

County Approves Stone Mountain Preliminary Plat

by Patrice Brazie

Once again, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has approved the preliminary plat of a controversial subdivision that has been met with opposition from neighboring property owners. As in similar cases of the recent past, the commissioners themselves have expressed some disappointment in the restrictions of their authority regarding such matters.

The application for the Stone Mountain subdivision was filed in March of 2008, just after the county commissioners adopted a more restrictive subdivision

ordinance in February 2008, but also just before the new ordinance became legally effective.

The 61 acre, 22 tract subdivision is located just north of Gavilan Canyon Road on Eagle Creek Road, and falls within the Extraterritorial Zoning area around Ruidoso. The subdivider is H&M Development, LLC, of which R.D. Hubbard is reportedly a partner; local attorney Mike Ruhnells is the project manager.

Speaking before the board of county commissioners during their regular meeting of February 17th, county planning director Curt Temple reported that the county's

Planning Commission had reviewed and discussed the proposed subdivision at three of its recent meetings.

"The last Planning Commission meeting finally came up with approval with several other stipulations they want to see you all impose on it," Temple told the county commissioners.

Temple said that the subdivision proposal was sent to six or seven state agencies for approval last spring; the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) issued a negative opinion after its first review of the proposal.

"It took several months for the developer to come back with the required data

that the OSE needed to overturn their decision," Temple said. "Once that was done several months later, we had a public hearing on it, then we had several more meetings."

Temple said that there had also been some engineering issues involving drainage and road design in the proposal, and the resolu-

tion of those issues met with some confusion because engineering reports were issued by two different firms.

Temple said that the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning department had also reviewed the proposal and recommended denial of the subdivision application.

"I believe that's on appeal now, over to the Vil-

lage Council," Temple said. "That will be heard after the next P&Z meeting because the village council doesn't like hearing an appeal until the minutes are final from the (previous P&Z meeting). They don't do the preliminary minutes," Temple said.

Ruhnells said that it was his belief that the Ruidoso committee denied the subdivision proposal based on emotional, not factual reasoning.

"I do know that one of the reasons it took us so long to get here was because every time an objection was brought to the developer on this project, we addressed it within the four corners of the ordinance and state statute," Ruhnells said. "We're standing before you today having complied with all of the state statutory requirements and all the ordinance requirements from the county," he said.

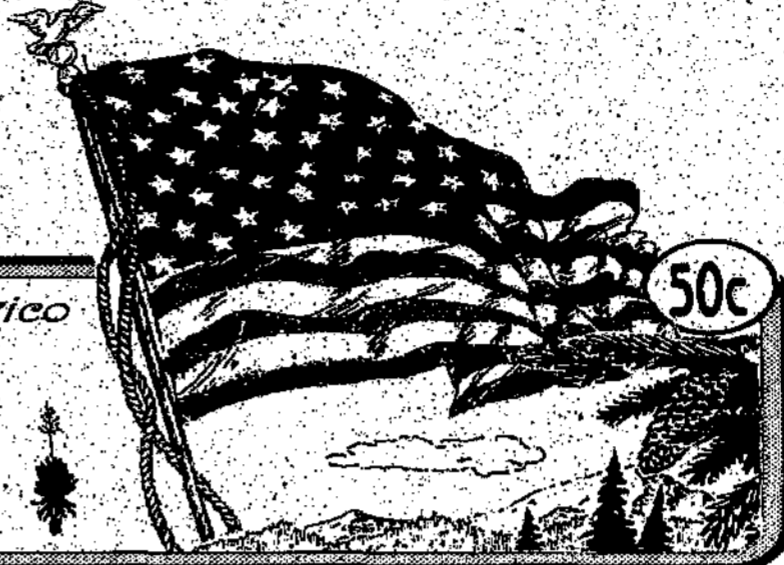
During its January meeting, the county's planning commission recommended approval of the subdivision, but with some stipulations that go beyond the requirements of the applicable ordinance. Among those stipulations was a request that the development undergo immediate fire remediation within three months of the final plat approval. The Planning Commission also recommended that the drainage management plan be amended to reflect the drainage structures needed to handle the flows that will be created by the development, and that a statement be added to the final plat indicating that it is illegal to increase the drainage flow onto neighboring properties.

The county planners also recommended that the disclosure statement for the subdivision include some language explaining that most of the building sites within the Stone Mountain subdivision are on slopes in excess of 15 percent and, due to soil limitations and excessive slopes, individual liquid waste disposal systems may not be approved by the New Mexico Environment Department.

Ruhnells said that the developer had made many efforts to satisfy the concerns of the county planners as well as neighboring property owners, but a request to reduce the number of lots by increasing lot sizes was simply not going to be met.

"That is a request that I took to the developers over a year ago, and the decision was made that the number of lots was what was necessary to develop this property the way they wanted to," Ruhnells said. "That was one area that I could not change."

Ruhnells said that any concerns regarding drainage issues will be handled through the normal development approval procedures required by the village of Ruidoso and state laws. He also pointed out that the county has no definition of what excessive slopes are, so it might be difficult to illustrate those slopes on the plat.



Published Weekly From Beautiful Downtown Carrizozo, New Mexico

Lincoln County News

Independent Since 1905

VOLUME #104, NUMBER 8

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009

CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO 88301

Potluck to Welcome Film Worker Crews Sunday, March 1

by Ruth Hammond

Another potluck to welcome film construction crews to Carrizozo will be held this Sunday, March 1, starting at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to help welcome the workers, please bring food, whatever you want and enough to serve others, your own drinks and chairs. The potluck will be held on E Avenue in the 900 block, across from Carrizozo City Hall.

The newest film construction crews brought styrofoam to 12th Street and made it look like what it is supposed to look like someday in the future after the devastation in the movie *The Book of Eli*.

We have also received reports that filming could begin within a week or so. Extra local cast members were taken to Albuquerque yesterday and the bus is scheduled to take additional extra cast members to Albuquerque for fitting of costumes, etc., today and tomorrow. The bus is at Carrizozo City Hall at 8 a.m.

The potluck is to be a community event. Early arrivers get to be first at horseshoes and/or bocci ball. There is no need to RSVP - just show up with food and drink.

The Book of Eli is an action thriller starring Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman and Mila Kunis. The movie is to be filmed in New Mexico with some filming to be in Carrizozo. Crews have been changing the look of 12th Street since before Christmas.



*"Moving on Up"
Transformation
Continues
on
12th
Street*

County Manager Pleased With Audit

by Patrice Brazie

County manager Tom Stewart said during a meeting of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners on February 17th that he was extremely pleased with the performance of his staff and the staff of the treasurer's office after hearing the results of the county's recent audit.

"This is no simple feat to come out with just a few write-ups as we did," Stewart said. "I would say that I am frustrated by the continuing issue of the inventory," he added.

The first finding in the audit report addresses some deficiency in the county's capital asset inventory recording process. According to the report, some items that had been disposed of by the county were not promptly removed from the capital asset inventory list, resulting in a beginning year discrepancy in the county's total asset figures. The difference amounted to about \$358,000.

The report states: "The effect is that the capital assets were overstated on the detailed list and could have caused the capital assets to not be fairly stated if they had not been adjusted. The auditor's recommendation was that the county accurately maintain its capital asset inventory detail list."

"In thinking about that, I'm reminded that accounting it not synonymous with accountability," Stewart said. "The type of auditor's report issued is unqualified, which means everything's going well, he said, but

added that he would increase his efforts regarding the inventory issue. A repeated finding being experienced by counties and municipalities is in regards to the preparation of financial statements by employees rather than auditing and accounting firms.

"This is where I get into the accounting and accountability discussion," Stewart said. "This is one that we've been protesting with the state auditor for some time. Management disagrees with the finding because we think we have competent staff to the extent necessary to review the financials, but perhaps not qualified enough to prepare financial statements," he said. "There are more damn rules and regulations being developed every time I turned around."

Regarding the addition, repair and maintenance of capital assets, Stewart proposed that he review the county's procedures and come back to the county commissioners in March with some recommendations about how to be more efficient.

"We may be trying to do too much with the small staff that we have," Stewart said. "We're trying to keep track of everything and I think I need to review that and see if there's perhaps some benefit to eliminating items below \$5,000."

In his written response to the audit, Stewart wrote that, if the problem is not fixed this coming year, the county may consider the addition of a fixed asset specialist.

