

County Receives Compensation Study

By Patrice Brazie

In an effort to better understand the status of the salary and compensation packages for employees of Lincoln County, and how those packages compare to what is offered by other government entities as well as private industry, county manager Tom Stewart commissioned a study about six months ago.

During the regular December meeting of the county's board of commissioners, Vincent Yermal, of S Resources, Incorporated, presented the results of that study.

Yermal said that one of the first findings of the study was a tendency, primarily in the area of administration, to assign a unique job title to every position. That poli-

cy provides some advantages in the aspect of day to day administration, Yermal said, but not in the aspect of salary administration.

"I like to try to cluster jobs of common, function and common qualifications and experiential requirements into more consolidated job classifications," Yermal said. "Out of all the jobs that I looked at in the county, 23 of them I didn't

think required any change at all. There were a couple instances where I thought we could merge, at least for salary survey purposes, a couple jobs into a common classification."

Yermal cited, as an example, two positions in the county clerk's office with the titles Imaging Technician and Archivist.

"These positions tend to be cross-trained, very similar in terms

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CLOUDY OR STORMY SKIES can make for some lovely views in the Sacramento Mountain region. Here, a ray of sunshine breaks through clouds to highlight Vera Cruz Mountain. The Nogal church is in the lower righthand corner. (Photo by PatriceBrazie)

Water Study Continues

By Patrice Brazie

Mike Darr, of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and currently investigative chief of a study of the water resources of the Upper Rio Hondo Basin, appeared before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners during its December 21st meeting to provide an update on the progress of that study.

The county commissioners approved the water study in October of 2006, during a time of rapid development, with the anticipation of eventually acquiring some valuable data regarding water availability, usage, sources, levels and recharge

rates.

Darr told the county commissioners that a rain gauge installed at the top of Capitan Mountain about one year ago has filled a gap that existed in the data collection system as it relates to precipitation patterns within the basin. The study includes historical records of rain and snowfall amounts from as far back as 1850, which can be used to illustrate long term cycles, he said.

"What's been surprising to see is the variability that's natural in this area," he commented. "Forty to 50 percent changes and swings between years is just the norm. That's something that's part of how the system works

that's part of how you manage it."

He said that data collected from 1970 to 2000 indicates rainfall amounts in the Upper Rio Hondo Basin vary from 15 to 40 inches per year depending on the elevation, with an average of about 600,000 acre-feet per year in total.

"But that changes 40 to 50 percent per year," he added.

The basin is divided into three main zones of precipitation: the high zone of the peaks of Sierra Blanca and Capitan Mountains, which are made up primarily of igneous rock and are where much of the precipitation occurs and flows into the lower elevations, a middle zone that helps to contain ground water and slow runoff, and a low zone that lies in the eastern portion of the basin.

Darr said that more information about the dynamics of the relationship between the three zones will become available over the next couple of years.

Using data including pumping and meter records from municipalities and private well information from the Office of the State Engineer, as well as subdivision and development records from the county, the study also looks at water diversion amounts.

"The total diver-

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County Approves Burial Resolution

By Patrice Brazie

The November 10th announcement by the state's board of regents to limit burials at the Fort Stanton Cemetery has left many military veterans pondering what will become of their remains when they pass away.

During the December 21st meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, county officials heard testimony from some of those veterans expressing support for the approval of a county resolution opposing the cemetery restrictions.

John Overmiller, president of the Ruidoso Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12071, was first to address the issue.

"We're quite a few old warriors, to the point where we're interested in the cemetery," Overmiller said. "We want to go on record as saying that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12071 had 100 percent of the members vote to back up this resolution being talked about and proposed today. We're all for it," he said.

Vic Currier told the county commissioners that his family has a history of military service going to back to the days of the Civil War.

"You know, we don't ask much," Currier said. "There are 300,000 veterans within 300 miles of this building. We walk the streets quietly. We keep our mouths shut. We pay our taxes and we only ask one thing. We want honor and we want

respect. We have people in limbo, dying families, people that are sick and don't know what to do with their futures because the public and elected officials in this state will not stand up," he continued.

"We don't mind giving \$110,000,000 to some British (expletive) to put a spaceport up, but we've got a problem

when it comes to burying our veterans. I don't get that. I wake up at night, as most of my friends do, with the least little rustling of leaves, the least little footstep in the dark, and I'm awake, for you," Currier said.

"We did this thing for you. We were asked to go kill people in some of the most

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Corona School Board Election to be Held at County Clerk Office

The Corona School District Board Elections will be held in Carrizozo at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to section 1-22-6 NMSA, elections where only one candidate has filed a declaration of candidacy for each position to be filled at an election and no declared write-in candidates have filed for any position and there are no questions or bond issues on the ballot, there will be only one designated polling place that could either be in the Lincoln County Clerk's Office or in the School District. However, Section 1-22-12 provides the County Clerk shall perform the duties of the precinct board and no other precinct board shall be appointed.

To reduce the expense of conducting the election for the Corona School District, the election for School Board Members will be conducted by absentee ballot and on election day registered voters may cast their vote at the Lincoln County Clerk's Office.

Absentee voting begins at 8:00 a.m. Friday, January 7 and ends on January 28 at 5:00 p.m. Registered voters are encouraged to vote absentee, but if the voter wishes to vote on election day, February 1, 2011, they may come to the office of the county clerk between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and cast their ballot. To request an absentee ballot call the Lincoln County Clerk's Office. For more information contact the Lincoln County Clerk's Office at (800)687-2705 ext. 6 or (575)648-2394 ext. 6.



