

County Nixes WUI Ordinance

by Patrice Brazie

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, by a three-to-two vote, decided to end the development of a wildland-urban interface (WUI) ordinance. The proposed ordinance would have required landowners in certain parts of the county to create a space that accommodated fire protection efforts around all structures on the property.

The recommendation of the county manager going into Tuesday's meeting of the county commissioners was to have a final discussion of the proposed ordinance before scheduling a public hearing in August. A public hearing is required before the county officials can adopt any new ordinance.

County attorney Alan Morel said that he had been working on the fourth draft of the ordinance, which had been revised to only require a safe-

zone around structures, but no additional clearing of land. There had been some discussion in previous meetings of also requiring landowners to clear an area around the perimeter of their property as well.

Adoption of the WUI ordinance would have required the hiring of a forester to assess the amount of work that would be needed to bring properties into compliance with the ordinance, and proba-

bly an assistant to handle the secretarial duties, Morel said.

The cost of administering the proposed ordinance would have come from the county's general fund; property owners would have been asked to bear the cost of clearing trees and removing the resulting slash.

County commission chair Tom Battin said that he had some concerns regarding the magnitude of the jurisdiction of the proposed ordi-

nance. "You say it's not county-wide, but it really is," Battin said. "I'm concerned about the cost. I'm concerned about the expense that we im-

pose on a property owner and whether or not we're overreaching a little bit when we make requirements on rural property that they're kind of, I think, free to do whatever they

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Elections Not So Far Away

by Patrice Brazie

With less than six months until the candidacy filing date for next year's municipal elections, Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill took a minute during the July 14th meeting of the Carrizozo Town Council to remind the people to start thinking about candidates. He also joked a little about his own service.

"I've been a little flippanant about the last few months of my tenure, but I assure you that I will work, and have been busily working until the day I turn my keys in," Hemphill said.

He was referring to jokes he makes occasionally about his job as mayor, like "only nine more regular meetings to go," but explained that he would work hard for the town until his last day as mayor.

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New Event is Set for Labor Day Street Fair

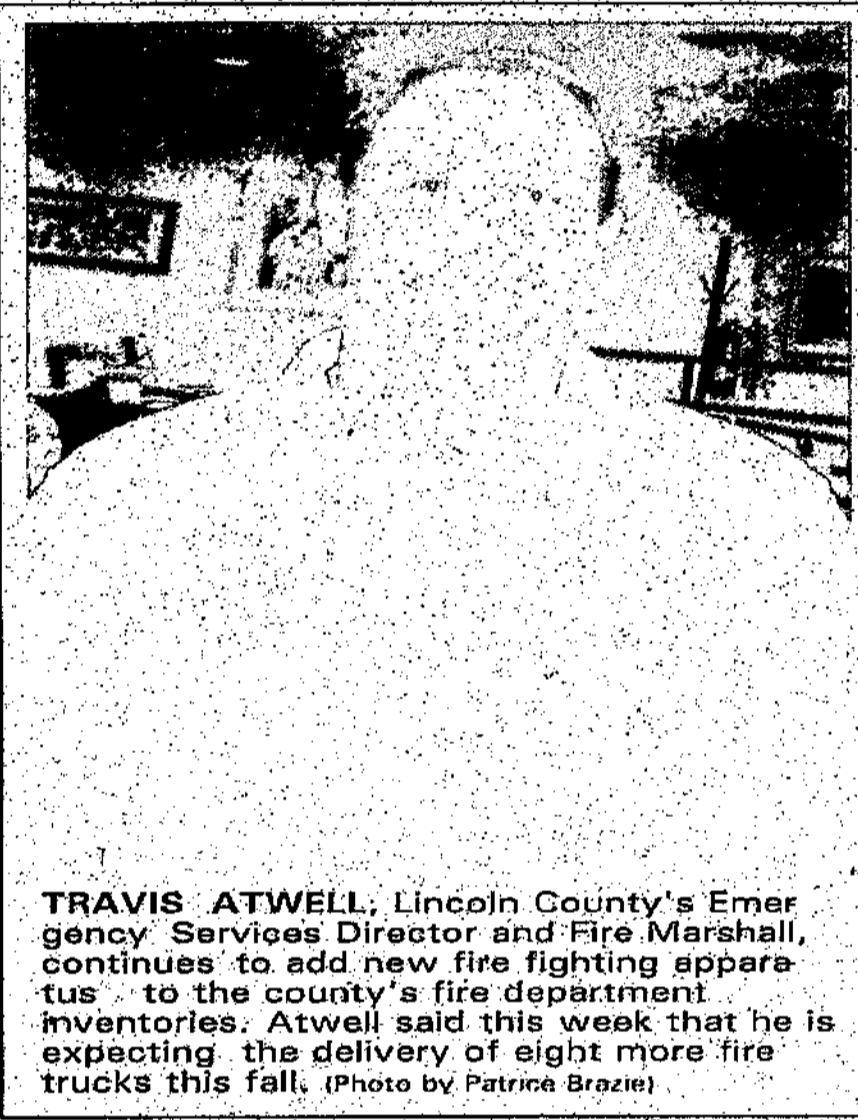
As a new event for Labor Day Street Fair fund raising, the now annual motorcycle rally will be a Poker's Hand event starting at 10 a.m. with registration on Saturday, August 8. The event will start at McDonald Park, 12th Street side, as bikers register and will end at the same location at 1:30 p.m.

The entrance fee is \$20, and participants will be given a card at each stop on the trail. As they see what cards they are drawing, they will have the option to draw an additional card for \$5 to better their hand. A maximum of five additional cards may be purchased. When the ride is over and bikers check in, they can choose to keep their best five cards.

While the Street Fair team goes through the score sheets to determine who won, bikers and their guests are invited to go to the Outpost for lunch and a raffle/rally. Several prize items will be available as well as prizes for the top hands.

Come join the fun! The trail promises to be interesting and a little challenging, and all proceeds will go to

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TRAVIS ATWELL, Lincoln County's Emergency Services Director and Fire Marshall, continues to add new fire fighting apparatus to the county's fire department inventories. Atwell said this week that he is expecting the delivery of eight more fire trucks this fall. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

County Hazard Plan in Works

by Patrice Brazie

In March of 2008, Lincoln County awarded a contract to the firm Ecology and Environment, Incorporated to make revisions to the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) and update it meet federal requirements for

emergency funding. The work on the HMP is being funded with \$29,000 from the Department of Homeland Security and \$11,000 from the county.

