

County Protests Wilderness Designations by Secretarial Order

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners have joined several western counties by approving a resolution that protests "Secretary Order 3310" that purports to create new wilderness areas on federal lands.

At their regular "continued" meeting of March 21 county commissioner Mark Doth, who had requested the resolution, said the US Department of Interior Secretary's order 3310, Establishing Wild Lands, continues to be a problem for Lincoln County.

"Here we are fighting the government," Doth said in support of the resolution. Doth said the Wilderness Alliance is intent to close access to all public lands.

"It makes my blood boil," he said about the Alliance, that has filed lawsuits to force issues of no roads, no logging, no mining, no energy development.

County commission chair Eileen Sedillo said this was a soapbox for her.

Resolution 2010-24 "Protesting Secretary Order 3310 Establishing Wild Lands" protests

any action by secretarial order to create new wilderness areas on federal lands, "when that authority rests exclusively with the Congress of the United States."

The resolution states that lands identified for "wilderness study areas" (WSA) by the Bureau of Land Management are managed...until Congress either designates them part of the National Wilderness Preservation System, or releases them to multiple use management.

The resolution states the Secretary Order 3310 is inconsis-

tent with many local land use plans and the County of Lincoln "supports multiple use of federal lands, and the socio-economic benefits that accrue to state and local governments and the citizens they represent."

"Existing land use designations and the current and historical management practices have been more than adequate, to maintain the existing naturalness and solitude through the protection of scenic vistas and identification of special management areas or Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

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THIS IS WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK, and Fire Danger is High in the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, a condition created by a very dry winter with less than 52 inches of snow on Sierra Blanca, no precipitation since the first days of February and now high winds and warming temperatures. Last week, the Lincoln County manager called for a temporary ban on outdoor burning. Residents and visitors are urged to be very careful in disposing hot fireplace ashes—in a closed metal container until cold, to smoke only in an enclosed vehicle or building, and to avoid parking a hot vehicle in tall grass, as the hot catalytic converter can cause dry grass to smolder, then burn. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

Capitan Tables Subdivision Ordinance Changes

Citizens Protest Changes Came Too Quickly

by Doris Cherry

After residents cited the proposed changes to the Capitan village subdivision ordinance that would allow one acre lots as coming too quickly with no consideration by the village planning committee, Capitan trustees voted to table the changes until they get more review.

At their meeting Tuesday, March 15, village trustee Bobby LaMay made the first comments in the public hearing on the proposed ordinance by saying while he was all for growth, his concern was there was no recommendation from the village planning committee about the proposed changes.

Residents who spoke against approval of the ordinance amendments that night had a common theme that the proposed changes were being pushed through too quickly, and some said to accommodate a developer.

One resident was concerned about the availability of water to serve the smaller lots, another thought the village should take care of the properties that are surrounded by the village and whose owners have asked to be annexed.

Resident Pearl Tippin asked why the proposed changes could not wait until there is more research by the planning committee, for example, the concerns that the proposed new subdivision is in a flood plain.

Tippin commented that a subdivision will not bring in enough property taxes to pay for the added need for police, water and sewer. She advocated the village begin a Master Plan to help guide future developments.

Residents Virginia Jones, Lynn Storey and Ruth Thompson also commented against approving the ordinance that night, mostly because the proposed changes were being pushed through too quickly.

Jones also advocated the idea of Master Plan.

Resident Raynene Greer was

concerned about the village having enough water to serve additional lots.

The sole supporter of the proposed changes who commented was resident James Taylor, who was raised in the area. "I've seen a lot of people come into Capitan who want to keep it as it was," Taylor said. "We need to see progress in this village, and the only way we are going to see progress is with more businesses. That is why we need smaller commercial lots for businesses that will bring in more gross receipt taxes for the village."

Taylor added that the costs to develop the properties with streets, water/sewer lines and so on will be on the developer, not the village. LaMay responded that the village has no ordinance that distinguishes between commercial and residential properties. (The village does not have a zoning ordinance.) LaMay said he wanted to wait until the village attorney—state representative Zack Cook—was back from the legislative session and could help with the residential-commercial issue. "Zack suggested we vote on these proposed ordinance changes, and get it done," mayor Hammons said.

"Right now we can't say something is residential or commercial because that would be spot zoning, and that is illegal." Trustee Diane Riska asked what the Planning Committee wanted to do with the proposed changes.

LaMay said the committee wanted to wait until Cook was able to meet with them, and clearance from the New Mexico Environment Department about the size of a lot to have a septic system. "We're talking one acre lots," LaMay said about the proposed changes. NMED requires at least 3/4 of an acre for a septic system, however the topography and geology of the lots can increase the need for a larger size. Riska said she thought they should do away with the paragraph in the ordinance that sets lot sizes. "I think this is open because we have no zoning," she added. NMED official Jack King said the state rules require lots to be at least 3/4 of an acre if the soils can accept a convention septic system. He said he had recommended to the county a minimum lot size of two acres

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Trinity Site Open Saturday, April 2

Trinity Site will be open to the public Saturday, April 2.

Trinity Site is where the first atomic bomb was tested at 5:29:45 a.m. Mountain War Time on July 16, 1945. The 19 kiloton explosion not only led to a quick end to the war in the Pacific but also ushered the world

into the atomic age.

Included on the Trinity Site tour is Ground Zero where the atomic bomb was placed on a 100-foot steel tower. A small monument now marks the spot. Visitors also see the McDonald ranch house where the world's first plutonium core for a bomb was

assembled.

Trinity Site is on the White Sands Missile Range. The missile range provides historical photographs and a Fat Man bomb casing for display. There are no ceremonies or speakers.

A valid drivers license proving U.S. citizenship and proof of current auto insurance coverage for your vehicle are required.

Those planning to visit Trinity Site should have a full tank of fuel and a spare tire because there are no facilities on the range on the way to Trinity Site.

You must carry a picture ID on you while on the range.

Cameras are allowed at Trinity Site but their use is strictly prohibited anywhere else on White Sands Missile Range.

Trinity Site is located on the northern end of the 3,200-square-mile White Sands Missile Range between the towns of Carrizozo and Socorro.