SNOWFALLS EARLIER THIS MONTH brought some much needed moisture, but did little to relieve the danger of wildfires in Lincoln County. Property owners are encouraged to check with the county manager's office or their local fire departments before igniting anything outdoors. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Feb. 1st

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MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS
--Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m.
Carrizozo School Library

TUESDAYS
--Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
--Corona Public Library story hour 4:00 p.m.

--Carrizozo First Baptist Church takes orders for Angel Food Ministries 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS
--Gambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mescalero. Call Mike at 575-682-6200 for information.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY
--Village of Corona Public Library 3 to 4 p.m. preschool story hour, stories, activities, crafts, snacks. Call Betty Ann at 849-3277 for info.

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
--Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
--Roadrunner Food Bank in Carrizozo at Assembly of God Church for general public 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
--Food pantry for those age 55 and older at Assembly of God church in Carrizozo 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
--American Legion Post #11, Wells Fargo Bank in

Carrizozo 9:00 a.m.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
--Food pantry for age 54 and younger at Assembly of God Church in Carrizozo 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14
--Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SENMEDD) Council of Governments board of directors quarterly meeting 10:00 a.m. ENMU-Roswell Campus Union Bldg.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17
Martin Luther King Jr. day, federal, state and county offices closed.

--Meet and greet candidates for Carrizozo School Board, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. city hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
--Carrizozo Planning & Zoning 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
--Carrizozo Roadrunners Extension Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Coop community room on 12th Street. Barbara Culler will present the program on animal abuse and its connection to domestic violence. Extension Association meetings are open to anyone interested. For more information contact president Barbara VanGorder at 648-9805, or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7:00 p.m. Community Church in Lincoln.

POLICY ON LETTERS TO EDITOR:

The Lincoln County News policy is that no letters to the editor will be published that contain any reference to school board elections until after the school board elections on February 1. Letters endorsing candidates must be in paid advertisements, not as letters to the editor. Candidates wishing to inform the public about any school issues are invited to purchase a paid advertisement in The News.

The News encourages all voters to ask questions and be informed before casting ballots



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Water Study . . .

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sions in the Upper Rio Hondo, and I've got the 2005 data here, are about 32,000 acre feet per year," Darr said. "That's the total amount that's taken out for use. The total depletions are what's not returned to the system in one way or another. The Bonito pipeline takes about 3,000 acre feet per year and exports that out of the basin and that's about 19 percent of the total depletions. Agriculture is the biggest water use, about 66 percent of the depletions. There's about 28 percent for lake evaporation or commercial and/or domestic use, mostly the municipal supply," he said. "The private domestic wells take anywhere from 200 to 900 acre foot per year."

Darr noted that, while municipal water use has risen, agricultural use and the number of irrigated acres of land in the basin have fallen significantly over the past 10 or 15 years.

A fairly complex monitoring system of ground water and stream flow levels will aid in identifying specific recharge zones in the underground

aquifers and potentially be useful in discovering which areas should be protected to ensure ample water for future municipal use, Darr said.

Records indicate a rise of about eight feet in underground water levels during the 1980s and 1990s, a drop of

about 17 feet following a drought period in 2003, and a four foot rise in 2008 and 2009.

The USGS will continue to expand the study until its completion date in 2014, but said the existing data will be made available to the public sometime later this year.

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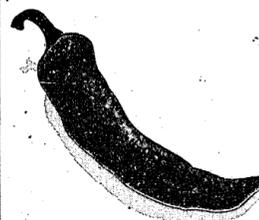
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Dec. 2-4	TBA	Magdalena Tourney	There	V/B/G
Dec. 2	4:00pm	Mescalero	Home	Mid B/G
Dec. 6	4:00pm	Cloudcroft	There	Mid B/G
Dec. 7	4:00pm	Capitan	There	JV/V B/G
Dec. 10	4:00pm	Magdalena	There	JV/V/B
Dec. 11	1:00pm	Ruidoso C	Here	JV/B/G
Dec. 14	4:00pm	Capitan	Home	Mid B/G
Dec. 16-18	TBA	Mescalero Tourney	There	V/B/G
Dec. 30	2:00pm	Cliff	Here	V/B/G
Jan. 4	4:00pm	Mountainair	There	Mid B/G
Jan. 6-8	TBA	Capitan Tourney	There	V/B/G
Jan. 10	4:00pm	Cloudcroft	Here	Mid B/G
Jan. 11	4:00pm	Capitan	Here	JV/V B/G
Jan. 13	4:00pm	Mescalero	There	JV/V B/G
Jan. 14	3:30pm	Magdalena	There	Mid B/G
Jan. 14	4:00pm	Mountainair	Here	V/G
Jan. 18	4:00pm	Ruidoso C	There	JV B/G
Jan. 18	4:00pm	Ruidoso	Here	Mid G
Jan. 20	5:00pm	Corona	There	V/B/G
Jan. 21	4:00pm	Hondo	There	Mid B/G
Jan. 22	4:00pm	Magdalena	Here	JV/V/B
Jan. 25	4:00pm	Mountainair	Here	Mid B/G
Jan. 27	4:00pm	Mescalero	Here	JV/V B/G
Jan. 28	3:30pm	Magdalena	Here	Mid B/G
Jan. 29	3:00pm	Hondo	There	JV/V B/G
Feb. 1	4:00pm	Capitan	There	Mid B/G
Feb. 1	4:00pm	Cloudcroft	There	JV/V B/G
Feb. 5	11:00pm	Mescalero	There	Mid B/G
Feb. 8	4:00pm	Hondo	Here	JV/V B/G
Feb. 11	4:00pm	*Quemado	There	JV/V B/G
Feb. 12	2:00pm	*Reserve	There	JV/V B/G
Feb. 17	4:00pm	*Quemado	Here	JV/V B/G
Feb. 26	2:00pm	*Reserve	Here	JV/V B/G
Feb. 22-27	TBA	District Tournament	TBA	V/B/G
Mar. 1-6	TBA	First Rd. State	TBA	V/B/G
Mar. 9-13	TBA	State Tournament	TBA	V/B/G