During the July 21st meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, county emergency services



RENEE SANTOS, Lincoln County Ordinance Administrator, attended last week's town council meeting in Carrizozo to brief officials on the county's methods of dealing with alarm systems. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

C'zozo Considers Alarm Ordinance

by Patrice Brazie

At the request of Carrizozo Police Chief Rachel Weiser, Lincoln County's ordinance administrator, Renee Santos, attended the July 14th Carrizozo Town Council meeting to talk about developing an alarm ordinance.

Weiser said that Carrizozo police officers have been responding to an increasing number of alarms at residences, businesses and the municipal schools, and most of the time the situation is found to be a false alarm. She said that the majority of the alarm calls come from the schools.

"The problem we're having, with the school primarily, is that in the false alarms we're responding to it has not been the error of the alarm company. It's been either employee error or some other kind of human error, (maybe) students at the school," she said. "The police department, since the beginning of January, has responded to about 15 alarm calls at the school."

Weiser suggested that the town could model an alarm ordinance after the one adopt-

ed by Lincoln County.

Town trustee Dennis Vega asked Weiser if it was possible to determine whether an alarm was set off by an alarm error, human error or a security systems error.

The police chief said that the number of alarm calls at the school has increased since the start of the year, and alarms are occurring, sometimes at two or three o'clock in the morning. The alarm system at Carrizozo Municipal Schools arms itself at 10:00 p.m., Weiser said.

"They're not break-ins," she said. "Either the doors are not secured, or something has caught the doors and set off the alarm, because every time we get a call, the doors are not latched."

A representative of the schools said that the majority of alarms there occur shortly after the alarm system engages at night, and that nothing has been found to be missing or damaged.

Weiser said that her department doesn't automatically assume the alarm is false when no damage is discovered at the time of the alarm, but added that when she doesn't get a call the following day reporting damage or theft the alarm appears to have been caused by malfunction or human error.

"We chalk it up to a false alarm because there is nothing missing, nothing damaged," she said. "When nothing's reported the following day, that's a false alarm as far as we're concerned. There's no indication of forced entry."

Weiser reported that the alarms have come from all over the school complex, but the majority of calls are from the high school and middle

school. Carrizozo resident Ray Dean suggested that there are a lot of doors at the schools, and tightening up the doors could result in eliminating many of the alarm calls.

"Those doors are a major issue," Dean commented.

Santos said that the county adopted an alarm ordinance because members of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department were found to be dedicating too much time responding to false alarms, often at homes owned by part-time residents who were unavailable at the time of the alarm.

She said that the county contacted the alarm companies and got lists of their clients.

"Once we received that list, we registered the alarm companies with the county and sent letters to their clients," she said.

The letters served notice that the county has an ordinance regulating alarm systems and that there is a fee of \$25 per year for an alarm permit. Santos said. Recipients of alarm permits are given a sticker to attach to their home displaying the permit number. Responding law enforcement agents can call the permit number in to the county's dispatcher and then get all of the needed information about the property and its owner.

"If there are any fire-arms in the house, (the sheriff's department) should know," Santos said.

The county allows three false alarm calls in a year's time, but issues fines for each false alarm after that. In each case that surpasses six

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Zozo Superintendent Wants a Big Sign .. ?

by Patrice Brazie

Carrizozo Schools Superintendent Robert Cobos wants a big sign to announce events and important notices in Carrizozo. Speaking before the Carrizozo Town Council on July 14th, Cobos made a plea for assistance in buying a programmable electronic sign for about \$50,000.

The superintendent suggested that the town might be able to contribute to the school's ability to purchase the sign, by not billing the schools for the municipal water they use each month.

"That would help us indirectly, and the city has done that before," Cobos said. "We were wondering if that was a way that we could get the help from the city's standpoint."

He indicated that the school system pays somewhere between \$13,000 and \$18,000 per year for water,

and suggested that the town might forgive those bills until after the school accumulated enough money to buy the sign.

"I think it would bring the community and the school together," he said.

Cobos said the sign could be erected near US Highway 54 and used to advertise school and community events. As many as 1,500 items could be programmed to display on the sign, he said.

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill explained that the town only has about \$1,000 to work with beyond its budgeted funds. Losing the revenue from the school's water bill would require an amended budget, but the town can't afford to give the water away at this time anyway, Hemphill said.

"If we reduced the income, we'd have to reduce expenditures and we'd end up having a cash balance in the red," Hemphill explained.

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false alarms in one year, the result is a fine of \$250. The county's ordinance places the responsibility of determining the nature of the alarm on the alarm company before a sheriff's department officer is dispatched to the scene, Santos explained.

"In the ordinance, there's a very important clause," Santos said. "It says a monitoring company shall verify every alarm signal except a duress or hold-up alarm actuation before requesting a response from law enforcement."

Santos said that, prior to implementing the county's alarm ordinance, the sheriff's department responded to about 40 alarm calls per month, 99 percent of which were false alarms. The number of alarm calls has been reduced to about seven per month since adoption of the ordinance. The Village of Ruidoso has adopted a similar ordinance.

Town trustee Dennis Dunning remarked that the

county's alarm ordinance has caused the alarm companies to get better at what they do.

Santos said that certain types of alarms, like distress calls or panic button alarms always receive a response from law enforcement.

Weiser pointed out that her department is not required to respond to security alarms, although it has never failed to do so.

Carrizo Mayor Bob Hemphill suggested that, because the alarm companies provide a for profit service, they should be required to carry some of the responsibility for the systems. "I believe we're going to see more and more false alarms if we don't do something," Hemphill said. He suggested scheduling a public hearing in August to consider the adoption of a municipal alarm ordinance.

People wanting to review the county's alarm ordinance can find it on the county's web site at www.lincolncountynm.net.



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 article appeared in the Lincoln County News

Thursday, July 26, 1962

The Long and Short of it is

by Kit Carson / Albuquerque

CATS! CATS! CATS!

IT WAS ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING -- as usually in the case when such circumstances occur. The damndest YOWL ever heard, it seemed, broke the still night atmosphere. It eerily originated by the bedroom window -- the most weird, blood-curdling sound one can ever dream, or imagine, of hearing. I had awakened with a start, as only one can at such an ungodly hour of the night, at so gruesome a squall. I remarked to my wife, "They're at it again, those hellacious cats!"

The cat family is enchanting, as the history behind them -- even since the time of Noah's Ark -- and also that which is ahead of them. The species is not faithful to its master as we might term the canine, the dog -- long knows as man's best friend. That's probably the reason cats and dogs fight. Cats never reach the stage of being decidedly tame.

Certain encyclopedias describe the cat as a "small domestic carnivorous mammal related to the lion, tiger, leopard, jaguar, and puma. It has retractile claws and acute senses, good eyesight in dim light."