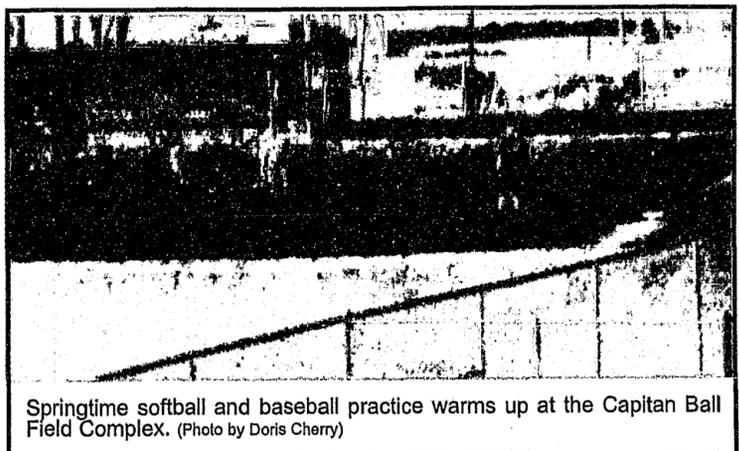
There are two ways of entering the restricted missile range on tour days:

Visitors can enter through the

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LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST Smokey Bear District new ranger David Warnack introduces himself to the Lincoln County Commission during their continued meeting Monday, March 21. Warnack comes to Lincoln County from Silver City, where he was involved with collaborative restoration efforts in the Gila National Forest. Prior to his station in Silver City, Warnack was in Catron County where he spent much of his career working on the Continental Divide Trail. He plans to work with the county and asked that he have a standing agenda item to provide monthly reports and updates about the activities on the Smokey Bear Ranger District. His wife and three children will join him in Lincoln County once the children finish the school year in Silver City. (Photo by Doris Cherry)



Springtime softball and baseball practice warms up at the Capitan Ball Field Complex. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

Looking Back

'Through Our Old Files'

As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 106th year of being in existence, we will be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following article appeared in the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS on . . .

Friday, November 16, 1956

Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

Tape Recorded Interviews With People Who Helped Build Lincoln County

(An account of territorial life at Fort Stanton, Tularosa and the Mescalero Indian Agency, in a tape recording made at the Old Lincoln Court House Museum. It has been learned to the NEWS through the courtesy of John Boylan, curator.)

NELLIE ZAMORA

My name is Nellie Zamora. I was born October 18, 1877, at the Old Fort Stanton. My father was Lt. Charles McVey. He was a lieutenant quartermaster at Fort Stanton before he married my mother. My mother was a singer and he used to take her over to Fort Stanton to entertain at parties given by the officers. This was when my father fell in love with my mother and married her.

My father came with a column of soldiers from California to Fort Stanton to protect the settlers. Some of the other soldiers were Murphy, Dolan and Fritz. Murphy was my father's best friend.

My father married my mother after he came to Fort Stanton. After he was mustered out, he ran the butcher shop there.

Besides the two companies of soldiers at Fort Stanton there was the quartermaster and a laundry run by Chinese. They used to have Chinese silks for sale and they made nice things too -- shawls, hankies and big fans. They all smelled so nice -- like perfume.

My mother's name was Clara Stapleton. My grandfather was a soldier too. He was a general in the Army and after the war he caught everything that the government condemned. He had lots of homes to take care of, in Santa Fe and other places. At first he didn't like the Spanish people but later he came to like them very much.

My mother was blind from the time she was 13 years old. The doctor told her parents that she should take up music so she wouldn't be so lonesome. She was very independent and didn't want anybody to take her out because she said she was not a horse to be led.

She first learned to play the guitar, but after that she could play anything she could lay her hands on -- the piano, accordion, organ, and the big 62-string French harp. She was also a very good singer and everyone wanted her to play the guitar and sing in Spanish at the weddings.

I spent my early years at Fort Stanton. After that we went to the Torres Ranch. John Hurley was living here; also a lady we called Bronco Sue. She was a nice lady. I remember her real well. She used to go horseback riding all the time.

When I was a little girl at Fort Stanton my grandmother told me a little bit about Billy the Kid and I remember my father taught me to say in front of company that Billy the Kid was my sweetheart. I don't remember much about my father as I was too young when he passed away.

When I was 15 I was married to Jose Gomez in the old court house in Lincoln. We were married by Jose Cordova. He is the same Jose Cordova who had the ranch over in the Capitan Gap. It was through his ranch that Billy the Kid went when he escaped from the court house in Lincoln. Jose Cordova was justice of the peace here in Lincoln for many, many years. When he quit I think Francisco Gomez got the job.

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County Protests Wilderness Designations . . .

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(ACEC)," the resolution states.

The resolution states that "Secretary Order 3310 is a major federal action and has not been subjected to the NEPA analysis with a public process and Local Governments participation as cooperators in its development."

The resolution concludes by stating the County of Lincoln strongly opposes Secretary Order 3310 on the basis that it is beyond scope and contrary to the clear delineation of authority between the Congress and the Department of Interior and that it has been adopted without respect for mandatory procedures."

Also at the meeting, county commissioners discussed federal land issue with new Smokey Bear Ranger District ranger David Warnack.

The issue the Forest Service's requirement for a property owner to obtain a special use permit for a 250 yard road/driveway across forest land to access the owner's pre-1900 homesteaded property.

The commission had requested its Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (LANRAC) to research on the "RS 2477" claim for County Road C-007 and the Cox payment of \$61 per year for a permit.

The county attorney had advised the LANRAC that an RS 2477 claim could cost \$50,000 to \$100,000 in legal expenses for filing and proving the claims in federal court.

With that information, LANRAC made five recommendations: to write letters to each federal legislator expressing concern for the Roadless Initiative and associated Travel Management Plans, and a separate letter regarding the Secretary of Interior's executive order 3310; gain a commitment from the District Ranger not to close any currently traveled road without at least six month's notice, or as soon as the need to close the access is identified; request RC&D or GIS to compare the county roads that are identified on the County Road map with those roads indicated on the Smokey Bear Ranger District "Motor Vehicle Use Map" dated January 2011, to identify any disconnects where roads may have been closed or dropped; involve in the defense of current RS 2477 related access, the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties, NM Federal Land Council, NM Farm and Livestock Bureau, and the Cattle Growers; reiterate at every opportunity the county's position.