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LEGALS

VILLAGE OF CAPITAN ORDINANCE 2010-06

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PROPOSED CHANGES AND MOVING TITLE 11: SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS - CHAPTER 11 - CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS AND VIOLATIONS TO TITLE 10: BUILDING REGULATIONS - CHAPTER 3, OF THE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY
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SECTION 1. BUILDING PERMIT

Amending "Any person seeking to construct a residential or commercial structure within the Village limits must obtain a building permit from the New Mexico Construction Industries Division" to read: "Any person seeking to construct a residential or commercial structure or install a manufactured home or building within the Village limits must obtain a building permit from the Village of Capitan and the New Mexico Construction Industries Division"

SECTION 2. PERMIT FEE

Adding Section 2. Permit Fee which will include "A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the building permit from the Village of Capitan. After obtaining a building permit from the Village of Capitan, construction plans must be presented for approval..."

SECTION 3. VIOLATIONS

Amending "Violations without authorization by the Planning Commission shall bring cause for legal action by the Village to have the construction violation stopped, corrected, and/or removed, and a penalty assessed" to read "Violations without authorization by the Planning Commission shall bring cause for legal action by the Village to have the construction violation stopped, corrected, and/or removed, and shall be subject to a penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code".

Approval to move Title 11: Subdivision Regulations; Chapter 11: Construction Requirements and Violations to Title 10: Building Regulations; Chapter 3: Construction Requirements and Violations.

This ordinance as adopted shall be available for inspection in the office of the municipal clerk during regular and normal business hours of the municipal clerk. A copy of the code shall be available upon request and payment of a reasonable charge.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect on the 23rd day of December, 2010.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2010.

Sammy Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:
Kay Strickland, CMC
Village Clerk

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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.

October 18

5:05 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Hwy 48 on Angus Hill in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:54 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at business location on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

7:42 p.m. Dog reported running loose on C Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

9:19 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Pinehill Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:51 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Pinehill Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

October 19

8:50 a.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 82 on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:00 a.m. Burglary reported at location on Hwy 380 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

11:36 a.m. Medical call at residence on Sheffield in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

1:37 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on West Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:49 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

8:22 p.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported at location on Snell Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

11:19 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on rawhide in Alto, deputy dispatched.

October 20

12:21 a.m. Medical call at residence on Randle Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

1:08 a.m. Threats reported at residence on Little Big Horn in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:06 a.m. Alarm reported at business located on West Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:14 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

8:35 a.m. Medical call at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

12:12 p.m. Information report at residence on E Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

12:47 p.m. Drivers test requested at Ruidoso school parking lot at corner of Hull and Warrior Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:32 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Bonnie Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:24 p.m. Disturbance reported at intersection of CR 006 and Edna Lane in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

5:53 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Biscuit Hill in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

7:54 p.m. Suspicious activity, by person(s) in vehicle reported on Villa del Sol in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

October 21

5:33 a.m. Suspicious activity reported near mile marker 277 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

1:09 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:34 p.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Rio Arriba in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

1:48 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at ENMU parking lot in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:01 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Goldenrod Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:00 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Main Road, police dispatched.

6:12 p.m. Medical call at residence on High Mesa Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

9:19 p.m. Medical call at residence on Fifth Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

October 22

12:36 a.m. Juvenile offenses reported at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

1:13 a.m. Alarm reported at residence on Bonito in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:34 a.m. Alarm reported at business located at intersection of Cora Dutton and Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

9:58 a.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on West Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

10:53 a.m. Medical call at residence on 17th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance and emergency units dispatched.

11:08 a.m. Information report at location on Bonito Park Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:18 a.m. Information report at business located on West Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

12:15 p.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on West Grandview in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

3:08 p.m. Accident reported at Alto Post Office in Alto, deputy-dispatched.

3:56 p.m. Dog reported running loose near intersection of Main Road and Hwy 48 in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:41 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

October 26

10:12 p.m. Medical call at residence on Edna Lane in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

10:18 p.m. Medical call on Hwy 54 approximately 12 miles south of Corona, ambulance dispatched.

10:48 p.m. Telephone offenses reported at residence on Laughing Horse Trail in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:04 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Deer Park Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

October 23

3:51 a.m. Medical call at residence on Wrangler Rod in Ruidoso Downs, ALS ambulance dispatched.

11:09 a.m. B&E reported at residence on Homestead Loop in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:55 a.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:45 p.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on Reynolds Circle in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

3:14 p.m. Discharge of illegal fireworks reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

3:51 p.m. Welfare check requested at business located on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

5:35 p.m. Trespassing reported at mile marker 17 on SR 368 in Arabela, deputy dispatched.

6:20 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on Patsy Drive in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

6:57 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Crown Ridge Rod in Alto, deputy dispatched.

October 24

10:06 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hillcrest Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

3:51 p.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on C Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

3:57 p.m. Disturbance reported at mile

marker 280 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

6:29 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at residence on Mt. Capitan in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:39 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 220 and Spencer Drive in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

7:12 p.m. Suicide threat reported at residence on Quintana in Corona, deputy dispatched.

October 25

7:17 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at business located on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:24 a.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on Little Creek Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:43 a.m. Registered Sex Offender Check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) complex on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:59 a.m. Abandoned vehicle reported at mile marker 27 on Pine Lodge Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

4:29 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 60 on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo, Carrizozo fire/emergency units and deputy dispatched.