The species is, unquestionable, a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde sort of breed; and Robert Louis Stevenson could have been inspired for his classic by the shiftlessness and due-featured characteristics of those creatures. They are a species, the house cat, just about straddle of the fence as far as domestication is concerned.

They are strange, bizarre, freakish in comparison to other domestic animals, and even mysterious in their everyday, and everynight, movements. People say they have nine lives, and that they can't be tossed down upon their backs. And that it's bad luck to cross the trail of one that is colored black. And when sacked up and carried many miles from their habitat, they usually find their way back. Most every one, in one way or the other, has trouble with them -- even Noah during the Flood!

People, also, sometimes like to look upon the humorous side of the creatures, and think of tying their tails together -- and a few do -- and toss them over a clothesline, to see the scrap! And it does not take an imaginative person to realize what a performance that could be! And the fur that would fly!

They offer both creepy and haunting attitudes and actions to human beings, before death and after. During my early manhood, there of us ere "sitting up" with a very sick neighbor, bordering on the brink of eternity. It was generally thought he would pass into the Great Beyond any moment. It was a cold, clear, crisp night, and frost had covered the countryside -- and about three o'clock in the morning. The slightest sound traveled far and wide.

We three sat silently during the vigil. We could sense the end for the patient was near. He died, he very close relatives retreated across the open hallway of the simple old farm house to the one other room, in solemn bereavement. We were left alone with the corpse, not knowing what procedure to take until action was made by the family.

A son-in-law shortly came into the room where we were, with the corpse. He in a few short words told us the family did not feel kindly toward morticians, and wanted us to "lay-out" the man! We could have fallen through the worn floor of the plain room. A fire cracked in the stone fireplace. We thoughtfully and solemnly stared into it.

"If you don't mind this, we'd certainly appreciate it," he, in tears, remarked and then turned and departed.

Laws then regulating burials were not too strict. We made preparations for the task. Almost instantaneously the most awesome squalls broke the quietness of the night underneath the corner of the room. The setting was perfect for such sounds. Cats, droves of them it seemed, turned loose with their weird moans. The three of us had heard many times that cats would very readily eat out the eyeballs of dead people -- even those of their master, who had cared and tended

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BLM Extends Scoping Comment Period on Proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has extended the public scoping comment period for the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Comments will be accepted through August 28, 2009.

Comments can be made to the BLM via the BLM Project Website at http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/more/lands_realty.html, via the project email address at NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov, or in writing to the Bureau of Land Management, SunZia Transmission Line Project, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115. Deliveries will be accepted via counter/hand delivery to the Bureau of Land Management, SunZia Transmission Line Project, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

To review in full the BLM news release announcing the comment period extension and/or be added to the mailing list, please visit the project website above or contact BLM Project Manager Adrian Garcia at (505) 438-7424.

County Hazard Plan

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Apache Tribal Emergency Management and Hazard Mitigation teams.

Atwell told the county commissioners that the HMP revisions are necessary if the county expects to ever need federal emergency or disaster assistance in the future.

"In the event we have another flood, if we do not have a Hazard Mitigation Plan already adopted by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), it affects your money," Atwell said. "FEMA's cutting down hard on it and that's why we're pushing. If you do not have a plan in place, they limit what they actually reimburse you for."

After the county's new HMP is approved and adopted by the county commissioners, it must then be approved by the New Mexico Hazard Mitigation Officer and FEMA to become effective, Atwell explained.

"Once we have this in place we can start getting some more funding and start dealing with the issues and hazards that we do have," Atwell said. "We're moving forward."

County commissioner Tom Battin reminisced about the emergency response after flooding in 2008. He commended Atwell, the Lincoln County Road Department and the Village of Ruidoso for their efforts during that event.

Forest Service Identifies Grant Proposal Projects

The Forest Service has identified 13 projects eligible to receive up to \$3.9 million in federal grant money through New Mexico's Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP). The grants are authorized under the 'Community Forest Restoration Act' (P.L. 106-393) signed into law in 2000.

The projects selected promote healthy watersheds, reduce the threat of wildfires, and improve the functioning of forest ecosystems by reducing the number and density of small diameter trees on public forest lands in New Mexico.

The Claunch Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District is to receive \$213,268 for Ojo Peak-wildfire remediation and monitoring project.

The 13 funded 2009 CFRP projects are the best of 39 projects submitted to an advisory committee established by the Act. The committee recommends projects to Regional Forester Newman based upon requirements described in the Act. The committee is composed of individuals representing numerous interests from across New Mexico.

Newman made the final selections based upon recommendations from the committee. The grantees must work with the Forest Service to address the committee's recommendations prior to the final grant award. Final grant awards are anticipated in late July. Information on the program and identification of eligible projects can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sp/ef/rp/>

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want to do as long as it doesn't threaten their neighbor," he said.

Some funding has been made available to assist with fuel reduction projects, primarily in the Ruidoso and Alto areas, but Morel expressed some concern that the adoption of the county ordinance might create an environment in which the county and some municipalities were competing for funding.

"My concern initially was that we're all going to be competing for the same funds and, pretty soon, there may not be sufficient funds for Ruidoso to do what they're doing with their matching funds as well as the county," Morel said.

County commissioner Jackie Powell commented that she thought the concept of the proposed ordinance was great, but said she was afraid that the property owners would not be able to afford the cost of compliance. Powell also said that having a forester determine when a property is deemed safe from fire threats could open up some liability issues for the county.

"Right now, the people are responsible for their own safety, as they can afford it," Powell said. "The financial burden is a big deal."

County commissioner Eileen Sedillo said that she didn't like the idea of mandating what people must do on their private property. She

added that most people will try to do the right thing if they can.

"I know it's for their health and safety and welfare, and their neighbor's," Sedillo said. "I think it's great that we talk about it, and people become aware of it and start doing it, but are we going to make them do it?"

County commissioner Dave Parks said that he felt the county had an obligation to require people to create safe zones around their homes.

"It's not that expensive, in most cases, to do defensible space around one dwelling," Parks said.

Battin recommended that a final draft of the ordinance be presented for review by the county's planning commission and the Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (LANRAC) before scheduling a public hearing on the ordinance.

"Let's complete it as best we can, then have a public hearing and see where we go from there," Battin said.

Powell then made a motion to give no further con-

sideration to the development of the WUI ordinance.

County manager Tom Stewart said that some funding will probably become available next year to assist with administration or enforcement of the ordinance, and Powell said that she'd rather see the money used to help pay for the costs of thinning trees and clearing safe zones.

"I'd rather put it on the ground and help people get it done, not dictate to them," Powell said.

Sedillo agreed with Powell, saying that she could go along with helping people understand what should be done, but that she didn't want to force the requirements on anyone.

