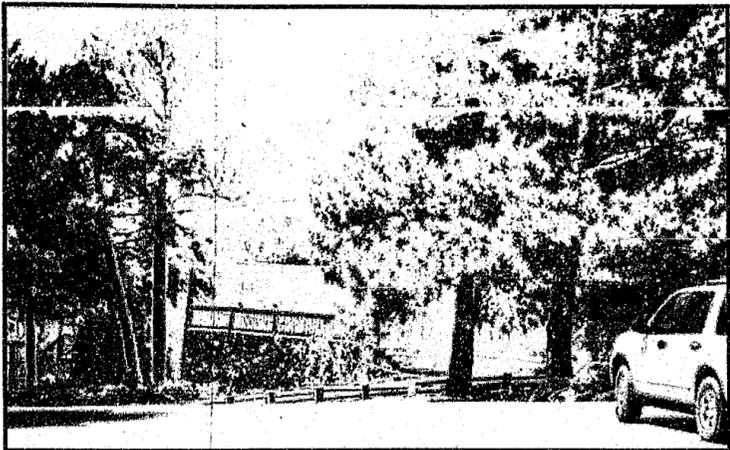


Two Residences, Six Vacation Homes Lost in Fire in Ruidoso



100s Evacuated With Reverse 911 Calls

by Doris Cherry

Quick response by firefighters from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Bonito and other fire departments helped keep a fast moving fire from expanding into Ruidoso Downs on Thursday, June 16.

The fire was reported just before 3 p.m. behind the Travelodge motel on Highway 70, in the Pinecliff area in Ruidoso.

Very high winds quickly whipped the wildfire into homes, consuming eight before firefighters were able to stop the flames.

Two of the homes were full time residences, the others were vacation homes.

Called the Swallow Fire because it broke out on Swallow Drive in Pinecliff, some 150 firefighters from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs fire departments, Bonito and other area fire departments and the US Forest Service responded.

The single-engine tanker stationed at Sierra Blanca Airport was deployed to drop slurry, and the helicopter dropping seed on the White Fire area was also deployed to drop water on the Swallow Fire.

Using the reverse 911 emergency call system for mandatory

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HOT DRY WINDS whipped the Swallow Fire in Ruidoso on June 16 into a conflagration that consumed eight homes within two hours. Firefighters from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, forest service and area volunteer departments responded to keep the fire to 10 acres and from burning into Ruidoso Downs. **PHOTO AT TOP OF PAGE** shows one of eight residences destroyed in Ruidoso on Thursday last, engulfed in flames -- second photo shows another residence go up in flames right above the Travelodge on Hwy. 70, and bottom photo shows the bright red fire deterrent used in containing the fire right behind the Bealls, Dollar Tree and Autozone buildings. (Courtesy photos)



Capitan Okays Extra Funds for Sr. Center

by Doris Cherry

The \$490,000 community development block grant to Capitan for construction of the new senior center was not enough to cover all costs.

At their regular meeting Tuesday, June 14, Capitan trustees approved an additional expenditure of \$12,550.77 to complete the senior center project.

"We have to pay," said trustee Diane Riska. "We have no choice but to pay this, then figure where it will come from."

The village had budgeted the project with the \$490,000 from the CDBG, plus the village's \$40,000 required match.

As the project evolved the architect, engineer and contractor added another \$20,000 in change orders and other fees such as the testing costs, and a special survey to determine where the building should be located on the property.

One change order was to do foundation work that will make it easier to connect the 1,200 square foot future addition to the building.

Village finance officer Shirley Pavlovic said the money would be taken out of the general fund as a one-time expense.

Mayor Sam Hammons said the next phase of the project -- the addition --

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DR. CLAYTON ALLRED, president of ENMU-Ruidoso visits the Capitan Trustees meeting on June 14, saying he was there to hear of issues concerning the village that might be cured with educational opportunities. Village finance officer Shirley Pavlovic and attorney Zack Cook are in the background. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

Otero County Seeks Lincoln County Support in Taking Back Public Lands

by Doris Cherry

Otero County Commission wants to take over management of the public lands within its boundaries, and has asked Lincoln County to support them in this endeavor.

Lincoln County Commissioners however, were hesitant, saying this county has a good working relationship with its federal management agencies, and because the county would lose out on the more than \$1 million in Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

At a special meeting Monday, June 13, Lincoln County Commissioners heard from Otero County Commission chair Ronny Rardin who announced that his commission had declared an emergency in the Sacramento Ranger District of

the Lincoln National Forest the previous week due to the fire hazardous condition of the woods.

"Is the government doing its job as it should? The public is telling me no, it's doing a horrible job," Rardin commented. "Things have gotten progressively worse in the forest."

Rardin said his commission took the action based on a 2002 state law that allows counties to undertake fire management work in emergency circumstances, after "consulting with the state forester and the regional US Forester, taking surveys, holding those public hearings as may be necessary and developing a plan to mitigate the effects of the disaster, a board of county commissioners for a county in which a disaster has been declared may take such actions as are

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White Fire Emergency Rehab and Response Effort Gets Underway

Treatments and activities to lessen the impacts of monsoonal rainfall on homes, businesses and property due to the White Fire will begin soon.

Each partner in this cooperative effort has been planning appropriate actions for their respective jurisdictions.