"I don't want to go there," he said. "I don't want to add additional staff. We'll review our process there and

(MORE ON PAGE 3)

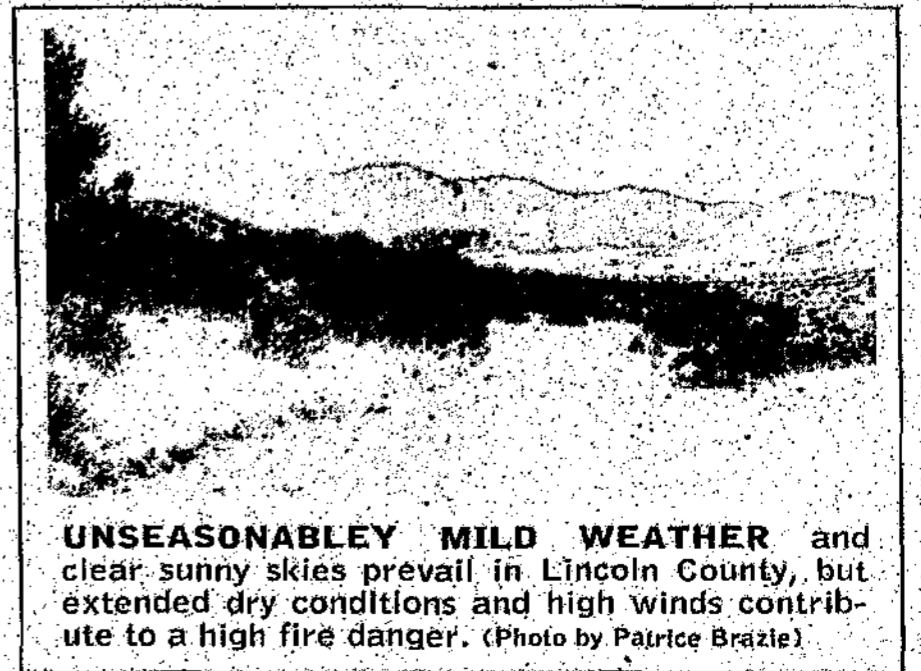
First Friday Program Begins March 6th at Capitan Public Library

The First Friday programs at the Capitan Public Library will begin March 5 at 7:00 p.m. with Bill Hansen as speaker. The programs are free.

Bill Hansen will speak about *Living Safely in Lincoln County*. He will tell of his experience with law enforcement in Lincoln County and New Mexico and inform us of the functions within the various agencies. He will also help people understand ways they can help themselves live safely.

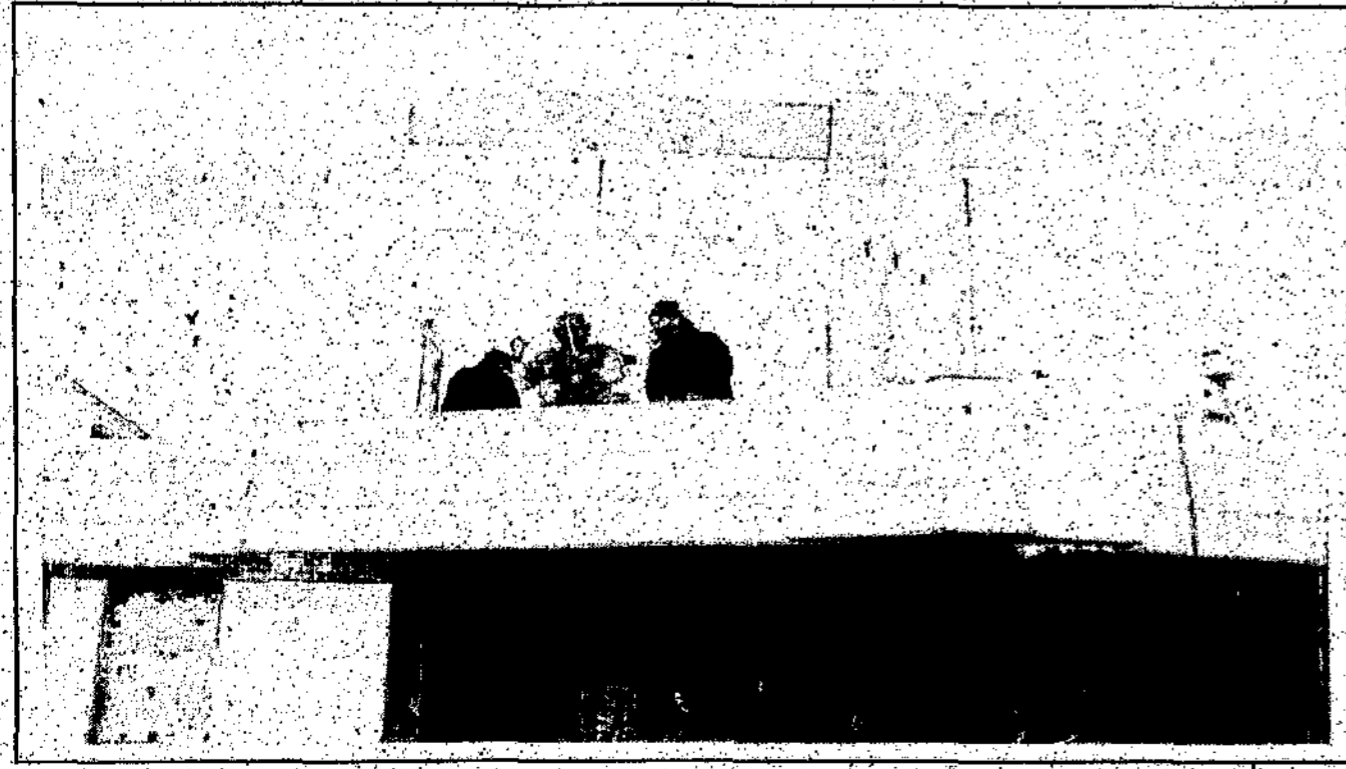
The Capitan Library volunteers will provide refreshments after the program. The First Friday lectures are free of charge.

If there are questions, please call Capitan Public Library at 354-3035.



UNSEASONABLY MILD WEATHER and clear sunny skies prevail in Lincoln County, but extended dry conditions and high winds contribute to a high fire danger. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

(MORE ON PAGE 2)



County Approves Stone Mountain

(Continued from Page 1)

until a definition is made. "We are in compliance and, regardless of what anybody's opinion is, the facts are that we have complied," Rannels said of the county and state subdivision requirements. "We did drill a test well at the highest point we could access, and we hit two water bearing formations, Rannels said, "one at 375 feet and another at 900."

County commissioner Jackie Powell questioned the availability of water in the Eagle Creek area, saying that the village of Ruidoso is unable to use the 4,000 acre feet of water rights that it owns because the water is just not there. She argued that any new developments should have to consider the overall, regional water availability rather than just the amount of water available to the new development. She suggested that water conditions may have changed since testing was done in 2005.

Temple said that one of the big concerns with the

proposed development stems from the fact that there are underlying rock formations just three or more feet below the soil level, which may force the requirement of the use of above ground holding tanks to manage domestic liquid waste, rather than the usual underground septic tank systems.

"Aerobic systems, or standard septic systems may not work in that area because of the terrain and the impermeable rock that's up there. The top soils may not be that deep," Temple said. He added that some of the soil may not be stable either, but the county's subdivision ordinance does not address that issue. "That's something that the state's going to have to handle," he said.

Several owners of property near the Stone Mountain subdivision were also in attendance at the meeting, and the majority opposed the development.

Buck Buchanan, who lives on eight acres of land directly to the south of the

proposed subdivision spoke first. "Stone Mountain is the last undeveloped piece of property in the Eagle Creek area, and in my opinion, it's the last because it doesn't lend itself very well to development," Buchanan said. "It certainly doesn't lend itself to these small, two-acre lots."

He said that surrounding properties range from five to 12 acres in size, and suggested that the development will reduce the values of surrounding properties.

"There are three really good reasons that you need to vote this development down," Buchanan told the county commissioners. "The first is water. I don't have to tell you the problems that we're having with the Eagle Creek reservoir. You're surely aware of the lawsuits between the Eagle Creek Conservation Association, the Forest Service and the village, ever since the village put their wells at the head waters of Eagle Creek," Buchanan said. "Numerous wells up and down Eagle Creek have to be redrilled."

Buchanan said that he had to build a 15,000 gallon storage tank on his property to have enough water to run his home, because the well is running so slow.

"Water's a big problem on Eagle Creek, and if you allow them to put in 22 wells, 22 new straws down into this reservoir, it's going to be a bigger problem," Buchanan said. "There are 60 wells scattered over hundreds of acres up and down the Eagle Creek reservoir, and they are proposing 22 well over 60 acres. It will cripple our reservoir, and we ask you please not to let them do that," he said.

Buchanan said that the second reason to deny the subdivision approval was drainage problems, which he argued the developers have never legitimately addressed.

"The entirety of their drainage structures are along the road," he said. "All they do is take the drainage from the uphill side of the road to the downhill side of the road, and after that they have no berms, no retention ponds, no detention ponds, nothing. After the water leaves the downhill side of the road, it shoots down what is a very, very steep hill," Buchanan said. "It has done it much worse since they put their road in. It will do it to a much greater degree once they have houses in there."