County chair Sedillo commended the LANRAC, as they were all good recommendations, but was concerned about the commitment to

not close roads.

Doth agreed, considering the current forest fire danger. "It may not be feasible to not close roads without six months notice," Doth said. "We may be facing total closure of the forest very soon due to the fire danger."

Sedillo said her concerns for closures dealt with roads needed to reach homes.

County manager Tom Stewart said he and staff had plotted all the county roads in the Smokey Bear Ranger District and found that none had been closed. He advised he would continue to monitor the forest service maps as they come out.

Stewart said he was encouraged with the new forest ranger and his intent to provide month-

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Veterans may be eligible for a property tax exemption. If you were in the Armed Forces and do not claim an exemption on your property you may be eligible. You must be a New Mexico resident to claim this exemption.

Property Owners -- If you own your home and are the primary resident you may be eligible for a Family Exemption which will reduce your taxable value on your property which may reduce your property taxes.

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Trinity Site Open . . .

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range's Stallion Range Center which is five miles south of Highway 380. The turnoff is 12 miles east of San Antonio, N.M., and 53 miles west of Carrizozo. The Stallion gate will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors arriving at the gate between those hours will receive handouts and will be allowed to drive unescorted the 17 miles to Trinity Site. The road is paved and marked.

The other way of entering the missile range is by travelling with a caravan sponsored by the Alamogordo (N.M.) Chamber of Commerce. The caravan forms at the Tularosa High School Football Field parking lot around 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. and leaves at 8:00 a.m. Visitors entering this way will travel as an escorted group with military police to and from Trinity Site. The drive is 144 miles round trip. There are no service station facilities on the missile range. The caravan is scheduled to leave Trinity Site around 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. for the return to Alamogordo. The caravan may leave later if there is a large number of vehicles in the returning caravan.

Trinity Site is open to the public only two days a year, the first Saturday in April and the first Saturday in October.

For more information, contact the White Sands Missile Range Public Affairs Office at (505) 678-1134/1700.

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Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 7:00 p.m.
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Capitan Sacred Heart . . . 8:30 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 10:30 a.m.
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EDITORIALS and OTHER STUFF

THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

by Ruth Hammond

When in Doubt, What Do You Do?

Some supposedly sage advice given by oldsters to the younger generation through the years may be confusing. One saying, and it has not been verified as to where this saying came from, was "When in doubt, punt" which might be fine for football players, but what about others?

How in the world would an elderly person, possibly a great grandmother, punt? That is if an elderly great grandmother even knows what a punt is. It could be kicking a football, but that does not in any way apply to life. And if understanding is the key, why use the term punt when talking about life? But wait, there is another possibility.

One possibility is that there is more than one definition for punt. According to the dictionary, a punt is a flat bottomed boat, which would need to be in water to be of any use. Another definition for punt is to lay a bet on a game of chance.

Rather than decide which of these terms to consider when choosing to punt, don't you think there should be a logical explanation? The first that comes to mind is that it depends on where you are and what you are doing as to how you will or won't follow up on the "punt" choice you have.

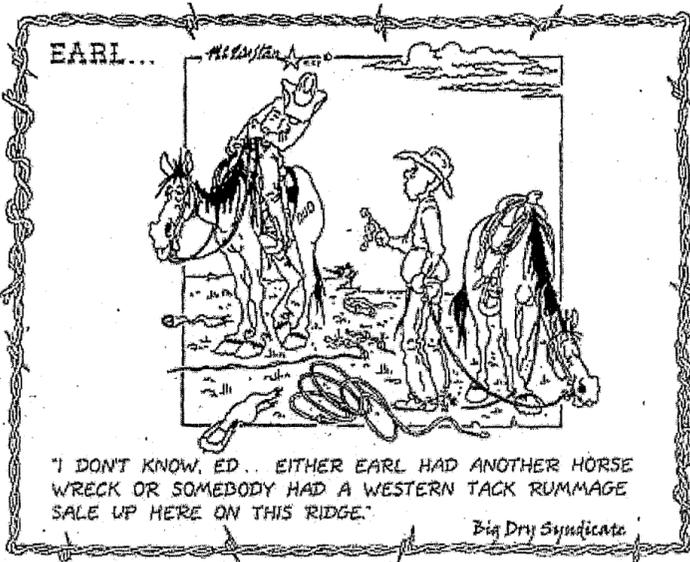
The other possibility is that this saying was never intended to be sage advice but was taken out of context. Not paying attention to what happened in advance of the saying has as much to do with the outcome as ignoring everything.

Fortunately, not all tidbits of advice given to youngsters is followed. Makes a person wonder why give advice to youngsters if they don't listen but we have all heard it. Parents tell their children to not make the same mistakes they (the parents) made but children don't listen. And why should they? The old folks survived and learned and why shouldn't youngsters have the same chance?

And regardless, each person has to learn for themselves, not from someone else's mistakes and mishaps. And that makes life interesting.

Learning about things is an experience that involves listening, comprehending, and often analyzing. It involves using skills and putting them to use. It also takes common sense to differentiate between what is worthwhile and what to discard.

Learning which bits of sage advice should be kept and which to toss is what newly elected officials are going through. Should they punt?



* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- A column last year mentioned the politics of Santa Fe being on, then off, Route 66 in the early days of the road. I admitted most of my information came from old timers reminiscences and invited readers to help straighten me out.

And did I ever get straightened out about how Route 66 got straightened out. Every reader I heard from added something to the story.

Here's how it all seems to come together: In 1926, the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads mapped out a national highway system by cobbling together a maze of existing roads, most of them unpaved. They were pulled together to become highways designated by specific numbers.

All across the nation, states and towns clamored to get the highway system to pass through their areas. The politics everywhere was big time because it meant increased commerce.