The goal is to complete treatments and activities prior to the onset of monsoon season.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Lincoln County, the City of Ruidoso Downs and the NM Department of Transportation are working together in acquiring and placing cement jersey barriers to reduce the affects of water flow and runoff to private

property, as well as providing sand bags and technical assistance to help landowners and residents protect their own property.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) will soon begin aerial application of grass seed on moderately and severely burned Federal lands within the fire area. A covering of straw mulch will then be spread over seeded areas to protect the seeds, retain moisture and encourage germination. This combination of grass seed and straw mulch has proven to be very successful in re-establishing ground cover, stabilizing the soil, slowing runoff and reducing erosion.

Other USFS burned area

treatments include restoring and cleaning earthen tanks to hold runoff, installing check dams and erosion control structures, felling hazard trees, restoring forest roads, and protecting cultural heritage sites.

Although all USFS treatments will occur exclusively on Lincoln National Forest lands, these activities are intended and expected to positively influence adjacent private and government-owned lands.

As part of this effort, it is imperative that landowners, business owners and residents take their own measures well in advance to protect themselves, their animals and their property.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

--Preschool Story time 10:30am at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library.

--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. pre-school 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.

TODAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 23

--Last day to register for the 56th annual Smokey Bear Parade in Capitan on July 4. The parade, which begins at 10 a.m., has the theme of "Pride in America". Entry forms are available at Capitan Village Hall, or by calling village hall at 575-354-2247, or going to the village website. Late entries will be placed at the end of the line and will not be judged.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

--Lincoln County Lodger's Tax Committee at Capitan Village Council chambers cancelled due to no new items for agenda..

FRIDAY, JULY 1

--Capitan Public Library's 1st Friday Lecture presents Gary Cozzens about the Nogal Mesa 7:00 p.m. Refreshments after the program.

Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department
would like to invite the public
to view our
annual fireworks display.
Display will begin at dusk
July 4th, 2011 / at Valle del Sol in Carrizozo.

The fire department would also like to stress the NO BURN and NO FIREWORK ordinances that are currently in effect. Private fireworks will NOT be allowed before, during, or after the display due to the high fire danger. Anyone lighting fireworks can and will face a \$300.00 fine according to Carrizozo City Ordinance Section 7-2-6. Take the short drive to Carrizozo and have a fun and safe 4th of July with the Carrizozo Fire Department.

If you have any questions please contact Carrizozo Fire Chief Walter Hill at 575-648-2306.



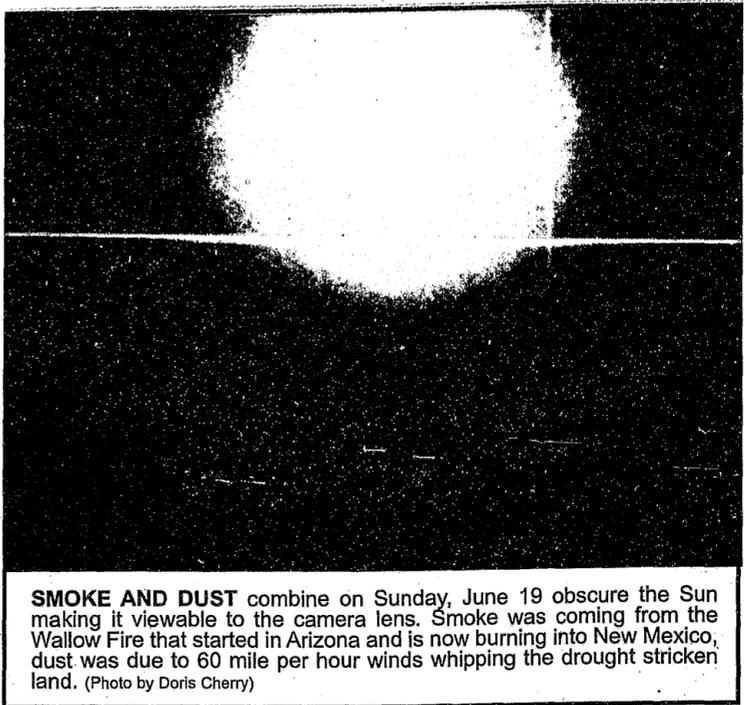
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SMOKE AND DUST combine on Sunday, June 19 obscure the Sun making it viewable to the camera lens. Smoke was coming from the Wallow Fire that started in Arizona and is now burning into New Mexico, dust was due to 60 mile per hour winds whipping the drought stricken land. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

Special Request from C'zozo Fire Chief

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department annual fireworks display will begin at dusk on July 4th at Valle del Sol in Carrizozo.

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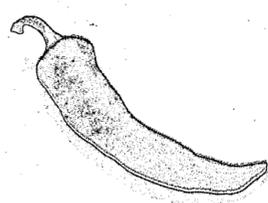
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Otero County Seeks Lincoln County Support . . .

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necessary to clear and thin undergrowth and to remove or log fire-damaged trees within the area of the disaster."

"Over the years we have allowed the federal government to encroach upon our rights," Rardin said. "So that is why we are wanting to do the realignment. We don't want to kick the federal government out, and the federal government has its place, but not to manage the day to day activities in the county."

Rardin also said he believes that the US and New Mexico Constitutions are the foundation of the law that the counties stand on.

