died only six weeks after being sworn in.

Is the lieutenant governor's office a political dead end? Yes, it has been. Many have tried. Lt. Gov. C. de Baca was the only one to succeed in moving up to governor. Lt. Gov. Joe Montoya became a U.S. representative and senator. Mack Easley became a Supreme Court Justice.

The only Lt. Gov. I can remember who had no future political ambitions was Jack Stahl, who served with Gov. Gary Carruthers in 1987 to 1990. He was happy being a one-term, part-time lieutenant governor.

Forest Service Seeks Forest Restoration Grant Proposals

The USDA Forest Service is seeking grant proposals for forest restoration projects on public and tribal lands in New Mexico by Monday, March 2, 2009.

"Approximately \$3.8 million will be awarded under the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program this year in New Mexico," said Southwestern Regional Forester Corbin Newman. "The Forest Service will provide grants of up to \$360,000 for projects that will be implemented in four years or less."

The program encourages different organizations to collaborate on the design, implementation and monitoring of restoration projects on public and tribal lands. Grant money is available for projects on federal, tribal, state, county or municipal lands in New Mexico.

By working together to apply for these grants, small business owners, conservation and environmental groups, community groups, tribes, universities and other organizations can help reduce the threat of wildfire, improve forest and watershed conditions and bring jobs and job training to local communities.

Proposals should reflect local and traditional knowledge and values in finding creative ways to reduce the

number and density of small diameter trees on public lands. Proposals that highlight methods in which small diameter trees can be used in an economical fashion to create sustainable forests and communities are of particular interest.

Tribes, state and local governments, educational institutions, private landowners, conservation organizations, non-profit groups, and other interested public and private entities are encouraged to apply. Collaborative partnerships are sought to create local employment and/or training opportunities while accomplishing forest restoration objectives.

"Last year the Forest Service received 29 grant proposals requesting more than \$8.6 million," said Newman. "A technical advisory panel reviewed the proposals and made recommendations to us on the proposals that best met the objectives of the program. The Forest Service then awarded 14 grants totaling approximately \$3.8 million."

For questions regarding the program or to develop project proposals, please contact the following program coordinator in this area, Connie Zipperer at 575-434-7297 in Alamogordo.

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

Lincoln County is in for some really cold nights at all elevations in the upcoming week. Expect daily winds out of the west and southwest, and there is a slight to fair chance of snow showers in the evening hours beginning next Monday.

During ski season *The Lincoln County News* includes Ski/Snow Conditions at Ski Apache. Ski Apache is open for business, 3 of 55 trails are open, with two lifts operating. Snow conditions are man-made snow, packed powder with a 15 inch base at the lower elevations, and 18 inch base of packed powder at the higher elevations. There has been no natural snow to supplement the man-made base.

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

Today, Thursday, Dec. 4 the 339th day of 2008

Mostly sunny, with a high near 57, calm winds becoming south around 5 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25, south winds around 5 mph.

Friday, December 5
Mostly sunny, with a high near 57, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Saturday, December 6
Sunny, with a high near 61, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Sunday, December 7
Mostly sunny, with a high near 60, night: A slight chance of snow showers, partly cloudy, with low around 29.

Monday, December 8
A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 59, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Tuesday, December 9
Mostly sunny, with a high near 56, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with low around 26.

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

Today, Thursday, Dec. 4 the 339th day of 2008

Mostly sunny, with a high near 53, calm wind becoming south around 5 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30, south wind around 5 mph.

Friday, December 5
Mostly sunny, with a high near 53, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Saturday, December 6
Sunny, with a high near 58, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Sunday, December 7
Mostly sunny, with a high near 57, night: A slight chance of snow showers, partly cloudy, with low around 29.

Monday, December 8
A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 55, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Tuesday, December 9
Mostly sunny, with a high near 50, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with low around 23.

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

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road constructions/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and go from there.