Buchanan presented photos taken from his property showing water flowing from the proposed subdivision area. He said the water was three feet deep and washed away a drainage ditch that he had put in to control the flow. He also said that his barn is beginning to rot because of the flow of water from the Stone Mountain property.

Buchanan referred to a terrain management plan that he said was prepared on behalf of the developers that reports that the soil on the Stone Mountain area is poorly suited to home site development because of rapid run-offs and high potentials for erosion and slow infiltration rates for waste disposal. He said that he offered to let the developers use a portion of his property for drainage and flood control, but the offer has been completely ignored.

"Drainage is the second reason to vote this thing down," he said. "The third reason is sewage."

Buchanan told the county commissioners that Eagle Creek property owners have met with the developers five times to try to work with them to resolve the potential for drainage and other problems, but they have been ignored through the process.

"This was approved by the Lincoln County Planning Commission in a split vote," he said. "During that meeting, the Planning Com-

mission chairman said "this development is a case of the golden rule, he who has the gold makes the rule," and those of us that were in attendance thought that was very ill-advised," he said, "but there's a really a lot of truth to that."

He asked the county commissioners to not take into consideration who owns the development, but to judge the proposal based solely on its own merits. He said that, had the developers filed the application one day later than they did, the county's new ordinance would have applied and the rules would have been very different.

Regarding liquid waste disposal, county attorney Alan Morel said that not all of the subdivision is on a 1.5 percent or greater slope, so some lots could be able to use individual septic systems.

"That determination is made when you get your building permit and when you decide where to place the septic system," Morel said. "There are a lot of lots on this subdivision that probably are not going to allow for individual domestic sewer systems. The developer has provided in his disclosure statement that all liquid waste may have to be hauled off," he said. "This isn't an issue of whether you can do the development or not, it's determinative of what liquid waste system you use or whether you have it haul it off."

Temple said that each lot in the subdivision will be looked at by the state environmental department to determine how waste must be handled, as though lots are sold and building planned.

"It's going to be site specific," Temple said. "Each site will have to be designed for whatever system they're going to use."

Planning commission member Bob Moeller said that the developers have provided many expert opinions regarding the proposed subdivision, and the neighbors who object to the development have not consulted similar expertise to support their opinions.

"I asked the question whether or not any of them had engaged professionals in terrain management, in hydrology, in waste management to support or back their objections," Moeller said. "The answer was no they had not. On the objection side there was no evidence produced by professionals to counter the professional opinions."

Other Eagle Creek residents expressed similar concerns regarding drainage from the subdivision and its affect on lower lying properties, sewage disposal, potential traffic problems and reduced property values. Several requests were made to deny the proposal until those issues can be resolved.

Morel told the commissioners that, if they chose to deny approval of the Stone Mountain preliminary plat, they must cite specifically which portions of the county's subdivision ordinance are being violated. He said that he agreed with Temple's opinion that the proposal is in compliance with the ordinance that was in existence when the application was filed.

County commissioner Tom Battin indicated that the board of commissioners had no choice in the matter, and county commissioner Don Williams made a motion to approve. County commissioner Dave Parks seconded the motion, saying that if he owned Stone Mountain he certainly wouldn't develop it, but also saying that, because there are no ordinance violations, he had to vote for approval as well. Commissioners approved the preliminary plat by a 3-to-2 vote with commissioners Powell and Eileen Sedillo voting in opposition.



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 104th year of being in existence (1905-2009), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following articles appeared in the "Lincoln County News".

September 9, 1932

Roosevelt's Charge Verified

Washington -- The denial of the State Department that it had ever approved a single foreign loan, which was made in response to Governor Roosevelt's statement that he would put an end to the "implied understanding" that foreign Bonds and securities have been "passed or approved by the State Department or any other agency of the Federal Government," was commented upon as follows by Senator Barkley in a recent statement:

"If this is true, why did the State Department, in response to a Senate resolution, cite as its authority for approving or disapproving such loans Article II of the Constitution? If this is true, why did the Senate on February 26, 1931, adopt the resolution proposed by Senator Glass, which is printed on page 6103 of the Congressional Record, declaring that the State Department had no sanction for any such action and instructing it to desist from any such practice?"

"The annual report of the Secretary of Commerce for the year ending June 30, 1928, the last period during which it was under Mr. Hoover's direction, contained the following interesting and illuminating statement:

"A record breaking volume of foreign stocks and bonds was offered to the American investing public last year, this partly explains the increased use made of the store of information on the finance of foreign governments and corporations that is on file in this bureau. American underwriters of foreign securities are now turning to the finance and investment division in constantly growing numbers for data to guide them in foreign financial commitments."

"I wonder if the President is still proud of this guidance?"

"The State department has on numerous occasions given tacit approval to these loans which it did not disapprove, and no investment or bank in the United States would under present practices touch a foreign issue which had not been referred to and passed on by the State Department."

In at least one case it is known that pressure was brought by the State Department on certain banks and investment houses to encourage the sale of the securities of a certain foreign nation.

"For the Department of State or any other agency or representative of the government to say that its action did not affect and even control the issuance of foreign securities in the United States is absurd."

Sec. Hurley's Speech A Detriment

While the Providence (R.I.) speech of Secretary of War Hurley made the first page of some newspapers, it also, unfortunately for him, made the editorial page. The result of the analysis it received at the hands of editors with a trained talent for correctly appraising political campaign bombast is that Sec. Hurley could be of more service to the Hoover campaign managers by refraining from a discussion of economic subjects and keeping his misinformation thereon to himself especially in industrial sections.

Secretary Hurley's speech was supposed to be a reply on behalf of the Administration to the terrific and accurate arraignment of the Hoover regime by Governor Roosevelt in his Columbus speech.

Referring to Secretary Hurley's description of President Hoover's speech of acceptance as having left nothing to be desired "for depth of understanding, directness, candor etc.," The New York Times says:

"Almost exactly the reverse characterization could be made of Mr. Hurley's remarks at Providence. They left everything to be desired as an answer to Mr. Roosevelt's review of our Government policies since 1920. The speech would by itself fully justify the decision of the Governor to take no notice of what the President's spokesmen may say."

Also that "Mr. Hurley often failed to reveal

(MORE ON PAGE 6)

Obituary

VERNIE L. WELLS

Vernie L. Wells, 88, died February 15. Vernie was born on February 4, 1921, on the family homestead, four miles southeast of Gran Quivira. Vernie lived all his 88 years ranching and farming in the Gran Quivira area, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery one mile from his birthplace.

Vernie became known as the community historian. Many families relied on him for details concerning their family history in this area.

Vernie graduated from Claunch High School in 1938 with his brother Marvin, and Dolly Johnson who comprised the one and only graduating class from Claunch High School.

He was an active member of the Gran Quivira Church. Vernie honorably served in the Air Force during World War II and his community by serving on various boards.

Vernie married Opal Mae Toothman on March 21, 1943, and she preceded him in death in 1978. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin and Jack Wells.

Vernie is survived by his sons, J.E. Wells and wife Elaine of Las Cruces, West

Wells and wife Kim of Mountainair; daughter, Lorita Luna and husband Donny of Los Chavez, NM; brothers, Ray Wells of Rio Rancho, Bill Wells of Claunch; sisters, Nora Austin of Estancia, Dora Hubbard of Socorro, Lora Morris of Andrews, TX; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held February 19 at the Mountainair Campground Auditorium. Reverends Ray Wells, Darrell Roberts, Ed Rimer and Norman Lindsey were officiating. Interment followed at White Lake Cemetery near Gran Quivira.

Pallbearers were Wayne Connell, Matthew Connell, Colvin Connell, D.J. Luna, Tanner Dunlap, Jame Moore, Kenneth Shaw and Gary Smith.

Honorary Pallbearers were Frank Luna Jr., Fred Moore, Jayson Moore, Dolores Lopez, Pamela Lopez, Ronnie Ansley, Buddy Dunn, Tracy Kite, Richard Spencer, Bill Rogers, and Sam Chavez.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Gran Quivira Church Building Fund, HC 75 Box 50, Mountainair, NM, 87036.

Arrangements entrusted to Harris-Hanlon Mortuary.

THANK YOU

Feb. 2

"Welcome to Carrizozo" Party
for the Movie Construction Crew on location in Carrizozo
The Movie: **The Book of Eli**

Door Prizes & Food

Antique Liquidators Art by Alisa Carrizozo Texaco City Bank/Carrizozo Eileen's Hands Elsie's Drive-In Four Winds Restaurant Gallery 408 La BrewJa Cafe	Manny's Cafe Paul's NM Take-Out Rainbow Inn Gift Shop Superior Title Co. The Outpost Restaurant The Sign Studio Valle del Sol Golf Course Welda Grider Wells Fargo Bank
--	---

Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce
 New Horizons Developmental Center
 No Scum Allowed Saloons/White Oaks
 Roy's Gift Gallery & Ice Cream Parlor
 10th Hole Grill at Valle del Sol Golf Clubhouse
 The Shire of Ghillie Dhu

Otero County Electric Coop., Inc. and Carrizozo Country Club helped make the event possible.