Under that law, the public lands belong to the state of New Mexico, and the counties, being a subdivision of the state government, adopt the rules and regulations for the health welfare and safety of its citizens.

"We believe in Otero County that we should claim back all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land to county management," Rardin said, although he did not elaborate on what specific BLM lands.

(Editor's note: Otero Mesa is on BLM lands within Otero County and has been under controversy because BLM will not allow overall oil and gas exploration in that location.)

"BLM, due to the endangered species act will destroy Otero County," Rardin said indicating that the federal agencies are more interested in protecting endangered species than protecting homes and private property from burning.

"I will challenge the federal government to show us the deed to these public lands," Rardin continued, saying that Holloman Air Force Base is different because the state gave the federal government a deed for the military base.

To support his arguments, Rardin provided documents showing the various levels of management, indicating that the Forest Service and BLM are "proprietary management" agencies.

He also presented documents showing case law and Supreme Court cases where the court ruled the states have rights.

"I hope Otero County will be sued over claiming management of the public lands. We want the US Supreme Court to tell us who have the rights," Rardin said.

Rardin presented copies of a bill sponsored by State Rep Zack Cook this legislative session that would have allowed the state to take over the responsibility of listing and providing protection management of endangered species within the state.

"We want to get rid of the federal

Endangered Species Act and allow the state to do it and make it more manageable," Rardin continued.

"Lincoln National Forest is deemed the number one worst forest for fire hazard in the US, according to Dr. Garrett (PhD from Arizona State University in Forestry)," Rardin said.

Otero County has hired Garrett as advisor. (Editor's note: Forest thinning has been stopped in the Sacramento District due to lawsuits based on the threat to endangered species, especially the Mexican Spotted Owl.)

Rardin then provided a copy of House Memorial 48, sponsored by Cook this session, that did pass. The memorial asks appropriate legislative interim committees to explore the options of how to best stimulate the state's economy using the natural resources and helping the forest products industry to provide more jobs in the forested areas of the state.

"The governor is really on board with this, (the memorial) and she really wants the state endangered species act passed," Rardin said.

As for declaring the emergency in the forest, and seeking to take over management of public lands, Rardin said, "This has never been done before in the US. People say we will have the federal money taken away, but Otero County is not taking any federal grants or other federal money."

When Lincoln County Commissioner Jackie Powell asked Rardin what Otero County will do when it loses its PILT money, Rardin said Otero receives more than \$3 million in PILT, "which we would gladly give up if we can claim the public lands."

Rardin said any federal money lost to the realignment would be recovered when the county completes the fire hazard work and begins to allow logging on the Sacramento District.

(Rardin did not mention what the county would allow on the BLM lands.)

Powell said she agreed "on the ground management here, not in Washington." However her biggest concern was the loss of the PILT. She went on to say that in the last 10 years, Lincoln County has been extremely aggressive in thinning and land management, with more than 200,000 acres treated in the last three to five years through the Community Forest Program through the RC&D.

"We asked Otero County to participate in the program, but we got little feedback," Powell said, adding that Lincoln County had also asked Otero County to fund \$7,000 for the RC&D and Otero County Commission refused.

Powell also said Lincoln County has tried to get Otero County to help with the fire hazard and watershed issues around Bonito Lake which is owned by the city of Alamogordo.

"We're just asking for help from Otero County and Alamogordo on Bonito Lake," she said.

Rardin said the \$7,000 request was a misunderstanding and he would put the request back on the county commission agenda for reconsideration.

As for Bonito Lake, the county has no authority there. "It's yours and theirs (city of Alamogordo)," Rardin said. He then said he would see what he could do.

Lincoln County Commission Chair Bileen Sedillo said Lincoln County has a lot of cooperation and good relationship with the Forest Service. County commissioner Kathryn Minter (who with Sedillo attended a meeting at the

Museum of the American West in May where Rardin spoke about the realignment issues), said the federal taxes "are ours." She also said counties could make more money by allowing logging, but there was no longer any logging industry.

"Some 20,000 jobs in logging have left the state," Minter said.

Rardin said the county would not be logging the Lincoln National Forest.

"We're suppressing fire danger," he said. Minter asked who would be managing the forest with county staff.

Rardin said, "Yes, but we're not talking taking the forest over to manage."

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Chilo leaves behind a mother, Cathy McAllister; a brother, Channon Rimple and a girlfriend, Missy Autrey and their dog "Nugget", and many friends.

A gathering will be held Saturday, June 25 at the Carrizozo Golf Course Club House at 10:00 a.m.

The family has requested memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in place of flowers.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagronefunerals.com.

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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The fee schedule for recording documents has changed in New Mexico and therefore in Lincoln County. The 2011 New Mexico Legislature passed Senate Bill 369 titled An Act Relating to Public Records. The Governor signed the bill into law on April 7, 2011. **The new fees will become effective July 1, 2011.** The new law sets fees as follows:

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk
by Ruth Hammond

Annexation was a misunderstanding

Sometimes people hear only a portion of a conversation and assume that they know what was meant in the portions of the conversation they did not hear. Actually they would be better off to forget what they heard and ask questions before making any stupid statements about anything.

Of course, most people prefer to act as if they do know something than to admit they are full of hot air. Last week at the Carrizozo Town Council meeting *The News* asked the reason for suggesting changing meetings from Monday night to Tuesday night. Comments were made but no concrete reasons were given. Today we ask the same questions and await an explanation.