5:50 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Cora Dutton Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

6:08 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:22 p.m. Children Youth and Family Department (CYFD) referral reported at location on Calle De Placita in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

11:04 p.m. Medical call at residence on Hwy 380 in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

October 26

7:39 a.m. Warrant service at location on El Paso in Ruidoso, deputy

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

by Ruth Hammond

Broadcasters Zero In On Print Media

Once again legislation is proposed at the state level that would deprive the public from obtaining ready access to legal notices. The new legislation would no longer require public notices be published in newspapers; it states that they can simply be posted on a site created by the Broadcasters Association. People without access to a computer would be unable to get the legals.

Using a computer is not a daily action for many people; at this time only 55 percent of New Mexicans use broadband internet, ranked 45th in the nation. These percentages drop significantly in elderly, low-income, rural and minority demographics. Public Notices appearing in both online and in newspapers reach a broader audience.

The public notices in newspapers are independent, archivable, accessible and verifiable. Newspapers publish notices, websites post notices and there is a difference. Newspapers authenticate notices with publisher affidavits.

Rather than indulge in something new that, hopefully the legislature will continue with a method that is a benefit to the public. But your help is needed. If you prefer that the proposed legislation not be enacted, you must inform your legislators. Please take the time to let them know.

At this time the main concern for elected officials should be budget, not harming the public. This proposed legislation would not help any part of the budgetary situation but could muddle things to where people would be confused about things.

Governmental concerns right now involve whether movie makers should come to the state and whether schools should help with saving in certain areas. Legislators need to focus on what is more important, appeasing a splinter group or on cutting the waste. During the 60 day session this year time should be spent wisely, not frivolously.

Even if you believe you have no need for publication of legal notices, the time might arise when you and/or your family might depend on it. Please help preserve one of your most basic rights; contact legislators and ask them to not vote in favor of this extremely damaging legislation.

Despite publicity to the contrary, our newspapers are important, especially for rural areas such as Lincoln County and for readers such as you, reading the News right now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Lincoln County News welcomes letters to the editor and acknowledges that any letters printed herein represent the personal opinion of the writer, and do not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of the Lincoln County News.

To be considered for publication, all letters must be original. No copies or form letters will be used. While preference is given to letters received in digital format, typed or hand-written letters, if legible, are also considered. Letters sent by email as an attached Microsoft Word document are most preferred.

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 (exception sometimes apply).

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

Consideration will be given to letters of any length, but those of 300 words or less are preferred. All letters are subject to editing for length, grammar, spelling and reader interest.

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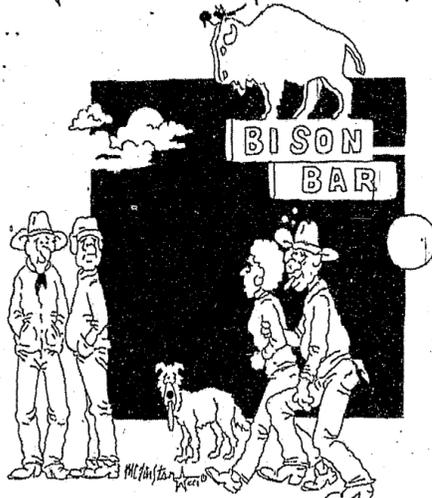
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EARL...



"I WAS MARRIED TO HIM FOR SIX MONTHS AND DIDN'T KNOW HE DRANK UNTIL ONE NIGHT HE CAME HOME SOBER..."
Big Dry Syndicate

* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

Billy Mania Good for NM

SANTA FE - Our former governor may be through with his Billy the Kid pardon deliberations but the world isn't through with Billy. We will still be hearing of him often.

And that's not bad. Billy the Kid's legend, whether accurate, or not, will long be an important commodity to New Mexico. The tourism industries in many communities are helped anywhere from partially to almost completely by stories of The Kid's exploits thereabouts.

Gov. Bill Richardson spent some time on the subject of Billy the Kid but it wasn't totally wasted as some of his detractors maintained. Helping local communities increase tourism isn't wasted time.

In fact, that's my idea of economic development. I'd much rather see our state helping businesses that already are here rather than spending millions of taxpayer and state permanent fund money going after the big boys who talk a good game but who don't have an ounce of loyalty to New Mexico.

So I'm happy to see Billy keep on riding and churning up business for this state. And that he'll do. A letter from J.P. Garrett to his family, and to selected news people, urges them not to give up the fight to assure former Sheriff Pat Garrett's good name is preserved.

My biggest problem with Gov. Richardson's involvement with Billy the Kid the past eight years was that he was playing with fire. By wanting to dig up Billy and his mother to check their DNA against pretenders, the governor and his friends said they wanted to prove Garrett did shoot Billy and that The Kid is buried in Fort Sumner.

However, all the side issues that emerged created doubt about what really happened. All but one community fought having

any digging in their cemeteries. The only place that didn't fight was the Arizona Pioneers Home.

It was a state-owned facility in Prescott. Gov. Janet Napolitano evidently figured Arizona had nothing to lose. If John Miller didn't turn out to be Billy, few would care and if he did turn out to match Catherine Antrim's DNA, it would be a huge win for Arizona.

Some lawmen from Lincoln County found a bench they said The Kid's body was laid on. They sent a DNA sample from that bench to a Texas lab for comparison with DNA from one of two bodies dug up from the Arizona cemetery.

That was over two years ago and nothing more has been heard. Several of us tried to obtain the information in order to eliminate public confusion but our requests were denied, either because it was part of a criminal investigation of who Garrett shot or that it is private information not subject to public disclosure.