A special thank you to everyone who brought food for the potluck dinner!

Sponsored by:

Buchanan presented photos taken from his property showing water flowing from the proposed subdivision area. He said the water was three feet deep and washed away a drainage ditch that he had put in to control the flow. He also said that his barn is beginning to rot because of the flow of water from the Stone Mountain property.

Buchanan referred to a terrain management plan that he said was prepared on behalf of the developers that reports that the soil on the Stone Mountain area is poorly suited to home site development because of rapid run-offs and high potentials for erosion and slow infiltration rates for waste disposal. He said that he offered to let the developers use a portion of his property for drainage and flood control, but the offer has been completely ignored.

"Drainage is the second reason to vote this thing down," he said. "The third reason is sewage."

Buchanan told the county commissioners that Eagle Creek property owners have met with the developers five times to try to work with them to resolve the potential for drainage and other problems, but they have been ignored through the process.

"This was approved by the Lincoln County Planning Commission in a split vote," he said. "During that meeting, the Planning Com-



County Manager's Report

by Patricia Brazie

In his monthly report to the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners on February 17th, county manager Tom Stewart updated the commissioners on some projects and programs active in the county.

Representatives of the firms Health Planning Solutions and TKH Healthcare Facility Planning have begun to collect information about the Lincoln County Medical Center's (LCMC) demographics and patient loads in preparation for the development of a master plan for the hospital's future growth and development.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) will hold another "tire amnesty weekend" on February 27th and 28th at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso. It's an opportunity to dispose of unwanted tires for free.

A bill passed in Santa Fe for the redistribution of the state's general funds will take away \$700 from Lincoln County Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Stewart said.

He reported having requested a reauthorization

of the county's detention center annex project for \$10,000.

Stewart said that he had heard reports that the state legislature may not hold capital outlay hearings this year, and that all legislative funding requests sponsored by recently retired state representative Dub Williams have officially been transferred to Representative Zachary Cook.

The Ye-Ha land treatment project has, to date, treated 40.5 five acres of a 150-acre parcel abutting the Village of Ruidoso. The treatment project will reduce the fire hazard by removing fuels.



PAUL'S NEW MEXICAN TAKE-OUT

HOURS
Monday to Friday
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Friday Evenings
5:00 to 7:00 pm

6505 Hwy. 380 - Carrizozo
575-648-2885

Dolan House



826 Calle la Placita
Lincoln, NM 88338
575-653-4670

dolansoutpost@yahoo.com

Step back in time and dine in an authentic 1880's Residence. Built by one of the participants of the Lincoln County War.

Lunches Daily
10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Friday Night Dinners
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Call for Menu (Reservation Please)
Winter Schedule:
Closed Tues. & Wed.
Teas & Special Events by Reservation

This Space for Rent

Take Advantage

Save Call Save
575-648-2333
for THE BEST Rates

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

-Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 4:00 p.m.
-Alcohol Anonymous 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

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, 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.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27 & SATURDAY, FEB. 28

-Used Tire Amnesty weekend. No charge to dispose of light truck or SUV tires, with or without rims. No commercial tires. Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso 8-5 Friday and 8-2 Saturday.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

-Enchilada dinner 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Zia Senior Center in Carrizozo sponsored by Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department, proceeds for fireworks display.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

-Potluck dinner to welcome film crew workers, 900 block of E Street in Carrizozo 1:00 p.m. Bring food, drink and chairs.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

-LANRAC committee meets at 9:30 a.m. Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

-Corona Library board meeting 9:00 a.m.
-Lincoln County Planning Commission 1:00 p.m. Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Gambler's Anonymous meetings.
The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop gambling. Local information 682-6200.



CARRIZOSO FIRE DEPARTMENT ENCHILADA DINNER

FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 2009
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

at

Zia Senior Center

\$6.00 Per Plate



County Manager

(Continued from Page 1)

see if we can straighten that out."

County commissioner Dave Parks said that he attended the audit exit conference. "It's kind of irritating in a way," Parks said.

"The first thing that they said was how wonderful it was to find a county that was doing just about everything as right as you can do it, then we have all of this 'CYA' stuff later that is really immaterial."

An Excellent Gift for Anyone! Anytime of the Year!

THE Lincoln County News
the Newspaper for All of Lincoln County

"SINCE 1905"

P.O. Box 459
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

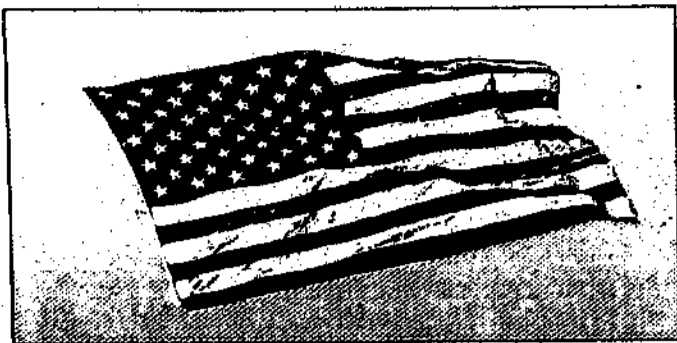
"SINCE 1905"

Or Call

(505) 648-2333

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

- * In County: 1 Year \$30.00 / 2 Years \$55.00
- * In State (NM): 1 Year \$33.00 / 2 Years \$61.00
- * Outside NM: 1 Year \$37.00 / 2 Years \$69.00



UNTIL THEY COME HOME

Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Is It Summer? Feels Like It!

By Ruth Hammond

Can you believe this weather? The end of February should be coolish with possibly rain and/or snow. Norm for this time of year is some clouds, but mainly cold. Do you suppose this adverse change in weather is an ominous warning of some type? Maybe the global warming has something to do with the weird weather patterns. Maybe not, but there must be some reason for changing weather.

Obviously the Cloud Mongers won't show themselves and give a hint as to why spring is arriving early this year. Do you suppose they have something else planned for later in the year? Maybe a July blizzard or a meltdown in March. You'd probably need snow or ice before there could be any type of meltdown to make any difference.

Not to worry, the Sunshine Sprinklers will keep busy trying to brighten days for all. Even if the groundhog did predict six more weeks of winter, it isn't happening now. And people who object to using the groundhog as any kind of official weather predictor are extremely happy.

Falderal and nonsense! The groundhog has as much right to make predictions as the person next door. And you know how often you have listened to the person next door and believed every word that was said. Remember the time you were told it would be calm and you believed it even when there were 50 miles an hour or more gusts?

Until that happened, you thought the Wind Watchers were merely figments of imagination. You insisted that no one could watch the wind, merely what happened when the wind was blowing. It was quite a flurry back then as everyone tried to be the first person to actually see the wind, not just hear it roaring across the countryside.

Sincerely though, the Cloud Mongers and Sunshine Sprinklers and Wind Watchers have important work to do this year. They must determine why the weather is the way it is. Even though the general election was held back in November, it could be responsible for some of the hot air that wafted upwards and changed weather patterns. The way the national media slanted their reports to alter the way people regarded some politicians could be part of the problem. We continue to hear repercussions about it.

If the national media is going to make decisions that will affect everyone, there is no need for elections. The money that was spent on elections last year could better be spent to help eliminate some of the money problems that are happening now all across this United States.

Of course the national media would deny having any effect in the outcome of the election just as they would deny being involved in the unusual weather patterns that are now causing spring to arrive during winter and may cause blizzards in July and other catastrophic weather.

Needless to say, we will continue to scrutinize the way the weather is changing and give current updates to you.

A Closer Look

Recently, a friend from a flat prairie state planned to visit me for the first time. Driving to meet her flight in El Paso, I eagerly look forward to showing her the abundance of glories within our Land of Enchantment. The surprise and delight I imagined for her kept me smiling while I guided my Ford truck south.

Taking the scenic route back home was my plan. Through Alamo, Tullie, Mescalero and Ruidoso, descend into Nogal, and drop finally into Carrizozo, where vistas spread like warm honey across the desert sand and up sun-gilded mountains. I happily anticipated my friend's reaction to the magic scenery soon to assault her senses.