NMSU's Arrowhead Center Awarded \$1.2 Million to Study Energy, Jobs, Water

New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center is set to tackle three of the biggest issues in the state - energy, jobs and water.

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded a three-year, \$1.2 million grant to Arrowhead Center to study connections between fossil fuel production, economic development and water in New Mexico.

"We want to see how fossil fuels benefit the state and what can be done to improve that relationship," said Meghan Starbuck, an assistant professor of economics at NMSU and the energy economist for the project. "When New Mexico provides more energy, it reduces dependence on foreign fuel and creates jobs in the state."

Starbuck said New Mexico has the third largest reserves of natural gas in the nation. The state is also a large producer of crude oil, coal bed methane and uranium.

She said New Mexico has an opportunity to create wealth and jobs by using its own energy better rather than importing it from other countries.

"New Mexico is rich in natural resources and home of major technological advances over the last century, yet we have a per capita income that's 20 percent below the national average," said Jim Peach, co-director of Arrowhead's policy analysis unit and the energy project's principal investigator. "The question is, can we do anything about that."

"Fossil fuel production is an important part of the state economy. In recent years, oil and gas production has accounted for more than 10 percent of New Mexico's gross domestic product," Starbuck said. "New Mexico is also an ideal place for

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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.

November 17
 7:05 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Eagle Ridge Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 9:11 a.m. Public relations at Lincoln County Clerks Office located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 10:10 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Biscuit Hill Road in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

12:37 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Wolf Creek Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
 5:23 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Street in White Oaks, ambulance dispatched.
 6:16 p.m. Agency assistance for medical call requested by Capitan police at location on Patos Road in Capitan, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 10:14 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Wildrose Circle in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:48 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pinon Lane in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

November 18
 3:48 a.m. Medical call at residence on West Grandview in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 7:52 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at business location on Hwy 380 in Capitan police dispatched.
 8:55 a.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Las Estrellas in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:21 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Florencio Lane in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 3:50 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Calle el Ojito in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 4:38 p.m. Fire reported at location on Forest in Alto, Bonito fire units dispatched.
 5:57 p.m. Disturbance reported at business located on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.
 6:26 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.

November 19
 7:19 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 12:01 p.m. Smoke reported at location on Church Mountain in Carrizozo, Carrizozo fire units dispatched.
 12:27 p.m. Threats reported at business location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 1:56 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 48

in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:05 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:46 p.m. Medical call at residence on Katrina Road in Corona, ambulance dispatched.
 3:06 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 7 on Hwy 247 in Corona, Corona emergency units dispatched.
 3:23 p.m. Fire reported at location on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe/Palo Verde fire units and deputy dispatched.
 3:37 p.m. Police presence/stand-by requested at residence on Mountain View in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.
 5:19 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at intersection of French Drive and High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 5:33 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on Fifth Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
 5:40 p.m. Warrant service at residence on Adobe Avenue in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 10:56 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on First Street in Capitan resulting in agency assistance requested, police and deputy dispatched.

November 20
 1:25 a.m. Medical call at residence on Macho Springs Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 9:27 a.m. Accident report at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 11:18 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Juniper Lane in Capitan, police dispatched.
 12:00 p.m. Information report at location on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
 2:28 p.m. Fire reported at location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, fire units dispatched.
 5:25 p.m. Accident resulting in agency assistance requested at mile marker 94 on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 10:04 p.m. Fire reported at location on Raindance in Ruidoso, Bonito fire units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

November 21
 12:00 a.m. Suspicious activity reported in parking lot at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 9:09 a.m. Accident reported at location on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 1:17 p.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Hwy 34 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 2:18 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Mary Jo Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:05 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Fifth

Cost of Nest Shelter Operation Released

Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) has released the cost of operating the Nest, Lincoln County's first and only domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs. The monthly cost of keeping the shelter open is approximately \$49,000 resulting in an annual operating budget of over \$590,000. The average monthly utility bills for the Nest are \$1,500 and \$2,000 for shelter supplies and food to feed the residents and their children. To staff the shelter and crisis hotline 24 hours a day, The Nest employs 15 full time and three part time employees, for a total annual payroll cost of \$360,000. The Nest opened to serve families affected by domestic violence in March 2007. The state of the art facility is regarded by many agencies statewide as the most secure domestic violence shelter in New Mexico, thanks to an extensive computerized security and surveillance program funded by the Hubbard Foundation and Pitch Energy of Artesia.