Nogal resident Bob

Moeller compared the county's proposed WUI ordinance to the law that mandates the use of seatbelts when riding a in vehicle.

Powell argued that having an ordinance in place in no way guaranteed that fires will not occur.

"The government protecting people from themselves doesn't work," Powell said. "You have to, at some point, come to some personal responsibility in what you need to do to protect your own property as you can do it," Powell said.

Powell's motion passed, with Powell, Sedillo and Battin voting to terminate consideration of the ordinance, Parks and Williams voted against the motion.

- 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.
- WEDNESDAYS**
-Corona Public Library story hour 4:00 p.m.
- THURSDAYS**
-Gambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at Mesalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mesalero. For information call Mike at 575-682-6200.
- 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 Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo 9 a.m.
- EACH FRIDAY**
-Al Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon at Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Bring lunch.
- FRIDAY, JULY 24 and SATURDAY, JULY 25**
-Corona Summer Festival, parade Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
- SATURDAY, JULY 25**
-Estate auction 10:09 a.m. at Big Blue Auction House, 500 Central in Carrizozo.
-Cowboy Jubilee, all outdoor activities are free at Hubbard Museum of the American West, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Special guests, activities, fun.
-Doggie fashion show at Ruidoso Public Library 10:30 a.m.
- MONDAY, JULY 27**
-Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet at Cree Meadows Country Club at 12 noon. Speaker will be Steve Pearce. RSVP to 653-4379.
- TUESDAY, JULY 28**
-Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board 2:00 p.m. in LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.
-Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
-Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**
-Workshop on Open Meetings Act presented by New Mexico Attorney General, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Ruidoso Convention Center. A methamphetamine awareness presentation at 11:30 a.m.
-Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee 10:00 a.m. at Capitan council chambers.

Have A Great Day!!

New Event Set for

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providing more scholarships this coming year! This past year, four scholarships were awarded for a total of \$2,500 to Carrizozo residents Danielle Cartier, Alyshia Culley, Brandon Morales and Judy Nash. For more information about this event being sponsored by the 16th Annual Labor Day Street Fair, call J'Lane Zamora at 575-648-2802.

AG to Host Workshop on Open Meetings

On Wednesday, July 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. attorneys from the NM Attorney General's (AG) Civil Division will be hosting a workshop on the Open Meetings Act and the Inspection of Public Records Act in the Village of Ruidoso. This event will be held at Ruidoso Convention Center, Room 4-located at 111 Sierra Blanca Drive in Ruidoso.

These workshops are designed to provide assistance to local governments, members of government boards and commissions, and the general public in understanding our open government laws. Please extend this invitation to other persons in your office or community whom you feel would be interested in learning about these laws.

This year, the AG has also added a Methamphetamine Awareness Presentation. This presentation will take place at 11:30 a.m.

The AG's office will be hosting these events in communities across New Mexico in the coming months. Should you require further information, please contact La Verne Roller, administrative assistant in the Civil Division at (505) 827-6063.

Obituary

KENNETH BAYSINGER

Kenneth Baysinger of Carrizozo died July 13 at his home. He was born September 2, 1941. He was a U.S. Marine for 9 1/2 years and served in Vietnam. He had been a corrections officer 27 years at Jefferson City, Missouri.

He is survived by children Robin, Kenda, Michael, Scott and Cassandra, all of Missouri, son B.J. Baysinger, niece Shirley Haney of Carrizozo; sister Ruby Lower and her husband Bob of Missouri, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 25 at 12 noon at No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks followed by a potluck dinner. Music will be by Bill Patterson.



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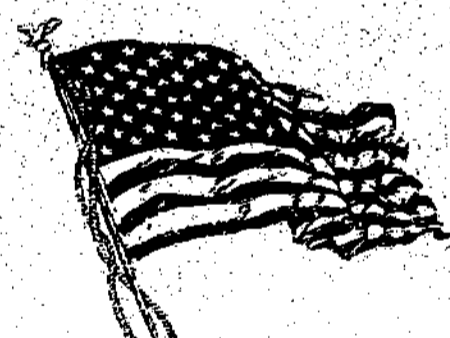
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"The sign-up for the mayor's race and the two trustee positions is January 6th. That's the only day you can sign-up and be on the ballot. The election will be March 2nd," Hemphill said.

When asked which trustee positions were going to be open, Hemphill explained that trustees Dennis Dunning and Max Saucedo have decided not to run again.

"Trustee Dunning is moving out of our fair city and trustee Saucedo is going to say he has done his fair share," Hemphill said. "And your current mayor has done his fair share."

Trustees Dennis Vega and Dusty Voss are halfway through their terms. Dunning said he plans to move to White Oaks. The speculation about who might or might not throw their hat into the ring has already begun.



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- Ordinance No. O2009-01 Increase in Judicial Education Fee.
- Ordinance No. O2009-02 Alarm System Ordinance
- Ordinance No. O2009-03 Nuisance Ordinance (Code Enforcement)

An agenda will be posted a minimum of 24 hours before the regular meeting.

Leann Weibrecht, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer
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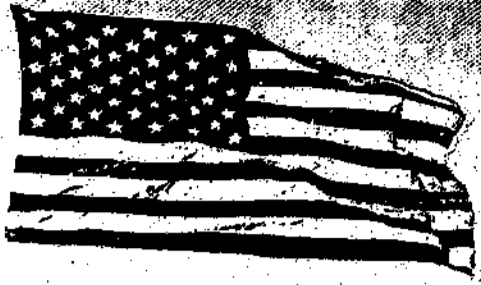
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Who Owns Carrizozo City Hall?

By Ruth Hammond

Last week there was confusion and discontent when it was published that the address for the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce was 400 9th St. That address is and has been the new Carrizozo municipal building since it was built. Most of the time the municipal building is referred to as the city hall, and the address of the old city hall seemed to change with the person speaking. Sometimes it was listed as 5th St. or 6th St. or whatever sounded good then.

Anyway, many people questioned whether someone had sold or given away city hall. The next question was where did the money go? If any of you know, please let everyone else know where the money is and what it was used for, or if the money is in limbo or in a private place.

Meanwhile, other complaints last week were that it was reported that the New Mexico Lt. Gov. would be in Carrizozo to meet with members of the local business community, emergency services and government officials but the by "invitation-only" event ignored the majority of the local business people. These people were not invited.