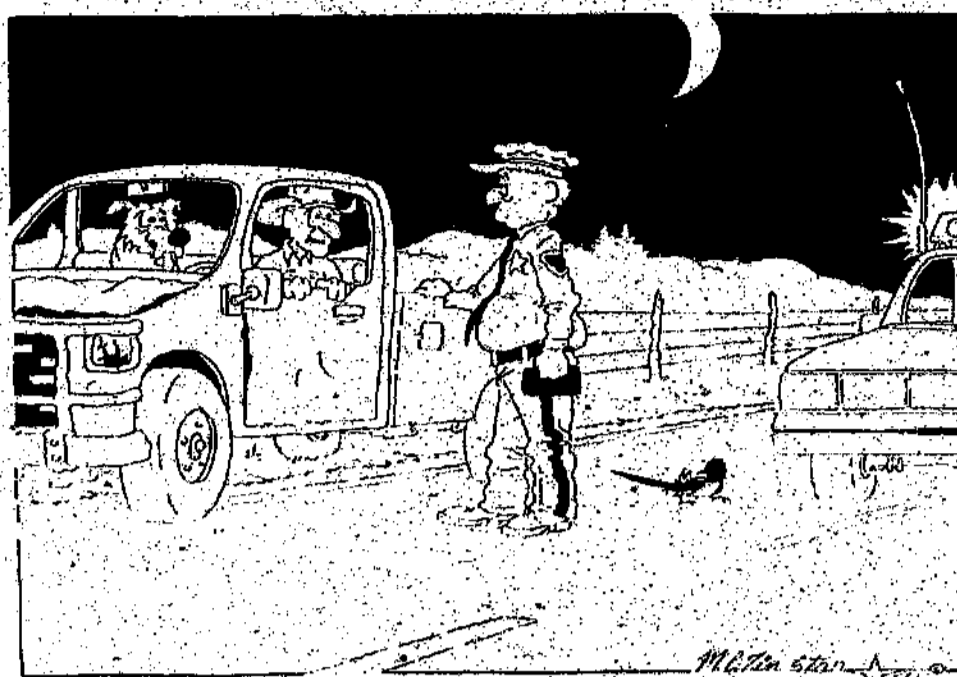
We chatted our way out of El Paso and onto Hwy. 54. Just south of Alamogordo, I pointed out wind-rippled dunes of burnt orange sand. As silky and fine as talcum powder, the sand blazed beneath clumps of prickly pear and rabbit brush in knife-edged peaks.

No response from my friend. "Look," I said, adding emphasis to my pointing finger.

She swung a glance through the window, nodded, and turned her face forward, never missing a beat of incessant chatter.

Through the green oasis of Tularosa, where aged adobes hug the earth from whence they came; up the Mescalero hill, where the magnificence of Sierra Blanca juts above tall pines; into

EARL



"CAN YOU SEE MY LICENSE? WELL, I GUESS SO... IF I CAN SHOOT YOUR GUN"

Big Dry Syndicate

Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- As the legislature passed its midpoint, it was a case of heap big smoke but no fire. Bills were moving slowly through committee. Some Saturday sessions were being held but not many.

The House had passed some major legislation that has gotten nowhere in the Senate. That's not particularly unusual. Both houses give priority to their own bills until near the end of the session.

The big boasts that the Senate Rules Committee will produce an omnibus ethics bill continue to be made but little progress is evident. The committee is hearing ethics bills but at glacial

speed. Other bills are piling up on its calendar. This is the committee that confirms gubernatorial appointments, some of which are expected to be controversial. As of this writing, no weekend sessions of the committee have been held.

Between the House and Senate, over 30 ethics measures have been introduced. The House is accumulating its bills in the Voters and Elections Committee, which is also talking about an omnibus bill.

If such a bill is created in either or both houses, it will have to survive many committees and pass on the floor of both houses. Some of

the committees an omnibus bill can be expected to encounter are the judiciary and finance committees of each house.

All four of those committees, with the huge number of bills referred to them, are known for grinding good ideas to a permanent halt. Do we have a plot afoot here?

It may be that the only real step toward transparency in government will be the broadcasting and Webcasting of legislative sessions and committee hearings.

Amusingly, that has come about not as the result of legislation but because of an act of civil disobedience by a Republican woman. Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones set up her own equipment to transmit audio and video webcasts of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

Committee Chairman Ed Sandoval and Speaker of the House Ben Lujan both requested her not to do it. But she proceeded. Since then, the House has approved Webcasting as has the Senate Committee on Committees, which got the whole hubbub started by taking down the cameras the Senate approved the previous year.

The House approval resulted in the Legislature's website at www.nmlegis.gov transmitting the audio of House floor sessions. When the House is in session, click on the red message in the upper right hand corner of the screen and hear the proceedings.

It will likely be next year before the Senate will have its equipment set back up to send out audio and video signals during sessions of the Senate.

Meanwhile webcasts are available from www.kunm.org, www.lawmakerslive.com, www.nm.gov.tv, www.newmexicoindependent.com.

Cancer claimed two of New Mexico's most committed advocates in the last few weeks. Patty Jennings lobbied for special education and other services for children and families with special needs and was instrumental in the creation of

(MORE ON PAGE 8)

A FINE GIFT FOR SOME ONE



A SUBSCRIPTION TO THIS NEWSPAPER



WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The end of February and the beginning of March is supposed to be WINTER weather, occasional snow flurries, cold days and even colder nights.

Instead Lincoln County and much of the other high plains and high desert areas of New Mexico are in FIRE WATCH due to the extreme dryness due to little or no moisture.

The forecast for the upcoming week offers no relief. Daytime highs will be in the 70s at the lower elevations of Lincoln County, and low to mid 60s at the higher elevations. Nighttime temperatures will be solidly in the mid to low 30s at all elevations.

Ski resorts in the northern and central parts of New Mexico are shutting down operations for the year, but our local ski resort, Ski Apache, is still operating.

Current conditions for skiing at Ski Apache are: 12 of 55 trails are open with five of 11 lifts currently operating. 24 inches of machine groomed at the lower elevations, and 34 inches of hard packed snow at the higher elevations.

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

Tuesday, Thursday, Feb. 26
Sunny, with a high near 72, west winds between 10 and 20 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37, west wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, February 27
Sunny, with a high near 70, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Saturday, February 28
Mostly sunny, with a high near 70, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

(MORE ON PAGE 6)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Lincoln County News welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters will be the writer's personal opinion and will not reflect the editorial opinion of the Lincoln County News.

All letters must be original, no copies or form letters will be used. Preference is given to typewritten letters. Hand-written letters must be legible.

Letters must be signed by the writer with the author's full name, address, and telephone number. Only the writer's name and city of residence will be published.

"Thank You Letters" will be considered as advertising and not be accepted as Letters to the Editor.

Letters of any length will be considered for publication with priority given to letters of no more than 300 words. All letters are subject to editing for length, grammar, spelling, and reader interest. Letters to the Editor should be hand delivered or mailed to:

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Lincoln County News
309 Central Ave.
P.O. Drawer 459
Carrizozo, NM 88301

Words of Wisdom

Carefulness costs you nothing and its value can not be measured.

the picturesque village of Ruidoso, nestled within gentle foothills; she talked on and on. And all the while, I flung my pointing finger up and out and over and across. I must have said, "Look," a dozen times. Yet, her eyes never wavered from watching the ribbon of grayed asphalt slide beneath the loyal old Ford that carried us home.

The twisting road leading to Nogal turns a blind corner at just the spot to lift every traveler: a breath-sucking view across the valley, a thousand feet below.

"This road's a little tricky, isn't it?" my friend laughed.

I laughed too, but from remembering my joy at first discovering this particular view. Bug-eyed and speechless, I had silently thanked every saint, every prophet, every dark or light angel I could call to mind for allowing me the experience. And I still do... 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever.'

My gaze touched smoky purple mountains rambling along a distant horizon. Between them and me I saw widely scattered patches of cedar or elm poking above the desert floor to shade ranches, whose outbuildings appeared as small as toy hotels on a Monopoly board. And I saw streaks of amber and amber from arroyos worn into the sun-bleached sand like creases in an old sombrero.

We slipped across the outskirts of Carrizozo, where antelope play and where hundreds of yucca spears stretch toward the blue, blue sky with its pig-fat and lamb-soft cloud formations dusting the mountains with shadow.

As I parked at my front door, the old Ford issued a sight of relief.

"Thanks for the ride," my friend said, hopping from the passenger seat.

"My pleasure," I answered.

Linda C. Rodriguez

'Have A Great Day!'

Lincoln County News

USPS 313460

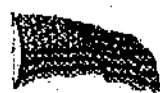
"THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS" is published Thursdays at 309 Central Ave., Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS, P.O. Drawer 459, Carrizozo, NM 88301

ruth.hammond and peter.agullar co-publishers

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

IN COUNTY: 1-Year \$30.00 / 2-Years \$55.00
IN STATE (NM): 1-Year \$33.00 / 2-Years \$61.00
OUTSIDE NM: 1-Year \$37.00 / 2-Years \$69.00



Sheriff's Report

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

February 9
2:08 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 297 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

7:14 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on FR 120A in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:06 p.m. Identity theft reported at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCCM) located on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

9:29 p.m. Medical call at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

February 10
7:48 a.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Lance Trail in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:01 a.m. Accident reported on High Mesa in Alto, Bonito emergency units, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and deputy dispatched.