Letting the elected officials conduct their duties is the way it should be but we believe that the public has a right to know why certain actions are made. The answer that it takes another full day to get ready for a meeting is not valid. What the officials need to do is change their thinking.

It seems that something is lost when they try to bamboozle the public. If it takes another day to get ready for a meeting, why not think in terms of meeting on Monday instead of Tuesday? Just ask students in school, they can explain that because their school week usually starts Monday.

Despite the apparent confusion, if the elected officials would actually explain why they want meetings on Tuesdays the public might agree and there would be much less concern as to possible wrong doing. And it would be out in the open instead of causing guesses being made.

For those who don't or won't listen there isn't much anyone can do. Rumors run rampant and rumor mongers and rabble rousers are much happier doing things their way. But, for those who asked questions and wanted legitimate answers, there seems to finally be a logical answer.

Answers aren't always what a person wants to hear, but they are there. This week we were told that the annexation rumors are not true, which is what we said all along. Apparently there was a misunderstanding that went awry.

Considering that it is moot to continue the senseless rumor, please let it stop here and now.

The thing to realize is that just because one person said it certainly doesn't make it true. If more energy was spent happily it would be nice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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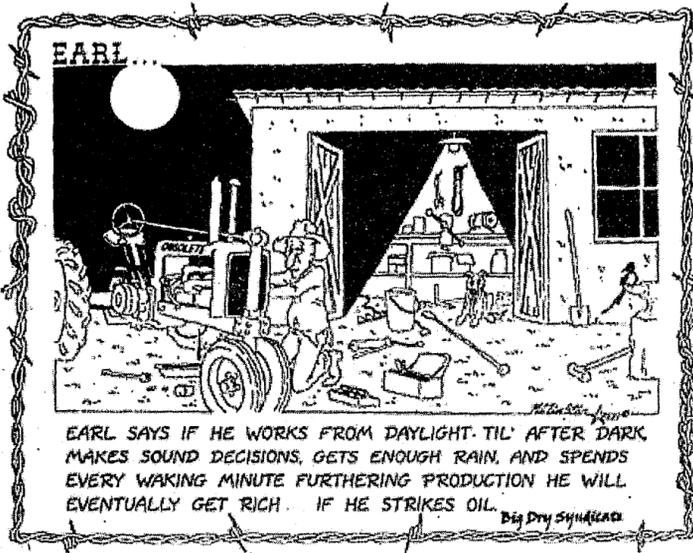
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* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- New Mexico has lost one of its greatest public servants. Ray Powell, Sr. died at age 90 in late December. Powell was the kind of public servant we all like to see.

For more than 50 years He worked tirelessly in Albuquerque and at the state level for just about every cause one could imagine. And he did it all free. He never cost us a penny of taxpayer money.

Powell came to New Mexico in 1943 as a mechanical engineer to work on the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos. At the end of World War II, Powell moved to Albuquerque to help establish the Sandia National Laboratories.

He worked at Sandia for almost 40 years, much of it as executive vice president. During that period, he was active in myriad civic activities. Soon those activities expanded to the state level where he served on numerous boards and commissions.

Eventually Powell became a top advisor and friend to Govs. Jack Campbell and Bruce King. In 1963 Campbell assigned Powell to develop a state personnel system, sell it to the Legislature and see that it was implemented correctly as the first chairman of the state Personnel Board.

Up to that time, all state government workers were political appointees of the governor.

Powell was pri-

marily identified as a leader in the Albuquerque business community, lobbying for its issues at the capitol. But he also was a strong Democrat.

In the spring of 1988, Powell took over as state chairman of a fractured Democratic Party that was torn between northern liberals, southern conservatives who joined with Republicans to rule both houses of the Legislature at times, and opportunistic Democrats, willing to join whichever faction would give them the most goodies.

By November of 1988, under Powell's leadership, Democrats had won solid majorities in both houses and the days of coalitions had ended. In 1990, Democrats regained the governor's office.

Four years earlier Powell had been the only Democrat willing to carry the party banner in the gubernatorial race. The political atmosphere was much like today's. Republican President Ronald Reagan was at the height of his popularity and Democratic Gov. Toney Anaya's popularity was in the cellar.

Powell was beaten by a little known Republican from Las Cruces, Garrey Carruthers. But when his party really needed him, Powell answered its call, much like Republican John Dendahl did in 1994 after being beaten in his party's primary by Gary Johnson.

I met Powell in the early 1970s when

we served on a task force to study and recommend judicial salary levels. We became close friends during the many years he lobbied for Albuquerque business issues and I lobbied for school employees.

Ray Powell was tough. Even though the night hours got late while waiting for legislative committees to hear our bills, he never showed a hint of being tired.

In fact, Ray had open heart surgery during the time he was state party chairman and only told people he was taking a little time off. When I learned the

(Con't. on P. 8)

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

There is a high pressure system that is moving in over central New Mexico, changing the directions of the winds coming into Lincoln County.

The winds will be coming from the west into and across Lincoln County, bringing with it the smoke and ash that has plagued the Albuquerque metro area from the Wallow fire in Arizona, compromising the quality of the air here in Lincoln County.