So, author/historian Dr. Gale Cooper and Fort Sumner newspaper publisher Scot Stinnett went to court to obtain the information. The judge ruled the information must be released but a year has passed with no compliance.

A daylong hearing will be held on Friday, Jan. 21, in the Sandoval County District Court in Bernalillo, to determine what action should be taken for failure to follow a court order.

It is obvious why the Garrett family is interested in this information being released. It surely will show that there is no relationship between the blood on the carpenter's bench and the DNA from John Miller, and therefore Garrett didn't allow Billy to get away after being shot.

So interest in Billy the Kid will continue. During the part-

eight years that Gov. Richardson made The Kid an issue, dozens of books about Billy have been written, along with two television documentaries, numerous newspaper and magazine articles and countless Web sites and blogs.

It will all be to New Mexico's good as long as it doesn't confuse potential tourists that some of the pseudo-history about Garrett shooting someone else and/or letting Billy get away might be true.

ENJOY YOUR WEEKEND STAY WARM!

When You Have the Means

Candidates running for school board elections are working hard and it's nice to see that happening on the local scene -- it has been a while. Hope everyone puts up with the campaigning and gives each candidate asking for your vote a few minutes of your time.

Like any other elections of any kind rumors and/or gossip is flying (sic) . . . heard one last week that one of the candidates here in Carrizozo had dropped out of the race -- NOT TRUE -- no one has dropped out and don't expect anyone to do so.

Christmas and New Year holidays have come and gone and kind of glad to get back to a normal work schedule -- although those four and five day weekends sure were nice. Kids are back in school and basketball season has resumed. Lots of games coming up in the next few weeks -- check out the schedule in the NEWS for local action.

Personally not much went normal during the Christmas holidays, the one thing I did kind of miss was the annual Christmas program held at our school every year. Nice to see and hear the little ones. There are always reasons why things can't be done at times -- but it's also sad that solutions can't be forthcoming for something like that. Kind of puts things in perspective.

peter aguilar

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

There currently two low pressure systems heading towards central New Mexico in the next 3-4 days. These low pressure systems will mean warmer daytime temperatures, as well as warmer nighttime temperatures as well. Because they are both coming in from the northwest across Nevada, Utah and the Four Corners area there will not be any moisture for at least the upcoming forecast week.

The low pressure system will make for partly cloudy nights keeping the temperature a little warmer than they have been over the last week.

Expect daytime temperatures solidly in the 50s at lower levels and the high 40s at the higher elevations.

Snow conditions at Ski Apache, the current conditions for skiing are; 13 of 55 trails are open with 6 of 11 lifts operating. 26 inches of machine groomed snow at lower elevations and 24 inches of variable machine groomed at the middle and upper elevations. The most recent snowfall was on December 30.

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

Today, Thursday, January 13
Sunny, with a high near 52, north wind around 5 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25, west wind around 5 mph becoming calm.
Friday, January 14
Mostly sunny, with a high near 54, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.
Saturday, January 15
Sunny, with a high near 54, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB-2010-40
Division III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GEORGE CHARLES SHANNON, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of GEORGE CHARLES SHANNON. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of his Notice which is the 6th day of January, 2010, or within two months after mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either the undersigned Personal Representative at the Robert M. Doughty II, PC, P.O. Box 1569, Alamogordo, NM 88311-1569, or filed with the District Court for the Twelfth Judicial District, County of Otero, with a copy of the Robert M. Doughty II, PC.
Dated: 1/4/2010

EDNA MAE HASSINGER
Personal Representative

Robert M. Doughty II, Esq.
Robert M. Doughty II, PC
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 1569
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
Twelfth JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-1226-CV-201000378

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY
AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-HE6,
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2006-HE6,

Plaintiff,

v.

KAREN LAMM-BROCK; SRI, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAME ARE UNKNOWN, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN LAMM-BROCK, IF ANY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant SRI, A California Corporation.

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 120 Roswell Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Lincoln County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

The W/2 of Lot 7 and All of Lot 8, Block 8 of RUIDOSO SPRINGS, Ruidoso, Lincoln county, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, January 26, 1925.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By: Steven J Lucero
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

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 13 day of December, 2010.

Jan Perry
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Elizabeth Ysasi
Deputy

10-0007 FC01

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 29, 2010; and January 6 and 13, 2011.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on Saturday at 10:00 am, January 22 the contents of Unit #42 occupied by Robert Caughron, P.O. Box 551, Capitan, located at Storage Unites 8383 Hwy. 380, Phone 973-1025 containing various contracting tools and tool boxes will be sold at auction. Total amount due on Unit #42 is \$225.00, plus cost of notification.

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STAY WARM!

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY ASSESSOR
ORDER NO. 10-44

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS
TO REPORT CERTAIN MATTERS
RELATING TO
PROPERTY VALUATION AND
CLAIMING EXEMPTION FROM
PROPERTY TAXATION

The County Assessor hereby publishes notice to property owners, pursuant to Section 7-38-18, NMSA 1978, as follows:

1. All property subject to valuation for property taxation purposes not valued by the Assessor in 2010 for property taxation purposes must be reported to the Assessor not later than the last day of February 2011, unless it is not subject to valuation for property taxation purposes in 2011. The report must contain the required information and be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-8, NMSA 1978.

2. If you have made improvements to real property during 2010 and the improvements cost more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the improvements must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2011. The information required and the form may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-8 (C), NMSA 1978.

3. All real property owned by any nongovernmental entity and claimed to be exempt from property taxation under the provisions of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of Section 7-16-7 NMSA 1978 shall be reported for valuation purposes to the appropriate valuation authority. If a change in eligibility status or ownership of the property has changed, the change shall be reported no later than the last day of February 2011. Section 7-18-8.1 NMSA 1978.