200 victim survivors and their children in Lincoln County.

Primary funding for shelter operations comes from the New Mexico Legislature and Children, Youth and Families Department. However, because of the state budget crisis and projected deficit of \$600 million, the Nest may face a grant reduction in 2009.

"HEAL is blessed to have a highly professional and skilled staff who will do everything within their power to maintain the services we currently offer," said Coleen Widell, executive director for HEAL, "but the reality is that private donations are the mainstay of the Nest. Without local support, it would be impossible to protect our program and clients when we face budget cuts."

For further information on the Nest domestic violence shelter, please call 575-378-6378 or toll-free 866-378-6378.

The Nest offers 14 bedrooms, two of which are handicap accessible, with 28 beds. The handicap accessible bedrooms are used not only for victims, but mainly for triaging women who come into shelter with substantial injuries that prevent them from climbing the stairs to the upper bedrooms. During the first year of operations, the Nest served over



Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

Nagal Presbyterian Church
 Rev. "Bo" LEWIS, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church
 Worship 8:00 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
 MARYJEN SMITH, Pastor
 314 18th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
 419 2858 (Church) or 848-2107
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
 Sun Evening 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept April AWANAS 6:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Assembly of God
 Corner 13th & C Ave.
 Barbara Bradly, 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
 713 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 / 386-8032
 Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 & 37 Junction
 Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM
 Sunday:
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
 Family Worship 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Community dinner 6:00 p.m.
 Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kids Klub 7:30 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 Rev. d Canon Peter Sanderson,
 Priest-in-Charge
 Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
 Ph 505-257-2356
 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
 849-1402
 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 Practice (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.
 United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner on 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Capitan Church of Christ
 LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
 5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
 MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530
 Phone 354-2044
 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona
 CAL WES., Pastor / 849-7975
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month
 Sunday:
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Church 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday:
 Teen dinner and games 8:00 p.m.
 Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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



In the Service

Navy Seaman Recruit Adam N. Zamora of Jo Ann Clark of Las Cruces and Mathew D. Zamora of Carrizozo, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Zamora completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is *Battle Stations*. This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. *Battle Stations* is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly Navy flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor. Zamora is a 2008 graduate of May Cruces.

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, November 24
 Judge Parsons Vacation
 Judge Bell Jury

Tuesday, November 25
 Judge Parsons Vacation
 Judge Bell Jury
 Darrell Brantley
 10:00 a.m. Jamie Jackson v. Joe Kyle; DV-2008-45
 10:30 a.m. Marian Genest v. Phillip Genest; DV-2008-92
 Application/Modify
 11:00 a.m. Michelle Elwell v. Ravi Daisvi; DV-2007-20
 1:15 p.m. Sheila Brewer v. Gregory Brewer; DV-2008-91
 2:00 p.m. Toni Collier v. Ronald Collier; DV-2008-94
 3:00 p.m. Sheryl Dolphin v. Richard Dolphin DV-2008-93

Monday, December 1
 9:00 a.m. - Civil Jury Trial - 1 of 3 Days - Langston v. Cannon
 Tires; CV-2006-316 (Langston/Corchine (Z-Cook))
 12:00 p.m. Brown Bag
 1:15 p.m. Liberty Finance Co., v. Gerardo Valenzuela, and Coordinated Care.; CV-2008-92 (Appellant MSJ (ProSe/ProSe/Crowson))
 4:00 p.m. (Richard Bowen v. Mescalero Tribe; CV-2007-259 (Mtn/Compel)(Perrin/Peterson))