The forecast for the upcoming week is for warmer temperatures at all elevations, continuous winds out of the west. Temperatures will be solidly in the mid to high 90s at the lower elevations and in the mid to high 80s at the higher elevations. Nighttime temperatures will be in the 60s at all elevations.

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

Today, Thursday, June 23

Sunny, with a high near 95, calm wind becoming southwest between 10 and 15 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61, west wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Civil Engineers To Evaluate New Mexico's Infrastructure

Over the next few months, a group of volunteer civil engineers will assess the status of important systems such as bridges, water and airports, to develop the 2012 report card for New Mexico's infrastructure.

The group is led by Sonya Cooper, engineering technology professor at New Mexico State University and vice president of the New Mexico Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the group responsible for the report card.

"Everyone depends upon the infrastructure every day," Cooper said. "Nationally, our infrastructure is not in great shape. It's a big problem that really does 'take a village' to remedy."

On its first report card issued by ASCE in 2005, New Mexico earned a cumulative grade of C, compared to the national average of D+.

Included in the report card were scores for aviation, flood control, rail, roads, schools, solid waste and transit.

The 2012 report also will include scores for bridges, drinking water and wastewater.

The report card will be provided to New Mexico's legislators as a leveraging tool procure funding for infrastructure projects. It will be used to raise public awareness as well.

"Both Sen. [Jeff] Bingaman and Sen. [Tom] Udall were very interested in getting an update to the New Mexico Report Card. They are familiar with our past effort and appreciated its usefulness, but they need it to be updated," said Jerry Paz, NMSU engineering alumnus and president of the New Mexico Section of ASCE, who attended the ASCE Fly-In in Washington, D.C. this past spring.

Cooper appointed professional civil engineers who are experts in each of the 10 infrastructure categories to lead the evaluations. They will assess infrastructure in 25 cities and in Cibola, De Baca, Harding, Luna and Roosevelt counties.

"We tried to make sure that all quadrants of the state were covered," Cooper said. "We also selected leaders who would have access to the information needed from the various community and county agencies."

Each infrastructure category will be evaluated on the basis of capacity, condition, funding, future need, operation and maintenance, public safety and resilience.

The final report also will include a plan for prioritizing and funding necessary maintenance

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Otero County Seeks Support . . .

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Rather the county would hire contractors to do the thinning and fire suppression work especially around the forest communities of Cloudcroft, Mayhill, Timberon and Pinon.

"We have people lining up with saws, but we have to have a plan," he said.

After more discussion, Lincoln County Commissioner Tom Battin thanked Rardin and said it was the beginning of a close relationship with Otero County. He commended the "excellent job of legal research and enlightenment on our ownership rights."

Battin said, "I'm really a state's rights person."

Rardin claimed the realignment would allow for logging that would bring back the 20,000 jobs across New Mexico and would balance the state budget. He closed his comments by saying that the Mexican wolves with collars are heading this way because they are being forced out of their areas because of the wildfires. "Where will it stop?"

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2011-00050

EVERBANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTHONY J. CARPENTER AND MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOME LOAN
CENTER, INC.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on July 7, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 am the undersigned Special Master, will, at the North 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 819 Utah Lane, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, (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 5, Block 1, LAS LOMAS SUBDIVISION, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, February 26, 1971, in Tube No. 397,

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 May 26, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's in rem judgment is \$63,353.42, and the same bears interest at the rate of 7.5000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$13.02 per diem, commencing on May 3, 2011, with the Court reserving entry of final in rem judgment as to said Defendant Anthony J. Carpenter 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 \$63,353.42, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$859.32 for a total in rem judgment plus interest of \$64,212.74. Sale is subject to the entry of an in rem 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@hittedranttel.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2011-00053

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL D. LOWRY AND UNKNOWN TENANT
(REAL NAME UNKNOWN),
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on July 7, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 am the undersigned Special Master, will, at the North 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 130 Leon Ferrar, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (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 4, BLOCK 3 OF SECOND ADDITION TO AIRPORT WEST, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 11, 1972, IN TUBE NO. 457,

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

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ty. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$161,401.27, and the same bears interest at the rate of 6.0260% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$26.65 per diem, commencing on May 5, 2011, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Michael D. Lowry for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$161,401.27, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$1,705.60 for a total judgment plus interest of \$163,106.87. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH
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NOGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
E.W. "Bo" Lewis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**RUIDOSO DOWNS
FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**
361-East Hwy. 70
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
575-378-4611
Dr. Randy Widener PhD, Sr. Pastor

8:00 a.m. . . . Early Bird Service
9:00 a.m. . . . Breakfast
9:30 a.m. . . . Sunday School
11:00 a.m. . . . Traditional Services
6:00 p.m. . . . Preaching Bible Study
Wednesday Community Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Kids Activities . . . 5:30 p.m.

**ANCHO COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

**CORONA UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**CARRIZOZO
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Hayden Smith, Pastor
314 10th Avenue
648-2968 Church or 648-207
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
AWANAS . . . Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
(September - April)

CARRIZOZO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Corner of 13th and C Avenue
Barbara Bradley, Pastor
Children's Ministry and Nursery Available
Worship Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**SANTA RITA
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**
Carrizozo / Capitan / Corona
213 Birch - Carrizozo, NM 88301
575-648-2853
Fr. Tony Basso, Pastor
Daily Mass / Santa Rita . . . 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Services
Capitan Sacred Heart . . . 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Services
Capitan Sacred Heart . . . 8:30 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa . . . 1:30 a.m.