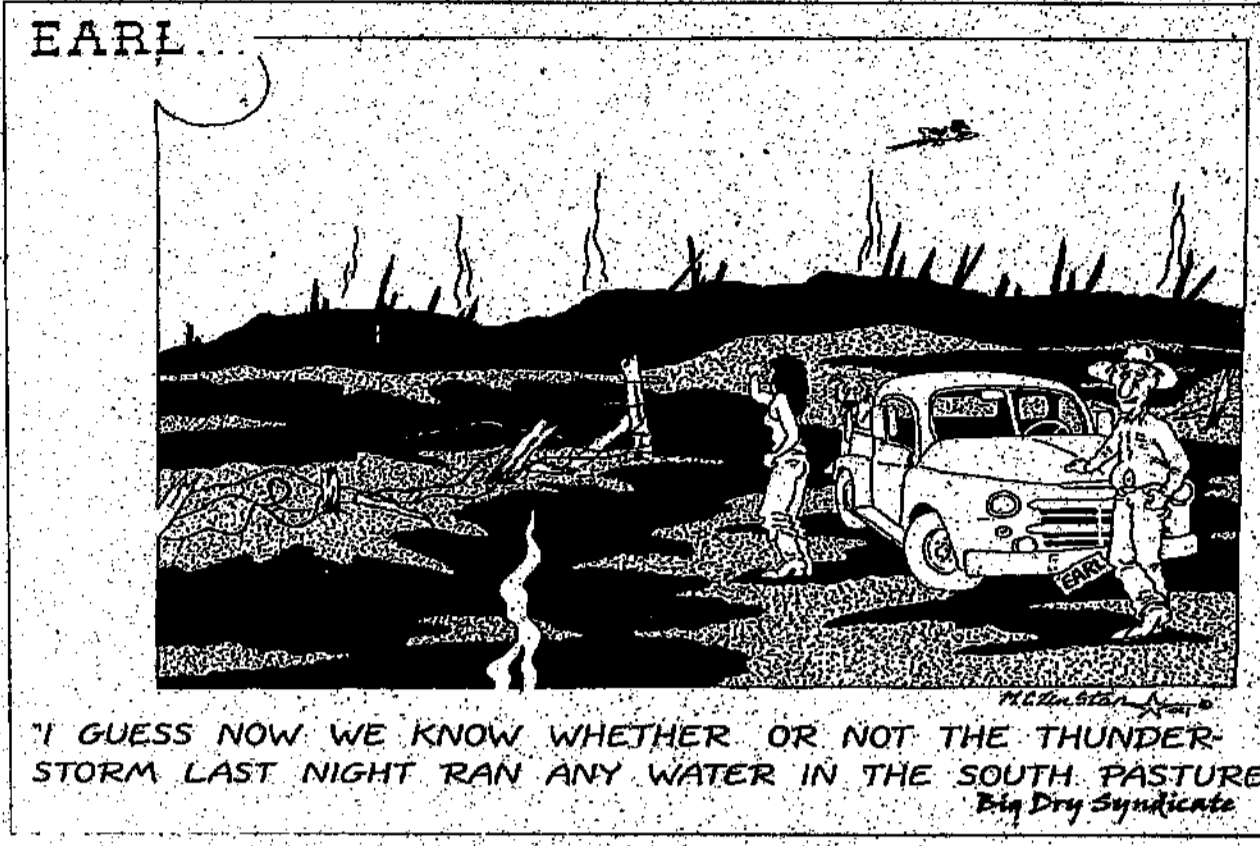
But, these were not the only concerns. Seems the Lt. Gov. was supposed to meet with border agents but there were no border agents at the meeting. And the Lt. Gov. was to meet with others in a roundtable discussion that appears to have been completely forgotten or avoided.

Another serious concern is that the mayor and three of the town trustees were at the by "invitation-only" event and it should have been posted that a quorum of town officials might be at the event but there was no posting. One person contacted the News office and asked if the notice of a possible quorum had been posted in the News office. No, the town violated the Open Meetings Act.

Some other concerns around the area include the fact that Carrizozo School wants a \$50,000 sign. If the school would share some of the school news with the Lincoln County News, there would be no need for an expensive sign and more people would be aware of what things were happening at the school, as it well should be. In the past the school used the News to inform people of school events and the majority of the people attended the events.

There are numerous other things to discuss but some people don't listen and others don't care. We did hear that some people are looking forward to the voting in March in the Carrizozo municipal election because they want to go back to not having to pay their water bills. Do you suppose the next mayor will allow that? Never can tell.

Expect all sorts of comments to be made about the elections, not just here in Carrizozo but in the other four municipalities in Lincoln County as well. The main thing is which candidates will attend meetings before they get their name on the ballot. That will indicate whether they really want the job. Who owns city hall? Who knows?



Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Recently an investigative reporter for an Albuquerque TV station revealed that some local city employees had retired and then returned to work, collecting both their paycheck plus their retirement, which almost doubled their take home pay.

The news anchor praised him for such a good job of sleuthing but the reporter didn't tell us anything new, except the names of some people who are taking advantage of the situation. The practice of public employees returning to work after retirement has been occurring for years. The law was changed to allow retirees to return to work full time mainly on the argument that small towns have trouble finding replacements for many jobs.

And larger public employers have difficulty finding replacements for specialized employees. The argument also can be made that retirees already have proven their worth and don't have to be trained. They are the best people for the job.

But there are drawbacks. Current employees often resent the retirees because they step back into their top jobs and prevent younger workers from moving up. And there are charges of cronyism. Get in good with the boss and you can retire and get hired back.

Current law requires that retirees under the Public Employees Retirement Act wait three months before coming back. Soon after that law was passed, temporary employment agencies discovered a gold mine in contracting with retirees to place them back in their old jobs immediately as outside contract workers.

State lawmakers took a close look at this double-dipping during their session at the first of the year. Significant cuts needed to be made in the state budget and the state's two employee retirement funds had lost 25 percent of their assets during the previous three months.

Lawmakers weren't pleased seeing double dippers draining both their retirement fund and the state budget with paychecks that were almost twice as much as other employees. So they put some serious curbs on returning to work.

It was all a part of the Legislature's everybody's-gotta-feel-some-pain solution. In addition to almost doubling their salary, double-dippers don't have to make a retirement contribution. Their employer does that for them.

Regular employees are being docked 1.5 percent of their employer's retirement

contribution but employers are still paying all of double-dippers' contributions. It was just too good a deal. So both houses of the Legislature sent a bill to the governor to cut back the goodies.

But Gov. Bill Richardson vetoed it -- on the advice of Attorney General Gary King. It was a surprising development. Richardson said he wanted to keep the best employees, while others said he and King had submitted to cronies who didn't want to fall off the gravy train.

Gov. Richardson says he knows there is a problem and that he will appoint a committee to study the situation. We haven't heard much about what is happening on that promise. A special session of the Legislature looms as a distinct possibility in the next few months.