Tuesday, December 2
 Judge Parsons In Ruidoso
 8:30 a.m. Beauvais v. McCoy; CV-2008-266 (Entry of Default) (Beauvais/ProSe)
 Juveniles - 9:00 a.m.
 Lindsay V; JR-2008-17 (PT/COP)
 Carlos J; JR-2007-47 (Disp)
 Clarence M.; JR-2008-58 (FA)
 10:00 a.m. Pete C.; CR-2006-04 (Disposition)
 11:00 a.m. Monica King v. Keitha Chenault; DM-2008-95 (Pending Mtns)(McSwane/Bryant)
 12:00 p.m. Drug Court Advisory
 2:00 p.m. LCJJB
 3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening
 4:30 p.m. Drug Court
 Darrell Brantley
 10:00 a.m. Mia Curtis v. Brian Painter; DV-2008-95
 11:00 a.m. Diane Vargas v. Brewer; DV-2008-97
 1:05 p.m. Yasmin Rivera v. Samuel Rivera; DV-2008-96

Wednesday, December 3
 8:00 a.m. - Grand Jury Orientation
 Civil Jury Trial - 9:00 a.m. - 2 of 3 Days - Langston v. Cannon
 Tires; CV-2006-316 (Langston/Corchine (Z-Cook))
 1:15 p.m. Michael Vaughan; CR-2007-225 (Otero Cause) (Initial/Mtn to Dismiss) (Key/Holmes)
 4:00 p.m. JQ-2008-09 - 10 Day Hearing

Thursday, December 4
 8:15 a.m. Manuel Platero v. MVD; CV-2008-297 (Merits) (ProSe/Belles)
 Civil Jury Trial - 9:00 a.m. - 3 of 3 Days - Langston v. Cannon
 Tires; CV-2006-316 (Langston/Corchine (Z-Cook))
 1:15 p.m. Michael Becker v. Julia Brazel; DM-2003-62 (Judicial Inquiry/Status)(S-Cook/Holmes)

Friday, December 5
 Judge Parsons
 8:15 a.m. Judith Burson v. Lari Burson; DM-2008-102 (J1/Mtn Dismiss)(C. Hawthorne/Kraft)
 8:30 a.m. Frederico S; JR-2008-37 (ADJ) (Burson/Mitchell P.C.)
 11:00 a.m. Jacob McDaniel v. Tanya McDaniel; DM-2006-109 (Mtn/visitation/support)(Rosenblum/Honigmann)
 1:15 p.m. Peggy Fisher & Sharon Mond v. Cameron Sidwell; CV-2008-323 (Prelim Inf) (Butters/Griffin)
 2:00 p.m. - First Appearance/Initial
 Allen Ryan; CR-08-229
 Felicia Lucero; CR-08-255
 Miguel Nevarez; CR-2006-172
 Mtn/Other
 Harlan Lester; CR-08-54
 James Gutierrez; CR-07-183
 Emanuel Botella CR-08-47
 Joshua Stocks; CR-08-81
 3:00 p.m. J Tyrone Riordan; CR-2007-80 (Mtn/Order DNA)
 CR-2007-193 Mtn/ Disjunctive Atty - Esqueibel/Mitchell P.C.

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 60-6B-4 NMSA of the Liquor Control Act the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a public hearing beginning at 2:10 p.m., on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. The public hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the question of whether the Alcohol and Gaming Division should approve the request of a Restaurant Liquor License, as follows:

Public Hearing to consider the request of a Restaurant Liquor License (Beer and Wine On-Premise Consumption Only) from Laughing Sheep Farm Restaurant, 124 Orchard View Lane, Lincoln, New Mexico, (Liquor License No. 0000/Applications No. A-579569).