12:50 p.m. Accident reported on Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:07 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Hwy

37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
2:19 p.m. Medical call at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

3:43 p.m. Disturbance reported at business located at Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 intersection in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

February 11
12:00 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at residence on Camelot Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:41 a.m. Traffic hazard reported on White Oaks Road in White Oaks, deputy dispatched.

11:02 a.m. Harassment reported at residence on Aspen in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

11:16 a.m. Medical call at residence on A Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

2:00 p.m. Information report at Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

2:11 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on E Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

5:51 p.m. Warrant service at mile marker 9 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

9:21 p.m. Medical call at business located at intersection of Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

10:19 p.m. Agency assistance requested by New Mexico State Police in Carrizozo Canyon area, deputy dispatched.

February 12
12:22 a.m. Disturbance reported at business located at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

12:26 a.m. Medical call at mile marker 307 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

4:57 a.m. Alarm reported at location on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

10:27 a.m. Medical call at residence on Bonito in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

10:29 a.m. Information report at location on Fort Stanton Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:40 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

11:08 a.m. Informa-

tion report at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

12:10 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.

12:35 p.m. Medical call at residence on West Fourth Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

1:53 a.m. Fire reported at location on Country Club Road in Alto, Bonito fire units dispatched.

3:41 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Las Estrellas in Rancho de Sontero, deputy dispatched.

6:04 p.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car at mile marker 121 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

6:24 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at intersection of Hwy 37 and Hwy 48 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

7:10 p.m. Disturbance/loud party reported at residence on Jarratt Loop in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:04 p.m. Alarm reported at location on D Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

February 13
12:00 a.m. Sex offenses reported at location on Schlarb Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:00 a.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Capitan police department, deputy dispatched.

12:00 a.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County District Attorney's Office in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:02 a.m. Alarm reported at 7:12 a.m. Driving test requested at LCC located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:11 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on Circle Bar Road in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

1:00 p.m. Burglary reported at residence on B Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:20 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Knot Trail in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

2:15 p.m. Medical call at location on Franklin Street in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

3:32 p.m. Fire reported at location on Hidden Valley in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

3:52 p.m. Medical call at residence on Aspen in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

4:41 p.m. Larceny theft reported at location on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

6:21 p.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car at mile marker 101 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

6:44 p.m. Disturbance reported at business located at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.

8:14 p.m. Fire reported south of Homestead Acres off of Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

8:39 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at mile marker 131 on Hwy 54 north of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:42 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Pine Haven Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

February 14
9:27 a.m. Medical call at residence in Alto, Bonito

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Wednesday, February 18
9:00 a.m. Peggy Fisher v. Cameron & Tawnya Sidwell; CV-2008-323 (TRO) Butters/Griffen
10:00 a.m. Property Owners v. County of Lincoln; CV-2008-55 (Mtn/Strike Pleadings) RB/Evans/ProSe
1:15 p.m. Larry Lubonne v. Brenda Lubonne; DV-2007-84 (OTSC) IRB/ProSe

Thursday, February 19
Judge Grisham - Small Court room
Judge Parsons
8:15 a.m. Burson v. Burson; DM-2008-102 (Presentment) C Hawthorne/Kraft
9:00 a.m. George Polaco v. Bertha Polaco; DM-2008-73 (Mtn/Bifurcate) Reeves/R. Hawthorne
10:00 a.m. Jane Burns v. Lionel Burns; DM-2006-27 (Mtn for Crt Approval/Mtn to Compel etc.) Kelsey/Kraft
1:15 p.m. Wells Fargo v. Lindsey et al; CV-2008-151 (MSJ) Hankla/ProSe
2:00 p.m. In the matter of; PQ-2008-07 S-Cook/ProSe
4:00 p.m. Telephonic - Jean Swopes v. John Swopes; DM-2008-139 (Judicial Inq.) McSwane/ProSe

Friday, February 20
8:15 a.m. Sharon Howell v. Sofia Christmas; CV-2008-135 (MSJ/Mtn Dismiss Counterclaims) Ratkin/Reynolds
10:00 a.m. City Bank v. Angelo Vega; CV-2007-38 (Claim of Exemptions) Griffin/ProSe
1:15 p.m. Lasalle Bank v. Eima et al; CV-2008-260 (MSJ) Drantel/R. Hawthorne
2:00 p.m. Windsor Laceywell v. Bill Campbell; CV-2007-463 (MSJ) McSwane/R. Hawthorne
4:00 p.m. Candelario Pedroza v. Rosalinda Pedroza; DM-2008-46 (Property Issues) ProSe
Darrell Brantley
10:00 a.m. Pena v. Saenz; DV-2008-48 Review Custody/Support ProSe
3:00 p.m. CSEB Violet Rodela v. Christopher Rodela; DM-2001-36/04-169 (Mtn/Arrerages/Settlement Conf.) Aultman/ProSe

Monday, February 23
1:15 p.m. HSB v. Carlos Hernandez; CV-2008-164 Mtn for SJ Drantel/Mladek

Tuesday, February 24
Judge Parsons in Ruidoso
8:30 a.m. Kayla DeCoster v. Garrett Born; DM-2008-47 (Judicial Inq) ProSe

9:00 a.m. Juveniles
First Appearance - Arielle L.; JR-09-01
Adjudicatory - Jay E.; JR-08-36
Change of Plea - Jessica L.; JR-08-61 (COP/Status) Mtn/Judicial Inq.
Lindsay V.; JR-08-17 (Mtn/Withdraw Adm)
Gabriel N.; JR07-27/08-13/31 JJ Req.
11:00 a.m. In the matter of SA-2009-02 (Placement) Schneider-Cook
11:30 a.m. James Dunn; CR-2008-198 (Change of Plea) J.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
12:00 p.m. Drug Court Advisory
3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening
4:30 p.m. Drug Court
Darrell Brantley
10:00 a.m. Francise Adrienne Fleck v. John Bloomquist DV-2009-09
11:00 a.m. Alicia Apachito v. Rory Apachito; DV-2009-10

Wednesday, February 25
8:15 a.m. Melvin Franks; CR-2008-37 (Change of Plea) Schryer/Holmes
Trailing - Tyson Cervantes; CR-2008-39 (Change of Plea) Schryer/Holmes
Trailing - Gustavo Varona; CR-2008-217 (Change of Plea) Cowan/Mitchell P.C.
Criminal Jury Trial - 30 a.m. #1 Harlan Lester; CR-2008-54 Schryer/Mitchell P.C.
Kelly Trapp; CR-2008-224
J.Eley/Holmes Plea 3/6/09
Lara Williams; CR-2008-130 DA/Mitchell P.C. Plea 3/6/09

Thursday, February 26
8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Peggy Fisher v. Cameron & Tawnya Sidwell; CV-2008-323 (Motion Compel) Butters/Griffen Overstreet
Criminal Jury Trial 8:30 a.m.
#1 Emanuel Botella; CR-2008-47 Schryer/Mitchell P.C.
#2 Jon Torrez; CR-2008-232 A.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
Kelly Trapp; CR-2008-225 J.Eley/Holmes Plea 3/6/09
Lara Williams; CR-2008-130 DA/Mitchell P.C. Plea 3/6/09
Rosella Gamboa; CR-2008-226 A.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
Plea 3/6/09
Jennifer Burgess; CR-2008-233 A.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
Plea 3/6/09

Friday, February 27
Criminal Jury Trials - 8:30 a.m.
#1 Melvin Franks; CR-2008-37 (J.Eley/Holmes) (If Def does not plea)
#2 James Dunn; CR-2008-198 J.Eley/Mitchell P.C.
#3 Berrison Jim; CR-2008-43 Schryer/Mitchell P.C.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE

Lincoln County News

Call 575-648-2333

This Space for Rent

Take Advantage

Save Call Save
575-648-2333
for THE BEST Rates

Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY

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

Anecho 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
640 2868 (Church) or 640 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 & G 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. 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 8:30 a.m.

White Lake Community Church

Non-denominational
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Clouche Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister
849 1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1080 D Ave. 640 2893 648 2848
Carrizozo, NM 88503
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Cant Practice (Tuesday)
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 Snakey 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 / 335-4627
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

Sund:

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 5:00 p.m.
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Church

TERRY AIELLO, Pastor
849-0105
Corona, NM
Worship 9:30 a.m.

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

In Memory of
BILL WINKLER

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Insurance Exchange
Carrizozo Branch



Waiting For a Sail
The Modern Merchant
Doesn't wait for SALES
HE ADVERTISES

"Looking Back"

Through Old 'NEWS' Files

(Continued from Page 2)

'depth of understanding' of the topic he was discussing, notably the tariff. He was less than candid when he charged the Democrats in Congress with 'indifference toward banking reform.'