Route 66 came into New Mexico from the east, passing through Tucumcari and Santa Rosa. Seven miles west of Santa Rosa the road ended its western path and headed north along present Highway 84 almost to Las Vegas. There it turned west again to Santa Fe.

Some accounts say Route 66 circled the Santa Fe plaza. Another source says it turned a block short at Water Street, headed west to Cerrillos Road and south from there, down the treacherous La Bajada Hill to Albuquerque.

The highway entered Albuquerque on 4th street. Here again, there is disagreement. Some accounts say it turned right on Central Avenue and headed West again.

Others say it continued south to Los Lunas and then angled northwest along the route that now is State Road 6 to join the existing road 25 miles west of Albuquerque.

Another road headed east from Albuquerque to Moriarty. But there was no effort to connect Moriarty to Santa Rosa because Santa Fe politicians wanted the road to

come through their city. The detour added some 90 miles and four hours to the trip across the state.

Gov. A.T. Hannett, saw the need for connecting Santa Rosa and Moriarty and continued to press the subject at his own political peril. He was defeated for reelection in November 1926 and he blamed the Santa Fe politicians and business community.

As revenge, Hannett marshaled all the equipment and personnel of the Highway Department from throughout the state during his last month in office.

Crews worked from both ends of the 69-mile stretch. They worked double shifts through snow, bitter cold and some sabotage. They didn't even take off for Christmas day. And they finished.

According to one story, the crews ended up with a couple of extra days. The new governor, Richard Dillon, sent his new engineer to stop the construction on Jan. 1 but the weather was bad so he didn't get there until Jan. 3, just in time to see the road opened

to traffic. Dillon was so impressed by the achievement that he kept all the laborers on the state payroll. Those were the days when a new administration meant a total turnover of employees.

Even though Route 66 has been replaced by the Interstate system, it still is celebrated as the Mother Road that brought Midwesterners to the Promised Land of California. It is claimed to be the most fabled highway in the world.

And it refuses to die. The Route 66 Association of New Mexico held its first-ever Route 66 Motor Tour of New Mexico last year. Each community along the way joined in the festivities with car shows, live music, vendors, entertainment and food.

The event was not a race. Participants were free to stop wherever and whenever. All types of vehicles were invited -- autos, motorcycles, travel trailers, bicycles, classic to contemporary.

The tour began in Tucumcari with registration, then heads west, ending in Gallup.

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

Lincoln County is currently under fire watch due to the lack of any measurable moisture for over a month and a half, a trend that will continue for probably the next couple months.

The forecast for Lincoln County for the upcoming week is for a HOT weekend. Daytime temperatures will be from the high 70s to low 90s, with nighttime temperatures ranging from the mid 30s to low 50s.

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

Today, Thursday, March 31

Sunny, with a high near 78, calm winds becoming west between 10 and 15 mph, night: Clear, with a low around 41, north wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, April 1, April Fools Day

Sunny, with a high near 79, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50.

Saturday, April 2

Sunny, with a high near 81, night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 51.

Sunday, April 3

Mostly sunny and windy, with a high near 75; night: Partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 37.

Monday, April 4

Mostly sunny, with a high near 65; night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Tuesday, April 5

Mostly sunny, with a high near 74; night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:
Today, Thursday, March 31

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor -- At the last Carrizozo town council meeting, the trustees chose not to pass a resolution that supports the film industry. This is the same resolution that Capitan, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs did pass. I question whether the trustees were voicing the desires of Carrizozo residence or their own views. If the town chose to reject the resolution because they believe the film incentive is wrong, or does not benefit the state, that is one thing and I can understand that, although I disagree. However that is not the reason the resolution was rejected. I admit I was not at the meeting but this is what has been reported to me.

Trustee Dusty Voss said the town did not benefit from the filming of "the Book of Eli" it had cost the town rather than giving businesses a boost and he was opposed to supporting film. How absurd. There were people at the meeting who stood up and spoke about how the film had helped them get through the winter. The motels and restaurants and residents all benefited. The town film liaison spoke admirably about the good that had been done, and the positive reputation that Carrizozo had gained and how this was good economic development for the town.

Representative Dennis Kintigh, who for the last three years has proposed eliminating the film incentives altogether, is helping Carrizozo and the county with some projects within the town. It would be unfortunate if the town trustees and the Mayor felt they could not pass this resolution so as to stay in the good graces of the Representative, and indeed last year I was told that it did no good to ruffle the feathers of our legislative leaders. Well excuse me but they work for us, and the day we need to worry about them not doing their job because there is disagreement about particular views, is the time those representatives need to be replaced, not kowtowed to. This is not an admonition of Representative Kintigh, but rather to those who feel they need to curry favor in order to get anything done in government. I am not completely naive, I know how things work, and I know how things get done, but let us not fear those whom we have entrusted our lives, and livelihoods to.

Despite anyone's views, when the next film comes to Lincoln County, the county will benefit. People will be paid, hotel rooms rented, materials purchased, and taxes paid. I do not see how anyone can oppose that.

Dirk Norris
Oscura, New Mexico

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. CV-10-326
Div. III

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico
Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,

-v-

ROBERT GONZALES and MIRNA GONZALES,
Defendants.

**SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDED
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on April 6, 2011, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer for public sale the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

Lots 20 and 21, Block 1, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Reorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive.

The real property described above is unimproved.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on November 18, 2010, in an action for collection of Plaintiff's Promissory Note and foreclosure of Plaintiff's Mortgage.

Plaintiff's Default Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property to satisfy the following Judgment liens:

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Principal, interest and late fees through 04/06/11----- | \$50,491.30 |
| Costs of suit----- | 584.85 |
| Attorney fees----- | 2,394.15 |
| Special Master's fee----- | 325.87 |
| | \$53,796.17 |

In addition to the judgment liens referred to above, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Special Master may continue the date of sale without republishing the Notice of Sale by appearing on the date and at the time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

/s/ Sarah Prothro
Sarah Prothro, Special Master

LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: /s/ Lee Griffin

Lee Griffin
1044 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(575) 258-9404
Attorney for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
Cause No. CV-2010-317 Div. III
Honorable Karen L. Parsons presiding

BONNIE O'LEARY, CONNIE HEWITT,
and ANNA BOSTIC,
Plaintiffs,

v.