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the propose Liquor License Application may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

BILLIE-JO GUEVARA
Administrative Assistant/
Human Resources

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID 08-09-005

Re-Bid

"Sheriff's Office Warehouse Conversion" DUE: Monday, December 15, 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the County of Lincoln, for the Sheriff's Office Warehouse Conversion. Complete specifications are contained in the Bid Package that is available at the office of the County Purchasing Agent, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301 or by calling Orlando Samora at (575) 648-2385 ext 105.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Bid should be sent or hand-delivered to County of Lincoln, PO Box 711 (300 Central Ave.), Carrizozo, NM 88301 by 2:00 PM Local Time, Monday, December 15, 2008. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular Commission Meeting on December 16, 2008 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Lincoln County 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 interests of Lincoln County.

ORLANDO SAMORA
Purchasing Agent

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 9, 2008 Joe D. Lowe, 1511 Cuba St., Alamogordo, NM 88310 filed application numbered T-1320-POD6 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well T-1320-S-3 located in the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 9 South Range 9 East, NMPM at a point where Latitude 33d 29m 6.43s, Longitude 106d 02m 11.43s meet, and drilling a replacement well in the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 9 South Range 9 East at a point where Latitude 33d 29m 5.78s, Longitude 106d 02m 11.39s meet. The new well is proposed to be drilled to a depth of 400 feet and fitted with 5 inch casing and will be drilled on land owned by the applicant within Lincoln County, New Mexico in the Tularosa Basin. The new well will be used for the continued diversion of 179.51 acre feet per annum of a licensed right for the irrigation of 43.048 acres of land located within part of the SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of said Section 31. The move from well will be plugged per Rules and Regulations Governing Well Driller Licensing, Construction, Repair and Plugging of Wells, 19-17-4-30, paragraph C. Proposed well T-1320-POD6 is to be located east of Corona, NM on the east side of Highway 54.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights, and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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CORONA NEWS

The Corona Elementary School program will be held Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The New Mexico American Legion Riders recently inaugurated Corona Chapter 14 at the Ollie D Tourist House in Corona. Including the 10 new members, over 50 attended with representatives from Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Carrizozo, Conchas Dam, Deming, Elephant Butte, Grants, La Luz, Las Cruces, Milan, Silver City, Truth of Consequences and Tularosa. Following the meeting, lunch was served at the Corona Grill. It was quite a sight to see over 40 motorcycles on the main street of Corona.

Full membership is offered to motorcycle owners who are already part of the vari-

ous programs of the American Legion. An associate membership is also offered to current members of above mentioned programs.

The signature project for the NMAL Riders is the Operation Wounded Warriors Campaign, Donations, both monetary and necessary personal hygiene items, clothing, cell phones, phone cards, etc. are collected through the year.

The Riders escort a truck donated by ITO Umsuge to Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. After unloading over \$90,000 worth of goods, several days are spent visiting the men and women recovering from burns and amputations received defending our freedom.

If interested in this project www.nmlegionriders.org.

Cattle Vaccinations are First Line of Defense for Food Safety

Immunization of calves is the first line of defense for healthy herds and food safety.

Besides protecting the calf from disease, vaccinations help prevent having to use antibiotics later if the cow gets ill, said John Wenzel, New Mexico State University Extension veterinarian.

"The whole idea behind immunization is to prevent disease, rather than treating the disease," Wenzel said. "Vaccinations are especially important now because if we do a good job of immunizing the calves before they get stressed, they don't get sick, or most of them won't get sick; therefore, we don't have to use antibiotics."

The veterinarian of 22 years said not having to use antibiotics "boils down to a food safety issue. We don't have to worry about antibiotic residue or any of that type of stuff if we never have to use them. So the idea is to prepare the calf's immune system so we don't have to use any medication."

A recently reissued publication by the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service titled *Cattle Vaccination and Immunity* written by Wenzel, Boone Carter, extension animal resources specialist, and Clay Mathis, extension specialist, explains how the vaccination stimulates the animal's immune system prior to significant natural exposure to disease-causing agents, called pathogens.