Many lawmakers and state employees would like to see a solution hammered out then. And while they're at it, there's a little something else lawmakers should look

at during the special session. While all public employees (state workers, teachers, cops, judges, etc.) are being hit with a 1.5 percent increase in their retirement contribution that the employer previously had paid, it didn't occur to lawmakers that they also should share some pain.

They contribute \$500 a year to a retirement system. There are 112 lawmakers, so that comes to \$56,000 a year. The taxpayers' share is around \$560,000, quite generous in comparison.

If lawmakers were to share the pain, they would each have to pay an extra \$7.50 a year for a total of \$840, which would be subtracted from the taxpayers' \$560,000 contribution.

It's not much, mainly symbolic. But how could they forget to include themselves? Thom Cole, of the Albuquerque Journal, reports lawmakers even talked of increasing their own benefits this year.



by Jeff Hammond

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

Today, Thursday, July 23, the 204th day of 2009
Isolated showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 88, calm winds becoming south, around 5 mph, night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 63, south wind around 5 mph.

Friday, July 24
Isolated showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 95, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Saturday, July 25
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 95, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with low around 61.

Sunday, July 26
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 94, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Monday, July 27
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 93, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Tuesday, July 28
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 91, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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

Today, Thursday, July 23, the 204th day of 2009
Isolated showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 78, calm winds becoming east around 5 mph, night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 56, southeast wind around 5 mph becoming southwest.

Friday, July 24
Isolated showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 84, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Saturday, July 25
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 83, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Sunday, July 26
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Monday, July 27
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 83, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Tuesday, July 28
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, with a low around 53.

Ruidoso and Downs to Receive \$6.17 Million Wastewater Grant


New Mexico will receive \$27.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to help cover the costs of water and wastewater upgrades in communities across the state. The funding is coming through the Environmental Protection Agency.

The New Mexico Finance Authority will distribute \$12.7 million in the form of grants and loans for drinking water projects and the New Mexico Environment Department will distribute \$14.9 million throughout the state in

grant funding for wastewater projects.

Included in the wastewater grant projects is \$6.17 million for the Village of Ruidoso's and the City of Ruidoso Downs's expansion of wastewater treatment plant

Some of these listed projects may also be funded through other federal sources, including regular EPA loans and U.S. Department of Agriculture grants or loans.



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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, June 21:

10:05 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Rancher Road in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

11:01 a.m. Traffic hazard reported at mile marker 9 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

12:11 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on Hale Lake Road in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

8:17 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on West Deer Trail in Capitan, police dispatched.

June 22

7:05 a.m. Medical call at residence on Lava Loop in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

9:14 a.m. Dog reported

running loose on Old School House Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

9:58 a.m. Medical call at residence on Spur Trail in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

12:21 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 100 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, Carrizozo ambulance dispatched.

1:03 p.m. Threats reported at location on Dawson in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

2:24 p.m. Fire reported at location on Water Canyon Road in Carrizozo, fire units dispatched.

3:21 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 72 on Hwy 380 in Nogal, Nogal fire units and deputy dispatched.

3:38 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Lakeshore Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:40 p.m. Fire reported at location on Bonito

Park Road in Alto, Bonito fire units, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and deputy dispatched.

8:47 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on Bonito Lake Trail in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

9:21 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

June 23

2:13 a.m. Medical call at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

8:40 a.m. Breaking & Entering (B & E) reported at location on West Mesita Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:47 a.m. Medical call at Bonito Park in Bonito, ALS ambulance dispatched.

2:03 p.m. Children

Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral from residence on Mary Jo Lane in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:15 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:17 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:30 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Brazel Ranch Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

6:57 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on CR 6006 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:16 p.m. Medical call at location on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

11:51 p.m. Alarm reported at Carrizozo school on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, July 13
Judge Grisham - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 14
Judge Parsons - In Ruidoso
8:15 a.m. Sharon Howell v. Sofia Christmas; CV-08-1-35 (Mtn/Injunctive Relief/Mtn/setaside) Rafkin/Runnels/Gibson
9:00 a.m. Juveniles
Zane L.; JR-08-62 (Pet Revoke CD)
Pete C.; YR-06-04 (Final Disp)
10:00 a.m. Anderson v. Beyer; CV-09-248 (Mtn/Prem Injunction) R. Hawthorne/McSwane
11:00 a.m. Mountain View Invest. et al. v. W. Wayne Smith et al; CV-07-304 (TRO) JRB/C. Hawthorne
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.
DV-2009-44
DV-2009-50
11:00 a.m. DV-2009-5
Socorro County Court House - Room 1
2:00 p.m. D-0725-DV-2009-44

Wednesday, July 15
Judge Parsons
8:30 a.m. Cheryle Peralta v. Abe Peralta; DM-2006-1-95 (mtn/modify p.p.) (C. Haw/Ragsdale)
9:00 a.m. Robert Langley v. Cammie Cox; DM-2003-180 (Mtn/Reopen for Mod of Tem custody /Incamera) S-Cook/ProSe
11:00 a.m. Bailey v. Rocha; DM-2009-42 (Pendente Lite - Support/Visitation) JRB/ProSe
2:30 p.m. Andrea Collura v. Dan Licon et al; CV-2006-297 (Mtn to Cont/Plf's Mtn/Strike/Sanctions) Garcia/Mladak/Perrin ProSe
3:00 p.m. Ferguson v. Ferguson; DM-2005-167 (Merits) JRB/McSwane

Thursday, July 16
8:30 a.m. CYFD
JQ-2008-04 (Sub Perm)
JQ-2009-01 (ADJ)
JQ-2009-02 (Adj)
9:30 a.m. JQ-2008-01 (TPR)
4:00 p.m. KD Huey v. Ignacio Padilla and Socorro Nava; CV-2007-26 (Mtn/Compel as to IP) Rafkin/Gibson/ProSe
4:30 p.m. Tu Madre Corporation v. Bella Flores; CV-2009-98 (Mtn/Prem Injunction) Rafkin/ProSe

Friday, July 17
8:15 a.m. - Docket Call
9:00 a.m. - FA/Initial
Paul Gilfoyle; CR-09-92/93
Jason Enjady; CR-07-87
Anthony Rue; CR-09-87
Change of Plea
Vickie Smallwood CR09-17
Ashley Williams CR-09-21/38
Randall Brown CR-09-49
Angela Gayford CR09-08
Adjudicatory
Patricia Mirabal CR08-243
Sabrina Fehr CR-08-201
Robert Craun; CR-08-143
Other
Kristos Thoksakis; CR-08-195
Devin Gutierrez CR09-57
Elizabeth Conley CR08-269
Sentencing
Shay Sims; CR-07-151
Robert Sanchez CR-08-80
Brian Lucero; CR-09-22
Competency
Tyrone Riordan; CR-07-80/11/13/93
3:00 p.m. Steven Hernandez CR09-50 (Mtn/Suppress) DA/Mitchell P.C.
Trailing - Raul Venegas; (CR-2009-15) Mtn/Suppress DA/Mitchell P.C.
Darrell Brantley
11:00 a.m. Mike Yeager v. Sarah Whittaker; DM-2009-01 (Mtn for Interim) McSwane/Gibson
1:15 p.m. Cesar Gutierrez; DM-08-122
Trailing - Amadeo Herrera; DM-08-83
Trailing - Joe Aguilar; DM-07-135
Trailing - Michael Lueras; DM-2008-82