**CARRIZOZO ST. MATTHIAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Corner of E Avenue and 6th
Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson,
Priest in Charge
Holy Eucharist . . . Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Serving All of Lincoln County
Rick Hutchingson, Pastor
336-8032
SW Corner of Hwy 48 & Hwy 37 Junction
(Between Ruidoso and Capitan)
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and
Children's Church . . . 10:30 a.m.
Family Workshop . . . 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Dinner . . . 6:00 p.m.
Adult Classes, Youth Games and Study,
Kids Klub . . . 7:30 p.m.

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCHES**
1000 D Avenue, Carrizozo
648-2893
Jean Riley, Pastor
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday Breakfast . . . 10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday Fellowship Dinner . . . 12:00 p.m.

CAPITAN
3rd and White Oaks
575-354-2288
Jean Riley, Pastor
Worship Service . . . 9:00 p.m.
Fellowship Time . . . 10:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday Fellowship Dinner

**CAPITAN CHRIST
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**
420 Lincoln Avenue
Joshua Watkins, Minister
Sunday Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

CAPITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
420 Lincoln Avenue
Joshua Watkins, Minister
Sunday Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF CORONA**
Cal West, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner . . . 1st Sunday of Month

GRACE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST
Corona, New Mexico
Terry Aicello, Pastor / 849-0105
Worship . . . 9:30 a.m.

CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Tony Seaccia, Minister
849-1402
Second Saturday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

WHITE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Non-Denominational)
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is in the process of appointing an interim probate judge to serve until the next tenure of a duly elected probate judge commencing January 1, 2013. The current position was vacated by the existing judge on May 31, 2011. Interested candidates must prepare a letter of interest addressed to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, NM 88301, and attach a resume to the letter.

The letter of interest and resume must arrive at the county courthouse address not later than July 11, 2011. All interested candidates will be invited to make a 5 minute presentation to the Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting of July 19, 2011 at which time a decision may be made on the appointment.

Questions may be addressed to the County Manager at 575-648-2385, Ext.101.

Billie-Jo Guevara
Administrative Assistant/HR

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**Civil Engineers
to Evaluate . . .**

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and repairs as well as for new construction.

Cooper anticipates there will be good news in several areas.

"Our state has a robust bridge inspection schedule, thanks in part to our outstanding Bridge Inspection Program here at NMSU. This will weigh favorably when assigning that grade," she said. "New Mexico has done a lot of work on its levees, so they should be in good order. The mid-

region has a 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan in place. So there are some very good tools in place that help keep our systems in good shape."

Lead evaluators:
• Aviation: Jane M. Lucero (N.M. Aviation Division)
• Bridges: Ken White (N.M. Department of Transportation Commissioner)

• Drinking Water: Tim Cynova (Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority)

• Flood Control: J. Philip King (Elephant Butte Irrigation District; NMSU Department of Civil Engineering)

• Rail: Steven Metro (Wilson & Company)

• Roads: Ruinian Jiang (NMSU Department of Engineering Technology and Surveying Engineering)

• Schools: Kenny Stevens (NMSU Department of Engineering Technology and Surveying Engineering)

• Solid Waste: Jack Chapelle (Engineering Solutions & Design, Inc.)

• Transit: Ajay Singh (Lee Engineering)

• Wastewater: Walter Hines (Water Resources Engineer)

For more information on the ASCE infrastructure report card, visit www.asce.org/report-card.

Writer: Linda Fresques, 575-646-7416, lfresque@nmsu.edu

Contact: Sonya Cooper, 575-646-3848, socooper@nmsu.edu



In The Service

A r m y Reserve Pfc. Samuel O. McBurney has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

He is the son of Carla Duke of Ruidoso. McBurney graduated from a home school program in 2006.

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, May 18, 1956

Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

Tape Recorded Interviews with people who helped build Lincoln County

MAGGIE BROWN ESPEY
(Continued from Last Week)

I want to say that my mother and father were two of the best people in the land. We were all happy at home and never fussed or quarreled about anything. We were poor folks. We had no finery, or luxuries or any extras at all, but we did have plenty to eat and wear. We all worked hard. The older boys got jobs around at different places. They cut cordwood and did assessment work at times on mining claims. My father always had work of some kind. We smaller children hoed in the garden and got in the wood and water and helped with the cooking.

I can tell you something about a murder case that happened here when there wasn't any law. I was about eight years old at the time. Two brothers, Noah and Bill Ellis lived at the I-Bar-X ranch. Noah Ellis was married and had a wife and two children. His brother Bill lived with them. His wife was a cousin of Mrs. Nellie Branum. While they were on the ranch a couple of school teachers from St. Louis came to spend the summer with the Ellises. One day the Ellises all went away on a picnic or something and the teachers stayed at home. When the Ellises got back that night the two teachers were found shot to death. They had fallen in love with the same man. One of the school teachers shot the other then killed herself.

We didn't see much of the law in those early days. There wasn't even a doctor nearby in '87. Uncle Tom Henley used to help out in cases of sickness. The courthouse was in Lincoln and the sheriff seldom got over this way. I don't know if these little towns even had a constable or deputy sheriff.