"The greatest stress in a calf's life is right after it is weaned because there is generally movement that occurs and a lot of exposure to pathogens," Wenzel said. "Anything we can do to minimize the stress and maximize the immune system prior to that stress occurring

helps the calf to fight off diseases."

The publication discusses how the immune system works and how the vaccine makes the immune system respond. Included as topics is the difference between a modified live vaccine and a killed vaccine; how booster shots, or second vaccination, create a strong immune re-

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Sheriff's Report

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Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

5:28 p.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:13 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Olympia in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:13 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported at location on Barney Luck in Alto, deputy dispatched.

November 22
12:12 a.m. Medical call at residence on Little Creek in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

3:28 a.m. Medical call at location on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

10:11 a.m. Unknown trouble call from location on Sudderth in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:49 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 37 and Hwy 48 in Alto, Bonito emergency units and ambulance dispatched.

5:30 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:37 p.m. Medical call at location on Kerr Avenue in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

9:46 p.m. Dog reported running loose at mile marker 278 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

November 23
8:01 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Rainmaker in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:07 a.m. Medical call at location on CR 3006 in Capitán, ambulance dispatched.

8:46 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Aspen and Fourth Street in Capitán resulting in agency assistance, police and deputy dispatched.

8:55 a.m. Fire reported at mile marker 272 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe/Palo Verde fire units dispatched.

4:25 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on B Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

7:35 p.m. Medical call at residence on Bullion Loop in White Oaks, ambulance dispatched.



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road impassable, had to spend the night in their cars, turned back the next day and went home disgrusted. A few days before two cars from Carlsbad came to the assembly by way of Cloudercroft, intending to spend some time, but the ladies of the party were so fatigued by the rough going that they remained but one night and then went home. Old residents of the Ruidoso consider that that Bible conference is the greatest thing that ever came to eastern New Mexico. Is it worth nothing to us for all the protestant churches within an area included in a line from Dallas through Corpus Christi, El Paso, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Amarillo and Oklahoma City to establish their common rendezvous in Lincoln county, whether each summer they will come in increasing numbers, come by thousands, for physical and spiritual refreshment?

That institution can be killed by leaving the road as it is, it can be made the greatest uplift for humanity in all the southwest, and the improvement of the roads making it accessible from Tularosa, from Carrizozo and Capitan and from Roswell is one of the most important steps toward success. That improvement must be made before the session next summer.

There is another reason for urgency, the tide of tourist travel. The European war has of course made it impossible for Americans to tour Europe in their automobiles. All the automobile publications and the leading magazines and papers are urging "See America Now." The editor of the "American Motorist" published in Washington, is urging me to hasten the preparation of an article for publication on "The Fate of the Great Southwest," treating especially the eastern New Mexico territory. What am I to say about road conditions? The December Literary Digest tells of the complete sign posting of the National Old Trails Highway from Washington to San Diego. How about sign posting in Chaves, Lincoln, Otero, Dona Ana, Luna and Grant Co., New Mexico? I am constantly asked about road condition on the "All Southern Route" to the Panama Pacific Exposition. I am compelled to say "Better go by the Old Trails or the Old Highway -- but be sure to return next fall by the Southern National."

Let me summarize to you the situation of our transcontinental from Washington to the coast:

Section 1. Washington to Durham, N.C. completed except a section between Fredericksburg and Alexandria, Virginia, where a detour must be made. Gap must be finished by April 15, 1915. Hard surfaced road all the way, and the federal government has detailed a road engineer to supervise maintenance of the road.

Section 2. Durham, N.C. westward to the Tennessee line, finished except about 15 miles on which 100 convicts are now working. Even now cars can use the road. Surfacing macadam, tarvia, sand-clay, no grade over 4 per cent.

Section 3. Tennessee section through Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville to Memphis. A state highway commission is pushing the completion of the gaps, about 85 per cent completed -- hope to be completed by July 1915.