4. If you own property that has decreased in value during 2010, and that property is subject to valuation for property taxation purposes, you must report the decrease in value to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2011. The report must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-13, NMSA 1978.

5. If you believe that your real property is entitled to head-of-family exemption, veteran exemption or disabled veteran exemption from property taxation, you must apply to the Assessor for exempt status no later than thirty (30) days after the mailing of the County Assessor's notices of valuation in order to be entitled to the exemption from taxation in 2011. Exceptions: If an exemption from taxation was in effect for 2010 and the basis of the exempt status or use is unchanged from that year, application for exemption need not be made for 2010. You have previously been granted an exemption and now have a change in ownership or status you must notify the Assessor of the change no later than the last day of February 2011 of the change. If required, application for exemption must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-17, NMSA 1978.

6. Property subject to valuation is presumed to be nonresidential and will be so recorded by the assessor unless you declare the property to be residential no later than the last day of February 2011. If your property has changed in use from residential to nonresidential or from nonresidential to residential use you must declare this status to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2011. The declaration must contain the required information and must be in a form that may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-17.1 NMSA 1978.

7. If you are a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or disabled, and whose "modified gross income" was not greater than \$32,000 in 2010 and you own and occupy a single-family dwelling you may be eligible for a limitation on the taxable value of your residence. If you think you are eligible, you should apply to the Assessor no later than thirty (30) days after the Assessor mails the notice of value for your residence. The application must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-21.3 NMSA 1978.

8. If your land was valued in 2010 in accordance with the special method of valuation for land used primarily for agricultural purposes, and the land is still used primarily for agricultural purposes, you need not reapply for that special method of valuation in 2011. If your land was valued in accordance with the special method of valuation in 2010, but it is no longer used primarily for agricultural purposes, you must report the change to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2011. If your land was not valued in accordance with that method of valuation in 2010, and it is now used primarily for agricultural purposes, you must make application on a form which has been approved from the Assessor no later than the last day February 2011. Section 7-36-20 NMSA 1978.

9. If you own "livestock" that is subject to valuation for property taxation purposes, you must report such live stock to the Assessor. All such livestock present in the county on January 1, 2011 must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2011. If the livestock is transported into the county after January 1, 2011, it must be reported to the Assessor no later than the first day of the month following the first month in which the livestock has been present in the county for twenty (20) days. The report must contain the required information and must be on forms obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-21 NMSA 1978.

10. If you own a manufactured home (than was not previously assessed) and it was present in the county on January 1, 2011, you must report it to the Assessor no later than the last day February 2011. The report must contain certain required information and must be on a form obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-26 NMSA 1978.

THIS NOTICE IS ONLY A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 7-38-8, 7-38-8.1, 7-38-13, 7-38-17, 7-38-17.1, 7-36-21.3, 7-36-20, 7-36-21, and 7-36-26 NMSA 1978, and related Taxation & Revenue Department Regulations. It is not intended to reflect the full content of these provisions, which may be examined at the office of the County Assessor.

Done this 17th day of December, 2010 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Rick Silva, Director
Property Tax Division

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
Twelfth JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No. D-1226-CV-201000137

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

v.

TATE PRUETT; KELLI PRUETT; CITY BANK NEW MEXICO; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 8, 2011 at 10:00 AM, 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 3, Block 4 of BIG COUNTRY SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, February 8, 1973, in Tube No. 478.

And all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1999 Crestridge, Model AMA, Doublewide, License No. 83056MHA, VIN No. CRH2TX01901AB

Which Property is more commonly described as 144 Valley View Drive, Capitan, NM 88316.

The address of the real property is 144 Valley View Drive, Capitan, NM 88316. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 9, 2010 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 \$94,062.83 plus interest from September 9, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.00% 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 rights of redemption.

Peter Baca
Special Master
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Attorney for Plaintiff
(800) 286-0013; (505) 848-9500

08-0995 FC01

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LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico
Notice of Adoption of Resolution

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in Resolution No. R2010-18, duly adopted and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico, on January 10, 2011. A complete copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the Town Clerk, 400 9th Street, in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The title of the Resolution is:

TOWN OF CARRIZOSO, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. R2010-18

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CARRIZOSO, NEW MEXICO (THE "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT") AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY, EVIDENCING A SPECIAL, LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT TO PAY A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$213,150 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW SERVICE TRUCK FOR USE BY THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT'S FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PAYING A LOAN PROCESSING FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE UNDER THE LOAN AGREEMENT SOLELY FROM THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE TREASURER TO THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 59A-53-7, NMSA 1978; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FIRE PROTECTION FUND REVENUES TO BE REDIRECTED BY THE STATE TREASURER TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OR ITS ASSIGNS FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE ON THE LOAN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO AN INTERCEPT AGREEMENT; APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS OF, AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT; SETTING THE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE OF THE LOAN; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND INTERCEPT AGREEMENT.

A general summary of the subject matter of the Resolution is contained in its title. This notice constitutes compliance with Section 6-14-6, NMSA 1978.

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County Receives Compensation Study

(Continued from Page 1)

of overall responsibility and requirements, so for the purpose of collecting data, I classified them as a deputy clerk," he said.

In the process of the study, Yermal said, he reviewed at each of the county's departments, looking for commonalities among job classifications to see if some positions could be consolidated into a single compensation class.

"The other advantage that creates for us is that it provides consistency among those classifications in terms of how you administer and price them," he told the county commissioners.