The Secretary of War gave sole credit to Mr. Hoover for the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation although the Times says, "it is well known that in the conference at Washington that President drew a heavy draft on Democratic ideas."

Mr. Hurley's pleasing personality and loyalty to Hoover "do not make him an effective campaign orator, especially on economic subjects," and "it seems poor policy to put him forward as the voice of the Administration in industrial centers like Rhode Island."

The Times epitomizes the Hurley speech as "birdshot" and "bombast" either with ignorance or disregard of facts, characteristic of Hoover Administration spokesmen. Secretary Hurley expressed curiosity to know what basis of fact there was for Governor Roosevelt's statement that "we find two-thirds of American industry concentrated in a few hundred corporation, and actually managed by not more than 5,000 men."

The Baltimore Sun obliges him by citing an authoritative study of corporate concentration by Gardiner C. Means of Columbia University, published in the American Economic Review for March, 1931. Mr. Means found that there were 300,000 corporations exclusive of banks and insurance companies, yet 200 of these control nearly half of the corporate wealth. He also found that less than 2,000 men were directors of the 200 largest corporations in 1927.

The Sun points out that Mr. Means' findings for the year 1927 were prior to "the most hectic period in the history of the nation of making big corporations into bigger ones through mergers."

Citing these findings the Baltimore Sun concludes there is not more than an outside chance that Mr. Hurley will be tempted to examine the opus noted, "but any chance of having Mr. Hurley 'contact' the facts is well worth taking."

The sign "Detour to the Right is not always followed by the traveler on Life's highway."

Newspaper Changes

Two of our valued exchanges, the Carrizozo News and the Lordsburg Liberal, have changed ownership during the past fortnight. The News founded and conducted for a number of years by the late John A. Haley, and since his death by his widow, Mrs. Meda C. Haley, has been taken over by Mrs. Fra Bradley Smith, for several years connected with the paper, being familiar with the work and acquainted with the people of Lincoln county.

The Lordsburg Liberal, for several years well conducted by Leslie Blackburn, a thoroughly capable newspaper man, has been relinquished to other hands on account of the publisher's health. The new owners are Messrs. Geo. W. Woodward and son, Geo. W. Woodward, Jr., from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Our best wishes for success to both papers. The newspaper business is an intriguing game in normal times, and despite some drawbacks affords much pleasure to one who has once entered upon its exacting demands of always telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. -- Alamogordo Advertiser.

Deer Sent to Eagle Creek (Alamogordo Advertiser)

The herd of deer in the City Park enclosure has been reduced half, five having been disposed of this week.

Two went to Mr. J. W. Gregory, a ranchman near Las Cruces, both of them does. Three does went to Carrizozo, to be sent out to a resort on Eagle Creek, to a lodge maintained by Carrizozo people, five or six miles north of Ruidoso.

A fawn was sent along with the does by mistake, but will be returned here and will be sent by a lady to Missouri. Five deer are retained in the park.

"Old Bill" the buck famous for his tobacco chewing propensities was sent to Clovis some time ago, but he has a worthy successor in Joe who eats old cigar butts, cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

"What struck you most on your travels?"

"Other people's umbrellas." -- Pathfinder Magazine

Harry -- Will you marry me?

Rose -- No, but I shall always respect your good taste.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR -- Once again our controllers/owners are determined to undermine the small mining people of Lincoln county by this new high dollar mining ordinance and to eliminate our customs and culture in their hidden agenda to STOP the El Capitan Mining operation on Federal and private land, while our U.S. economy is headed for the pits. These people are determined to help push us over the cliff.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2009 the county commissioners rubber stamp committee LANRAC is meeting at 9:30 a.m. to help this disaster happen. The same commission appointed the chair and vice-chair in violation of Roberts Rules of Order and cannot/will not reveal which version of Roberts Rules they adopted. Neither can their parliamentarian.

How brilliant can you get? Is it intentional or just plain not smart? Plausible deniability?

Please, if small business survival in Lincoln County interests you, attend although you probably will not be allowed to speak.

JERRY CARROLL
Co-chairman Jicarilla Mining District est. 1892

Weather Report

(Con't. from P. 4)

Sunday, March 1, the 60th day of 2009

Mostly sunny, with a high near 71, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 33.

Monday, March 2

Mostly sunny, with a high near 67, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 38.

Tuesday, March 3

Mostly sunny, with a high near 75, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 35.

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

Today, Thursday, Feb. 26

Sunny, with a high near 65, breezy, with a west wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37, west winds around 15 mph.

Friday, February 27

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

Saturday, February 28

Mostly sunny, with a high near 61, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Sunday, March 1

the 60th day of 2009

Mostly sunny, with a high near 60, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 30.

Monday, March 2

Mostly sunny, with a high near 59, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 32.

Tuesday, March 3

Mostly sunny, with a high near 63, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 33.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ 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 constructions/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and go from there. You can also get up to the minute, in-depth, construction updates by logging in to www.nmroads.com for any area of the state.



LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D1226CV200800193

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MONIQUE J. RAMOS, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MONIQUE J. RAMOS, IF ANY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 14, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Lincoln County District Court, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" Lot 7, Block 3, RUIDOSO DOWNS HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County New Mexico, as shown by the plat hereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico March 26, 1957, in Tube No. 151; A tract of land within Lot 6, Block 3, RUIDOSO DOWNS HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso Downs Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico March 26, 1957, in Tube No. 151, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 6; Thence South 55 degrees 56' West along the Southerly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 10.75 feet; thence North 30 degrees 13' West, a distance of 110.02 feet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of East Circle Drive, also being the Northerly boundary of said Lot 6; thence North 55 degrees 56' East along said boundary, a distance of 3.18 feet to the Northeast boundary of said lot 6; thence South 34 degrees 10' East along the Easterly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 110.00 feet to the place of beginning.

The address of the real property is 228 East Circle Dr., Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 19, 2008 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$94,101.63, plus interest from September 26, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.5% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes,

insurance, and keeping the property in good repair.

Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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

Dated: 2/23, 2009.

Peter Baca, Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawinski
999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
Denver, CO 80202
(800) 286-0013 (303) 285-2222
Ramos, Monique 07-1908 / P539452

Published in the Lincoln County News on February 26; March 5, 12 and 19, 2009.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 10, 2008, Scott L. Thompson, P.O. Box 1351, Alto, New Mexico 88321, filed application No. 01893-1A, with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place of use of 3.25 acre-foot per annum of the surface waters of the Rio Bonito, via the Lutz Ditch located at a point in the NW¼SW¼SW¼ of Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental wells H-639 and H-639-S, both located in the NW¼NE¼SW¼ of Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 1.00 acre of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
N¼S¼	15	9 S.	15 E.)	
SE¼SE¼NW¼	15	9 S.	15 E.	1.00

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of said 3.25 acre-foot per annum of surface water for the irrigation of 1.00 acre within the land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
SE¼SW¼NW¼	15	9 S.	15 E.	1.00

The points of diversion and place of use are located approximately four and half miles northwest of Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

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 must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public welfare/conservation of water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax) 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. Protest can be faxed to Office of the State Engineer, (575) 623-8559. 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.

Published in the Lincoln County News on Feb. 26; March 5 & 12, 2009.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE UNITED STATES
DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO
No. 08-CIV-00778-RLP/WDS
M & I MARSHALL & ILSLEY BANK
 Plaintiff
 vs.
FD-RE, L.L.C., LIBERTY BUILDING
SYSTEMS, INC., and FAMILY DOLLAR
STORES OF NEW MEXICO
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
 To: FD-RE, LLC
 1400 South Fretz Avenue
 Edmond, Oklahoma 73003

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff, M & I MARSHALL & ILSLEY BANK, has filed its Complaint for Debt and Foreclosure in the above-entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court in the District of New Mexico, seeking to recover a certain indebtedness incurred by the Defendant, FD-RE, LLC (the "Defendant") on a Promissory Note and Mortgage. Notices of Lis Pendens were also filed in Lincoln, DeBaca and Socorro Counties. You are hereby notified that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion or enter or cause to be entered your appearance in this cause on or before the 20th day of March, 2009, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

Plaintiff's attorneys are Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris, & Sisk, P.A., by Paul M. Fish, whose mailing address is Post Office Box 2168, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of said Court this 6th day of February, 2009.

MATTHEW J. DYKMAN
 CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
 D. Wheeler
 Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)
 Respectfully submitted,
MODRALL, SPERLING,
ROEHL, HARRIS & SISK, P.A.
 By: **Paul M. Fish**
 Paul M. Fish
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 2168 (87103)
 500 Fourth Street
 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

K:\dox\CLIENT\B3034\0002\W0926590.DOCX
Published in the Lincoln County News
on February 12, 19 and 26, 2009.