Section 3. Memphis to Texarkana. Cross the Mississippi on a \$5,000,000 bridge being built by the Rock Island Ry. -- but double and free to wagon and auto traffic. Work being pushed macadamizing to Little Rock. Road finished a month ago Little Rock to Hot Springs. Road building on to Texarkana.

Section 4. Texas section. Every county crossed by one road except Borden county and a few in the extreme west which have natural good roads have voted bonds to build the road and much of it is finished.

Section 5. New Mexico section. The 90 miles from Bronco, Texas to Roswell is a 40 mile an hour road, a single straight away section being 30 miles long without a curve, a dip or a hump. Cattle guards have displaced wire gates and the road is a perfect delight to the autoist. As for the rest of the road, it has only to be said that it is the one and only section that has not been up and doing, despite the fact that New Mexican men conceived the enterprise, started it, kept after it and have been potent in all the eastern states to realize it. The sixth section is Arizona and the seventh is southern California. Concerning these it is sufficient to say that at the road races El Paso-Phoenix-San Diego a forty mile speed was possible.

From the foregoing it is clear that by a concerted effort our road can be opened all the way in time for the return travel from the Panama-Pacific Exposition. I am going to Washington next week to try to secure help there. Without criticism of any

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County Supports Nogal Funding Application

by Patrice Brazie

The Nogal Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association is in dire straights. A filtration system that once

enabled the use of ground water through the Bonito Lake pipeline is antiquated and no longer meets the treatment requirements for the delivery of potable water.

Without the use of the water from Bonito Lake, the 30 something households connected to the Nogal water system have been forced to rely on a single well for their water, and now face water use restrictions ordered by the State Engineer.

On November 18th, the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing an application by the Nogal water users' association for a \$500,000 Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in 2009 to bring the system up to modern day standards and upgrade the filtration system.

The Nogal Domestic Water Consumers Association has been awarded a grant of \$100,000 from the New Mexico State Legislature which will be used as the association's required cash match contribution.

The resolution authorizing the application for the CDBG also designates county commission chair Tom Battin as the chief executive officer

and county representative in all matters associated with the application and the county's participation in the CDBG program.

Rick Rotert, president of the Nogal water association, thanked the county officials for their assistance.

"I just want to note our sincere appreciation for the interest and efforts you folks have demonstrated for our

plight over the last several years in trying to supply sufficient quantities of quality drinking water to our community," Rotert said.

He offered a special thank you to Nora Batista and the Southeastern Economic Development District. "She has done a superb job, not only in this proposal before you for the CDBG project for 2009, but she has worked

diligently on various other projects trying to secure funding for us," Rotert said. "She should be noted for an exceptional effort on our behalf."

A FINE GIFT FOR SOME ONE



A SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS NEWSPAPER

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico, calls for sealed bids for an Annual Contract for Spec Base Course, Class II.

Interested bidders may request a copy of the specifications from the Village Clerk at the Village of Capitan at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico or by phoning 575-354-2247. The specifications are also available by email from the Village Clerk.

Sealed bids will be received by the Village Clerk at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM until December 16, 2008 at 2:00 PM local time. The Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Village Hall at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM at 2:15 PM. Any bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Capitan reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalities as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