I have two sisters who passed on and three brothers. Beckie Hurley and Joe Hurley were my half sister and half brother. Ellie, Hannah, Lucie and Grace Brown were my own sisters. There are five Browns living -- myself, Mrs. Ellie Robinson, Lucie McComic who lives in California, Elbert Brown of Carrizozo and Mrs. Grace Hobbie of Ruidoso. We all have our own homes and all are in good health.

I was married to Mack Rowland in 1898 at Angus. Rev. Skinner, Baptist preacher, officiated. He also married my sister, Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Robinson had ten children, nine of whom are living. Houston Bingham died about a year ago. Mrs. Hobbie has two children. Elbert married Edena Shaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Shaver. I had four children. The boys are Lawrence and Johnnie Rowland. They both work for the railroad company. Lawrence is an engineer and Johnnie is a signal maintenance man. One daughter, Ella Woody, lives in Tucumcari and Myrtle Perkins in Las Cruces.

I moved to Carrizozo in 1914 and have raised my children here and they went to school here. My parents are buried at Angus and also a brother and a sister.

One day when I was canning peaches I got tired and came in to sit down. I got to thinking about how different people lived then I was a young girl and I was reminded of that little piece in a song: "And she was all dressed up in buttons and bows." I thought about how I used to dress when I was a girl. This piece of poetry shaped itself in my mind:

The girls of long ago seemed to have quite a tussle
They didn't wear buttons and bows;
they wore bangs and a bustle;
They didn't smoke and they didn't drink
and they didn't ride astraddle;
They always had a big long riding skirt
they used with a side saddle;
Sometimes they'd be allowed to go to dances;
At 12 o'clock they'd have to rush home
to please their parents' fancies;
They'd stop and linger by the door and
all of a sudden you'd hear:
"Oh my! That boy's an awful bore."
The girls back then were pretty
fine;
With all their frills and fussin'
And I can tell you now you never heard
one of them a cussin!
THE END

Two Residences, Six Vacation Homes Lost . . .

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evacuation from Pinecliff to DiPalo Hill in Ruidoso Downs, an estimated 400 people left their homes and businesses.

Evacuations remained in effect until 10 p.m. but firefighters had the fire contained by 6 p.m.

An estimated 10 acres were burned. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but

reports indicate police have a person of interest in custody.

THE NEWS was told by a resident of

the area, and published reports indicate, that homeless people camp in the vicinity where the fire started.

Capitan Okays Extra Funds . . .

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has already been drawn by the architect and is "ready to go."

Trustees unanimously approved a motion by Riska and seconded by trustee Ricky LaMay to pay the extra \$20,000 to the contractor Roper Construction of Alto.

Trustee Lilly Bradley, who is director of the senior center, asked to abstain from voting to approve the funding, but changed it to a yes vote upon learning that abstaining will be counted as a "negative" vote.

Trustee Jim Davis was absent. During the public comment period at the start of the meeting, resident Virginia Jones said the new center "looks really great." She asked if the new facility could be rented out for special events.

Hammons said the building/center will be leased by the Zia Senior Center Program ran by the county, whose rules will not allow for such.

Hammons also said the 1,200 square foot addition will be added in the second phase of the CDBG for which the village will apply in October.

Jones then asked what will happen with the old building and where parking will be located.

Hammons said there is already a small lot and parking will be on the west side of the old building.

"Those are nice trees at the old center, will they be salvaged?" Jones asked.

Bradley said she does not want the trees "to go" as they are not really in the way of making a parking lot.

Riska asked what the village will do to remove the old building. Hammons said it would "be nice" to find someone to remove the whole old building.

"If we hire someone, they must be licensed for demolition," Hammons said.

In The Service

Navy Seaman Recruit Caleb A. Wilcox, son of Valari M. and Hank W. Bartlett of Capitan, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Wilcox is a 2009 graduate of Capitan High School.

The project is basically completed but the contractor is waiting for inspection, Bradley told THE NEWS.

Bradley said she was unsure when the building will be opened for use, but when it does open, the center will hold an open house.

Also at the meeting, after a very short closed session to discuss personnel and possible litigation, trustees accepted the annual evaluations for David Cox (water department), Jonathan LaMay (street department) and Bertha Griego (Smokey Bear museum) and approved a 50 cents an hour salary increase for each of the three employees.

Trustees also:

-Approved the 2011-2012 fiscal year agreement between the village and the Humane Society of Lincoln County for \$6,000 with no changes from the previous agreement;

-Approved an adjustment to the Lodgers' Tax Fund to reflect an increase of \$1,550 over the 2010-2011 fiscal year budgeted amount, bringing the total revenues to \$5,150. Expenditures for the fund are \$6,600, Pavlovic said;

-Voted unanimously to give village attorney Zack Cook authority to negotiate a settlement with Kelly Cable of New Mexico;

-Approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the "Film Lincoln County NM" and the village for an annual fee of \$300 to represent Capitan in attracting films to the county, (LaMay had tried to abstain but since that is a negative vote, changed it to yes);

-Heard Pavlovic explain the budget adjustment to cover the \$26,273 cost for a CAT Padfoot Vibratory Compactor for the street department, as approved at the special meeting, May 16.