Monday, July 20
ProSe
8:15 a.m. Smejell name change; CV-2009-127 (Merits)
Criminal Jury Trials
8:30 a.m. - 1 of 2 Days
#1 Jacob Scott; CR-2009-24 Thompson/Mitchell P.C.
#2 Baldimar Apodaca; CR-2008-100 DA/Holmes
#3 Rocky Rue; CR-2009-05 DA/S-Cook Counsel agreed on Ext. of time
#4 Raul Venegas; CR-2009-15 Zimmerman/Mitchell
#5 Clifford Neville; CR-2008-283 Thompson/Mitchell P.C. Counsel agreed on Cont. & Ext. of time

Tuesday, July 21
8:15 a.m. Midland Credit v. Julie Wilkinson; CV-2008-3-82 (Mtn/Judgment on the pleadings) Grubel/ Pro Se
Criminal Jury Trials
8:30 a.m. - 2 of 2 Days
#1 Jacob Scott; CR-2009-24 Thompson/Mitchell P.C.
#2 Steven Noseff; CR-2009-23 DA/Holmes Plea 8-14-09
#3 Vickie Smallwood; CR-2009-17 Ceballes/Holmes
#4 Jack Hudgins; CR-2009-30 Thompson/Rafkin
Alexandra Trujillo; CR-2009-07 (warrant status)
1:15 p.m. Telephonic - Fidelity National Ins. v. Perry et al; CV-2007-408 (Judicial Inquiry) Sprague/Perry
Darrell Brantley
10:00 a.m. DV-2009-52

Wednesday, July 22
8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Billy Page v. Ruidoso Municipal School & Kyle Flack; CV-2009-162 C. Hawthorne Underwood/Peyton
Criminal Jury Trials
8:30 a.m.
#1 Randy Lovitt; CR-2009-40 Thompson/Rose
4:00 p.m. Erin E. Sarinopoulos v. Gil Sarinopoulos; DM-2008-162 (Emergency Motion) ProSe/Rose

Thursday, July 23
Criminal Jury Trials
8:30 a.m.
#1 Jennifer Burgess; CR-2008-175 DA/Mitchell P.C.
#2 James D. Slatton; CR-2009-35 DA/Mitchell P.C.
Plea 8-14-09
#3 Marcello Silva; CR-2009-06 Thompson/Mitchell P.C.
#4 Amirany Herrera; CR-2009-43 Thompson/Mitchell P.C.
#5 CR-2009-46 DA/Mitchell P.C.

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<p>MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY</p> <p>Nogal Presbyterian Church: E.W. "Bo" LEWIS, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Corona United Presbyterian Church: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>First Baptist Church</p> <p>HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2868 (Church) or 648-2107 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 10:55 a.m. Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. - April AWANAS 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>RUIDOSO DOWNS FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH AT OLD LINCOLN CHURCH Rev. Zach Malott / 575-973-0560 Senior Circuit Preacher Dr. Randy Widener, Ph.D / 575-937-2086 Senior Pastor Sunday Service 2:30pm</p> <p>Carrizozo Assembly of God Corner 13th & C Ave. Barbara Bradley, Pastor Children's Ministry and Nursery Available Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Santa Rita Catholic Community</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>White Oaks Community Church Non-denominational</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Cleunch Community Church</p> <p>TONY SCACCIA, Minister 848-1402 Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>United Methodist Churches</p> <p>JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor 1000 O. Ave. 648-2892 / 648-2848 Carrizozo, NM 88301 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 am 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Christ Community Fellowship</p> <p>ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational) 514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Capitan Church of Christ</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Trinity Southern Baptist Church</p> <p>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.</p> <p>First Baptist Church of Corona</p> <p>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</p> <p>Sunday Sunday school for all ages 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m. Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Grace Fellowship Church TERRY ATIELLO, Pastor 849-0105 Corona, NM Worship 9:30 a.m.</p>
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LaGrone Funeral Chapel

In Memory of
BILL WINKLER

Insurance Exchange
Carrizozo Branch

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Fort Stanton Facts and Fiction

by Betty Joiner



These are the Santa Fe workers who are re-doing the stables at Fort Stanton. (Courtesy photo by Betty Joiner)

Finally a dream of a couple of us at the Fort has been seen with our own eyes. About a month ago a company from Santa Fe came to the Fort and started working on the stables. What a difference it has made. With a little luck they may have most all of the work done by Fort Stanton Live. I haven't been out to the fort in about a week, but I understand the men may have left on Tuesday last. This had taken a long

time as way back to two years ago, we were told everyday it would happen. Now we all wonder what will be the fate of our Fort Stanton.

The fourth of July celebration had so many trailers in town they were parked on nearly every street in town. I went on the first night and enjoyed the small crowd and then attended the church services on Sunday morning. It is so sad to see so many people just leaving

God out of their lives. There were two of us besides Floyd and the musicians that attended. We all can always go to ballgames, rodeos, and other things but church seems to be the least of our ambition. I am so pleased when any preacher will preach a sermon to only two people or two hundred. Floyd spoke on what it takes to break a young horse in order to get him ready to be able to do anything that needs to be done with him. It takes so work. As he said that is the same way with people when they come to know the Lord. It doesn't happen overnight and takes a lot of molding with the clay. Every struggle we go through is molding our lives into a better person. Floyd thanks for your time. Two of us are so much richer for what you do.

--Camp Meeting was so blessed this year with many showers. Two or three were a little scary with a little hail and a little thunder, but Garth

Hyde stopped his sermon and went to singing "Showers of Blessings". It was a very good day. The other preacher said we have a little bit of heaven here at the Nogal Camp Mesa with our cool, beautiful place. The ones in Texas where the heat is over a hundred degrees are not as close to heaven as ours. It seemed to be the crowds at the services I attended were very small.

Mary Crenshaw and I play three songs in memory of her mom and my mother, Bessie Jones, who passed away in March. We played the accordions and hopefully didn't sound too bad. It had been fifty-five years since we had played together and what a joy the memories were. Glenda and Renee had rocks for the memorial of all who had passed in 2009.