Kay Strickland
Village Clerk

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Back to Carrizozo

Take me back to Carrizozo as it was in the early days,
Ere the cowboys on the ranges had the moving picture craze!
Let me see the festive puncher, with his broncho on the run
Coming to town and shooting up the landscape with his gun!
Let me see the Chuckawalla and the lean coyote, too;
Let me see a frontier squabble as it was in days of yore;
When our bad man, Bill the Kid, waded in a sea of gore.
Take me back to Carrizozo and the plains of alkali;
On the cactus-covered mesa or the white sands let me lie;
Let me hear the rattler rattling as he crawls about the sand,
And the restive cattle bawling as they feel the red-hot brand;
Let me see the county sheriff make a gun play in the street,
And a victim later buried with his boots upon his feet;
Take me back to Carrizozo; let me see a poker game
As in the days when it was prudent not to ask a stranger's name.
Take me back to Carrizozo where they "sized" a fellow not
By the noodle that he carried, but the skill with which he shot,
When the town was short on water but all-fired long on gin
And there never was much mourning when a fellowman cashed in.
Take me back among the grey wolves and the centipedes and such
Where a brand-iron was suspected and a rustler hated much;
Take me back to Carrizozo when it lived a wild career,
And they had a man for breakfast every mornign in the year.
Take me back to Carrizozo - Carrizozo rough and wild,
Where the days were dry and dusty and the whiskey wasn't mild.
Let me live again those stirring frontier days when all was new,
When the faro banks were frequent and the churches mighty few.
Let me join a sheriff's posse and get on a horse thief's track,
Where a hanging bee was likely if they brought the fellow back.
Take me back to Carrizozo in the palmy days I saw
When high boot-heels were in fashion and a six-gun was the law.

--E.A. Brininstool

(From Dec. 18, 1914 Carrizozo News)

Cattle Vaccinations

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sponse of longer duration; and why it's important to follow the vaccines label directions.

"The idea is that we want the producer to understand why they are vaccinating so that they will do a better job and hopefully understand how important it is to follow all of the directions when it comes to vaccination schedules," he said. "This paper is to help producers understand exactly why they are vaccinating and the theory behind vaccinations."

The publication may be obtained at NMSU's website <http://www.cahe.nmsu.edu/pubs/b/Guide%20B222.pdf> or at the county extension office.

Looking Back

THROUGH OLD NEWS FILES

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one, without a word against what has been done in the past, I plead that all the road building powers for the counties, the state and the federal government cooperate to make ready by July 1, 1915, a road from Roswell to Hondo and the two roads from Hondo to Tularosa, suitable to accomodate the travel that is sure to seek to use it.

I have one more point to make. The Southern National Highway is the main road to the great Southwest. Popularly the Southwest is West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Southern California. Some west-bound tourists will enter it from the north side coming down from Colorado on the old Trails route, others will come over the Gulf and Inter-oceanic by San Antonio and El Paso, but the road that hits the Southwest square between the eyes is the Southern National, right through North Central Texas, where at Brownfield, the Borderland brings tourists from Dodge City, Kansas. From Brownfield the road leads straight to Roswell and the very heart of the great Southwest. Hence Roswell will be the gateway to the Southwest for every tourist car crossing the Mississippi at St. Louis or Memphis, and hence it follows that it is by all odds the most important road in the state in its bearing on the advertising and development of the state as a whole, for the Old Trails leads tourists through the northwest quarter of the state and sends them on to Arizona.

The Southern National leads them to Roswell, whence they can tour down to Artesia and Carlsbad, returning they can go to Carrizozo, Gran Quivira, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Vegas, returning to Roswell by Vaughn, thence going by Mescalero to Tularosa, Alamogordo and El Paso, thence to Las Cruces and up the Rio Grande to the Elephant Butte project and Socorro and the mines of Magdalena, returning they can see Deming, Silver City and Lordsburg. While passing through the Mescalero reservation they can take a trip to Cloudcroft. This itinerary will not include all of New Mexico that we wish visitors to see but it will open to tourists more than any other routes and can be extended to include the Ft. Sumner and Clovis regions, the San Juan country and the rest.

Sincerely, S.M. Johnson

A Slaughter of Rabbits

A party of four, Jerry and Ed Kelly, Roy Texor and G.O. Nickel, went down to Jake's Spring Sunday, a gunning for rabbits.

They spent about six hours in that prolific hare field and returned with 197 carcasses. The "kill" was shipped to Saint Louis.

It will require several raids like the above to thin the molly cottontails in that section, for they are said to be thicker there than mice around a corncrib.

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