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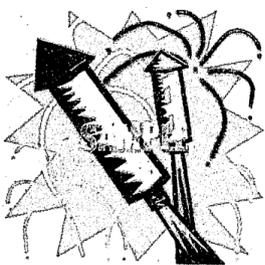
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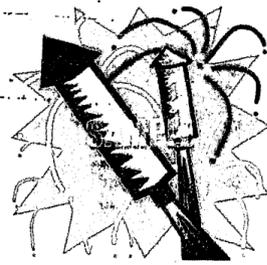
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Looking Back Through Our Old Files'

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Folklore Corner

by TED RAYNOR

Roundup Cook

A roundup cook in Hidalgo County had been making biscuits without washing his hands. The cowboys go on to it and they determined he would change this habit. So they said to the cook, "You're going to wash your hands this morning. We know you've been making biscuits without washing your hands."

The cook acted very agreeable and washed his hands. Later in the day, one of the cowboys jokingly said, "You sure washed your hands this morning."

"Yeah, but I got even with them," the cook replied. "I mixed the dough with the water I washed my hands in."

The Witness

During prohibition days a man in Lordsburg area was arrested for selling whisky after two dry agents bought a couple of bottles from him. The man was tried. The prosecution introduced the bottles as evidence. The accused man looked at the bottles and said:

"I never filled a bottle that full."
Then he turned to the judge and said:
"Do I, Judge?"

Charles Eddy and the Strikers

From 1901 to 1907 the railroad through Alamogordo was the El Paso and Northeastern. Charles B. Eddy, a pioneer promoter in New Mexico and one of the founders of Alamogordo, owned the railroad.

Calling a strike was simple, says Frank C. Rolland, pioneer Alamogordo druggist. Any railroad worker who wanted a strike would blow a whistle three times. Then a delegation would call on the owner.

One day a delegation of strikers confronted Eddy.

"Boys", Eddy said, "this is the first time I've been glad to see you. I've sold the railroad to Phelps-Dodge. Goodbye."

Paul Ortiz Takes Over Cafe in Carrizozo

Paul Ortiz this week took over the former Sarg's Drive-In Cafe on Highway 54 in Carrizozo.

He will serve a variety of Spanish food and short orders. The cafe will be known as Paul's Place.

Tularosa Packing Co. Being Incorporated

The Tularosa Valley Packing Company, a \$250,000, organization, is in the process of incorporation. Pat Murphy is president and other officers are Walter Ray, vice president; J.C. Johnson, secretary-treasurer and board members Ben Virden and E.J. Leonard.

The company plans to slaughter and process Otero county beef for Otero county consumption, eliminating rancher costs of transportation to distant cattle markets and transportation back to the county on processed beef.

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truth, I asked him many questions about his experience, especially about how he recognized he had a problem. I'm not sure why I asked him so many questions or why he answered all of them when he previously had been so reluctant. I'm just glad it happened that way because 10 years later, while out for a walk, I experienced the same symptoms and knew what to do. It still required a bypass but avoided a heart attack. Ray's son Ray Powell, Jr. was elected state land commissioner this past November. He also held the job from 1993 to 2002. He sought to follow his father's footsteps with a 2002 run for governor. But that was the year of the Bill Richardson steamroller when he wiped out all opposition on his way to his first term as governor.

Capitan Public Library's 1st Friday

Capitan Public Library's first Friday lecture on July 1 at 7:00 p.m. will be by Gary Cozzens about Nogal Measa.

A native New Mexican, Gary Cozzens grew up in Portales, where he graduated from Portales High School and Eastern New Mexico University, earning a double major in history and political science.

Following graduation, he served in the United States Marine Corps for a total of 24 years, including in Operation Desert Storm, and retired as a major in 1999.

Cozzens is employed by the Region IX Education Cooperative, where he is director of career and technical education, distance education and emergency management.

He is the current president of the Lincoln County Historical Society, a former board member of Fort Stanton, Inc., assistant coordinator of the Lincoln County Site Watch program and a member of the Historical Society of New Mexico.

Gary and his wife, Shirley Crawford, live on the Nogal Mesa about a mile from where his grandparents homesteaded in 1924.

The Nogal Mesa has attracted people since the Jornada Mogollon called it home a millennium ago.

The legacy and culture of those early settlers is only part of a

rich history that draws visitors to the Mesa today.

This was the land of a gold prospecting craze, a bloody massacre that destroyed a village, generations of ranchers, the Lincoln National Forest Ranger's Station and the annual Ranchman's Camp, which still thrives.

Local historian Gary Cozzens relates these stories and more in *The Nogal Mesa: A History of Kivas and Ranchers in Lincoln County*.

The public is invited to attend on July 1 to kick off the 4th of July events.

Refreshments following the lecture and book signing.



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Weather Report . . .

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Friday, June 24

Sunny, with a high near 96, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Saturday, June 25

Sunny, with a high near 94, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

Sunday, June 26

Mostly sunny, with a high near 94, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

Monday, June 27

Mostly sunny, with a high near 96, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Tuesday, June 28

Sunny, with a high near 95, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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

Today, Thursday, May June 23

Mostly sunny, with a high near 88, west wind between 5 and 10 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59, west wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday, June 24

Sunny, with a high near 88, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Saturday, June 25

Sunny, with a high near 86, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 62.

Sunday, June 26

Mostly sunny, with a high near 86, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Monday, June 27

Mostly sunny, with a high near 87, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Tuesday, June 28

Sunny, with a high near 83, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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.