The story was there was a little girl and she asked her mom why were there rocks stacked in the garden and here and there? The mother told the little girl that they placed a rock in the piles each time they had a blessing happen. We played "In the Garden" -- Mansion Over the Hilltop, and "Whispering Hope," the song that Leota Pfingsten taught the three of us to play when we took lessons from her so many years ago. Glenda Armstrong was going to play with us but her accordion was broke. We plan to maybe do this again next year if we are lucky to still be alive.

Smokey and Leslie sang "Precious Memories" to start the memorial and what a beautiful sound this was. Ann Ferguson accompanied them on the piano. Her and Jane Shafer and Veda Lou Stephenson were some who played the piano. Thirty-one names were called as the girls placed the rocks in a pile that

made for the many blessings they had all given their families while living.

The picture below is one of five generations of Opal and LaMoyné. What a blessing this family has given to so many of us with their dedication to this camp for so many years. LaMoyné told me he turned 89 years old on July 10. Next year he will be ninety and seems like nineteen. Face, our grandson's birthday is the same day. Only hope he accomplishes a little of what LaMoyné has done in his many years of giving to his family and all of his friends. We all wish you a late birthday and hope you have so many more!!!

--Just before the 4th Rose Marie Smith had a small gathering of the classes of 1960s at the Old Lincoln Church. I had not been in this church and what a beautiful little place it is. The class of 1966 had six girls and one guy attending and what laughs they gave us. There were one or two of us in the other classes, but we didn't have half the fun this one group did.

Jude and Mary Lockhart were present and after our little gathering we all went to the Captain Library where Judy spoke about her life and how she came to write her book. What a book it is. It is about real life happenings in a funny way. You should buy this book if you need a laugh or two. Judy did a wonderful presentation. About forty people attended. Again all the volunteers of the Captain Library are to be commended for such a fine job they do every day. Pat Garrett really goes beyond her call of duty. Judy remarked she never would have imagined such a small town would have such a nice

library.

--Many attended the services of Ria Sidwell in Carrizozo. Ria, Nathalee Taylor, Bessie Jones, Harriett McGinness, and Ken Shear were some of the names called at the memorial at Camp Meeting. We will miss them all along with the many others.

--The first weekend in August will have so many people busy I don't see how people will choose where to go. The 40th LC Pony Express Mail Run will take place, with Old Lincoln Days and Fort Stanton Live. Too many things happening at the same time. Think the fair is starting too, and then school. Everyone better take an extra vitamin to get all of these activities in their schedule.

--Another little story one of the preachers told at camp meeting. At a service the plate was being passed around for tithings. At the back of the church a little girl was getting so nervous as she had no money, not even a dime or a penny. She didn't know what to do so when the plate came by, she got in the plate herself. The preacher got all choked up telling about his giving. She gave ever thing she had which was herself. What a story!!



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



BACK ROW (left to right) -- Jackie and Ginny Robinson, Mary Crenshaw, Betty Joiner, Glenda Armstrong, Leslie Armstrong and granddaughter. FRONT -- Elizabeth, Opal and LaMoyné Peters and great-granddaughter, Garth, Hyde, Renee, Preacher and son. (Courtesy photo by Betty Joiner)



Capitan Public Library volunteers and Judy Lockhart. (Courtesy photo by Betty Joiner)

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LEGALS

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.

SECOND NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that on July 28, at the hour of 9:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the North entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at Twelfth Judicial District Court, 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 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 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, Ms. 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 of the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described 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 \$5,034.60 for a total judgment plus interest of \$182,578.14. 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

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LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
NO. 1226CV200900173

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR ASSET-BACKED
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
SERIES 2006-WFHE3,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
STUART BRAUN; IRENE HOWCROFT;
OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF STUART BRAUN,
 Defendants

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO the above-named defendants Stuart Braun and Unknown Spouse of Stuart Braun.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action, against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 0 Bonita Lake RD, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

See Exhibit A Tract 2 A tract of land situate within the SE/4 of section 7, township 10 south, range 13 east, N.M.P.M. Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the quarter corner common to section 7 and 8, township 10 south, range 13 east N.M.P.M., thence south 83 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds West 1320.0 feet; thence South 839.20 feet along the west line of the E/2SE/4 of said section 7, to a point in the south right-of-way line of public road to Bonito Lake; thence north 56 degrees 04 minutes west 27.0 feet to the point of beginning of this tract; thence south 26 degrees 15 minutes west 507.8 feet; thence south 68 degrees 58 minutes east 289.0 feet; thence 12 degrees 42 minutes east 512.8 feet to a point in the south right-of-way line of Said Bonito Lake Road; thence north 62 degrees 12 minutes west 94.8 feet; thence north 64 degrees 12 minutes west 94.8 feet; thence north 64 degrees 32 minutes west, 38.3 feet; thence north 56 degrees 04 minutes west 27.0 feet to the point of

beginning. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before August 24, 2009, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI,
 By: Sharon Hankla
 Sharon Hankla
 D. Renae Richards Charney
 999 18th St., Suite 2201, Bin 1
 Denver, CO 80202
 (800) 286-0013; (303) 285-2222
 Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable **KAREN L. PARSONS, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,** of the Twelfth Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Lincoln County, New Mexico, this 23rd day of June 2009.

Jan Perry
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 08-1991; P591604

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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-09-276

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION OF **ROBERTA L. FRANCK**

FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF THE **MINOR CHILD, DALTON J. HUTTO**

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND
NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 17th day of July, 2009, requesting that the Petitioner's minor child's name be changed from Dalton J. Hutto to Dalton J. Vega.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 1:15 p.m. on the 3rd day of September, 2007 at the County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing the minor child's name from Dalton J. Hutto to Dalton J. Vega.

ROBERTA FRANCK
 P.O. Box 411
 Carrizozo, NM 88301
 575-648-2425

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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reported at location on Bethel Court in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

10:16 a.m. Civil dispute reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:24 a.m. Medical call at residence on Homestead Loop in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

12:51 p.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 246 in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

3:29 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Arrowhead in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

4:13 p.m. Information report at location in Carrizozo,

deputy dispatched. 4:49 p.m. Police presence/stand-by requested at attorneys office located on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

3:09 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.

6:03 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:15 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Rancher Road in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

6:47 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at business located on Hwy 48 in Alto,

deputy dispatched. 8:42 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 70 on Hwy 380 east of Carrizozo, Carrizozo emergency units and ambulance dispatched.

10:15 p.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 267 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

June 27
 9:29 a.m. Fire reported at location on Edeiweiss Loop in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

10:20 a.m. Motor vehicle theft reported at location

SEE MORE ON PAGE 8

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