SHARA D. GURULE,
MARY JANE MOSELEY,
THE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE M. BARLOW, a/k/a
CHARLOTTE M. MOSELEY,
and
THE ESTATE OF ALAN W. MOSELEY, Deceased,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of April, 2011, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Twelfth Judicial District Court located at 300 Central in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all right, title and interest of the Defendants, SHARA D. GURULE, MARY JANE MOSELEY, THE ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE M. BARLOW, a/k/a/ CHARLOTTE M. MOSELEY, and THE ESTATE OF ALAN W. MOSELEY, Deceased, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash.

The property to be sold is situate in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 75A, Block 1-A, PALMER GATEWAY SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Replat of Lot 75, less and excepting the West 12.0', Block 1-A, Palmer Gateway Subdivision, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County,

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WITH
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New Mexico on August 1, 2000 in Cabinet G, Slide No. 714, as amended by Affidavit recorded January 7, 2003 in said records in Book 301, page 1023.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order for Sale, and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on the 2nd day of March, 2011 in an action for collection of a Foreclosure of a Mortgage.

Plaintiffs' Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property to satisfy the following Judgment liens as of the date of sale:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Principal and interest through September 13, 2010 (Interest accrues at the rate of \$39.62 per day from 9/13/10) | \$135,433.86 |
| Cost of suit | \$ 813.21 |
| Attorney's fees (through 2/28/11) | \$ 3,028.70 |
| Special Master's fee | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$139,475.77 |

In addition to the Judgment liens referred to above, there will be accruing costs and interest, including costs of publication of this notice.

The Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale and to apply all or any part of its respective judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

PETER BACA
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
Tel. (575) 648-9925

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**LEGAL NOTICE
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
No. CV-10-278
Div. III**

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico
Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,

-v-

MONROE LAND COMPANY, LLC, a New
Mexico Limited Liability Company,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on April 20, 2011, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer and sell at public sale the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

Tract 18, COPPER CANYON, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, July 7, 2004, in Cabinet I, Slide No. 87.

The real property is unimproved and has no physical address.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Stipulated Judgment, Decree, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on March 15, 2011, in an action for collection of a Promissory Note and foreclosure of a Mortgage securing the Note.

Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property and improvements to satisfy the following Judgment liens:

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Principal, interest and late charges through 4/20/11 | \$144,659.37 |
| Costs of suit | 459.31 |
| Special Master's fee | 325.87 |
| Attorney fees | 5,068.93 |
| | \$150,513.48 |

In addition to the Judgment liens referred to above, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice.

The Special Master may continue the date of sale by appearing on the date and time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

/s/ Sarah Prothro
Sarah Prothro, Special Master

LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: /s/ Lee Griffin

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Attorney for Plaintiff

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**LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
PROBATE NO. PB-2011-01**

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
OF

BLAIR B. HALLADAY,
DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first

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publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the Offices of Heidel, Samberson, Newell, Cox & McMahon, Post Office Drawer 1599, Lovington, New Mexico 88260, or filed with the District Court.

DATED 3/4, 2011.

Terry Keith Halladay
Personal Representative
c/o Heidel, Samberson, Newell,
Cox & McMahon
Post Office Drawer 1599
Lovington, New Mexico 88260
Telephone: (575) 396-5303

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No. CV-2011-29 Div. III
Honorable Karen L. Parsons presiding

FNF NEW MEXICO, LLC
a New Mexico Limited Liability Company,
Plaintiff,

v.

DON MURPHY, Individually and as a
Member of Avalon-Construction Ruidoso, LLC
and
AVALON-CONSTRUCTION RUIDOSO, LLC
a New Mexico Limited Liability Company,
Defendants.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF ACTION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO: TO ALL OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED/NAMED DEFENDANTS:

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that FNF NEW MEXICO, LLC, a New Mexico Limited Liability Company, the Plaintiff herein, has filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to Foreclose a Mortgage which is secured by that certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

TRACT 7, THE AVALON TRACTS, RUIDOSO DOWNS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF THE AVALON TRACTS, LOCATED IN SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST, N.M.P.M., RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 24, 2005, IN CABINET 1, SLIDE NO. 304, TOGETHER WITH ALL TENEMENTS, HEREDITAMENTS, AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, AND THE RENTS, ISSUES, AND PROFITS THEREOF.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before the last date of publication of this Notice which has been published once a week for three consecutive weeks, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiff in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiff's Complaint.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico on this the 15th day of March, 2011.

JAN PERRY
Court Administrator/
District Court Clerk

(Seal)

By: Margie Lueras
Deputy

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**Grizzly
Bulletin
Board**

Thursday, March 31:
State FFA Contest in Las Cruces

Friday, April 1:
* State FFA Contest in Las Cruces.

* Varsity Trackmeet in Tularosa
(Slade Relays)
beginning at 2:00 PM

* Junior High Trackmeet at Magdalena

Friday, April 8:
Alumni football game
(Carrizozo Grizzlies
vs
Capitan Tigers)
Laabs Field
at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, April 5
to

Friday, April 15
New Mexico Standards Based Exam:
3rd-8th grade and 11th grade students
will begin NMSBA testing
Make-up days will be April 18-20th.

The Mayor's Report

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. Everyone is enjoying this allergy season and some of us more than others.

Last week I thanked Rose Wheeler and Michael Castle Sr. for helping us with the Main Street Enhancement Project. There was another citizen who braved the traffic to help us and that was Joseph Sullivan or "Sully" as most of us call him. Richard Bryant and Ray Dean also donated their expertise to the project. Leann did all of the typing and duplication of the photos.

Late Wednesday afternoon, Hayden Smith and Lee Gross helped up put the final packets together. Leann and I presented our efforts to the committee on Thursday. We learned Friday afternoon that our presentation did very well. Hopefully the project will begin in 2012. Once again, my thanks to all of those who helped.

I received a phone call Monday afternoon from John Parker, the person that was going to be the next Chief of Police for our town. Mr. Parker got a better offer and has taken a job in another state. I will begin today the process of filling that position.