Yermal said that he collected data of not only classified employees but also for positions filled by appointment and carrying a salary determined by an elected official, or body of elected officials, as in the case of a county manager. The salaries of appointed positions were included primarily for information purposes, he added.

The study for the county included a review of 40 separate job classifica-

tions used by the county, and Yermal said he was able to find sufficient job matches among the other organizations surveyed for 30 of those positions, providing actual data for comparison to 75 percent of the county's job classifications. He said he considered any position that had a mid-point salary that fell within 10 percent above or below the outside market's mid-point salary for that position to be acceptable with regards to market comparison.

"When you look at those 30 job classifications, just over 22, or 73 percent, were within the market," Yermal said. "None were below the market by greater than 10 percent, and there eight that we identified to be above the market average mid-point."

Each of the county's 40 job classifications is also divided into pay grades with a three percent difference in base salary from grade to grade.

Regarding the 25 percent of Lincoln County's classified

positions for which Yermal could find no market equivalent, comparisons were made to positions within the "job family" or with similar occupational responsibilities.

"For example, the very first one I described was the finance director, which is appropriately graded at a 28. The market suggests a 29, but that's no change in job grade. So the job that I linked to that was the finance officer," Yermal continued. "It's similar in function at least in the case of one finance officer in reporting the relationship to the finance director. The finance officer is currently graded a 26, a couple grades below the finance director, so on the basis of the finance director data, I made the conclusion that the finance officer was appropriately graded," he said.

Yermal said additional data was gathered in the assessment of the employee classification structure in county departments headed by elected officials. Those officials were asked to complete a position description questionnaire.

"Within the clerk's and the treasurer's offices there were essentially two levels of positions, currently graded in grade 14 and the senior position in a grade 17," Yermal said. "Based on both my analysis of the position content and the market data, that relationship seemed to make sense."

He continued by saying that the assessor's office went off the rails a little in comparison to the offices of the clerk and treasurer.

"There were essentially two levels of position in administrative support within the assessor's office. Within the current structure, they're graded 16 and 22. I couldn't find sufficient market data to support those levels," Yermal said. "The market data that I found tended more to support the same relationship that exists in the clerk's and the treasurer's office, a 14-17 kind of relationship."

Yermal told the county commissioners that the fact that some employee positions are

graded slightly higher than the market value, and because county employees received a salary increase in July of last year, it suggested to him that "Lincoln County is probably good for awhile" in keeping salary levels current with market levels.

"It would not be necessary to adjust structure to attract and retain people for several years," Yermal said.

In looking at the health insurance and retirement benefits of Lincoln County employees, Yermal noted that the county picks-up 80 percent of the employees' premium costs, compared to a market average of 79.5 percent. In participating in the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), Lincoln County covers 9.5 percent of the employee contribution, while the market average is slightly more than 14 percent.

"What accounts for that difference is

that, in many public sector entities over the past number of years, employers have begun to pay a portion of the employee's contribution to that retirement plan," Yermal said. "Even though your pay ranges might be slightly higher in some instances, the reality is that within that group of comparative employers, their employers are picking up almost five percent more of the employee's contribution to the retirement plan."

Most of the recommendations offered by Yermal deal with consolidation of some position classifications, utilizing market value based data in establishing pay levels and when creating new positions and maintaining consistency and equity through a fully developed compensation structure.

County commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked that, the board members be given some time to evaluate the study completed by

Yermal before providing recommendations or comments.

County manager Tom Stewart said that, essentially, he got it.

"I think that (Yermal's) words that Lincoln County is in good shape for awhile are key," Stewart said. "As we look out to the future pay increases, we kind of work that into a long range plan of reclassifying without any adverse impact to the currently serving employees, or any unfair advantage to any currently serving employees."

In response to a question from outgoing county commissioner Don Williams, Yermal said he thought that, if the county commissioners had not approved a six percent raise for employees last July, Lincoln County would be somewhat behind now in overall competitiveness.

County commissioner Jackie Powell commented that the small business owners in her district and much of Lincoln County aren't able to compensate their employees at the levels represented in the study, and most aren't able to afford any assistance with employee healthcare insurance or retirement packages.

Weather Report . . .

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Sunday, January 16
Mostly sunny, with a high near 54, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Monday, January 17
Mostly sunny, with a high near 56, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Tuesday, January 18
Mostly sunny, with a high near 53, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26

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

Today, Thursday, January 13
Sunny, with a high near 49; northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22, west wind around 5 mph.

Friday, January 14
Mostly sunny, with a high near 49, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Saturday, January 15
Sunny, with a high near 48, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Sunday, January 16
Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Monday, January 17
Mostly sunny, with a high near 49, night: Partly cloudy,

with a low around 31.
Tuesday, January 18
Mostly sunny, with a high near 47, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

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 follow the directions.

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.

THANK YOU

--The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous donations this holiday season. Without the help of these sponsors Santa could not have made his annual Christmas visits to home bound seniors, the New Horizons Developmental Center, and the children of Carrizozo.