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2008-329

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
HOLLY SWANSON-BIRABENT A/K/A
HOLLY BIRABENT, RICH BIRABENT,
AND WYATT A. SPARKS,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2247 Arabella Rd., Arabella, New Mexico 88351, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

A tract of the land being a portion of tract 40 in Sections 18 and 19, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, N.M.P.M. Lincoln County, New Mexico, being shown as Tract B1 on the Survey of a tract of land recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico on April 11, 2000 in Cabinet G, Slide No. 632,

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants upon entry of an order approving sale. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered

cause on January 29, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$177,543.54, and the same bears interest at the rate of 5.7500% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$27.97 per diem, commencing on January 30, 2009, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Holly Swanson-Birabent 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 judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed it 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 judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and 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 judgment due is \$177,543.54, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$923.01 for a total judgment plus interest of \$178,466.55. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

PETER BACA, Special Master
 P.O. Box 215
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 Telephone: (575) 648-9925
 E-mail: sale@littledrantedel.com

Published in the Lincoln County News
on February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2009.

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
 CV 08-334

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR
MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST
2004-4,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
TROY HERD,
 Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON
FORECLOSURE
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 312 5th Street, Capitan, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOTS 24, 25, 26, AND 27, BLOCK 86 OF THE TOWN OF CAPITAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on **March 12, 2009**, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Court House, East entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment granted The Bank of New York Mellon, as Successor Trustee Under Novastar Mortgage Funding Trust 2004-4.

The Bank of New York Mellon as Successor Trustee under Novastar Mortgage Funding Trust 2004-4, was awarded a Judgment on January 26, 2009, in the principal sum of \$109,639.70, plus outstanding interest through January 15, 2009, in the amount of \$13,649.30 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$27.94 per day, plus late charges of \$815.49, plus fees currently assessed in the amount of \$669.01, minus unapplied

funds in the amount of \$171.33, plus attorneys fees through January 15, 2009, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through January 15, 2009, in the sum of \$558.85, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 9.30% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

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

FAISAL SUKHRANI
 Special Master
 5120 San Francisco
 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
 (505) 858-3303

Published in the Lincoln County News
on February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2009.

LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-09-61
Division III

VICTORIA J. DURAN AND
MONICA G. DURANT,
 Plaintiffs,

vs.

GROUP I: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED DECEASED PERSONS: GREGORIA HERRERA, W.L. JOHNSON, EDGAR G. MASMAR, PABLO TRUJILLO;

GROUP II: THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS: GREGORIA HERRERA, GEORGE HERRERA;

GROUP III: THE UNKNOWN SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED INACTIVE CORPORATION: ALAMOGORDO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY;

GROUP IV: THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND THE TREASURER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS TRUSTEE;

GROUP V: ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS;

Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE DEFENDANTS NAMED OR DESIGNATED IN GROUPS I, II, III AND V:

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that Victoria J. Duran and Monica G. Durant, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-09-61 Div. III, wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.

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

Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and the East 10 feet of Lot 20, Block 77, THE TOWN OF CAPITAN, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Original Plat of the Town of Capitan filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on March 3, 1900;

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before April 13, 2009, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be

granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is: Archie A. Witham, (575) 354-2698, P.O. Box 83, Nogal, New Mexico 88341.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 23rd day of February, 2009.

JAN PERRY,
 Clerk of the District Court
 (SEAL)
 By: **Jolene Biggs**
 Deputy

Published in the Lincoln County News
on February 26; March 5 and 12, 2009.

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Case No. D1226CV200800144
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
JEREMIAH D. HOBBS; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEREMIAH D. HOBBS, IF ANY; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 14th, at 9:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Lincoln County District Court, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 8, BLOCK 1, OF MORRIS ADDITION, CAPITAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON APRIL 4, 1933.

The Address of the real property is 415 Third Street W, Capitan, NM 88316.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 24, 2008 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$105,967.44 plus interest from September 12, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.5% annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair.

Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment of the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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

Dated: 2/3, 2009.
Peter Baca, Special Master
 c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
 Denver, CO 80202
 (800) 286-0013 (303) 285-2222
 Hobbs Jeremiah 08-0633/P538890

Published in the Lincoln County News
on February 26; March 5, 12 and 19, 2009.



"You admit tearing a handful of hair from you husband's head?"
 "I wanted to put it in a locket."

FAST ACTION

Lincoln County News
CLASSIFIED ADS

Call: (575) 648-2333

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for Temporary/Full-time Laborer, Valid New Mexico Drivers License required. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (575) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be Monday, March 9, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

2tc/2/26/3/5

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

tfn

SADDLE HORSE FOR SALE
648-2449
575-799-3330
2tp/2/25-3/5

LOW BIRTH rate Angus bulls with papers. 2 years old coming 3 years old.

648-2449
575-799-3330
2tp/2/26-3/5

WANTED -- Pasture for 100 to 200 cows. Call Aubrey @ 653-4910.

4tp/2/12-3/5

HOUSE FOR SALE

Spacious 2,188 sq. ft. home located in historic Carrizozo, NM. Built in 1920; 3 bedrooms; 1.75 baths; new central air and heating system; stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer; satellite set up in 2 rooms; one car detached garage and carport. Located 32 miles from Ruidoso. Address is 410 11th Street. Appraised for \$111,000.00, priced to sell at \$100,000.00 or OBO. Seller will pay 2% of sale price to any licensed Agent/Realtor that brings a qualified buyer and the transaction closes. For more information please call Colleen Stout at 480-390-7816.

8tp/2/5-3/26



Waiting For a Sail
The Modern Merchant
Doesn't wait for SALES
HE ADVERTISES

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

COOK FULL-TIME -- Zia Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo. The applicant is responsible for the entire kitchen operation and food preparation and service. Obtain application and job description from Billie-Jo Guevara at 575/648-2385 ext. 100. Applications accepted until 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2009. Equal Opportunity Employer.

1tc/2/26

Old Lincoln

by Rosalie Dunlap



It has been a hectic two months. We are settled in an apartment for the next two months, and then hopefully we will be able to find a house. With looms, spinning wheels and wool for Ralph and my scrapbooking an apartment is a little crowded.

Our sympathies to Tim Jennings and his family. Pattie was so courageous and everyone loved her.

Sara Walley and Leota Pfingsten attended the Rose Bowl parade. They reported that they had a great time.

The men of Lincoln town have been celebrating birthdays. Ralph Dunlap and Lee Rucker celebrated their 82nd and 80th birthdays. They celebrated with parties at the Dolan House.

Bill Stausser also had a birthday but he wouldn't tell which one.

The Lincoln Historical Society met Saturday. They also attended the Billy the Kid photo program at the Museum. Gwen, of the museum filled in for Sandra Smith.

The Creative Memories group will have their retreat this coming weekend. Then Ralph and I will return to Las Cruces.

If I get my computer working in Las Cruces I will send in any news that might be of interest to my readers. I have had several requests to keep up my articles so will do my best.

Thank You for your support. Until the next time, Rosalie

Sheriff's Report

(Continued from Page 5)

emergency units and ALS ambulance dispatched.

10:52 a.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Lava Loop in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

12:09 p.m. Welfare check requested at mile marker 18 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

1:01 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Alamo Canyon Road in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

2:36 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

4:42 p.m. Welfare check requested at mile marker 7 on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:28 p.m. Information report at location on Drover

Court in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

February 15
10:41 a.m. Larceny theft reported at location on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

11:29 a.m. Medical call at Corona School, ambulance dispatched.

2:06 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.

3:34 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.

4:40 p.m. Welfare check requested at Escondido Ranch in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

10:12 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on High Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.

Inside the Capitol

(Con't from P. 4)

New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool.

Jennings came to the Capitol many years ago as Patty Ikard, from Las Cruces, lobbying for children with special needs. She became a familiar face around the Capitol over the coming years.

Her bills often were in the Education Committee, chaired by Sen. Tim Jennings, of Roswell. Their mutual interests eventually led

to marriage. Patty continued her presence at the Capitol, serving as a valuable source of fresh ideas for her husband.

She earned the respect of leaders from both parties. Capitol regulars will miss her greatly.

Another loss to the state is Los Alamos anti-nuclear activist Ed Grothus. He came to the laboratory in

1949 as a machinist. Twenty years later he decided he was opposed to the nuclear work. He left the lab and opened the Black Hole where he bought and resold surplus material from the lab.

I never met Grothus but I received humorous emails from him for years. He always had a new and off-beat slant to his brand of activism.

Subscribe to the
LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS
Call 575-648-2333

FINNEY OF THE FORCE



A Poor Substitute



High Speed Internet

at Mach Speeds!

**6 MEGABIT
DOWNLOAD SPEEDS**

**1.5 MEGABIT
DOWNLOAD SPEEDS**

**512 KILOBIT
DOWNLOAD SPEEDS**

Prices Starting at
\$38.95

CALL 585-2700 or 439-0200 TODAY!

Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, Inc.
Tularosa Communications, Inc.