Fire Chief Walter Hill told me that all of our firefighters are now certified in Wild Land fire fighting. He wants to urge all of you to clean up weeds and debris that is next to your home or structure. With the dry conditions and high winds the potential dangerous fire situation to your home, business, or other structure is extremely high. If your property has grass or other flammable material next to it, he strongly urges that you create a fire barrier around your property. We have seen grass fires and know how quickly they can engulf anything in its path. The chief also said that the enchilada was a well attended,

and they appreciate the support.

Town Foreman Joey Thornton says the crew is continuously working on road maintenance. They have been filling pot holes all over town. You probably have noticed that they have begun irrigating. The parks are starting to get a hint of green. Tommy and his crew are busy with spring cleaning around town.

The swimming pool will be opening in a couple of months. We will be hiring certified life guards for the summer. Ruidoso and Alamogordo have life guard courses available. It is an important job and you get to be outside.

We received word late last week that the money for the airport improvements has been approved. Those upgrades will begin soon.

Have a safe and fun weekend.

County Protests Designations . . .

(Continued from Page 3)

ly reports.

County commissioner Tom Battin requested the LANRAC report be reviewed with the ranger and a response be provided at the next commission meeting.

Earlier in the meeting county commissioner Jackie Powell reported she had attended the meeting in Silver City regarding the forest service intent to close up to 95 percent of all roads in the Gila National Forest. She said the majority of people at that meeting were against the roadless plan in the Gila.

"I am totally against it here," Powell added. "Many roads here were recognized as access roads before there was a state of New Mexico, or US Forest Service."

Powell said there are discussions to work with the RC&D to produce new maps showing the old established roads.

Sedillo suggested someone look for the old 1800s maps left by Jerry Carroll that showed the roads then in Lincoln County.

County commissioners late in the meeting were advised there are two vacancies in the LANRAC, which require a written nomination or request to serve.

Lincoln County Medical Center Report to the Community 2011

We're committed to improving your health

Everyone at Lincoln County Medical Center, including our employees, doctors, volunteers and board members, works hard every day to provide our community with compassionate and advanced healthcare. We are working to improve the health of the communities we serve in Lincoln County.

We serve our community every day. Here's how many people we served in 2010.

- 25 licensed acute care and intensive care beds
- 1,330 patients admitted to the hospital
- 50,768 outpatient days
- 335 babies delivered
- 12,808 patients treated in the Emergency Department
- 32,881 patients cared for by our Presbyterian Medical Group providers
- 2,713 critical patients transported by our Emergency Medical Services
- More than \$1.4 million in financial assistance to patients (unaudited)

Serving the community is one of our top priorities. Here's how we helped our community in 2010.

- Provided more than 250 jobs for local residents.
- More than \$18 million in employee salaries, wages and benefits.
- Raised more than \$5,000 for the Lincoln County Medical Center Foundation.
- Participated in Run for the BEACH (largest team for the second year in a row), Relay for Life, Smokey Bear Fun Run and Walk in the Woods Health Fair.
- Supported community events, including the Lincoln County Fair, Art Loop and Smokey Bear Days.
- Supported Altrusa's Low Cost Mammogram program.

Our facility improvements -- made possible in part by Mil Levy funds

- Purchased more than \$700,000 in medical equipment to improve patient care.
- Remounted one ambulance to 'like new' condition for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services.
- Purchased and installed a digital mammography unit.
- Installed an Accudose medication safety system for the ICU department.
- Implemented computerized radiography.
- Purchased a specialized stretcher for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services.
- Purchased a mobile radio communication system for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services.

Our community comes together to create a better place for healing and prevention

In order to provide exceptional healthcare, it takes the commitment of many individuals who, year after year, provide valuable time, energy and support to make this hospital a better place for patients and the community. Thank you to our community partners.

The Board of Trustees: Gary Mitchell, Chairman; Roger Beechie, MD; Scott Shafer; Mack Bell; Alberto Robles; Dave Noltensmeyer; Greg Haussler; Margie Morales; Vickie Williams, DO; Patty Covington; Al Santos and W. Chris Robinson. Thank you for your valuable time, effort and knowledge in providing governance, leadership and direction for Lincoln County Medical Center.

What's ahead in 2011?

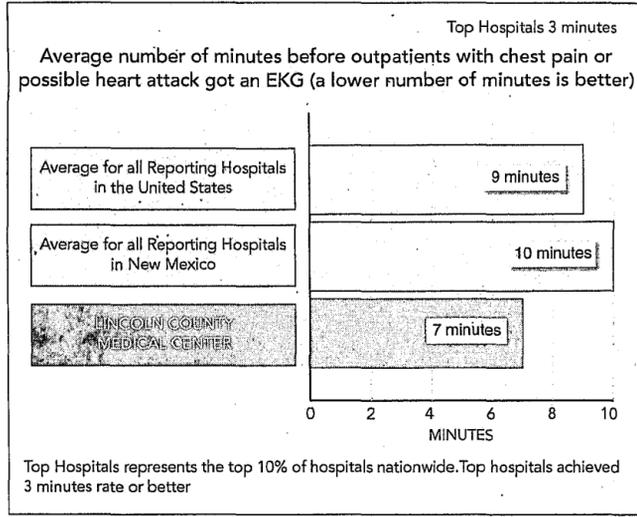
- Moving forward, we are committed more than ever to:
- Building a new physician office building
 - Implementing a County Assistance Program to help lower costs and increase access to healthcare services
 - Expanding the Emergency Room "Fast Track" option to seven days a week
 - Purchasing a new MRI machine
 - Expanding key services to benefit Lincoln County, including orthopedics, vascular ultrasound and echocardiograms
 - Recruiting healthcare providers

Please accept our warmest thanks for your continued support as we reaffirm our commitment to serve the citizens of Lincoln County.

Our continued focus on quality standards and practices

- We are improving the care of patients admitted through the Emergency Department for a heart attack. We worked to improve the processes so that patients admitted with chest pain receive an EKG test within 10 minutes. Our most recent results show that patients at Lincoln County Medical Center received EKGs within 7 minutes of admission which is faster than results of reporting hospitals in New Mexico (10 minutes) and than the national average (9 minutes).