- *The Title Company
- *No Scum Allowed Salon
- *Otero County Electric Coop.
- *Billy Stephenson-Stephenson Ranch
- *GSV Title
- *Sears
- *J&M House Keeping Service
- *Carrizozo Animal Clinic
- *Judy Fitzpatrick Clutter Consultant
- *Superior Title Company
- *Tierra Verde Properties
- *Denton Colvin
- *Carrizozo Valero
- *Carrizozo Allsup's
- *Antique Liquidators
- *City Bank New Mexico
- *Gallery 408
- *Ruidoso Walmart Super Center
- *Old Town Market
- *Ned's Plumbing & Remodeling
- *Ortiz Auto Sales
- *Gift Gallery
- *SherryHayne Photography
- *Lincoln County News

VOTE FOR
BILLIE-JO GUEVARA
SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE
POSITION #2
'Your Vote is Greatly Appreciated'



CARD OF THANKS
The family of Jim Penrod would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, and flowers that were given when Jim passed away.
Mary Penrod
Jim & Mary Penrod Jr. & family
Susan & Bobby Henry
Gayle Penrod
David Crambell & family
Becky and Junior Hill & family
Linda and Nico Najjar & family
Velerie and Ted Pickett & family

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009
HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(Continued from Page 6)

Teacher Quality					
Percent of Teachers Teaching with Emergency or Provisional Credentials:		Statewide:	0.00%	District:	0.00%
Core Classes Not Taught by Highly Qualified Teacher		Statewide	District		
High Poverty Schools	1.57%	0.00%			
Low Poverty Schools	1.41%	0.00%			
Statewide	22020	58.1	41.3	1.7	
Districtwide	19	57.9	42.1	0.0	
HONDO ELEMENTARY	9	88.9	11.1	0.0	
HONDO HIGH	12	33.3	66.7	0.0	

Teacher totals may differ because of district assignments. NDA = No data available

Parent Survey on the Quality of Education
The Quality of Education Survey is provided annually to all parents statewide. These 10 questions are required by state regulation.

- Q1. My child is safe at school.
- Q2. My child's school building is in good repair and has sufficient space to support quality education.
- Q3. My child's school holds high expectations for academic achievement.
- Q4. School personnel encourage me to participate in my child's education.
- Q5. The school offers adequate access to up-to-date computers and technologies.
- Q6. School staff maintains consistent discipline, which is conducive to learning.
- Q7. My child has an adequate choice of school-sponsored extracurricular activities.
- Q8. My child's teacher provides sufficient and appropriate information regarding my child's academic progress.
- Q9. The school staff employs various instructional methods and strategies to meet my child's needs.
- Q10. My child takes responsibility for his or her learning.

Question	Strongly Disagree (%)	Disagree (%)	Agree (%)	Strongly Agree (%)	Do Not Know (%)	No Opinion (%)
Districtwide
HONDO ELEMENTARY
HONDO HIGH

(NDA) = No data available

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Sheriff's Report . . .

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dispatched.
 7:49 a.m. Civil dispute reported at location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 9:31 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Lakeshore Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 10:00 a.m. Dog reported running loose at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 10:59 a.m. Domestic battery reported at location on Quintana in Corona, deputy dispatched.
 12:53 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 12:54 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Barcroft in Capitan, police dispatched.
 2:20 p.m. Registered Sex Offender Check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 2:23 p.m. Registered Sex Offender Check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 3:01 p.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Jose Vega Loop in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 3:16 p.m. Suspicious activity reported on Water Canyon Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 7:01 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on Skyline Trail in Alto, Bonito emergency units and multiple deputies dispatched.
 9:55 p.m. Traffic offenses reported on West Second Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
October 27
 9:37 a.m. Burglary in progress reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 10:13 a.m. Embezzlement reported at business located on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 11:39 a.m. Registered Sex Offender Check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 11:58 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Carrizozo police at location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 1:41 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Bonito Lake Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
 6:20 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Doe Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.
October 28
 9:28 a.m. Fire reported at mile marker 2 on Hwy 220 in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.
 9:40 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 11:16 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mount Capitan in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 3:07 p.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Clinic on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 4:03 p.m. Medical call/ambulance transfer to Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance from call originating at Carrizozo Health Center, ambulance dispatched.
 7:00 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Mountain View in Capitan, police dispatched.
 8:35 p.m. Medical call at Corona School in Corona, ambulance dispatched.
 9:47 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
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October 29
 1:55 a.m. Suicide reported at residence on Placitas in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 4:57 a.m. Alarm reported at business located on West Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
 7:12 a.m. Dog reported running loose at mile marker 92 on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.
 8:32 a.m. Medical call at residence on Airport Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 9:09 a.m. Funeral escort requested at Gateway Church on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:32 a.m. Prisoner transport requested at LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 11:51 a.m. Medical call at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 55 north of Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 12:06 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on West Fourth Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
 4:19 p.m. Medical call at residence on Grizzle Bear Road, emergency units and ambulance dispatched.
 4:53 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
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Burial Resolution Approved . . .

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ridiculous places in the world, and we did it by the millions and we did a good job. We came back and we closed our

mouths. We turned our guns and our knives in, after all the things we were taught by our people. To do what?" he

asked. "To not have a place to be buried in peace? We're only asking for two lousy, stinking places in the desert.

We want to be buried together. We want our families with us. It's not that we're disrespecting the rest of the public,

it's just that we and our families understand what we've been through. This state has got to get turned around on this subject. We're not asking much. There's just a handful of us. They want to preserve Fort Stanton for the World War I guys. I

don't get that; they're dead. They're buried. They want to reserve it for the Merchant Marines. Anybody in here know of a live Merchant Marine seaman?" he asked. "They're dead. They're buried. So now what's the excuse for the other land laying out there vacant?"

Carrier questioned the estimate of \$300,000 annually to maintain the cemetery grounds, saying that was "absolutely nuts"

"Give me the \$300,000. I'll go put it in an endowment. I will pay for two guys, a couple of rakes and a lawnmower, and some whitewash to keep the grave markers clean, and I'll do it every year out of the same \$300,000," he suggested. "This is just nonsense and I hope you stand up for it and take care of it," he told the county commissioners.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution requesting a procedure for the burial of all veterans and their eligible family members at the Fort Stanton Cemetery.

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