The rates displayed in this graph are from data reported for discharges October 2009 through September 2010.



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov

- The use of the new Accudose machine in the Intensive Care Unit will help increase patient and employee safety.
- We are one of only two New Mexico hospitals to receive the New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA) Brilliant Torch Award for consistently exceeding Medicare clinical (core) measurement targets. These targets demonstrate quality patient care.
- White Mountain Medical Clinic has met or exceeded a 90 percent childhood immunization rate for 6 consecutive years.

Employees: More than 250 valuable, hardworking and dedicated employees worked to make sure that patients and visitors receive safe, high-quality customer care and service.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxilians: Auxilians give us their valuable time and several thousands of dollars in fundraising efforts to benefit the hospital. Auxilians volunteered a total of 18,581 hours in 2010. We appreciate our 111 volunteers for all the comfort and service they provide to all who come through our doors. Extraordinary leadership is provided by Maxine Roberson and Patty Covington.

The physicians and staff of Lincoln County Medical Center are ready to provide you and your family with outstanding and compassionate care.

Sincerely,
Al Santos, MHA
Lincoln County Medical
Center Administrator



Gary Mitchell
Lincoln County Medical
Center Board of Trustees



County Manager's Report

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart gave the following report to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their continued meeting on March 21.

Commencement of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project: During the week of February 7, Roger Construction commenced earth work for the CDBG health clinic project in Capitan. Subject to any further weather delays, the project should wrap up around the end of July. The project is located in the former exhibitor parking lot north of the fairgrounds buildings on Lincoln Street.

Status of Forest Treatment Projects:

The Alto Mesa ARRA project of 330.17 acres concluded in November 2010;

the Moon Mountain ARRA project has 5.7 of 57 acres completed;

the Fort Stanton ARRA project has 38 of 174 acres complete; Snowflake Ridge project has 135.05 acres of 200 acres complete.

"If we receive no further setbacks due to weather, I expect to have the projects complete by June," Stewart said.

Latest Status Report of Flood Plain Mapping: Stewart provided a copy of the report from Mapping Alliance Partnership about the county flood plain mapping project. The company advised the project is 94 percent completed, having begun in September 2008 with scoping, mapping refinement and production in 2009.

Additionally, Stewart advised, after hearing concerns for the work being done, as requested at the February commission meeting, he sent a letter to the congressional delegation. In the letter Stewart advised that without properly constructed Flooding Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), the hazard of flooding cannot be properly mitigated.

"The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the fact that in responding to a 2004 Congressional mandate to modernize the maps, FEMA is just now completing a 'projection' of new FIRMs. Contractors did not do a physical study or an observation study, because they didn't have the money to be more accurate. So, they just ignored parts of Lincoln County and we suspect ignored significant portions of many a county in the United States. It is no wonder

that the Government Accounting Office...states that 'the maps FEMA uses to set premium rates remain substantially out-of-date despite recent modernization efforts.' FEMA's flood elevation determinations are scientifically and technically incorrect because no ground surveying was done for affected areas. Accordingly, it would seem that FEMA needs to conduct ground surveys at locations across the county to check the accuracy of its depicted data."

"In summary, accurate flood maps are critical for ensuring that citizens who are in need of flood insurance pay actuarially sound rates. When the maps are wrong, it seems that FEMA should have the responsibility to take action so that home and business owners aren't saddled with an unnecessary expense."

Third Dispatch Station: Work on installing the third dispatch station in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo commenced on March 9 and was completed on March 10.

Old Detention Center Renovation: Basic IDIQ, a contractor under a Cooperative Education Services purchase order, has commenced drafting plans for the Renovation of the old detention center, with the intent for half to be meeting space, and the other half to be four storage areas.

County commission chair Eileen Sedillo expressed concern about the old jail space. "After years of being a jail, when we looked at the space it definitely smells, and maybe needs to be sprayed for mold," Sedillo said.

Stewart responded he hadn't noticed, but the entire area will be repainted.

"There is an additional problem of two holes in the floor," Sedillo continued. "Hopefully those will be sealed and will reduce the smells."

New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) Request for Participation in its Secure and Rural Schools Lobbying Efforts: Stewart provided a letter form the NMAC that requested the county participate in the association's lobbying effort for Secure and Rural Schools Funding - Title I, II and III.

"I and the county attorney are of the opinion that such a contribution violates the

anti-donation clause of the New Mexico State Constitution. I so advised the NMAC attorney," Stewart said. "And he is working on a contract for services with the Partnership for Rural America Campaign to potentially legalize the contribution."

In 2008, Lincoln County received \$768,532 under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act. The Act was re-authorized by Congress through 2011. NMAC is requesting the county provide \$768 for lobbying efforts to extend the Act.

In addition to the NMAC request, the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition is asking the county join its organization, also to lobby.

Stewart proposed no further action until the NMAC provided further information.

Legislative Tracking: As of the March 21 meeting, Stewart said he was trying to sort out what had been accomplished at the legislative session that had just ended. He said that only 20 percent of the 1,591 measures introduced passed both houses and of those only two percent have gone to the governor so far.

Of the 95 bills he was tracking, 17 passed on to the governor. Those included Senate Bill 337 - consolidation of precincts; House Bill 328 - 911 surcharge.

The Governor has until April 8 to either sign or veto a bill, after that date any bill not vetoed by the governor will take effect by default.

Stewart advised he would provide a full update at the April regular meeting.

Funding Cut for RC&D: Stewart advised he attended the March 17 meeting of the RC&D where the Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) advised its federally funded budget was being significantly reduced, and as a result the RC&D coordinator position - currently held by Rick Delaco - might be eliminated.

"This is a developing story," Stewart advised.

County commissioner Jackie Powell said the final decision on the NRCS/RC&D reduction in funding would be made by April 18, that could eliminate 375 RC&D coordinators salaries nationwide.

"RC&D in our area has been very helpful for forest thinning and other rural projects," Powell added. "I don't know how the RC&D could continue to have a coordinator without the funding, and they may have to out source the position."

County commissioner Mark Doth said the RC&D will continue to exist with the funding cut, just the coordinator position will go away. "The council could hire someone," Doth added.

Stewart said he has asked the RC&D to keep the county advised, and perhaps the county could look at the Title III money to further assist the

Engagement Announced

The engagement of Shelby Lynn Clement of Lamesa, Texas and Cutter Whipple formerly of

Capitan has been announced. Shelby is the daughter of: Keenan and Shelly Clement of

Lamesa, the granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Fred & Freida Clement of Lamesa and Lloyd & Sharon Eubanks of Cleburne, TX.

She is a graduate of Lamesa High School 2010.

Cutter is the son of Craig and Connie Whipple of Capitan, grandson and great-grandson of Leland and Neva Bartlett of Ruidoso, Janie Biddle of Ruidoso and Eva Webb of Highland Village, TX.

Cutter is a 2008 graduate of Capitan High School. He attended N.M. Jr. College in Hobbs taking welding and was a member of the rodeo team and is employed by Terry Adcock Farms of La Mesa.

A wedding will be held June 4 in Lamesa.



SPRING DAFFODILLS began to bloom last week during the warm calm days prior to this week's blasting intense spring winds. (Photo by Doris Chéry)

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2011 GRIZZLY TRACK SCHEDULE

| DATE | PLACE | WHERE | TIME |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Fri., Mar. 18 | Demon Relays | Dexter | 2:00PM |
| Sat., Mar. 26 | Alfalfa Relays | Hagerman | 8:00AM |
| Fri., Apr. 1 | Slade Relays | Tularosa | 2:00PM |
| Tues. Apr. 5 | Menaul Relays | Albuquerque | 2:00PM |
| Sat. Apr. 9 | Cloudcroft Invitational | Cloudcroft | 8:00AM |
| Fri. Apr. 15 | Grizzly Relays | Carrizozo | 2:00PM |
| Sat. Apr. 16 | Warrior Relays | Ruidoso | 8:00AM |
| Thurs., Apr. 21 | Tiger Relays | Capitan | 2:00PM |
| Tues., Apr. 26 | Zozo Qualifier | Carrizozo | 2:00PM |
| Sat., Apr. 30 | Dist. 7-1A Meet | Carrizozo | 8:30AM |
| May 6 & 7 | State Track Meet | Albuquerque | TBD |

Jr. High Schedule

| DATE | PLACE | WHERE | TIME |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|--------|
| Fri., Apr. 1 | Magdalena | There | 2:00PM |
| Tues., Apr. 5 | Mountainair | There | 2:00PM |
| Tues., Apr. 5 | Grizzly Jr. Relays | Here | 2:00PM |
| Thurs., Apr. 14 | Brave Relays | Ruidoso HS | 1:30PM |
| Tues., Apr. 19 | Tiger Cub Relays | Capitan | 2:00PM |

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
NO. PB-2011-06

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF

NORMAN RUSSELL SMITH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the referenced Estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Lincoln County District Court, P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2011.

/s/ Cynthia L. Miller
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2010-00293

KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JERRY A. MEAD, JOAN L. MEAD, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AND ALTO MESA BUILDERS, INC.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 am the undersigned Special Master, will, at the North Side entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 308 Lake Shore Drive, Alto, New Mexico 88312, (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:

Lot 45, Block 3, of LAKE SIDE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on June 12, 1964,

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 an in rem foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on March 15, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$573,501.95, and the same bears interest at the rate of 7.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$117.84 per diem, commencing on February 16, 2011, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment as to Defendants Jerry A. Mead and Joan L. Mead for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its in rem judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its in rem judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the in rem judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the in rem judgment due is \$573,501.95, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$7,423.92 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$580,925.87. 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@littledranel.com

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Weather . . .

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Sunny, with a high near 70, west winds between 10 and 15 mph, night: Clear, with a low around 45, west winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, April 1,
April Fools Day

Sunny, with a high near 70, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Saturday, April 2

Sunny, with a high near 72, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Sunday, April 3

Mostly sunny

and windy, with a high near 65, night: Partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 34.

Monday, April 4

Mostly sunny, with a high near 57, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Tuesday, April 5

Mostly sunny, with a high near 66, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

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.

The NM Highways Dept. has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road construction/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and follow the directions.



Lincoln County Clerk Rhonda Burrows updates the County Commission about redistricting, and advises that in the future the County will most likely have "vote centers" that consolidate voting polls as a way to reduce election costs. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

Fire Danger is High, Please be careful!

Manager's Report . . .

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RC&D beyond the \$7,500 currently provided to help pay for the secretary.

Stewart said RC&D employs three people, with the Rural Community Forester (coordinator) position totally paid by federal funds.

Stewart said he has invited the RC&D to make a presentation at the April 19 and May 3 budget related meetings.

Business Retention Tax: Stewart said he received the first report from the New Mexico Tax and Revenue Department on the amount collected for the new business retention tax in January 2011.

He said the report showed the state is holding \$60,209.50 for January in Lincoln County receipts.

Stewart said figuring at an average of \$70,000 a month, the funds should provide the "race track" (technically for the slot casino associated with the Ruidoso Downs horse race track) its (\$750,000) funding, and leaving about \$90,000 for the county each year.

Powell commented that if \$90,000 will become available to the county, it should be used for infrastructure, such as roads, water/sewer and septic systems.

Stewart said he plans to incorporate the county's share of the tax collections into the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget.

Because the tax is the first of its kind in the state, the state is trying to determine when the distributions should be made to the county. "For now, they're looking at September," Stewart added. "For now, the track collects it first."

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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Carrizozo is seeking applications for a full-time New Mexico Certified Police Officer or eligible to certify by waiver. Salary starts at \$16.00 per hour plus health insurance and retirement. Complete job description and applications are available at the Town of Carrizozo City Hall, 400 9th Street, PO Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Please mail completed applications along with resume to Town of Carrizozo, PO Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301 Att: Personnel or deliver them to 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

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Fri., April 15 -- Noon to 6:00pm

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HONDO ELK HERD beds down in the middle of the pasture along the lower stretch of the Rio Bonito, within sight of the Hondo Senior Center. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

Have A Great Weekend!!